



Pastor's Letter Summer, 2011 **Do You Believe That?**

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is our mission to "Open Hearts" 'through the message of Christ Crucified.' In good Lutheran fashion we ask, "What does this mean?" The following conversation answers the question quite well.

"How long have we known each other?" Sharon asked Alice during a coffee break at work. "Since you came to work here—almost three years." "And you, Jean, how long have we known each other?" "We were in high school together. We've known each other for over 15 years." "Are you trying to borrow money from us?" asked Alice. "No. I'm serious. I've known both of you for a long time. We've worked together. We know every detail about each others' families. You are among my best friends. So, why have you been holding out on me all these years?" "What do you mean?" asked Jean.

"Both of you go to the same church, right?" Sharon quizzed the two. "Yes," said Alice. "Why didn't you ever tell me about your church?" asked Sharon. "Well, you could have come to church any time you wanted," said Jean. "The door is open to all." "And I took you to Bunko Night last winter," said Alice. "You told me how much you enjoyed it." "Yes," said Sharon; "it was really fun. But I'm talking about more than that." "Then what are you talking about?"

"My husband and I decided we should join a church for the sake of the kids. I like you two, so I phoned your church. Your pastor invited Bill and me to come to the Inquirer's Class. We've been going on Tuesday nights." "That's wonderful," said Alice. "I thought the classes would be about history and what to do in the church service," said Sharon. "But they aren't. Every evening we study about Jesus Christ. I had heard about Him," said Sharon. "But the pastor says He is God who became a person like us. I knew He had died, but I didn't know why. The pastor says it's because He loves us and offered Himself as a sacrifice to pay for our sins. Your pastor says Jesus has taken away all our guilt. Do you believe that?"

"Of course I do," said Alice. "And you?" "Sure," said Jean. "That's what it's all about." "Then why didn't you ever tell me? I mean, why didn't you tell me *why* you go to church. Look how long I've known you two. I've told you both about some pretty serious problems in my life. You know I carry guilt around in a bucket. Why did I have to go to a class to discover the place to dump it?" "You're putting guilt in our buckets now," said Jean.

"But I want to talk to you about Jesus," said Sharon. "He forgives you too. Isn't that great!" "Yes, it is," said Jean. "I've known that all my life. Maybe sometimes I take it for granted. I thought everyone knew that He's the Savior of the world." "I never knew it," said Sharon. "I'm glad you know it now," said Alice. "I wish I had been the one who told you." "In one way you did," said Sharon. "I'm not angry with you. I phoned the church you two belong to, because I like the way you live. I thought you had something special, and I wanted to have it *too*."

"In my opinion, you have found something special," said Jean. "And I think you can help us now."
(Adapted from "Between the Rock and hard Places." Rev. Eldon Weisheit. CPH.)

Our mission to "Open Hearts" really comes down to talking to someone about Jesus. And most often it is someone whom we already know. This summer, think about a friend who does not go to church regularly and pray that God would open the door for you to invite them to come to hear about Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Mortgage Principle Status

The building addition was completed in 2000. The monthly payment on the mortgage loan through Lutheran Church Extension Fund is \$1,108.66. In January of 2010, the Church Council voted to authorize the treasurer to add \$400 per month to the monthly payment to go directly towards the principle. The 2011 budget increased that amount to \$600 per month. Additionally, members have been designating special gifts to 'principle reduction.' The mortgage principle balance is as follows:

- January 1, 2009 - \$119,168
- January 1, 2010 - \$110,439
- June 1, 2010 - \$102,573
- June 1, 2011 - \$79,430

Regular Worship Schedule and Sunday School - Resumes on Sunday, September 11th.
8:45am. – Sunday School / 10:00am. – Worship

The Board For Youth is excited to invite you to our 1st Annual Family Outing! *(Last year's was rained out).* Following worship on August 28th, come join us at Damariscotta Lake State Park in Jefferson, ME. It will be fun afternoon for everybody! The Board For Youth (BFY) will be grilling up a great summer BBQ and some fun family games. Bring your bathing suits because the lake boasts sandy beaches, a playground and refreshing swimming. Join us for a great day of fun and fellowship together. *Rain date is Sunday, September 4th.*

Farewell and Godspeed to:

- John, Lisa, Emily, Zachary and Brady Monteleone who are moving to New York at the end of June.
- Jason, Heidi, Maya and Lucy Long who are moving to Chicago in early July.

We will miss you all! God bless you.

Thank You - LCMS World Relief and Human Care

We thank you for your gift of \$1000 to the Japan Earthquake Disaster Relief efforts. "You folks are the salt of the earth." Rev. Matthew Harrison - President LCMS.

Thank You – Jonathan and Sarah Williams *(Members of the congregation, Jonathan is preparing for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary – Ft. Wayne, Ind.)*

Dear Members of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

I just wanted to thank you for your continued support and prayers. We really appreciate it. I am sorry it has taken so long to send out a newsletter thanking you. We found out that we are having another baby (due in October). However, I have been in and out of the hospital due to complications with the pregnancy. Things have been really hard to do with that, plus I was very sick and tired, so just have not been able to get a newsletter out in a timely manner. But I wanted to send a note in thanks. Also, we recently found out that we are going to Wheat Ridge, Colorado

for Vicarage. We are really excited about it. But crazy to think about going from Maine to Indiana to Colorado.

Thanks again for your generous support. I will keep you updated with a newsletter hopefully pretty soon.

Sarah Williams

A Summer Reading Challenge - Read through your Small Catechism this summer!

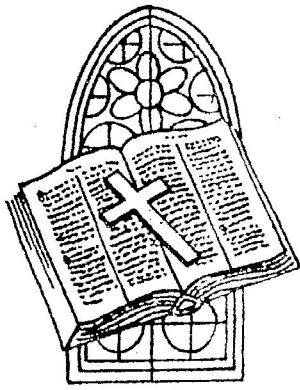
"It is quite true that wherever the preacher administers only bread and wine for the Sacrament, he is not very concerned about to whom he gives it, what they know or believe, or what they receive. There one sow feeds with the others, and such preachers simply see themselves above such caring. They would rather have uninstructed, ecstatic saints than have the care of nurturing Christians. Rather, they want to do things in such a way that after three years every thing would be laid waste, and neither God nor Christ nor Sacrament nor Christians would remain anymore. However, because we are concerned about nurturing Christians who will still be here after we are gone, and because it is Christ's body and blood that are given out in the Sacrament, we will not and cannot give such a Sacrament to anyone unless he is first examined regarding what he has learned from the Catechism and whether he intends to forsake the sins which he has again committed. For we do not want to make Christ's church into a pig pen [Matthew 7:6], letting each one come unexamined to the Sacrament as a pig to its trough. Such a church we leave to the Enthusiasts!"

"And all of this we have received from the beginning of Christendom. For there we see and grasp the way in which the Creed, the Our Father, and the Ten Commandments were put together as a short summary and doctrine for the young and for those in need of instruction. From early on this was what was called a "catechism." For "catechism" (say the Greeks) is a way of teaching with questions and answers, just as a schoolmaster has his pupils recite their lesson to see if they know it or not. In this way, those in need of instruction are to be examined and by their answers show that they know the parts of the Catechism, that they recognize the sin they again have done, and are willing to learn more and desire to do better. If they will not do this, they may not come to the Sacrament. The pastor is there as Christ's faithful servant, and as far as it is possible for him, he may never cast the Sacrament to swine or dogs [Matthew 7:6]. He is to hear the people out and how it is with them. If they deceive him and do not speak honestly, then he is exonerated. They have done the deceit upon themselves." Martin Luther – 1533.

WA 30/111:558-571. Translated by Jon D. Vieker, "An Open Letter to Those in Frankfurt on the Main, 1533," *Concordia Journal* 16 (October 1990): 333–351.

Emmaus Lutheran Mission – York Beach, Maine

If you are vacationing in southern Maine this summer, be sure to visit Emmaus Lutheran Mission for worship. Sunday worship begins at 7:00pm, June 26th-August 28th – Union Congregational Church, 18 Church St., York Beach, Maine.



Monthly Worship

July 3, 2011

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 145: 1-14

First Reading: Zacheriah 9:9-12

Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

July 10, 2011

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 65: (1-8) 9-13

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17, 2011

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 119: 57-64

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Epistle: Romans 8: 18-27

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24, 2011

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 125

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Epistle: Romans 8:28-39

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

July 31, 2011

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 136: 1-9 (23-26)

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Epistle: Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21



1. This son was born to Adam and Eve following Abel's murder:

A) Seth B) Cain C) Enoch

2. True or False: **Jesus told the Sadducees that people will be able to marry in heaven.**

3. According to Paul God's righteousness is given to men and women through their:

A) Repent B) Pray C) Give thanks to God

4. True or False: **In Philippians, Paul says that God has exalted Jesus' name above all others.**

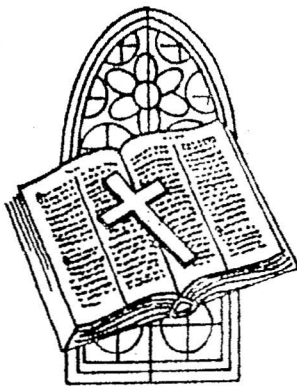
5. Joel prophesies that this creature will invade and destroy the land:

A) Frogs B) Flies C) Locusts

6. According to the book of Romans, Abraham was counted righteous thanks to this:

A) Faith B) Circumcision C) Obeying the Ten Commandments

Answers on "Birthday page."



Monthly Worship

August 7, 2011

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 18:1-6 (7-16)

First Reading: Job 38:4-18

Epistle: Romans 10:5-17

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

August 14, 2011

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 67

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

August 21, 2011

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 138

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Epistle: Romans 11:33—12:8

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

August 28, 2011

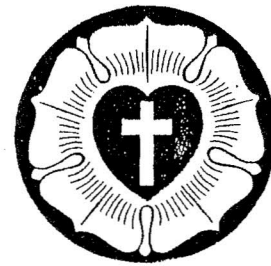
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 26

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Epistle: Romans 12:9-21

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28



LUTHER QUIZ

1. Luther considered this the chief article of Christian doctrine:

A) Baptism B) Justification C) Mercy

2. True or False: **Luther believed that all people worship a god.**

3. According to Luther, this New Testament book “speaks of nothing else but that Jews as well as Gentiles, the righteous as well as the unrighteous, are justified only by faith in Christ Jesus”.

A) Matthew B) Acts C) Hebrews

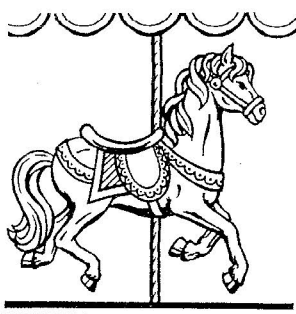
4. According to Luther, these greatly hinder and disturb the effort to lead an honorable life:

A) Excessive singing and dancing B) Excessive eating and drinking C) Excessive labor and worry

5. True or False: **Luther believed that Judgement Day would likely follow the observance of Christmas.**

6. Luther stated that in comparison with Christian joy, all joy that ever was on earth or is yet to come is to be considered this:

A) Brief B) Miserable C) Beggarly D) Child's Play



JULY

STEWARDSHIP

July 3

July 10

July 17

July 24

July 31

Acolyte

Sarah Kohl

Dan Morren

Emily Larsen

Sarah Kohl

Dan Morren

**Comm.
Assistant**

Don Pryor

Jared
Goldsmith

Eric Stout

No
Communion

Mark Larsen

Ushers

Eric Stout
&
Chris Batson

John Gould
&
John Ayotte

Bill Jahnke
&
Mark Larsen

Moe Cote
&
Jared
Goldsmith

Robert Sieber
&
Don Pryor

Greeters

Don
&
Marlene
Pryor

Jim
&
Darryll
Zahner

David
&
Kay
Gideon

Moe
&
Becky
Cote

Robert
&
Frances
Sieber

Altar Guild

Amy Ouellette

Kitty Carlson

Esther Gould

No
Communion

LeeAnne
Larsen

Flowers

Julie Kohl

Julie Kohl

John
&
Esther
Gould

John
&
Esther
Gould

Jim
&
Darryll
Zahner

Fellowship

Avis Grant

OPEN

OPEN

OPEN

Friendship
Sunday
Pot Luck
Brunch



STEWARDSHIP

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28

Acolyte

Dan Morren

Emily Larsen

Sarah Kohl

Dan Morren

**Comm.
Assistant**

Glenn Carlson

No Communion

No Communion

No Communion

Ushers

**Seth Carlson
&
Glenn Carlson, Jr.**

**Jon Morren
&
John Ayotte**

**Eric Stout
&
Bill Jahnke**

**Glenn Carlson
&
Glenn Carlson, Jr.**

Greeters

**Dan
&
Sharon Callahan**

**Sharon Klipp
&
Anna Bisson**

**Bill
&
Velta Jahnke**

**Chuck
&
Heather Hillery**

Altar Guild

Avis Grant

No Communion

No Communion

No Communion

Flowers

**Jim
&
Darrlyl Zahner**

**Frank
&
Vesta Holt**

**Frank
&
Vesta Holt**

**Tom
&
Katie Huesers**

Fellowship

OPEN

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**Frank
&
Vesta Holt**

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Pentecost 3 9:00 am Worship	4 6:00 pm Elders	5	6	7	8	9
10 Pentecost 4 9:00 am Worship	11 6:00 pm Bd. For Youth	12	13	14 9:00am. LWML Mtg.	15	16
17 Pentecost 5 9:00 am Worship	18 7:00 pm Church Council	19	20	21	22	23
24 Pentecost 6 9:00 am Worship	25	26 7:00pm. Woman's Book Group	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost 7 9:00 am Worship						

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August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm Elders	2	3	4	5	6 Lauren Zahner / Matthew Harvey Wedding
7 Pentecost 8 9:00 am Worship	8 6:00 pm Bd. For Youth	9	10	11 9:00am. LWML Mtg.	12	13
14 Pentecost 9 9:00 am Worship	15 6:00 pm Church Council	16	17	18	19	20
21 Pentecost 10 9:00 am Worship	22 <i>September Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 7:00pm. Women's Book Group	24	25	26	27
28 Pentecost 11 9:00 am Worship 2:00pm. Board For Youth—Summer Church Picnic—Damariscotta Lake State Park	29	30	31			



7/5 Sarah Kohl
Taylan Thomas
7/16 Ben Morren
7/26 Nathaneal Batson
7/28 Yvonne Batson

8/9 David Jacques
8/20 Lois Doran
8/27 Mark Larsen



7/4 Robert & France Sieber
7/12 Bonnie & Armand Mathieu
7/15 Glenn & Krista Carlson
John & Esther Gould
Ben & Elizabeth Parks-Stamm
7/18 Mark & LeeAnne Larsen
7/27 Chris & Yvonne Batson
7/30 Jon & Karen Morren

8/9 Don & Candace Schorr
8/13 Jim & Darryll Zahner
8/23 Sharon & Charles Conover
Don & Marlene Pryor
8/30 Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick



7/1 Emily Larsen
7/14 Sharon Conover

8/1 Kenneth Zahner
8/7 Ethan Carlson

Only in America...

---do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

---do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

---do people leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put their useless junk in the garage.

---do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

---do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

Ever Wonder...

---Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why you don't ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, and dish washing liquid is made with real lemons?

---Why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes? Amen!

Bible Quiz Answers: 1. A, Genesis 4:25
2. False, Luke 20:34-38 3. C, Romans 3:22
4. True, Philippians 2:5-11 5. C, Joel 1:2-4
6. A, Romans 4:1-5

Luther Quiz Answers: 1. B 2. True 3. B
4. B 5. False. In Luther's opinion, Judgement Day would likely come after Easter, in the Spring when the year is most beautiful, early in the morning at the rising of the sun. 6. Each response is accurate.