




# RESURRECTION NEWS

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THE WAY,   
 THE TRUTH,  
THE LIFE. 

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Pastor's Letter  
June, 2012  
"Telling About Heaven and Hell"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Apostle's Creed we say, "I believe in Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, descended into hell and rose again from the dead..." As we say these words that express the faith we have been given, we are forced to look beyond the here and now that consumes so much of our attention, and turn our attention to the direction of our lives.

Although we sometimes feel like our lives are spinning in circles, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed shows us that life is not a cycle that keeps repeating itself over and over again. Rather, life is a line that follows the course set by Jesus. Our life moves along with His because we are in Him and He is in us. As His life moved from conception to birth to death and to life after death – so does ours. He was conceived. He was born. He lived his life with great joys and great sorrows and suffering. He died. And He rose again from the dead. This is the life line of Jesus Christ – but it is also the life line of all those who are in Christ.

Sadly, there are many people who believe that the life line ends with death. We're born, we live, we die – that's that. An English journalist named Steve Turner has summarized the prevailing belief of our day in a poem he calls, "Creed." Just one line of that poem is worth reciting here. He says, "We believe that after death comes the Nothing because when you ask the dead what happens they say nothing."

Yet, throughout the centuries, the Christian Church has said, "No, We believe that there is more to life than a dead end line that runs from conception to death." We say, "We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty." Life goes on forever after death. In fact, the distance between the two points of birth and death are very close together. Sometimes far too close together for those who are still living when a loved one dies. But the life line continues from the point of death and goes on – forever and ever.

The essential mission of the Christian Church, and of this congregation, is to tell and to teach that there is more to life than the here and now. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead there is a life after death. When we talk about life after death, we really like to talk about heaven. But when the Church speaks the 'whole truth and nothing but the truth' about life after death, sadly, we find that we must also talk about "hell."

Tragically, some lives continue from the point of death to hell. Most people who do not believe in life after death would certainly also not believe in the existence of hell – and that is perfectly consistent. Yet there are many who believe that there is a heaven after death but who deny the existence of hell. They believe that it's either heaven or annihilation.

But a biblical faith that confesses, "I believe in Jesus Christ..." must also confess that there is a hell. **"He descended into hell."** Jesus makes it very clear in his preaching and teaching that there is a hell, **"a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth."** He calls hell a place that is that is **"in outer darkness," "a fiery furnace."**

If the Christian Church, and this congregation, is given the heavy responsibility to tell and teach the world that life apart from faith in Christ goes on forever in hell, it is also given the joyous and welcome privilege of telling and teaching the world that life bound to Christ through faith goes on forever in heaven.

Through baptism, God has united us to His Son, Jesus. That union with Christ is created, sustained and strengthened through his Word. Speaking of the life after death through Christ Jesus, St. Paul writes, **"We**

were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4) Paul then goes on and repeats the same principle over again saying, “If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.” (Romans 6:5). This is the gospel, the good news that you and I have for ourselves and to share with the world.

The message that life begins at conception, moves through birth to death and then lives forever – is not good news or bad news – it is simply the facts of life. The good news is that heaven has been opened to all through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, and through faith in His work accomplished by the cross and the empty tomb, brought to us through His Word and Sacraments, we may call heaven our home.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

### **Summer Worship Schedule – Now through September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Worship begins at 9:00am. Sunday School is in recess. Regular worship schedule begins on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Summer Sermon Series: “THE 10 COMMANDMENTS”**

Beginning on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a preaching series on each of the 10 Commandments during Sunday worship. Each Sunday we will review the particular commandment under consideration during our Small Catechism review. Guidelines for using the ‘commandment of the week’ for personal devotions will be included. The challenge to memorize the commandment and Small Catechism explanation will also be given. Don’t worry! There will be plenty of Gospel to go along with the Law.

#### **6/10 - The First Commandment**

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

#### **6/17 - The Second Commandment**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

#### **6/24 - The Third Commandment**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

#### **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.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 'AMAZING DESERT JOURNEY' -**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. 9:00am – 11:30am.**

No fairy tale creations here—this VBS theme is drawn right out of the Bible! The journey begins as Adam and Eve leave the lush oasis and enter a life of sin in the desert. After all, if children don't know we have sin, then they won't know their need for a Savior. From there, children see how Moses led the Israelites on a journey through the desert and Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. The week ends with a joyful celebration of the Resurrection and the heavenly home God has prepared for us. At the center of all teachings is our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ. Please set aside the dates now. Please begin to invite your friends to come. Our goal this year is to have 50 children participate in VBS. Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. See Sasha Fitzpatrick for more information.

### **New England District Convention: June 14-16. Springfield, Mass.**

Every three years, the congregations of the New England District meet in convention to discuss and vote upon issues of the life of the LC-MS in New England. Every congregation sends two voting delegates, one clergy and one lay. Pastor Nielsen and Chris Batson are our delegates to this year's convention.

### **From Seminarian Paul Rockrohr**

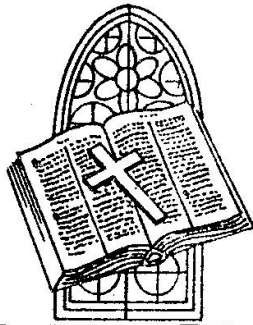
Pastor Nielsen and members of LCR,

I have successfully completed my first year of seminary! The last week of class was really hectic, but now I'm enjoying a week of vacation with my fiancé and her parents before I start work for the summer. It's amazing to look back over the course of the year and see how much I've changed and grown. Thinking about it now, the first two weeks were so intimidating and I thought I would never be able to learn enough to be a good pastor. At the end of the year I still think I'll never learn everything I need to, but maybe that is the point. Perhaps pastor can speak to this, but I'm of the opinion that it is more than just information that makes a pastor good or bad. It appears to be somewhat of a lifestyle, one that includes much study but also needs people around in order to be useful. If all a pastor did was read books and never talked to anyone, he would be hard pressed to convey the hope that we have in Christ.

And maybe that is the point of seminary, that they train us not only in knowledge but also in how to study so that it will be effective and useful for the body of Christ. It certainly has been a molding process for me, and I am looking forward to next year as I continue to learn and grow into this ministry. Strangely, seminary is actually taken from a Latin word meaning "seed bed". I suppose that means that being a pastor really is a growing process, one that takes time. Part of that process is practice and I get to practice delivering a sermon for the first time in June! I'm excited to actually be able to put some of the classroom experience to good use, and it's nice to see all the hard work in the classes pay off.

I believe I mentioned it before, but Stacy and I are getting married on Dec. 16 of this year, and my parents will be coming back from South Africa for it! This week back with her has seen a lot of the details accomplished, but I would ask that you pray for us since planning a wedding is never a simple process. All in all, most of it is going smoothly and my bride to be has been fantastic with keeping me on task with all the little details. It is really exciting to see it all coming together and it will be great to see my parents at Christmas. I'll try and keep you updated as things go on during the summer, but Stacy and I would like to thank you for being so supportive of my "growing" at seminary. Without your help it really would not be feasible, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you have done for us. Thank you and God bless your summer!

Paul Rockrohr and Stacy Menzer



## **Monthly Worship**

**June 3, 2012**

**The Holy Trinity**

**Psalm:** 29

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Epistle:** Acts 2:14a, 22-36

**Holy Gospel:** John 3:1-17

**June 10, 2012**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 130

**First Reading:** Genesis 8:8-15

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

**June 17, 2012**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 1

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17)

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

**June 24, 2012**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 85:(1-6) 7-13

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5

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

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 1:57-80

**REMINDER:** The next Newsletter will be our "Summer Issue", which includes both July and August. So if anyone has any information and/or schedules for either of these months, please get them to Sharon Klipp by the NL deadline of June 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!



**1. Who was Philemon?**

- A) slave owner B) runaway slave  
C) common soldier D) army commander

**2. How did David take down the giant named Goliath?**

- A) with a club B) with a nail C) with a stone D) with a sword

**3. How many books are in the New Testament?**

- A) eighteen B) twenty-seven C) thirty-nine  
D) forty-five

**4. How should someone respond to beautiful things in nature, such as a gorgeouss sunset?**

- A) worship it because it is an object God created B) worship God because he created it C) study it intently so that one can explain the phenomenon if asked D) ignore it because life is too short to waste time on unprofitable things

**5. How has Jesus Christ changed over the years?**

- A) He has become more lenient and looks the other way over accidental sins B) He has become harsher and angrier with the more serious sins C) He has become more understanding and forgiving with sin in general D) He has not changedbut remains the same yesterday, today and forevermore

**6. Who said this: "My soul doth magnify the Lord"?**

- A) Miriam B) Hannah C) Mary  
D) Elizabeth

Answers on "Birthday" page



# STEWARDSHIP

June 3

June 10

June 17

June 24

Acolyte

Dan Morren

Emily Larsen

Sarah Kohl

Dan Morren

Comm.  
Assistant

Brad Fitzpatrick

Mark Larsen

Don Pryor

Chris Batson

Ushers

Jon Morren  
&  
John Ayotte

Seth Carlson  
&  
Curt Slininger

Glenn Carlson  
&  
Glenn Carlson, Jr.

Finley Edwards  
&  
John Gould

Greeters

Brad & Sasha  
Fitzpatrick

Jim & Darryll  
Zahner

Glenn Jr & Krista  
Carlson

Sharon Klipp  
&  
Natalie Crowley

Altar Guild

Kitty Carlson

Esther Gould

LeeAnn Larsen

Katie Huesers

Flowers

The Batsons

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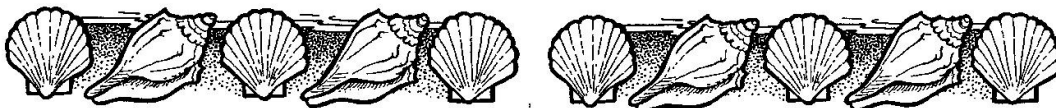
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# The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## June, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 The Holy Trinity 9:00 am Worship	4  6:00 pm Board of Elders	5	6	7	8	9
10 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship <i>1st Commandment</i>	11	12	13 9:00am. John Poir- ier Committal— St. Francis cemetery	14 9:00 am LWML	15	16
17 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship <i>2nd Commandment Father's Day</i>	18 <i>July/August Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:00 pm Board For Youth 7:00 pm Church Council	19	20	21	22	23
24 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship <i>3rd Commandment</i>	25 <div>Vacation Bible School — 9:00am. — 11:30am. Preschool — 5th Grades</div>	26	27	28	29	30



6/1 Peter Gaug  
 6/2 Angie Carlson  
 Beatrice Conover  
 Sharon Klipp  
 6/7 Moe Cote  
 6/9 Donald Schorr  
 5/10 Karen Markham  
 6/12 Eric Stout  
 6/14 Callum Goldsmith  
 6/16 Sharon Callahan  
 6/24 Doris Brossy  
 6/26 Tiana Thomas  
 6/28 David Gideon



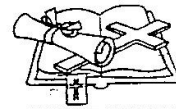
### *Anniversaries*

6/10 Ted & Dottie Evertson  
 6/15 Brian & Andrea Watson  
 6/18 Mike & Michelle Hein



6/2 Emily-Lynn Carlson  
 6/7 Moe Cote  
 Ted Evertson  
 6/11 Arthur Conover  
 6/13 Daniel Morren  
 6/18 Sarah Mueller  
 6/20 Laurah Mueller  
 6/21 John Mueller  
 6/26 Bonnie Mathieu  
 6/30 Donald Schorr

## CONFIRMATION



### ANNIVERSARIES

6/5 Natalie Crowley  
 6/?? Doris Brossy  
 Curt Mueller

## BIBLE HUMOR

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A: Ruthless

Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?

A: German Shepheds

Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A: Noah. He was floating his stock while everyoneelse was in liquidation.

Q: Who was the greatest female finanier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q: What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A: Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one accord.

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: Samson. He brought down the house.

Q: What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A: Your mother ate us out of house and home.

**Bible Quiz Answers:** 1) A – Philemon 1:1, 15-16 2) C – Samuel 17:49-50 3) B – The Bible's table of contents 4) B – romans 1:225 5) D – Hebrews 13:8 6) C – Luke 1:46