

RESURRECTION NEWS



The valleys
deck themselves
with grain. PSALM 65:13

JULY/AUGUST 2012



Pastor's Letter

Summer, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In March of 2012, LC-MS Synod President Matthew Harrison testified before a congressional panel regarding the Health and Human Services mandate requiring that all companies and organizations include coverage for contraception in their health care insurance program. Although this does not apply to churches, it does apply to church operated organizations such as hospitals, schools, etc.

In response to his request that all clergy and congregations write to their state representatives, I wrote a letter to Maine's Senators and Congressmen in April. The letter was printed in the April Newsletter. The central issue at stake is the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

President Harrison has recently written this ["Open Letter From Religious Leaders In The United States To All Americans."](#) I am printing his cover letter and the "Open Letter" for your consideration.

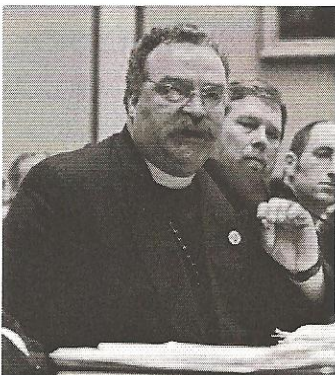
To date, we have had no response from any of Maine's representatives.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

June 22nd, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life.



In response to the incursion of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) into the realm of religious freedom with its controversial contraceptive mandate issued earlier this year, we are compelled to offer "Free Exercise of Religion: Putting Beliefs into Practice," an open letter to our members and, indeed, all Americans.

Twenty-four leaders of religious organizations across the country have joined with us in signing the letter. Together, these signatories represent more than 10 million American men, women and children. They represent religious organizations that stand with us in opposition to the contraceptive mandate on the grounds that it is an infringement of our God-given right to act according to the tenets of our faith.

We are preparing to issue this letter even as we await a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), a historic piece of legislation meant to extend health coverage to millions of uninsured Americans. The HHS contraceptive mandate represents one of the reforms included in the law. The ramifications of the anticipated ruling are, of course, as yet unknown.

That said, our action in authoring this letter is not a statement on the global design of PPACA. As Christians living out our calling to serve our brothers and sisters with the mercy and love of Jesus Christ, we support and engage in wide-ranging efforts to restore health and well-being to the sick and suffering.

Thus, this letter specifically is in response to one effect of the contraceptive mandate—one that would require religious organizations, with only narrowly defined exceptions, to include coverage for contraceptives, including those that could cause the death of unborn babies, in their employee health plans. This is in direct opposition to a core teaching of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod—that only God gives and takes life.

I encourage you to read the letter and to share it widely.

In Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION:
Putting Beliefs into Practice

An Open Letter from Religious Leaders in the United States to All Americans

Dear Friends,

Religious institutions are established because of religious beliefs and convictions. Such institutions include not only churches, synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship, but also schools and colleges, shelters and community kitchens, adoption agencies and hospitals, organizations that provide care and services during natural disasters, and countless other organizations that exist to put specific religious beliefs into practice. Many such organizations have provided services and care to both members and non-members of their religious communities since before the Revolutionary War, saving and improving the lives of countless American citizens.

As religious leaders from a variety of perspectives and communities, we are compelled to make known our protest against the incursion of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) into the realm of religious liberty. HHS has mandated that religious institutions, with only a narrow religious exception, must provide access to certain contraceptive benefits, even if the covered medications or procedures are contradictory to their beliefs. We who oppose the application of this mandate to religious institutions include not only the leaders of religious groups morally opposed to contraception, but also leaders of other religious groups that do not share that particular moral conviction.

That we share an opposition to the mandate to religious institutions while disagreeing about specific moral teachings is a crucial fact. Religious freedom is the principle on which we stand. Because of differing understandings of moral and religious authority, people of good will can and often do come to different conclusions about moral questions. Yet, even we who hold differing convictions on specific moral issues are united in the conviction that no religious institution should be penalized for refusing to go against its beliefs. The issue is the First Amendment, not specific moral teachings or specific products or services.

The HHS mandate implicitly acknowledged that an incursion into religion is involved in the mandate. However, the narrowness of the proposed exemption is revealing for it applies only to religious organizations that serve or support their own members. In so doing, the government is establishing favored and disfavored religious organizations: a privatized religious organization that serves only itself is exempted from regulation, while one that believes it should also serve the public beyond its

membership is denied a religious exemption. The so-called accommodation and the subsequent Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) do little or nothing to alleviate the problem.

No government should tell religious organizations either what to believe or how to put their beliefs into practice. We indeed hold this to be an unalienable, constitutional right. If freedom of religion is a constitutional value to be protected, then institutions developed by religious groups to implement their core beliefs in education, in care for the sick or suffering, and in other tasks must also be protected. Only by doing so can the free exercise of religion have any meaning. The HHS mandate prevents this free exercise. For the well-being of our country, we oppose the application of the contraceptive mandate to religious institutions and plead for its retraction.

Sincerely yours,

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National Association of Evangelicals

Gary M. Benedict
President
The Christian and Missionary Alliance

Bishop John F. Bradosky
North American Lutheran Church

The Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of New York
President
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, S.V.
Superior General of the Sisters of Life

Sister Barbara Anne Gooding, R.S.M.
Director, Department of Religion
Saint Francis Health System

Sister Margaret Regina Halloran, I.s.p.
Provincial Superior, Brooklyn Province
Little Sisters of the Poor

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Senior Pastor, Hope Christian Church
Bishop, Fellowship of International Churches

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The Most Blessed Jonah
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All American and Canada
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Dr. George O. Wood
General Superintendent
The General Council of the Assemblies of God

Summer Church Picnic! Sunday, August 5th – 11:30am.



Michael and Helene Kiser have graciously volunteered to host a church-wide summer potluck picnic at their home on Messalonskee Lake. Come play in the lake, jump off the dock, float, or lay out on the sandy beach; badminton and volleyball; food; fellowship; fun!

Drinks, paper products, eating utensils and lake will be provided! Bring a potluck dish to share (*don't forget serving utensils*). Bring towels and swim suits, chairs or blankets. Rain date: August 12. Questions? Contact Michael or Helene Kiser at booknuts@verizon.net

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 \$600 per month to the monthly payment to go directly towards the principle. The 2011 budget increased that to \$800 per month. The 2012 budget increased that to \$1,000 per month. Additional designated gifts for 'principle reduction' have been applied. 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
- June 1, 2012 - \$49,879

If you would like to make a special gift towards the mortgage principle, please designate envelop or check 'principle reduction.'

Regular Worship Schedule and Sunday School - Resumes on Sunday, September 9th. 8:45am. – Sunday School / 10:00am. – Worship

Summer Sermon Series: "THE 10 COMMANDMENTS" Continues

7/1 - The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

7/15 - The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

7/22 - The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

8/ 5 - The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions,

or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

8/12 - The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

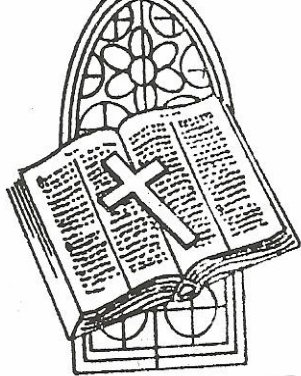
8/26 - The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

9/2 - The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



Monthly Worship

July 1, 2012

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 30

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-15

Holy Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

July 8, 2012

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 123

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

July 15, 2012

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 85: (1-7)8-13

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

July 22, 2012

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

July 29, 2012

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 136:1-9

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: Mark 6:45-56



1. Who ripped up the written words of God and threw them into the fire?

A) Jeremiah the prophet B) Elishama the scribe C) Juhedi the priest D) Johoiakim the king

2. How often should one pray?

A) only in public where it is considered legitimate B) only when lead by the spirit C) always D) never

3. What were the twelve words inscribed on the new Jerusalem's city gates?

A) the names of the tribes of Israel B) the names of the apostles C) curses D) commandments

4. While Joseph was in prison, which two Egyptian officials told him their dreams?

A) the butler and the baker B) the baker and the shoemaker C) the shoemaker and the gardener D) the gardener and the butler

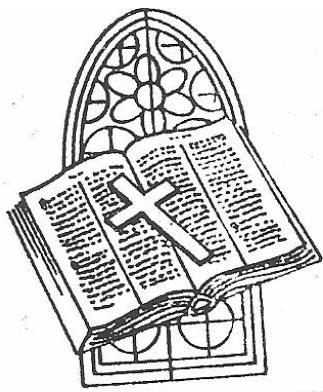
5. Among the many things Jesus rightfully claimed to be, which of the following is one of them?

A) manna of strength B) bread of life C) wine of vitality D) milk of eternity

6. Why did God save Noah and his family?

A) Noah was already kind to the animals B) Noah was already practically perfect C) Noah found grace in the Lord D) Noah asked God to be saved and he heard him

Answers on "Birthday" page



Monthly Worship

August 5, 2012

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 145:10-21

First Reading: Exodus:16:2-15

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16

Holy Gospel: John 6:22-35

August 12, 2012

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 34:1-8

First Reading: 1Kings 19:1-8

Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Holy Gospel: John 6:35-51

August 19, 2012

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 34:12-22

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-10 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Epistle: Ephesians 5:6-21

Holy Gospel: John 6:51-69

August 26, 2012

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 14

First Reading: Isaiah 29:11-19

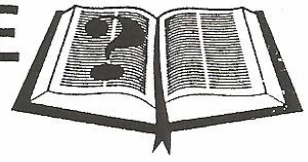
Epistle: Ephesians 5:22-33

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

**Jesus Christ
is the same
yesterday
and today
and for ever.**

Hebrews 13:8

BIBLE QUIZ



1. When Naomi returned to her people what did she scold them about?

A) how they treated her B) what they called her C) who they made her marry D) where they made her live

2. How did the John the Baptist respond when told that more people were going to Jesus instead?

A) happy B) sad C) angry D) confused

3. What were Paul and Silas doing while imprisoned in the Philippian jail?

A) sobbing and worrying B) worrying and praying C) praying and singing D) singing and laughing

4. What is the shortest book in the Old Testament?

A) Amos B) Obadiah C) Jonah D) Malachi

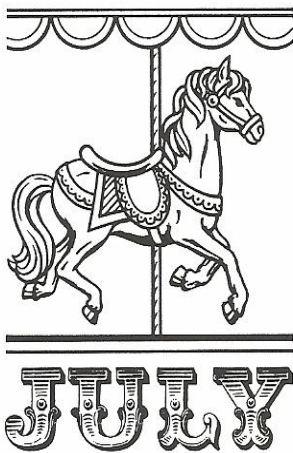
5. In the end-time how many trumpets will there be?

A) 2 B) 3 C) 7 D) 12

6. How did King Solomon solve the dispute between two prostitute mothers concerning one baby who was smothered to death?

A) He arbitrarily gave the baby to one of the mothers B) He threatened to cut the live baby in half, giving one half to each mother C) he took the baby and raised him in the royal palace D) he did nothing as he dismissed the case as foolish women's nonsense

Answers on "Birthday" page



STEWARDSHIP

July 1

July 8

July 15

July 22

July 29

Acolyte

Emilly Larsen

Sarah Kohl

Dan Morren

Emily Larsen

Sarah Kohl

Comm.
Assistant

Jared
Goldsmith

No Communion

Mike Hein

Glenn Carlson

No Communion

Ushers

John Ayotte
&
Seth Carlson

Moe Cote
&
Glenn Carlson,
Jr.

Finley Edwards
&
Brad
Fitzpatrick

Mark Larsen
&
Bill Jahnke

Don Pryor
&
Robert Sieber

Greeters

Chuck
&
Heather Hillary

Seth
&
Angie Carlson

Christine
&
Tiana Thomas

Mark
&
LeeAnne
Larsen

Don
&
Marlene Pryor

Altar Guild

Avvis Grant

Deb Nielsen

Amanda
Goldsmith

Karen Mueller

Sharon
Conover

Flowers

Julie Kohl

Julie Kohl

Natalie Crowley

Natalie Crowley

John
&
Esther Gould

Fellowship

OPEN

Avis Grant
&
Karen Mueller

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STEWARDSHIP

August 5

August 12

August 19

August 26

Acolyte

Dan Morren

Emily Larsen

Sarah Kohl

Dan Morren

Comm.
Assistant

Chris Batson

Brad Fitzpatrick

No Communion

Mark Larsenn

Ushers

Jared Goldsmith
&
Jon Morren

Glenn Carlson
&
John Gould

Mike Hein
&
Bill Jahnke

Curt Slininger
&
Eric Stout

Greeters

Sharon
&
Beatrice Conover

Glenn
&
Kitty Carlson

Peter
&
Evelyn Gaug

Frank
&
Vesta Holt

Altar Guild

Amanda Goldsmith

Amy Ouellette

Kitty Carlson

Andrea Watson

Flowers

John
&
Esther Gould

Ray
&
Betty Gorneau

Ray
&
Betty Gorneau

Frank
&
Vesta Holt

Fellowship

OPEN

OPEN

Sharon Klipp

OPEN



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

8/20 Lois Doran
8/27 Mark Larsen



They're having an
ANNIVERSARY

7/4 Robert & Frances Sieber
7/12 Bonnie & Armand Mathieu
7/15 Glenn, Jr. & 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 Donald & Candace Schorr
8/13 Jim & Darryll Zahner
8/23 Sharon & Charles Conover
Don & Marlene Pryor
8/30 Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick



7/1 EmilyLarsen
7/5 Terry Eldridge
7/14 Sharon Conover

8/1 Kenneth Zahner
8/7 Ethan Carlson

Children's Science Exam

Q. Name the four seasons.

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A. Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow.

Q. What causes the tides in the oceans?

A. The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in the fight.

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A. Premature death.

Q. How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)

A. The body is consisted into three parts – the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains five bowels A. E, I, and U.

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie.

Q. What does "varicose" mean?

A. Nearby.

Q. Give the meaning of "Caesarian Section."

A. The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

Q. What does the word benign mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Bible Quiz Answers: (#1) 1) D – Jeremiah 36:22-23 2) C – Ephesians 6:18 3) A – Revelation 21:12 4) A – Genesis 40:5 5) B – John 6:35 6) C – Genesis 6:8

Bible Quiz Answers: (#2) 1) B – Ruth 1:20 2) A – John 3:29 3) C – Acts 16:25 4) B – one chapter long 5) C – Revelation 8:2 6) B – 1Kings 3:25