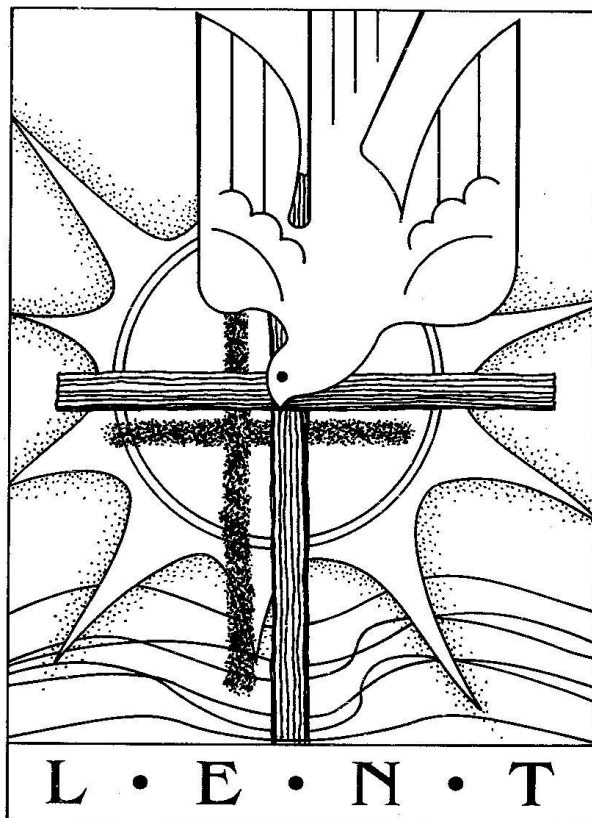


# RESURRECTION NEWS



**MARCH 2012**



## Pastor's Letter

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March, 2012

### **"What Profits A Man?"**

*"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"*

*Mark 8:36*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A small businessman, who immigrated to this country kept his accounts payable in a cigar box, his accounts receivable on a spindle, and his cash in the cash register. His son who had just graduated from a business college said, "I don't see how you can run your business this way." "How do you know what your profits are." "Son", replied the businessman, "when I got off the boat, I had only 36 cents and the pants I was wearing. Today your sister is an art teacher, your brother is a doctor, and you are an accountant. I have a car, a house, and a good business. Everything is paid for. Just add it all up, subtract 36 cents and the pants, and there's your profit."

There's something for us all to learn about ourselves in that story. Do we measure the outcome of our life by what we have become, or by what we have worked for others to become? How do you count the profit of your life?

Jesus, the Son of God, humbled HIMSELF so that WE might become something. "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21) When Jesus does an accounting of His life, He counts the sins of others that He has taken from them onto Himself. If that's how you measure profit, no one has ever lived a more profitable life than Jesus, who accounts to Himself the sin of the whole world.

Who counts profit like this? This is "cost-accounting" like the world has never seen according to "general accounting principles" like no one has ever known. I'm no accountant but I know enough about keeping books to know that for every credit there must be a corresponding debit. This is a profit and loss statement gone mad. For our sins have been credited to Jesus and our account has been debited all of the guilt we have earned. The wages of sin have been paid out to the wrong one. And so have the wages of righteousness. It's like someone put all of the credits and debits of our life in exactly the wrong side of the ledger.

- He was wounded and we are healed.
- His soul was grieved and our soul rejoices.
- He sweats bloody sweat and struggled with death and we are not afraid of death.
- He was led captive and we are set free.
- He was bound and we are loosed from the cords of sin and hell.
- He was abandoned by friends and He is always with us.
- He was rejected by God and we are reconciled with God.
- He was falsely accused by the Law and we are justified by God.
- He was stripped naked and we are clothed with robes of righteousness.
- He was sentenced to die and we are made heirs of eternal life.
- He carried the heavy burden of the cross and we are given a light and easy burden to carry.
- He thirsted and we are refreshed.
- He was cursed and we are blessed.
- He died and we live.

Strange as it sounds, this is how Jesus counts the profit of His life – and you are His profit.

We are too often lured into pursuing a profitable life by trying to gain as much of the world as we can. But **"what does it profit a man to gain the whole world,"** when he is already counted as the profit of the Lord? Count your life profitable because you are in Christ! Count your profits one

at a time as they are measured out to you through this Lenten season. Always remember how you became so rich.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

**"CONFRONTED BY THE CROSS" - MID-WEEK LENT 2012**

**Wednesdays at 6:00pm. / Thursdays at 10:30am.**



Mar. 7 - 8     **PETER**  
Mar. 14 - 15   **CAIAPHAS**  
Mar. 21 - 22   **PONTIUS PILATE**  
Mar. 28 - 29   **MARY MAGDALENE**

**Men's Breakfast Meeting - Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00am.**

**"We The People."** Is this country a "Christian Nation?" Is the Constitution a product of a Christian theology and is it its intent that we should be a Christian nation. Come join us for a lively discussion of part 2 of this engaging series on the role of the Christian in society. Breakfast starts at 8:00am. We're done by 9:30am. which leaves plenty of time for those chores.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins – Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Be sure to remember to turn your clocks ahead an hour before retiring on Saturday night.

**Women's Book Group Meeting - Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm.**

We're reading "The Red Tent." For more information, contact Sasha Fitzpatrick - #873-7202.

**New Books In The Church Library**

**Luther's Works vol. 60 - Prefaces II.** Luther wrote prefaces to many, many books and pamphlets. This new volume of Luther's Works compiles those Prefaces written between 1532 and 1545. They represent the thoughts of Luther during the later years of his life. Given by Fernando Gouvea.

**The Constantine Codex** by Paul L. Maier. A wonderful new fiction novel in his series involving famed archaeologist Jonathan Weber and his wife Shannon. In what could possibly be the greatest find in church history, a discarded biblical manuscript whose ancient pages reveal a secret that could change the way the world views the Scriptures. Or is it? A great read. Given by Avis Grant.

**Sunday School In March - 8:45am.**

3/4     Jesus Walks on Water  
3/11   Jesus Cleans the Temple  
3/18   The Widow's Mite  
3/25   Jesus and Zacchaeus

**Adult Bible Study in March - 8:45am.**

Fernando Gouvea will lead an in-depth study on the book of Lamentations during the Sundays in Lent.

**Thank You from LC-MS Missouri District**

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Dear Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

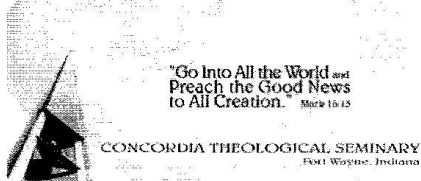
On behalf of the community of Joplin, as well as the Missouri District, thank you for your 2011 gift of \$1,000 for the recovery and rebuilding efforts in Joplin. Your compassion for the citizens of his community is a wonderful witness to your Christian concern for the people that are trying to rebuild not only their homes but also their lives. Through your gift and the many others that we have been given we are the face of Christ to Joplin's residents.

I encourage you to continue to remember the people of Joplin in your prayers. Please pray for Rev. Gregory Mech and his staff as they daily give support to the rebuilding effort. Ask God to guide the congregation as it makes decisions about its future role in supporting members and non-members alike.

In the service of Jesus Christ,

Rev. Dr. Ray G. Mirly

**A Letter from our Seminary Student at Concordia Theological Seminary – Ft. Wayne, Ind.**



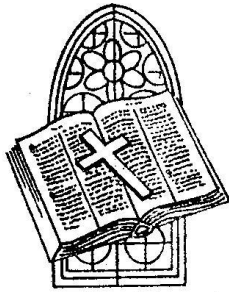
Pastor Nielsen and members of LCR,

Thank you so much for your Christmas card and the continuing support of the congregation! I'm sorry that I didn't get to meet you (pastor) at symposium, but the last couple of weeks have been quite a rollercoaster. The

week of symposium was the week that my parents left for South Africa with my youngest brother. Needless to say that it was a bit hectic with all the last minute details and I had a lot on my mind. However, I haven't forgotten about all the support that you continue to show me, especially by keeping me in your prayers. This second quarter is beginning to come to a close, so all the professors are stacking on the work. That being said, I am enjoying seminary all the more!

More recently, I turned in an application to the Navy to begin Chaplain Candidate School. This will be a long process that does not result in being a Chaplain until at least 2 years in the parish, but I am very excited about it. I seem to have caught a bit of the missionary bug from my parents, and the military really is a type of mission field that is begging for workers because of the many different stresses that our soldiers face. Regardless, I still will wait and see the paths that will unfold before me in the years to come. However, if I do get accepted into the program, part of my training will be in Rhode Island I believe, so a visit to Maine will be in order if everything works out! That's all for now, but His blessings be with you as you continue in His work!

Paul E. Rockrohr



## **Monthly Worship**

### **March 4, 2012**

#### **Second Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 22:23-31

**First Reading:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

**Epistle:** Romans 5:1-11

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 8:27-38

### **March 11, 2012**

#### **Third Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 19

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

**Holy Gospel:** John 2:13-22(23-25)

### **March 18, 2012**

#### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 107:1-9

**First Reading:** Numbers 21:4-9

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Holy Gospel:** John 3:14-21

### **March 25, 2012**

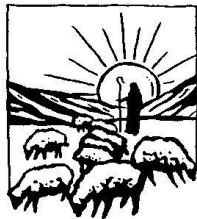
#### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 119:9-16

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Epistle:** Hebrews 5:1-10

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 10:(32-34) 34-45



Not one of all the  
good promises that the  
Lord had made ... failed;  
all came to pass.

—Joshua 21:45

1. Who was the last ruling king in the northern kingdom of Israel (or Samaria) before Assyria overtook it?

A) Hoshea B) Elah C) Ahab D) Uriah

2. How many epistles did Paul write to Timothy?

A) 0 B) 1 C) 2 D) 3

3. Who was the wicked man who plotted to annihilate every single Jew on earth?

A) Hal B) Haran C) Haman D) Halaram

4. Why did King David murder Bathsheba's husband?

A) To hide the fact that the baby Bathsheba carried was his and not her husband's B) he was found to be a traitor plotting David's assassination C) his lineage was of Esau and a hated enemy since time of old D) he was a foreigner in Israel's army and therefore not to be trusted

5. How does someone guarantee getting into heaven?

A) Believe in Jesus and pray and read the Bible regularly B) believe in Jesus and do good things for others regularly C) believe in Jesus and go to church regularly D) believe in Jesus and nothing else

6. When Jesus died, how many pieces was the temple curtain torn into?

A) two B) four C) seven D) eleven

Answers on "Birthday" page



It is not too late to be a Secret Pal. If you are interested, just see me for a form and I will get you started.

It is not too early to start thinking about this year's Christmas Fair. Please bring in your empty 1 lb. Coffee cans. If you see a crafty project that you think will sell, tell us (Debbie, Evelyn or Anna) about it. We also always need helpers. You can join us here at church on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month from 9 AM to 10:30 AM. We can also give you projects that you can complete at home.

It is time for a baby shower for Liberty and Heather. Join us for this celebration on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Invitations are in your mailboxes.

March is the month to collect health care products for the Homeless Shelter. Items needed are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, combs, brushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, diapers, baby wipes, towels, wash clothes, pillows, sheets, blankets, trash bags, disposable gloves, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, feminine products, disinfectant spray, bathroom cleaner, paper plates and cups, napkins, dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, zip-lock bags (all sizes), aluminum foil, food storage containers, and grocery store gift certificates. The box is in the Narthex by the choir loft entrance.

It is always the right time to donate MITEs. One list of Mission Grants is ending March 31<sup>st</sup>. We can help by donating our pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, and dollars. We can pray that God multiplies our offerings so all projects are funded.

Yours in Christ.

Anna Bisson, President

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**APHORISM:** A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth.

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheel chairs..
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important, because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

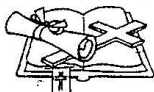


3/4 Esther Gould  
 3/17 Daniel Morren  
 3/18 Arthur Conover  
 3/21 Glenn Carlson  
 3/24 Herb Schartner  
 3/25 Mike Hein  
 3/28 Twila Kaska



3/10 Evelyn Gaug  
 3/13 Fernando Gouvea  
 3/20 Curt Mueller  
 Fred Ouellette, Sr.  
 Fred Ouellette, Jr.  
 3/?? Jim Zahner

## CONFIRMATION



### ANNIVERSARIES

3/12 Jim Zahner  
 3/16 Becky Cote  
 3/17 Art Carrano  
 Gail Carrano  
 3/27 Mark Larsen  
 3/28 Twila Kaska

Exam on which a student got a "0"  
 (or should it be 100%)?

---In which battle did Napoleon die?  
*His last battle.*

---Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?  
*At the bottom of the page.*

---River Ravi flows in which state?  
*Liquid state.*

---What is the main reason for divorce?  
*Marriage*

---What is the main reason for failure?  
*Exams*

---What can you never eat for breakfast?  
*Lunch and dinner*

---What looks like half an apple?  
*The other half*

---If you throw a red stone into the blue sea, what will it become?  
*It will become wet.*

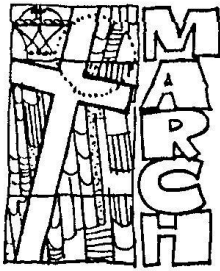
---How can a man go eight days without sleeping?  
*No problem, he sleeps at night.*

---If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in the other hand, what would you have?  
*Very large hands!*

---If it took eight men then hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?  
*No time at all, the wall is already built.*

---How can you drop an egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?  
*Any way you wish, concrete floors are very hard to crack.*

**Bible Quiz Answers:** 1) A—2Kings17: 1-6 2) C 3) C—Esther 3: 6 4) A—2Samuel 11: 4-15, 23-24 5) D—Ephesians 2: 8-9 6) A—Luke 23: 45



# STEWARDSHIP

	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emily Larsen	Sarah Kohl	Dan Morren	Emily Larsen
<b><u>Communion Assistant</u></b>	Don Pryor	Glenn Carlson	Chris Batson	Jared Goldsmith
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Eric Stout & Brad Fitzpatrick	Seth Carlson & Mike Hein	Robert Sieber & Moe Cote	Curt Slininger & Glenn Carlson, Jr.
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	Peter & Lois Doran	Brad Grierson & Joanna Ronco	Moe & Becky Cote	Finley & Emily Edwards
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>	Deb Nielsen	Karen/Sarah Mueller	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith
<b><u>Fellowship</u></b>	The Ouellettes	Kitty Carlson	Deb Nielsen	The Markhams

## OOPS!

From a worship bulletin in Cherry Valley, Ohio:

*Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (remain seated)*

Feeling a bit ambivalent, were we?



## The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection March, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:30 am Mid-Week Lent Service	2	3
4 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	5 6:00 pm Elders	6	7 6:00 pm Mid-Week Lent Service	8 9:00 am LWML 10:30 am Mid-Week Lent Service	9	10 8:00am Men's Breakfast Mtg.
11 3rd Sunday in Lent <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	12 6:00 pm Board For Youth 7:00 pm Church Council	13 7:00pm. Women's Book Group	14 6:00 pm Mid-Week Lent Service	15 10:30 am Mid-Week Lent Service	16	17
18 4th Sunday in Lent 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	19 <i>April Newsletter Deadline</i>	20	21 6:00 pm Mid-Week Lent Service	22 10:30 am Mid-Week Lent Service	23	24
25 5th Sunday in Lent 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	26	27	28 6:00 pm Mid-Week Lent Service	29 10:30 am Mid-Week Lent Service	30	31