

# RESURRECTION NEWS



**JULY/AUGUST 2014**



## Pastor's Page Summer, 2014 "Family Vocation"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just finished reading a good book called "Family Vocation" by Gene Veith and his daughter, Mary Moerbe. It's been sitting on my shelf for over a year waiting its turn on the 'reading list.' I put it aside for other books when its turn came along at least a couple of times. Now I regret putting this one off as long as I did. Each chapter opened new perspectives and insights on faithful family life that I had not considered before. And as I concluded each chapter, the common refrain that ran through my head was, 'how can I share this with the congregation?'

These are confusing times when it comes to families and family life. What makes a 'family' and what is the purpose and role of 'family members' supposed to be? The confusion comes from every direction - media, school, government and even from the church. The challenge of the faithful in Christ is to keep a clear head about things. It's not at all easy, and we all, like sheep, go astray.

Our concern about 'the family' is twofold. First, we're concerned about our own family which includes our 'immediate' family, 'extended' family and even our congregation which is most certainly to be considered as our 'family.' What is our idea of how we are to carry out our particular role in our particular family, and where have we gotten those ideas? We should not be so naïve as to think that we have not been influenced by the bombardment of ideas that are poured out on us and that are contrary to God's Word and will. We need clarity that shows how astray we have gone and the dangers involved. And clarity that shows us the way of the Lord.

Our second concern is for others. How do we preserve and protect this divine institution which is critical to social stability as a whole, as well as the welfare of children, women and men individually? It should be obvious to us Lutherans, of all people, that legislation and political campaigns are not the ultimate solution. If we understand anything about the power of the law, it is that it is pretty ineffective in changing minds and hearts.

Real transformation of the mind and heart comes from the power of the Gospel working through the Word of God that creates faith in the heart and affects our attitudes and behaviors. We do a great service to the world and bear witness to the truth of the Word when we live in this world of confusion as 'strangers'. We don't march to the same beat as others do. We are of a different spirit than that of this world. If the way of the Lord is 'alien' to this world, then as 'aliens' we bear witness to the truth.

"Family Vocation" begins with a 'Preface' that describes the current situation we are in clearly and fairly. The 'Conclusion' is a remarkable summary of historical changes and developments in the understanding of 'family vocation' beginning with the introduction of Christianity to the typical 'Roman family.'

In between the 'Preface' and 'Conclusion', "Family Vocation" addresses the family in three sections: "The Vocations of Marriage" (*Marriage, The Office of Husband, The Office of Wife, Sex and*

*Vocation, The Crosses of Marriage*); “The Vocations of Parenthood” (*Parenthood, The Office of Father, The Office of Mother, Raising Children, the Crosses of Parenthood*); and “The Vocation of Childhood” (*Childhood, Growing, The Crosses of Childhood, The Rest of the Family*). I am impressed with the way that the authors tackle the hard issues in each of ‘*The Crosses...*’ sections.

This is not a topic that only applies to families with children. It is timely and important for every one of every age, regardless of your particular family vocations.

I’m still not sure how to bring this great stuff to the congregation. I’m thinking that it would make a great theme for the 2014/2015 season through sermons, adult bible study and maybe even several small group study/discussions. I’d appreciate your feedback on this and any ideas you may have.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*



#### **Board for Missions - Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2014**

Attendance: Amanda Goldsmith; Deb Nielsen; Avis Grant; Brian Watson; Andrea Watson; Dan Callahan; Pastor Nielsen.

Current standing of missions giving through May (*not including giving to the New England District*):

Budgeted to give: \$6,796.

Actual amount given: \$5,436.

Balance to disperse: \$1,360

It was decided to wait to disperse any funds until a future meeting.

Current Projects:

1. Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter:

\$2,900 remains on our commitment to the elevator project. Brian reported that there is no critical timeline for us to honor this but the sooner the better.

Brian reported from his meeting with the MMHS Board of Directors that the shelter was going to apply for a million dollar grant that would apply to the development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

2. Seminary Study Support:

It was decided to continue to support two seminary students for the 2014/2015 academic year. We will continue to support Alexander Sabol who will begin his 2<sup>nd</sup> year. We will also support Paul Rockrohr who will return from vicarage for his 4<sup>th</sup> year. We had support Rockrohr for the 2012/2013 academic year. Pastor Nielsen will make the arrangements with the seminary.

3. Home For Little Wanderers:

It was decided to drop the HFLW room renovation project from the agenda. There was much discussion about our involvement with HFLW. It was decided to continue the discussion at the July meeting. Brian will contact the chairman of the board regarding Avis Grant as future board member.

4. Recap of 2013/2014 Projects by Board for Missions:

- i. 10/6 Betty Palmer visit. This was very well received and we should try to do this again in upcoming season.
- ii. 11/17 Steve Mayberry visit. Steve is leaving HFLW. It was felt that Sharon Abrams would be a better speaker to the congregation if we are able establish a working relationship with them.
- iii. 12/5 HFLW visit. This was for the Christmas project. It was decided that we would like to participate in this for 2014. Andrea will arrange to get us on the schedule.
- iv. 2/8 MMHS - Men's Clothing Drive. This was a great project that the shelter appreciated. Brian mentioned that there are several 'particular need' projects that the shelter will be promoting (back to school, etc). It was decided that we will organize a Men's Clothing drive again this year to take place in January. An effort will be made to encourage members to expand the project to co-workers, friends, neighbors, etc.
- v. 3/16 Mission Sunday - Rev. Joel Cundiff. This was a very successful activity that we want to repeat in March of 2015. Pastor Nielsen will develop a list of potential guests to invite to come for review at the July meeting.
- vi. 6/1 Seminary Student Visit - Gregory Bauch. This was a very successful activity that we want to repeat in 2014. Timing to be discussed at the July meeting.

5. 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Pregnancy Center - Waterville

There was discussion about our involvement with this organization. We would like to have some information from them as to how many people they are actually serving and how we may be of service to them. Deb Nielsen will contact the director and report to the Board in July.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16 - 6:30pm.

**Youth and Chaperones to "Higher Things Conference" - Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin.**

Four youth and four chaperones will depart on Monday, July 7 for Wisconsin and return on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Theme of the Conference is "Crucified." Youth attending are: Nathanael Batson, Emily Larsen, Sarah Kohl, Dan Morren. Chaperones are: Lee Anne Larsen, Julie Kohl, Jon Morren and pastor Nielsen.

### **Thank You from the 'In Stitches Quilters' for the use of the building.**

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the 'In Stitches Quilters' presented pastor Nielsen with a handmade 'Nativity' wall hanging for the Fellowship Hall as a token of their appreciation for the use of the building for their meetings. If you are interested in quilting and meeting a very nice group of women, you are invited to attend their meetings.

"In Stitches Quilters meet the last Thursday of the month, from August through May, taking June and July off. The doors open at 6:30 PM at the Lutheran Church on Cool Street. Our meetings can include these activities: fabric swaps; demonstrations to teach new techniques; trunk shows; potluck suppers; show and tell about our individual quilt projects; making quilts for charities; and the sharing of friendship. We welcome new members at any time."

### **Supreme Court Ruling Emboldens Us to Continue to Carry On - Rev. Matthew Harrison**

Two years ago, I sat on a panel before Congress, testifying to the importance of religious liberty in America today. It seems like a long time ago. Since then, we have seen and heard a steady stream of news, from the church and the culture, about the Health and Human Services' mandate and the Affordable Care Act, abortifacients and the conscience, religious freedoms and what this means for women.

Thankfully, the wait is over. The Supreme Court has ruled, and the verdict is in: In a landmark case, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of religious liberty, specifically in regard to closely held corporations (those with a small number of shareholders and offering no public stock, such as corporations that are family-owned, not operated by boards).

While we rejoice in this strong upholding of religious freedom, this decision does not signal an end to this discussion. It simply emboldens us carry on, doing what we do best as Christians: praying, confessing the faith and living it out in our daily callings.

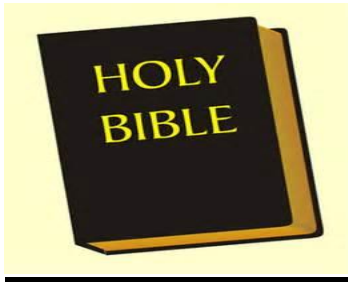
We pray that Americans, whose consciences are burdened because they have been forced to violate their religious beliefs, would know God's comfort and forgiveness. We confess that life, which begins at conception, is a gift from God and ought to be held in the highest regard in this country.

We live, knowing that the First Amendment guarantees us not only the right to worship, but also to practice our faith as Lutheran citizens of this great nation, serving our neighbor where the Lord has placed us. We do all of this, even as we rejoice with the Greens of Hobby Lobby, with the Hahns of Conestoga Wood specialties and with our millions of brothers and sisters in the United States who believe just as strongly in the religious liberties guaranteed in our Constitution.

Today we are thankful for this step toward maintaining the integrity of our religious freedoms inherent in the First Amendment, but we will also remain ever mindful. The issue is and will continue to be purely and simply about religious freedom.

And so we pray. We confess. We live. "We fought for a free conscience in this country," I told the committee two years ago, "and we won't give it up without a fight." I meant that, and I pray you do too.

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



## BIBLE QUIZ

### Worship - JULY

#### July 6, 2014

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Psalm:** 145:1-14

**First Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-12

**Epistle:** Romans 7:14-25a

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

#### July 13, 2014

Fifth 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 20, 2014

Mary Magdelene

**First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-31

**Epistle:** Acts 13:26-31

**Holy Gospel:** John 20:1-2, 10-18

#### July 27, 2014

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Psalm:** 125

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 7:6-9

**Epistle:** Romans 8:28-39

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

**1. According to the Law, which of the following would be considered clean?**

- A) rodents like weasels, ferrets, mice and moles
- B) reptiles like lizards, geckos, tortoises, and chameleons
- C) they are all considered clean
- D) none of them are considered clean

**2. How long did Jesus remain on earth after rising from the dead?**

- A) 4 days
- B) 4 weeks
- C) 40 days
- D) 40 weeks

**3. Who were the two men who buried Jesus?**

- A) Peter and John
- B) Annas and Caiaphas
- C) Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus
- D) James and Matthew

**4. As the angel helped Peter to escape from prison, how did the city gate open?**

- A) by itself
- B) by a sleepwalking guard
- C) by the angel
- D) by an earthquake

**5. What law of physics did God defy when Joshua and the Israelites battled against the Amorites?**

- A) there was a midday eclipse
- B) it thundered when there were no clouds in the sky
- C) it snowed on the arid battlefield
- D) the sun stood still for one day

**6. Who said this: "Eat, drink, and be merry?"**

- A) David after God helped him win a fierce battle
- B) the prostitute in a charge against her male "suitor"
- C) the publican/tax collector in a drunken state
- D) Jesus in a parable describing a rick fool

Answers on "Birthday" page

# **STEWARDSHIP - JULY 2014**

	<b><u>July 6</u></b>	<b><u>July 13</u></b>	<b><u>July 20</u></b>	<b><u>July 27</u></b>
<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	Emily Larsen	Jacob Huesers	Caden Fitzpatrick	Sarah Kohl
<b><u>Comm. Assistant</u></b>	Don Pryor	Glenn Carlson	Brian Watson	Curt Slininger
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Moe Cote & Jon Morren	Chris Batson & Steve Love	Brad Fitzpatrick & Robert Sieber	Mike Hein & Mark Larsen
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	Jon & Karem Morren	Steve Love & Pat Kablitz	Robert & Frances Sieber	Julie Kohl & David Leigh
<b><u>Altar Care</u></b>	Deb Nielsen	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette
<b><u>Flowers</u></b>	John & Karen Ayotte	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Jim & Darryll Zahner
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- 7/5 Sarah Kohl  
Taylan Thomas
- 7/14 Emily Edwards
- 7/16 Ben Morren
- 7/26 Nathaneal Batson
- 7/28 Yvonne Batson  
Andrea Watson
  
- 8/20 Lois Doran
- 8/27 Mark Larsen
- 8/29 Bode Carlson

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/4 Robert & Frances Sieber
- 7/12 Bonnie & Armand Matthieu
- 7/15 Glenn & Krista Carlson  
John & Esther Gould
- 7/18 Mark & LeeAnne Larsen
- 7/22 Steve & Rebecca Love
- 7/27 Chris & Yvonne Batson
- 7/30 Jon & Karen Morren
- 7/31 Finley & Emily Edwards
  
- 8/13 Jim & Darryll Zahner
- 8/23 Sharon & Charles Conover  
Don & Marlene Pryor
- 8/26 Frank & Vesta Holt
- 8/30 Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick

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## More Gravestones

- 7/1 Emily Larsen
- 7/17 Sharon Conover
- 7/?? Helene Kiser
  
- 8/1 Kenneth Zahner
- 8/2 Emily Edwards
- 8/7 Ethan Carlson
- 8/15 Kim Slininger

-----In a Silver City, Nevada cemetery: Here lays  
The Kid, We planted him raw. He was quick on  
the trigger, But slow on the draw.  
-----John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne,  
England cemetery: Reader, if cash thou art in  
want of any, Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a  
Penny.  
-----Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls,  
Vermont: Here lies the body of our Anna, Done to  
death by a banana. It wasn't the fruit that laid her  
low, But the skin of the thing that made her go.  
-----On the grave of Ezekiel Aikle in East  
Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia: Here lies  
Ezekiel Aikle, Age 102. Only the good die young.  
-----In a cemetery in England: Remember man, as  
you walk by, As you are now so once was I. As I  
am now so shall you be, Remember this and  
follow me. To which someone replied by writing  
on the tombstone: To follow you I'll not consent,  
Until I know which way you went.

## Bible Quiz Answers:

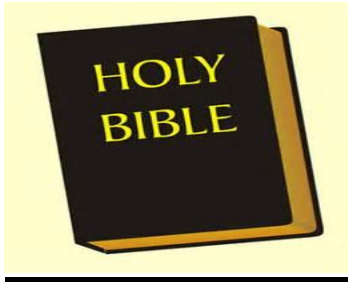
### July

1. **D** Leviticus 11:29-30
2. **C** Acts 1:1-3
3. **C** John 19:38-39
4. **A** Acts 12:10
5. **D** Joshua 10:13
6. **D** Luke 12:16-19

### August

1. **D** John 20:11, 15
2. **D** Psalm 119:105  
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3. **B** Exodus 7:14-11:  
15
4. **A** Matthew 26:63-  
64
5. **D** John 21:25
6. **B** Luke 2:25-30





## **Worship - AUGUST**

### **August 3, 2014**

**Eighth 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

### **August 10, 2014**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 18:1-9 (7-16)

**First Reading:** Job 38:4-18

**Epistle:** Romans 10:5-17

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

### **August 17, 2014**

**Tenth 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 24, 2014**

**Bartholmew**

**Psalm:** 121

**First Reading:** Proverbs 3:1-8

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 22:24-30

### **August 31, 2014**

**MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Psalm:** 71:1-8

**First Reading:** Revelation 6:9-11

**Epistle:** Romans 6:1-5

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 6:14-29

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. At first, who did Mary think that Jesus was on Easter morning?**

A) soldier B) bystander C) mourner D) gardener

**2. Who penned the words to this psalm: “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”?**

A) David B) Moses C) the sons of Korah  
D) anonymous

**3. Which of the following did God not use as one of the ten plagues upon Egypt?**

A) boils B) leprosy C) hail D) frogs

**4. What was the Jewish authorities’ biggest problem with Jesus’ teachings?**

A) He kept claiming to be the Son of God B) He kept making public spectacles out of them C) He kept living a hypocritical lifestyle D) He kept refusing to pay the temple tax

**5. Why did John not write down every single thing that Jesus did?**

A) he could not remember them all B) he did not feel they were significant enough C) he actually did, but the second book has become lost over the years D) Jesus did so many things there were not enough books in the world to hold them all

**6. Who said this: “Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation”?**

A) Simon B) Simeon C) James D) Jesus

**Answers on “Birthday” page**

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