

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

June, 2013

An Unexpected Joy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm anxious to report to you on my experience from serving on one of the "Floor Committees" for the upcoming Synodical Convention. Have you ever had the experience that the thing which you dreaded, actually turned out to be a wonderful experience? As many of you know, this was something I was looking forward to. This however turned out to be an unexpected joy! I'll do my best to summarize the experience.

There are seven "floor committees" that are charged with preparing the 'Overtures' that have been submitted from the church for consideration, discussion and decision as 'Resolutions' at the Synodical Convention which is July 20-26 in St. Louis. I was assigned to #7 - 'Structure and Ecclesial Matters.' Each 'Floor Committee' was comprised of 14 people, laypersons and clergymen from across the country. All District Presidents were included in those numbers. Meetings were held at the International Center of the LCMS. Buses shuttled us from the hotel, leaving at 7:15am. and not returning until 10:15pm. Each day began and ended with worship.

After an 'orientation meeting,' each committee reported to its assigned meeting room. Our committee had 48 Overtures to consider. Overtures could be accepted 'as is,' 'accepted with revisions,' 'combined with similar Overtures,' 'deleted' or referred to an Omnibus category for 'further consideration' by another Board or Committee of the Synod. Each Floor Committee was required to consider and deal with every Overture. A summery explanation for action taken on every Overture was required. A Synod staff member was present with each Floor Committee to record all decisions and keep track of every action.

Overtures that our Committee were given to deal with included several mundane issues such as necessary changes in wording to the Synod Handbook to bring it up to date with decisions made at the previous 2010 Convention. More interesting topics included, amending the process for electing Convention delegates, changing the National Convention from an every 3 year to every 4 year cycle, redefining the formula for determining the number of Convention delegates, ecclesial supervision of 'international' congregations and pastors of the Synod, general principals for judging the viability of Districts, changing the name of Circuit Counselor to Circuit Visitor, allowing for 'electronic voting' for Convention Delegates at District Conventions, should the Synod President be permitted to also serve as a Senior Pastor of a congregation, can District Boards of Director add 'voting' advisory members, and a few others.

I know that this sounds as if it is pretty 'dry stuff.' But I developed a deep appreciation for the importance of the little details which need to be precisely correct for the operation and protection of the Church. I also learned that decisions and actions taken in the past, no matter how thoughtfully and carefully, need to be adjusted, altered or changed as situations change and needs arise. Although I did not know much about any of these topics that we were assigned to consider, (nor did I really care much), after the careful discussions on each of these topics, I have learned a great deal about the connection of the Church's practice on these issues to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions and have a new appreciation of the their importance to the faithful operation of Christ's

church. It is humbling to see how even the most mundane action for consideration at the Synodical Convention, is based on a faithful application of God's Word.

As you can imagine, the intensity of the process over three days created a deep bond of fellowship among the men and women on the committee. It was a real pleasure for me that Rev. Peter Lange was on the committee. Pete was my Summer Greek instructor at Seminary during the long and grueling summer of '89.

A precious 'side benefit' of being in the International Center was the opportunity to meet the Synod leadership. Worship was conducted by Rev. Will Weedon and Rev. Jon Vieker. On Sunday, I had dinner with President Harrison, after which he gave me a tour of his office, showing me his extensive collection of rare books and equally precious cigar humidor.

Thank you for giving me permission to accept this appointment. I have been blessed by the privilege.
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Summer Worship Schedule - Now through September 1st :

Worship begins at 9:00am. Sunday School is in recess. Regular worship schedule begins on Sunday, September 8th.

Summer Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer

We will once again take the opportunity through the summer season of worship to consider one of the chief parts of the Small Catechism. This year's "Summer Sermon Series" will focus on the 3rd Chief Part: The Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus our Lord has given to us to pray. We use it every week in worship. I am sure that many use this prayer daily. Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "The Lord's Prayer is a prayer above all prayers, the greatest of all prayers, which has been taught by the greatest Master of all, in which all spiritual and bodily trouble is comprehended and which is the strongest consolation in all temptations, tribulations, and in the last hour."

The Introduction - May 26

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children as their dear Father.

The First Petition - June 2

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

The Second Petition - June 9

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

The Third Petition - June 16

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

The Fourth Petition - June 30

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

The Fifth Petition - July 7

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of those things for which we

pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition - July 14

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

The Seventh Petition - July 28

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion - August 4

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Vacation Bible School - 'TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN' - June 24th - 26th. 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.

Jon and Daniel Morren to attend the HIGHER THINGS Conference: FROM ABOVE



Jesus answered Nicodemus, "...unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3) You have been born of water. You have been born of the Spirit. You have been born From Above! You were born of God, born anew, born from above in the Baptismal Font. You are alive now, eternally alive, never to die ever again for you already died in Christ. As surely as He is risen from the dead, you will rise from the dead. In fact, you already have risen from the dead, by faith. Now, you live eternally From Above, in service to others, just as God in Christ has saved you. Jon and Dan will be headed to University of Scranton,

Scranton, Pa. For this annual Youth Conference from June 25-28. We will be anxious to hear all about as the present Catechumenate plans to attend next years Higher Things Conference.

Board for Youth: A Very Successful Sunday School Celebration

Thank you to the Board for Youth for sponsoring a wonderful Sunday School Celebration as the fitting conclusion to a very successful season of Sunday School.

Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors:

Arthur Conover, Ben Morren, Tiana Thomas will graduate from High School this month and begin a new chapter in their life. We give thanks to God for His guidance and care of these three young people, and pray that they He would bless and keep them.

The Board for Missions



Board For Missions Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2013

Attendance: Pastor Nielsen, Jared Goldsmith, Brian & Andrea Watson, Michelle Hein & Dan Callahan. Special guest – Betty Palmer, Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter. Pastor Nielsen opened the meeting with a reading from Luke 10:25-37 and brief devotion.

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter – Betty Palmer provided an informative presentation about the shelter, volunteers and the needs of the shelter. The shelter offers its residence a place to sleep, eat, receive help with employment searches and employment preparedness, clothing, various classes, Bible studies and many other life necessities. The shelter is always staffed both with paid employees and volunteers. Currently there are 52 people at the shelter and the average stay is 30-45 days. However, there is not a maximum number of days anyone is limited as long as they are actively participating in the program. The shelter has a 90% success rate which they measure based on follow up home visits. They offer former residences support through volunteers as a mentor in whatever area of life help is needed. All volunteers provide references and a back ground check is done. The volunteers participate in an orientation and training sessions held Sunday afternoons at the shelter. The shelters needs are, monetary and volunteers. The shelters annual budget is \$650,000, which comes from donations, grants and several other venues. The shelter is short volunteers by approximately 120 people. On June 7 & 8, there will be a yard sale to benefit the shelter at the 1st Congregational Church in Waterville. A notice of this yard sale has been posted on the bulletin board. LCR members continue to volunteer to prepare dinners for the residence and Betty encouraged volunteers to visit with the people living at the shelter which has been beneficial to the residence and volunteers.

BFM Business

The board agreed to present the following recommendations for Mission Support to the Church Council for consideration at the May 20 meeting: Maine Children’s Fund: \$2,000 –Summer Camp Fund; Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter: \$1,000; Capstone Ministries: \$1,000 – LCMS Rev. Joel & wife Jennifer Cundiff’s mission trip to Kenya; National Offering – LCMS Regular Convention: \$1,000

Andrea will contact the Maine Children’s Fund about the \$2,000 camp fund donation once the church council has confirmed the donation.

Capstone Ministries was presented by Pastor Nielsen. Pastor Nielsen recently sat with Pastor Cundiff at a recent convention and recommended the support for their four month trip to Kenya.

Pastor Nielsen provided information regarding the National Offering for the National Convention being held in July 2013. The funds will be distributed to support the Synod’s work in four areas: Global Missions, Lutheran Malaria Initiative, LCMS Joint seminary fund and the Global Seminary Initiative. A bulletin insert will be placed in the church bulletin to provide LCR members with the opportunity to contribute individually through the Congregation. Pastor Nielsen will present the donation from LCR at the Convention in July.

Pastor Nielsen requested the BFM minutes be completed to be presented to the church council and that a member from the BFM is present for church council meetings. Andrea will prepare a paragraph on the donation to the Maine Children’s Fund for the newsletter which she will provide to Pastor Nielsen. Pastor Nielsen will include information regarding donations to Capstone Ministries and the National Convention, National Offering. Jared confirmed Amanda would be setting up the BFM section on the bulletin board in the narthex. It was agreed the meeting minutes would be emailed to all BFM board members. Michelle gathered

the email addresses of those present. Michelle requested the BFM meeting start time be 6:30 pm. This time was agreed upon. The next agreed upon BFM meeting is June 12 at 6:30 pm.

The Maine Children's Home For Little Wanderers - Waterville, Maine.

The Board for Missions met April 10th and invited Steve Mayberry, Development Director for the Maine Children's Home to be a guest speaker. He gave a nice presentation on the different programs they have and what they are all about. Mixed in along the way, were some very heartwarming stories. He conveyed that their greatest need for the summer months are donations for camperships. Last summer they sent 100 children ages 7 to 16 to a one week session of overnight summer camp. This year they would like to send 130 children to camp. The Board for Missions would like to join them in their effort and donate \$2,000.00 to the Summer Camp Scholarship Program.

Capstone Ministries - Pastor Joel and Jennifer Cundiff, Danbury, Ct.

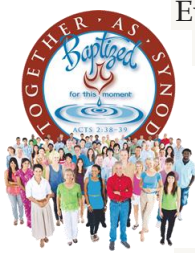


Summary of Capstone Ministries: It's estimated that upward of 100,000 young boys live on the streets, a thousand of them in Kisumu, Kenya. The boys survive by begging and stealing. They sleep on sidewalks in town, in small abandoned shops,

and on occasion, in the underground sewers. Most, says Rev. Dan Schmelzer, become addicted to sniffing cobbler's glue they buy for a few shillings (two cents). While other social programs provide places for the boys to sleep and meals for their bellies, Rev. Schmelzer and his wife, Patty, have seen the boys' greater need to be part of a family. They see the boys' need for Jesus. Finding a better way Rev. Schmelzer (a volunteer pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya) and his wife moved to Kenya 11 years ago to be administrators of a home for street children. As they gained experience, the Schmelzers discovered that many of the street children had families who wanted them. "Strong family bonds are a strength in Kenya - one reason we believe a home, even a poor and struggling home, is better than a well-maintained institution." "We also believe that our role as a mission agency is to encourage and minister to this divine structure of family with the means of grace." To put their new outlook into practice, the Schmelzers ventured out on their own and founded Capstone Ministries in 2005. "The name was derived from Psalm 118:22 - 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.'

Rev. Joel Cundiff support: Sometime just after Aug 1, Pastor Joel Cundiff and his wife Jennifer, will be flying to Kisumu from Danbury, CT to join Dan and Patty and Capstone Ministries. Pastor Cundiff is associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Danbury, Ct. Immanuel will be sending these two missionaries to join Rev. Dan and Patty Schmelzer while they are in the US on a fund raising tour. Joel and Jen will receive some orientation with Dan and Patty for a few weeks before they fill in for four months. Like all missionaries, Joel and Jen will be raising funds for the time they will be serving Capstone in Kenya. If you would like to support them, send a check to Immanuel Lutheran. Send to Joel and Jen Cundiff, 10 Sharon Ct, Bethel, CT 06801. Attn. Joel and Jennifer's mission support.

2013 National Offering



Every three years LCMS households, congregations and organizations are invited to participate in a synodwide gathering of financial gifts called the National Offering. Leading with a collection received in worship services during the 2013 Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in St. Louis, this triennium's National Offering gives participants five choices through which they can share Christ's forgiveness and mercy both at home and abroad. It also affords LCMS congregations and their members an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to our life together as the world's leading confessional Lutheran body. For the 2013-16 triennium, five gift designations cover a range of *Witness, Mercy, Life Together* efforts, all of which happen only with broad support from LCMS congregations and households. Baptized for this moment, you are free to join with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in sharing His forgiveness and mercy in a world desperately in need of it.

From Rev. Jonathan Williams

Dear Saints at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

After four years of studies, I have finally completed my degree from Concordia Theological Seminary. I want to thank you for your generous support of my family and me throughout our time in Fort Wayne. We know that you have been praying for us throughout this time, and your financial support has helped us a great deal.

I have been called to serve our Lord as an associate pastor in the Horsham Lutheran Parish, which is in Horsham, Victoria, Australia. Horsham is a town of about 15,000 people in a farming region with a significant Lutheran presence. The parish has one regular congregation, as well as a school, a nursing home, and a bookstore. I am looking forward to taking up my responsibilities there, but we have to wait for a visa before we will be able to make the big move. Sarah will continue to work for the company that she works for now, which will help to make the transition to living in another country smoother. Islwyn will be starting at the Lutheran School in Horsham when we arrive. Their school year goes from mid-January to the beginning of December, so he will be joining his class in the middle of the year. He is looking forward to living in Australia and seeing the different plants and animals there. Amund will be able to start his prep year (like Kindergarten) in January. I am not sure if he understands that we are moving so far, but he knows that we will be leaving Fort Wayne. Elijah will continue to be at home with us for a few more years.

We are thankful to the Lord of the Church for his faithfulness in providing for us during this stage of our life and preparing me for service in the ministry. I know that I have much more to learn, and I look forward to seeing what He has in store for us in the future. We thank him also for the blessings that he has given us through you. Thank you.

Our Lord's richest blessings be with you this Pentecost season,
Jonathan Williams

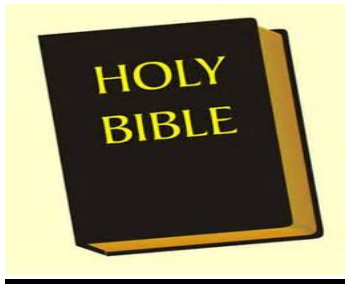
Boy Scouts of America: Why the Proposed Policy Change Matters



*A statement by the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
May 16, 2013*

Western culture is at a crucial moment in history. After 103 years of existence, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) may vote to change drastically its membership policy. For those who may be unaware, the BSA, in recent months, has discussed allowing both gay Scouts and Scout leaders into its organization. Recently, however, the BSA has changed its course. Now the vote will determine only whether to include openly homosexual Scouts as members.

LCMS leaders have been carefully monitoring the proposed BSA policy changes. When news of the proposed change was made public, I sent a letter to BSA, imploring its leadership not to make the proposed policy change. And even though the initial proposal to focus on Scout leaders has been shelved, I believe the current proposal still has unknown implications for the future of BSA as well as LCMS support and involvement. The proposed change will highlight sexuality, which has not been and should not be a matter of focus for Scouts. I suspect it will make it more challenging to care for young people struggling with same-sex attraction and perhaps open our churches to legal action. This vote matters to the LCMS. The proposed change in BSA policy on values and membership to include openly homosexual Scouts adversely affects, even supersedes, the authority of the local pastor and congregation by allowing and promoting a moral position that we as LCMS Lutherans believe is against the will of God and in opposition to Holy Scripture. This vote matters because, if enacted, the proposed change to BSA policy on values and membership will cause a crisis of conscience for our church leaders, pastors, parents and congregations. Even if the decision of values and membership remains at the local level, Scouts from troops sponsored by congregations of the LCMS will be affected because, as part of the scouting program, they also participate at regional and national scouting activities.



Monthly Worship

June 2, 2013

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 96:1-9

First Reading: 1Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43

Epistle: Galatians 1:1-12

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:1-10

June 9, 2013

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 30

First Reading: 1Kings 17:17-24

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-24

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

June 16, 2013

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

June 23, 2013

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 3

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-4:7

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

June 30, 2013

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 16

First Reading: 1Kings 19:9b-21

Epistle: Galatians: 5:1, 13-15

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

BIBLE QUIZ

1. Of the ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom, why were five accused of being foolish?

A) they did not come prepared with extra oil B) they did not come with a gift for the bridegroom C) they did not come with a second cloak D) they did not come wearing the required perfumes for a wedding

2. What was King Solomon's answer to God's question: "What do you wish from me?"

A) health B) wealth C) his enemies' death
D) wisdom

3. How did God prove to the murmuring Israelites that He chose Aaron to be the high priest?

A) the sky opened up in hail and thunder B) his branch rod budded and blossomed C) it snowed for almost half a day in the wilderness D) an earthquake split the Israelite camp in half

4. What were the twelve names inscribed into New Jerusalem's twelve foundations?

A) the twelve apostles of Jesus B) the twelve tribes of Israel C) the twelve sons of David D) the twelve cities of the early church

5. What was the total number of wives and concubines the King Solomon acquired?

A) 10 B) 100 C) 1,000 D) 10,000

6. Who said this: "As ye would that men should do to you do ye also to them likewise"?

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

Answers on "Birthday" page

June Stewardship

	<u>June 2</u>	<u>June 9</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>June 23</u>	<u>June 30</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Sarah Kohl	Jacob Huesers	Emily Larsen	Cullen Stout	Jacob Huesers
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Mike Hein	Jared Goldsmith	Mark Larsen	<i>No Communion</i>	Don Pryor
<u>Ushers</u>	Chris Batson & Don Pryor	Glenn Carlson & Robert Sieber	Glenn Carlson, Jr. & Curt Slininger	Moe Cote & Tom Huesers	Brad Fitzpatrick & Brian Watson
<u>Greeters</u>	Deb Nielsen & Anna Bisson	Avis Grant & Pat Kablitz	Julie & Sarah Kohl	Moe & Becky Cote	Tom & Katie Huesers
<u>Altar Care</u>	Deb Nielsen	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	<i>No Communion</i>	Kitty Carlson
<u>Flowers</u>	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Julie Kohl	Julie Kohl
<u>Fellowship</u>	Michelle Hein	Sharon Klipp	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

Birthdays

6/1 Peter Gaug
6/2 Angie Carlson
Beatrice Conover
Sharon Klipp
6/6 Michael Kiser
6/7 Moe Cote
6/9 Donald Schorr
6/10 Karen Markhan
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
6/19 Mike & Michelle Hein

Baptism Birthdays

6/3 Emily-Lynn Carlson
6/77 Moe Cote
6/83 Ted Evertson
6/11 Arthur Conover
6/12 Molly Therrien
6/13 Daniel Morren
6/26 Bonnie Mathieu
6/30 Donald Schorr

Confirmation

Anniversaries

6/5 Natalie Crowley
6/?? Doris Brossy

Bulletin Bloopers

---Thursday night Potluck Supper – Prayer and medication will follow.

---The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

---At the evening service tonight the sermon topic will be: “What is hell?” Come early and listen to our choir practice.

---Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Bible Quiz Answers:

- 1) A Matthew 25:1-3
- 2) D 1 Kings 3: 5-9
- 3) B Numbers 17:8
- 4) A Revelation 21:1-2, 14
- 5) C 1Kings 11:3
- 6) D Luke 6:31

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

June, 2013

Week of June 2

Sunday - 6/2 9:00am. - Worship
 6:00pm. - The Catechumenate

Monday - 6/3 6:00pm. - Board of Elders

Week of June 9

Sunday - 6/9 9:00am. - Worship
 6:00pm. - The Catechumenate

Wednesday – 6/12 6:30pm. - Board for Missions

Week of June 16

Sunday - 6/16 9:00am. - Worship

Monday - 6/16 6:00pm. - Board for Youth
 7:00pm. - Church Council

Week of June 23

Sunday - 6/23 9:00am. - Worship

Monday - 6/24 9:00am. - VBS

Tuesday - 6/25 9:00am. - VBS “Tell It On The Mountain”

Wednesday - 6/26 9:00am. - VBS

Week of June 30

Sunday - 6/20 9:00am. - Worship

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