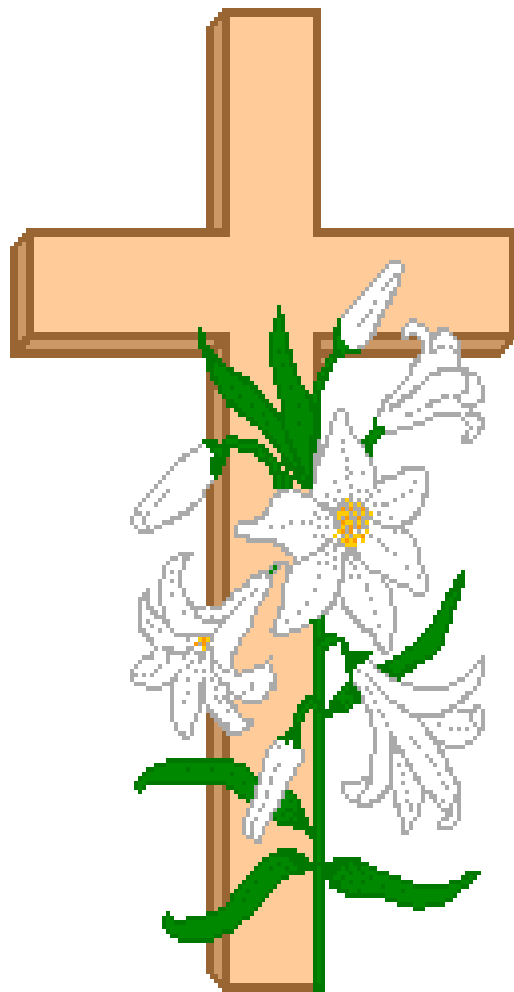


# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**MARCH 2013**



# Pastor's Letter

March, 2013

## "Reverence"

"You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord."

Leviticus 19:30

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On my way to S.E. Asia last October, I flew to Detroit where I met my friend Rev. Alan Taylor from Texas. We had an overnight layover before flying off for Tokyo and Bangkok. Alan's daughter and son-in-law live in Detroit, and so we stayed as guests in their house. David is the associate pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Detroit and Jennifer is a teacher in their Lutheran school. We were invited to attend the school's morning chapel service before leaving for the airport that afternoon.

Promptly at 7:15am, the sanctuary began to fill with class after class of children, around 280 students all together. The sanctuary was a-buzz with chatter. But then something pretty amazing happened. The church bells rang and the organ began to play the Prelude to worship, and IMMEDIATELY all chatter stopped and everything became very quiet. The children were 'reverent' when it was time to be 'reverent' in the Sanctuary.

"Reverence" is the appropriate and faithful attitude of God's children in the presence of God. Certainly we are always in the presence of God, whether we are in the Sanctuary or far from it. But to be in the Sanctuary for worship and prayer, brings us into the 'closer presence' of God. Here, we appeal to God in His triune name for forgiveness and life. Here, we receive His gracious response - Absolution. Here, the Holy Spirit brings the Word of Life into our ears and the Body and Blood of Jesus into our mouth and the miracle of faith is created, recreated and strengthened in us.

To be present in the Sanctuary for worship is most certainly a time for 'reverence' because we are in the 'nearer presence' of the holy God. "You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord." (Leviticus 19:30)

Allow me to describe what I think an appropriate 'reverence' in the Sanctuary might look like:

- Arriving at church in plenty of time to get 'settled in' before the bells ring.
- Leaving behind all beverages and food checking to be sure cell phones are turned off.
- Making necessary preparations before the service begins to avoid having to leave the Sanctuary during the service.
- Quickly bringing conversations to an end at the ringing of the bells. There should be a noticeable quiet in the Sanctuary as we prepare our hearts and minds for the divine gifts we are about to receive.
- Spending time in silent prayer during the Prelude, asking the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.
- Avoiding whispering and conversation during the service, which can also be distracting to others.
- Although little children also need their opportunity to participate in worship, for the sake of all, parents should be ready to move to the 'cry room' with them if they become too vocal.
- Fully engaging in the liturgy by listening, speaking, singing, praying, making notes in the bulletin of questions, thoughts, etc.

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

**Mid-Week Lent Services: "Confronted By The Cross - II" Wednesdays - Noon & 6:00pm.**

Each week, we will look deeply into one of the eye-witnesses of our Lord's passion, death and burial.

2/20 - Barabbas

2/27 - Simon of Cyrene

3/6 - The Centurion

3/13 - Nicodemus

3/20 - Satan

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule:**

- 3/28 - 6:00pm. Maundy Thursday. The institution of the Lord's Supper.
- 3/29 - 6:00pm. Good Friday. The passion of Christ.
- 3/31 - 10:00am. Easter. The resurrection of Jesus.  
8:30am. Easter Breakfast.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins - March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**The New "Board for Missions" - Minutes of First Meeting - February 6, 2013**

In Attendance:

Amanda Goldsmith

Michelle Hein

Andrea Watson

Betsy Gorneau

Pastor Nielsen

Brian Watson

Avis Grant

Opened with prayer and a devotion led by Pastor. Amanda filled the members in on the background leading up to the creation of the Board; including review of the Mission Giving Guidelines established May 2010, a letter from Pastor to the Council regarding missions dated 1/2012, and a rough draft mission statement prepared by Pastor in April 2012.

We discussed what our tasks and goals will be as a board. These include distributing the mission funds, establishing a process for dealing with fund requests, finalizing our mission statement, and educating the congregation on what we do and who we support.

Matching Funds - we decided that this would fit within our guidelines for giving. Ways to promote matching funds were discussed.

We decided that each request that comes in will be given to a sponsor. The sponsor does the research and reports to the Board on potential giving responses. The sponsor could also invite a representative from the organization making the request to make a presentation to the board if applicable. We have one current request from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Each member will "sponsor" an organization for next week:

Brian and Betsy will each research a local organization that we do not currently support

Michelle - First Choice Pregnancy Center

Andrea - Maine Children's Home

Avis - local food pantry

Amanda - a request from the Batson family

Homeless Shelter Meal: with the new facility the numbers are up in the 50's. Men's Breakfast will take care of the March meal. Different church committees/groups to take each monthly meal? Increase the \$50 reimbursement - put the meal reimbursement under the Missions budget

To educate the congregation: Bulletin insert - Brian will make a draft; introduce Board of Missions; explain guidelines for giving and request help or suggestions; Newsletter - quarterly missions column? Read 'thank you' notes during the announcements on Sundays; Invite representatives from the organizations we support to make a presentation.

Members of the congregation are invited to join the Board. See Amanda or Jared Goldsmith.



## **Monthly Worship**

**March 3, 2013**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 85

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33: 7-20

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 13: 1-9

**March 10, 2013**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 32

**First Reading:** Isaiah 12:1-6

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

**March 17, 2013**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 126

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43: 16-21

**Epistle:** Philippians 3 (4b-7) 8-14

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 20: 9-20

**March 24, 2013**

**Palm Sunday**

**Psalm:** 118: 19-29 or 31:9-16

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 32: 36-39

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 22:1-23:56 or 23:1-56 or

John 12: 20-43

**March 31, 2013**

**The Resurrection of our Lord**

**Psalm:** 16

**First Reading:** Isaiah 65:17-25

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 24: 1-12

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. Who was the evil queen who ruled Judah for seven years?**

- A) Queen Athaliah B) Queen Jezebel C) Queen Esther  
D) Queen Vashti

**2. Who was the baby who leaped inside his mother's womb at the sound of Mary's voice?**

- A) sunrise. B) midday C) late afternoon D) after dark

**3. When should we obey our bosses at work?**

- A) when they are looking B) when they are worth our time  
C) never if they are untrustworthy D) always whether they deserve it or not

**4. What happened when a man's ax head fell off into the Jordan River while he was chopping down trees?**

- A) it was never seen again B) a big fish scooped it up and brought it to the shore  
C) a large bird dove into the waters and rescued it D) a stick was thrown in and caused the metal ax head to float to the surface

**5. What was the relationship between James and John?**

- A) they were cousins B) they were brothers C) they were father and son  
D) they were uncle and nephew

**6. Who said this: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men"?**

- A) Levites B) prophets C) Jesus D) angels

**Answers on "Birthday" page**

# March Stewardship

	<u>March</u> <u>3</u>	<u>March</u> <u>10</u>	<u>March</u> <u>17</u>	<u>March</u> <u>24</u> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<u>March</u> <u>28</u> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<u>March</u> <u>29</u> <i>Good Friday</i>	<u>March</u> <u>31</u> <i>Easter</i>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Dan Morren	Sarah Kohl	Cullen Stout	Jacob Huesers	Emily Larsen	Sarah Kohl	Dan Morren
<u>Comm. Assist.</u>	Brad Fitzpatrick	Glenn Carlson	Don Pryor	Brian Watson	Mark Larsen	No Comm.	Chris Batson
<u>Ushers</u>	Curt Slininger & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Bill Jahnke & Robert Sieber	John Ayotte & John Gould	Seth Carlson & Moe Cote	Glenn Carlson & Brian Watson	Tom Huesers & Jared Goldsmith	Jon Morren & Mike Hein
<u>Greeter</u>	Jon & Karen Morren	Julie Kohl & Deb Nielsen	Eric & Lin Stout	Michael & Helene Kiser	Christine & Tiana Thomas	Tom & Katie Huesers	Chris & Yvonne Batson
<u>Altar Care</u>	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant	No Comm.	Deb Nielsen
<u>Altar Flowers</u>	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	The Gorneaus	The Callahans	OPEN	Kitty Carlson	----	----	Easter Breakfast



- 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



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 312 Jim Zahner
- 3/16 Becky Cote
- 3/17 Art Carrano  
Gail Carrano
- 3/27 Mark Larsen
- 3/29 Twila Kaska

### BY POPULAR DEMAND

Many who attended the baby shower several Sunday's ago, requested the recipe for a salad brought by Anna Bisson. So here it is!

### LAYERED SPINACH SALAD

- 1 (9oz.) package cheese tortellini**
- 2 cups shredded red cabbage**
- 6 cups torn spinach leaves**
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved**
- ½ cup sliced green onions**
- 1 (8 oz.) bottle prepared Italian dressing**
- 8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled**

Cook tortellini to desired doneness as directed on the package. Drain and rinse with cold water.

In a large clear glass bowl with straight sides or a 13x9-inch baking dish, layer cabbage, spinach, tortellini, tomatoes and green onions. Pour dressing evenly over the top. Sprinkle with bacon crumbles. Cover and refrigerate until serving time.

**Bible Quiz Answers:** 1) A 2 Kings 11:1-3 2) C Luke 1:41, 44, 60; 3:2-3 3) D Ephesians 6:5-6 4) D 2 Kings 6:4-6 5) B Mark 3:17 6) D Luke 2:13-14



- 3/6 Michael & Helene Kiser



- 3/10 Evelyn Gaug
- 3/13 Fernando Gouvea
- 3/19 Frederick Ouellette, Sr.  
Frederick Ouellette, Jr.

# The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## Calendar of Events

### March, 2013

#### **Week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Sunday - 3/3  
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:00am. - Worship  
6:00pm. - The Catechumenate
- Monday - 3/4  
6:00pm. - Board of Elders
- Wednesday - 3/6  
Noon - Mid-Week Lent Service  
6:00pm. - Mid-Week Lent Service  
7:00pm. - Board for Missions
- Saturday - 3/9  
8:00am. - Men's Breakfast Meeting  
5:00pm. - Homeless Shelter Meal - Men's Breakfast Group

#### **Week of March 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday - 3/10  
*Daylight Savings Time*  
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:00am. - Worship
- Wednesday - 3/13  
Noon - Mid-Week Lent Worship  
6:00pm. - Mid-Week Lent Worship

#### **Week of March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday - 3/17  
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:00am. - Worship  
6:00pm. - The Catechumenate
- Monday - 3/18  
6:00pm. - Board for Youth  
7:00pm. - Church Council
- Wednesday - 3/20  
Noon - Mid-Week Lent Worship  
6:00pm. - Mid-Week Lent Worship

#### **Week of March 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday - 3/24  
*Palm Sunday*  
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:00am. - Worship
- Thursday - 3/27  
6:00pm. - Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday - 3/28  
6:00pm. - Good Friday Service
- Sunday - 3/31  
*Easter*  
8:30am. - Easter Breakfast  
10:00am. - Worship

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