

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Page

Summer, 2013
"A Good Marriage"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)

The 'Call Service' at the Seminary is always a very exciting experience, not only for the candidates who will be receiving a call into the Pastoral Office, but also for their families who will go where ever their husband and father is about to be sent. The assignment is kept secret until the Candidate is asked to stand and come forward. "Paul Nielsen, The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Waterville, Maine, New England District."

This month marks 20 years as pastor here. As I have often said, it has been a good marriage of pastor and parishioners. The Holy Spirit has joined us together and has richly blessed us with His indescribable grace and mercy. As in every good marriage, we have been though plenty of ups and downs and joys and sorrows together. And through them all, we have grown and learned to bless the Lord in every situation.

There were those times when we weren't sure if we were going to make it, and those times when we have been so excited for the future. There's been lots of hard work and sacrifice together, and in looking back, it does seem as though the harder the work and the greater the sacrifices that we made together, the greater the joy and fellowship and downright fun we have had together.

The size of our family of faith has grown over the years and that has been a great joy. We've seen the building and parking lot and church organ grow and that has been very exciting. But we have also seen many members leave us and that always causes a deep sadness.

I am beginning to enjoy some of the benefits of a 'long-term pastorate,' as I have the privilege of confirming some whom I have baptized. But along with those joys comes also the sorrows of burying some who were dear friends.

As with every marriage, there have been ups and downs in our relationship. But we have learned to say "I'm sorry," and also to say "I forgive you," because the love of Christ compels us to do so. As strange this may sound, I think that it is in our confessing to one another and our forgiving one another that our love for one another grows deeper and richer. What else can this be but Jesus Christ at work among us.

At first I wasn't too sure, but now I am so glad that the Lord called me to come here. I want to thank those who were here when I and my family arrived and who welcomed us with their gracious support and who are still here today: Chris and Yvonne, Brendan and Corina Batson; Doris Brossy; Natalie Crowley; Peter and Lois Doran; Peter and Evelyn Gaug; Avis (Krause) Grant; Twila Kaska; Sharon Klipp; Mark and Lee Anne Larsen; Bonnie Matthieu; Don and Marlene Pryor; Herb Schartner; and Jim, Darryll, Kenneth Zahner. There were others as well who have either died or moved away. Everyone who is here today, owes a great deal to their willingness and devotion to preserve a troubled congregation in the hopes that the Lord might not be done with it quite yet.

I recall my initial conviction that the life and health of any congregation, this one particularly, would depend on two things; faithful attendance in worship and faithful attendance in bible study. Everything else would fall into place in proportion to these two essentials. That remains my

conviction still. The Holy Spirit works through His Word preached and His Sacraments administered in the Divine Service. Growth in faith comes by hearing the Word and the diligent study of the Scriptures. After that, everything else will fall into place just fine. So my fervent plea to everyone today is the same as it has been for the last 20 years: set Sunday aside for the Lord. Be in worship AND bible study; not only for your own sake, but for the sake of the whole congregation.

The future, as always, in the hands of our gracious Lord. I do hope however, that there is both the opportunity and the willingness for much more hard work and sacrifice ahead. Twenty years of joy and good fellowship and downright fun is not enough. I'd like more. I know that there are many whom the Lord has yet to call out of the darkness and into His light that shines here. I'd like the joy of meeting and welcoming them into this wonderful family.

"I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace..." (Philippians 1:6-7)

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

From The Service of Ordination and Installation of Rev. Paul Nielsen as Pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Waterville, Maine. July 25, 1993. 4:00pm.

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dennis Perryman - Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Acton, Mass.

Preacher: Rev. James Jaekel - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Liturgist: Rev. Steve Bartell - Faith Lutheran Church, Exeter, N.H.

Lector: Rev. Edward Balfour - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cape Elizabeth, Me.

Organists: Luann Lawler - Redeemer Lutheran Church

Wendy Robinson - Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Choir: Redeemer Lutheran Church - Elaine Waugh, Director.

Paul Nielsen was born on October 23, 1954 to Walter and Joan Nielsen. He lived in Langhorne, Pa., a northeast suburb of Philadelphia, until he entered college.

Paul graduated from Millersville University, Millersville, Pa, with a B.A. degree in Sociology in 1976. Paul met his future wife at Millersville University, Deborah M. Korpics of Allentown, Pa. They were married on September 17, 1977 in Allentown, Pa. Deborah is a Certified Medical Technologist and has worked in the laboratory of several hospitals.

The Niensens have had three children. Eric, who is twelve and in the seventh grade enjoys sports and plays the saxophone. Sarah is seven and in the second grade and is a gymnast and avid reader. Andrew was born on January 21, 1985 and was taken to be with his heavenly Father on May 7, 1985.

Paul went to work for the Boy Scouts of America in Lancaster, Pa. directly out of college. He was a District Executive for the Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs in Lancaster, Pa.

In 1979, Paul joined Armstrong World Industries, Lancaster, Pa. as a Marketing Representative in the residential ceilings division of the company. His first assignment was to Charleston, West Virginia, where he and Deb lived for two years. In 1981 he was transferred to St. Louis, Mo.

In 1984, Paul went to work for Building and Industrial Wholesale Co. in Parkersburg, WV. as vice-president and sales manager. In 1985, Paul was named company president, a position he held until July of 1989 when he resigned to go to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Paul graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in May of this year.

Paul's hobbies include golf, tennis, skiing and almost any sport. He is a regular runner and has completed the Marine Corp. Marathon in Washington D.C. In 1988.

Summer Church Picnic! Sunday, August 11th - 11:00am.



Michael and Helene Kiser have graciously volunteered to host a church-wide summer potluck picnic at their home again this year. Drinks, paper products, eating utensils and swimming pool will be provided! Bring a pot-luck dish to share (*don't forget serving utensils*). Bring towels and swim suits, chairs. Questions? Contact Michael or Helene at booknuts@verizon.net The Kisers live at 6 Taylor Ave., Waterville. (Note that they have moved since they hosted the church picnic last year.)

Vacation Bible School - RESCHEDULED - July 30th - August 1st. 9:00am - 11:30am.



Tell it on the Mountain VBS will take us on an expedition to the top of three mountains where children will learn God's might and grace and His son Jesus our Savior and Lord. Registration is open for children from PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 5. Get excited to sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, and more. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus so that you can go TELL everyone about him! Can't wait to see you there! To register, see Sasha Fitzpatrick.

Board for Missions:



Board For Missions Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2013

Attendance: Pastor Nielsen, Amanda Goldsmith, Andrea Watson, Michelle Hein, Avis Grant & Dan Callahan.

Pastor Nielsen opened the meeting in prayer and led us in devotions, Faith Active in Love, Human Care in the Church's Life. Review of the BFM May minutes by Michelle.

Amanda conveyed that future BFM agenda's will be curtailed from the length they have been. Giving focus to current projects, projects for consideration and distribution of funds.

Current Projects:

- **Hope Lutheran Church, Bangor, ME.** Discussion was opened by Pastor Nielsen of what more LCR could do in helping HLC, beyond financial assistance. Dan suggested updates from Pastor Evertsen regarding HLC's needs and standing. Pastor Nielsen said he would reach out to Pastor Evertsen on receiving updates. Avis suggested inviting the HLC congregation to LCR events and/or having joint events. It was further suggested groups from LCR visit HLC.
- **Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter.** Betty Palmer, from the MMHS conveyed to Amanda that volunteer's are needed to assist their residence with various daily life guidance to help them in preparation for work, with family, parenting and basic life skills. Amanda and Michelle agreed to prepare a brief presentation to bring to the congregation at an upcoming fellowship for this need and with signing up for meal preparation.
- **Home for Little Wanders.** Andrea notified the organization of LCR's \$2,000 donation for sending children to summer camp. She reported they were very happy with LCR's donation. Leeann Larson approached Amanda regarding the Homes waiting area for counseling

services. The waiting room is in need of several repairs, furniture and toys in working condition. Once the board knows what they specifically need for the waiting area it was agreed an effort to make repairs and donations would be addressed. Avis suggested the children of the church be asked to donate used toys and Michelle suggested a special message during the children's sermon about giving and being charitable, that would coincide with this request.

Current Budget: The current funds amount reported to the board was \$2,200. However, there may have been a possible discrepancy in the amount reportedly donated in May. Sharon's email showed May's donations totaling \$4,000. The actual amount was \$5,000. Amanda said she would connect with Sharon to confirm if the current funds of \$2,200 were reflective of a \$4,000 or \$5,000 May donations. Dan suggested the board hold the funds currently available should any urgent needs arise and make a determination of donations for July. The board unanimously agreed.

Project for Considerations:

- **Seminary Student Support.** The board agreed to recommend that we continue supporting 2 seminary students at the Fort Wayne Seminary at \$250 each per month beginning with September, 2013. We will ask the Seminary to assign two new students to us since both Jonathan Williams (graduated) and Paul Rockrohr (vicarage) will not be at the Seminary this year.
- **First Choice Pregnancy Center:** Pastor Nielsen asked that the board consider making this organization an ongoing project to support. The organization will be moving to a new location on KMD in Waterville once renovations are completed. The board agreed to asking a representative from First Choice to make a presentation at the July meeting. Michelle offered to make the arrangements.

Missions Giving Form:

Amanda offered to rework the previously developed form with changes already suggested. The form will be presented for further discussion at the July meeting.

A fall, "Missions Weekend" was discussed. Ideas included having a Saturday evening dinner at the church and inviting the Hope Lutheran Church congregation to join us. Involvement from organizations LCR has made financial and time donations to would be given time to make presentations on what they do with funds and what their upcoming needs may be. Pastor Nielsen suggested the church invite Pastor Cundiff and his wife to participate in this weekend, sharing their experience in Kenya. The board agreed further discussions this subject should be discussed at upcoming meetings.

The next BFM meeting is scheduled for July 9 @ 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Hein

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

2013 LCMS Convention: The National Offering

The Church Council approved a \$1,000 offering for The National Offering that will be taken at the Synodical Convention in July. The National Offering embodies our walk Together as a Synod in Witness, Mercy, and Life Together as we proclaim the Gospel and provide for our brothers and sisters in Chris in our congregations, communities and world.

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 which was continued into the 2013 budget. 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
- June 1, 2013 - \$20,289

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

Invitation to participate in Oklahoma Mission Trip with Grace Lutheran, Nashua, N.H.

Grace Lutheran Church in Nashua, N.H., will be taking a group of men to Moore, Oklahoma, to help with disaster relief from the May 20th tornado. We hope that 10-15 men will be able to join us. You do not have to be handy with tools – just have a willing heart to do anything that is needed. The trip will be from October 4th to October 11th. October is only 90 days away, so please pray about being a part of this team and let me know as soon as you can. You can reach me by e-mail at Mr.Luna@juno.com or by cell phone at 978-852-8345. If you prefer, you can call the church at 603-888-7579 or e-mail the church at adminassistant@gracelutherannashua.org. Tony Luna.

Concordia College – Bronxville, N.Y. to make LCR one of their stops on their Spring, 2014 Concert Tour!

We look forward to hosting this choir of Concordia College students in May of 2014. We will need some volunteers to prepare a dinner for the choir before the concert; hosting for students and adults and outreach to the community to draw as many as possible.

Thank You From The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers – Waterville.

The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers would like to thank you for your gift of \$2000 for our Summer Camp Scholarship Program. Your donation will help us achieve our goal of sending 160 children to camp this summer.

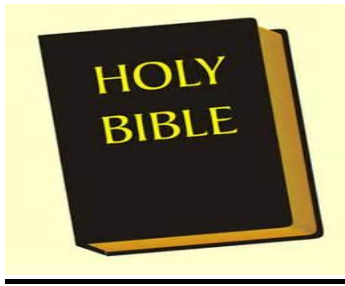
Your donation will allow a child in the central Maine area to experience the joys of a one week, overnight summer camp. This experience will provide an underprivileged child with memories for years to come. We are grateful that you share our belief that children should be afforded all of life's pleasures without regard to income or family circumstances.

The Maine Children's Home appreciates your support, which makes it possible for our agency to fulfill our mission to build and strengthen families and their children, instilling hope for the future and a better quality of life through our many programs. We thank you for your generosity and interest in our work.

Sincerely

Sharon Abrams
Executive Director

Steve Mayberry
Development Director



BIBLE QUIZ

Monthly Worship

July 7, 2013

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 66:1-7

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Epistle: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-20

July 14, 2013

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 41

First Reading: Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18

Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 21, 2013

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 27:(1-6) 7-14

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a 10b-14)

Epistle: Colossians 1:21-29

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:28-42

July 28, 2013

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 138

First Reading: Genesis 18: (17-19) 20-33

Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

1. Who initiated the citywide riot in Ephesus?

A) Peter B) Paul C) the city rulers D) Demetrius

2. What was the Jewish leaders' biggest problem with Jesus' miraculous healings?

A) the healings were done with official approval B) The healings were done on the Sabbath C) the healings were done to known sinners and tax collectors D) the healings were done as a means of showing off

3. Who wrote the letter to Philemon?

A) Peter B) Paul C) James D) John

4. Why did the dynamic divinely appointed team, Paul and Barnabas, split up?

A) Barnabas was arrested B) Paul was arrested C) they could not agree about bringing the deserter John Mark with them D) God called Barnabas to go to Tarshish

5.. How long did the flood waters cover the earth?

A) 40 days B) 150 days C) 365 days D) 515 days

6. Who said this: "Ye have brought us forth into the wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger"?

A) slaves under Nebuchadnezzar B) soldiers under David C) the crowd under Moses D) a mob under Pilate

Answers on "Birthday" page

Stewardship - July, 2013

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	<u>July 7</u>	<u>July 14</u>	<u>July 21</u>	<u>July 28</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Sarah Kohl	Cullen Stout	Emily Larsen	Jacob Huesers
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson	No Communion	Brad Fitzpatrick
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte & Mike Hein	Seth Carlson & Jared Goldsmith	Finley Edwards. & Jon Morren	John Gould & Bill Jahnke
<u>Greeters</u>	John & Karen Ayotte	Glenn & Kitty Carlson	Chris & Yvonne Batson	John & Esther Gould
<u>Altar Care</u>	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould	Leanne Larsen	Amy Ouellette
<u>Flowers</u>	George & Karen Markham	George & Karen Markham	Mike & Michelle Hein	Katie Huesers
<u>Fellowship</u>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

Stewardship - August, 2013

	<u>August 4</u>	<u>August 11</u>	<u>August 18</u>	<u>August 25</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Cullen Stout	Jacob Huesers	Emily Larsen	Sarah Kohl
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Brian Watson	No Communion	No Communion	Eric Stout
<u>Ushers</u>	Chris Batson & Don Pryor	Glenn Carlson & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Moe Cote & Brad Fitzpatrick	Mark Larsen & Robert Sieber
<u>Greeters</u>	Fernando & Mari Gouvea	Glenn Jr. & Krista Carlson	Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick	Jared & Amanda Goldsmith
<u>Altar Care</u>	Avis Grant	Deb Nielsen	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith
<u>Flowers</u>	Moe & Becky Cote	Moe & Becky Cote	Frank & Vesta Holt	Frank & Vesta Holt
<u>Fellowship</u>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	LWML



BIRTHDAYS

7/5 Sarah Kohl
Taylan Thomas
7/14 Emily Edwards
7/16 Ben Morren
7/26 Nathaneal Batson
7/28 Yvonne Batson
Andrea Watson

7/1 Emily Larsen
7/14 Sharon Conover
7/?? Helene Kiser

8/7 Ethan Carlson

8/20 Lois Doran
8/27 Mark Larsen
8/29 Bode Carlson



7/4 Robert & Frances Sieber
7/12 Bonnie & Armand Mathieu
7/15 Glenn & Krista Carlson
John & Esther Gould
Ben & Elizabeth Parks-Stamm
7/27 Chris & Yvonne Batson
7/30 Jon & Karen Morren
7/31 Finley & Emily Edwards

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

Holy Humor

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play,

“Here's a copy of the service,” he said impatiently. “But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.”

During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4000 or more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.”

At that moment, the substitute organist played “The National Anthem”. And that is how the substitute became the regular organist.

July Bible Quiz: 1) D Acts 19:24-29; 2) B Luke 13:14; 3) B Philemon 1:1; 4) C Acts 15:37-39; 5) B Genesis 7:24; 6) C Exodus 16:3.

August Bible Quiz: 1) B Exodus 25:10; 2) A Exodus 14:30; 3) D Samuel 13:9-13; 4) A Matthew 1; Luke 3; 5) A Acts 8:32; Isaiah 53:7-8; 6) C Daniel 6:20.

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

July / August, 2013

July

Week of July 7

Sunday - 7/7 9:00am. - Worship

Monday - 7/8 6:00pm. - Bd. Elders

Tuesday - 7/9 6:30pm. - Bd. Missions

Week of July 14

Sunday - 7/14 9:00am. - Worship

7/19 – 25 Pastor away to Synodical Convention

Week of July 21

Sunday - 7/21 9:00am. - Worship

Week of July 28

Sunday - 7/28 9:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 7/30 9-11:30am. - VBS

Thursday - 7/31 9-11:30am. - VBS

Friday - 8/1 9-11:30am. - VBS

August

Week of August 4

Sunday - 8/4 9:00am. - Worship

Week of August 11

Sunday - 8/11 9:00am. - Worship
11:00am. - Church Picnic

Week of August 18

Sunday - 8/18 9:00am. - Worship

Monday - 8/19 7:00pm. - Church Council

Week of August 25

Sunday - 8/25 9:00am. - Worship

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