

RESURRECTION NEWS



**“For God so loved the world, that he gave
his only begotten Son, that whosoever
believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.”**

John 3:16 (KJV)

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Pastor's Letter

March, 2014



"As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day. Matthew 20:17-19

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The captain of the ship looked into the dark night and saw faint lights in the distance. Immediately he told his signalman to send a message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south." Promptly a return message was received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north." The captain was angered; his command had been ignored. So he sent a second message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south - I am the captain." So another message was received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north - I am seaman third class Jones." Immediately the captain sent a third message, knowing the fear it would evoke "Alter your course 10 degrees south - I am a battleship." Then the reply came: "Alter your course 10 degrees north - I am a lighthouse."

In the midst of our dark and foggy times, many voices are shouting orders at us, telling us what to do and how to adjust our lives. Out of the cacophony, one voice says something quite contrary to all the rest - something almost absurd. But the voice happens to be the Light of the Word, and we ignore it at our peril.

In the 20th chapter of St. Matthew's gospel we read that the captain of the ship of salvation announces to His crew that there is an immovable object which lies dead ahead and they are on a collision course with it.

Jesus warns his crew of the collision course they are on with the cross - not so they might change course and avoid it, but so that they might be prepared for it when it happens. Eventually, just as the captain forewarns, the collision occurs. Even though the crew was still not ready for it, only one dies - the captain himself.

If you've ever been in a collision in a car, you know what a crisis this is. Even a little fender-bender can leave you shaking and rattled. As the disciples collided with the cross of Jesus, it left them permanently changed men.

It is in this encounter with the cross of Jesus Christ that we are changed. There, we see the terrible toll of our sin and the death that results from it. It is at the cross that we see ourselves for who we really are; sinners, so loved by God that He would send His only Son to the cross to bear the awful punishment which we all deserve. That's enough to change a person, or at least it should be.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

The Season of Lent: Begins on Ash Wednesday - March 5th. NOON and 6:00PM.

This year, we will be offering ALL mid-week Lenten services at both NOON and 6:00PM. We hope that this gives everyone the opportunity to attend all Lenten services throughout the season.

The theme for mid-week Lent services this year will be "BY FAITH..." taken from Hebrews 11. *"Now faith is the assurance of thing hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*

3/5 - "By faith we understand that the universe was created..." Heb.11:3

3/19 - "By faith Abel..." Heb.11:4

3/26 - "By faith Enoch..." Heb.11:5-6

4/2 - "By faith Noah..." Heb.11:7

5/9 - "By faith Abraham..." Heb.11:8-10

A special "Devotional Reading Guide and Journal" is being prepared to equip you to bring the theme of our Lenten season into your daily life.

"MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING" - Saturday, March 8th - 8:00am.

Men, come join us for a great time of lively conversation, fellowship and examination of how God's Word guides us in our walk of faith. Bring a friend! Chris Batson and Mike Hein are this morning's chefs. Don't miss it.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - March 9th.

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

"MISSION SUNDAY" - Sunday, March 16th.



Our first ever "Mission Sunday" will be sponsored by the Board for Missions on March 16th. Special guest Rev. Joel Cundiff and his wife Jennifer will be present to lead Adult Bible Study and preach at worship. A special POT LUCK supper will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall. The Cundiffs just returned from Kenya, where they spent six months working with "Capstone Ministries." The congregation supported their work with a mission grant of \$1000 through the Board for Missions. Come and meet the Cundiffs and listen to the wonderful work that is being done in the name of Jesus Christ. Oh, and bring a favorite dish for the pot-luck dinner.

"CHILD CARE NIGHT" on Saturday, March 22nd from 4:30pm - 8:00pm. The youth attending the **Higher Things Youth Conference** in Wisconsin this summer are inviting you to help support their adventure. Here's how it works. Parents may bring their children to the church. The youth, with supervision from parents and pastor, will occupy the children with crafts, games, singing and dinner while parents enjoy a night out. Parents may make a 'free will offering' for the Youth Convention. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex that parents should be sure to sign up on so that adequate preparations may be made. Please see any of the youth for more information.

"HOME MADE PASTA DINNER" on Sunday, March 30th - after worship. The youth attending the **Higher Things Youth Conference** in Wisconsin this summer are inviting you to help support their adventure. They will be making homemade pasta on Saturday the 29th and serving it with several kinds of sauce on Sunday after worship. A 'freewill' donation will be received and all proceeds will go towards the conference expenses. There will be packages of pasta for purchase to take home as well.

FROM THE 1ST CHOICE PREGNANCY CENTER - WATERVILLE

Had an abortion? Think you can't be forgiven? Struggling with guilt? Do you bare secret shame? You are invited to join us as we travel through our 'Forgiven and Set Free' Bible Study. Led by women who understand! Tuesdays, March 11th-June 3rd from 6:00-8:00 pm

First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center

295 Kennedy Memorial Drive Suite 2, Waterville

Pre-register by March 5th by calling 872-5070 or e-mail firstchoicewendy@yahoo.com

BOARD FOR MISSIONS MEETING MINUTES - 2/12/14

Minutes: February 12, 2014

Present: Brian Watson, Andrea Watson; Avis Grant; Deb Nielsen; Dan Callahan, Pastor Nielsen.

Current Projects:

1. Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter

- Amanda to request approval for \$2,900 for MMHS – Elevator project at the February 17 Church Council Meeting.
- Men's Clothing Drive a huge success. Discussed doing it again in a year with emphasis on outreach to various connections that members have with friends, work, etc.
- Board members to bring at least one recipe to March meeting to develop catalog of ideas.
- Brian to inform the Board of upcoming 'Volunteer Day' at Shelter to organize clothing, etc.
- Board to work on list of potential groups / individuals to do meals.

2. Garuna Foundation

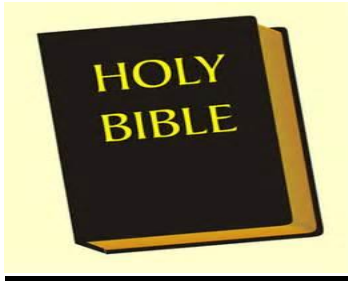
- We examined the Garuna Foundation web-site and viewed a video regarding "Garuna Kids." A child sponsorship program for schooling for children in Cambodia. \$30/month covers tuition, books, uniform. Board discussed the value of having a trusted program to invest in as well as a 'global' program to balance the 'local' programs we are involved in.
- We agreed to sponsor 3 children for 2014. The goal is to sponsor 30 children in 2015, which is enough for Garuna to build a school. We will invite Rev. Jeff Ehlers to come to present the program to us for the 2015 Mission Sunday.

3. Mission Sunday – 2014

- Pastor will contact the Cundiffs to confirm arrangements. Brian made reservations for 15 at Amica Cucina for dinner on Saturday evening with Mission Board.
- Pastor will contact MMHS and MCH to invite to attend Mission Sunday.
- Pot-Luck dinner to follow worship on Sunday, 3/16.

4. Seminary Student Visit

- Pastor had lunch with Greg Bauch while he was at the Seminary in January. Greg and family are to visit with us on Sunday, June 1st. Board will fund travel expenses for Greg from mission budget. Program will be for him to preach during worship and speak at a dinner to follow.



Monthly Worship

March 2, 2014

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm: 2:6-12

First Reading: Exodus 24:8-18

Epistle: 2 Peter 11:16-21

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

March 9, 2014

First Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 32:1-7

First Reading: Genesis 3:1-21

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

March 16, 2014

Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 121

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Epistle: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

March 23, 2014

Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 95:1-9

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle: Romans 5:1-8

Holy Gospel: John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)

March 30, 2014

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 142

First Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41 or John 9:1-7, 13-17, 4-39

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What unusual did the soldiers accompanying Saul to Damascus see and hear?

- A) they saw nothing unusual but heard a voice
- B) they saw a strange man in glowing raiment but heard nothing
- C) they saw both a strange man in glowing raiment and heard a voice
- D) they did not see or hear anything unusual

2. What did Jonathan do that almost cost him his life?

- A) he took on the Philistines single-handedly
- B) he broke his father's oath of fasting and ate some honey
- C) he made love to a prostitute who bore him a son
- D) he stole money from the Lord's treasure to buy food

3. What country did little Jesus and his parents flee to after the wise men's visit?

- A) Egypt
- B) Syria
- C) Rome
- D) Babylon

4. What was God's fatal punishment to the Israelites when they showed their unbelief ten times?

- A) every single person would die of starvation
- B) every adult was condemned to die in the wilderness
- C) every child would contract leprosy
- D) every child would die of thirst

5. From what city did Paul hail?

- A) Lystra
- B) Tarsus
- C) Cyprus
- D) Ephesus

6. Who said this: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"?

- A) Joshua
- B) Moses
- C) Abraham
- D) Jacob Agrippa

Answers on "Birthday" page



CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/4 Esther Gould
- 3/17 Daniel Morren
- 3/18 Arthur Conover
- 3/21 Glenn Carlson
- 3/23 Abigail Edwards
- 3/24 Herb Schartner
- 3/25 Michael Hein
- 3/28 Twila Kaska

- 3/12 Jim Zahner
- 3/16 Becky Cote
- 3/17 Gail Carrano
- 3/27 Mark Larsen
- 3/29 Twila Kaska

OLD CEMETERIES

A truly Happy Person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour. AND, one who can enjoy browsing old cemeteries. There are some fascinating things on old tombstones!



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/6 Michael & Helene Kiser

Harry Edsel of Albany, NY
Born 1903—Died 1942

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down.

It was.

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In a Thurmont Maryland cemetery:
Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

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In a Ribbsford, England cemetery:
Anna Wallace

The children of Israel wanted bread,
And the Lord sent them manna.
Clark Wallace wanted a wife,
And the Devil sent him Anna.



- 3/10 Evelyn Gaug
- 3/13 Fernando Gouvea
- 3/19 Frederick Ouellette
- Frederick Ouellette, Jr.
- 3/?? Jim Zahner

- BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. **A** Acts 9:7
 2. **B** 1Samuel 14: 24, 27, 43 3. **A** Matthew 2:13-15 4. **B** Numbers 14: 22-23 5. **B** Acts 21:39
 6. **A** Joshua 24:15

MARCH STEWARDSHIP

	<u>March 2</u>	<u>March 5</u> Ash Wed. 12:00 noon	<u>March 5</u> Ash Wed. 6:00 p.m.	<u>March 9</u>	<u>March 16</u>	<u>March 23</u>	<u>March 30</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Sarah Kohl	-----	Emily Larsen	Sarah Kohl	Jacob Huesers	Emily Larsen	Sarah Kohl
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Brad Fitzpatrick	Don Pryor	Mark Larsen	No Communion	Mike Hein	Curt Slininger	Brian Watson
<u>Ushers</u>	Glenn Carlson & John Gould	John Ayotte & Tom Huesers	Brian Watson & Finley Edwards	Seth Carlson & Moe Cote	Chris Batson & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Jon Morren & Jared Goldsmith	Bill Jahnke & Tom Huesers
<u>Greeters</u>	John & Esther Gould	Tom & Katie Huesers	Brian & Andrea Watson	David Leigh & Julie Kohl	Dorothy McAllister & Avis Grant	Chester & Evelyn Gilbert	Fred & Amy Ouellette
<u>Altar Care</u>	Deb Nielsen	Sharon Conover	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson
<u>Flowers</u>	OPEN	No Flowers- Lent	No Flowers- Lent	No Flowers- Lent	No Flowers- Lent	No Flowers- Lent	No Flowers- Lent
<u>Fellowship</u>	The Gorneaus	-----	-----	Sharon Klipp	Pot Luck Luncheon	The Ouellettes	Kitty Carlson

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

March, 2014

Week of March 2nd

Sunday - 3/2

8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
6:30pm. - The Catechumenate

Wednesday - 3/5

ASH WEDNESDAY
Noon - Ash Wednesday Service
6:00pm. - Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday - 3/6

6:00pm. - Inquirers Class

Saturday - 3/8

8:30am. - Men's Breakfast Meeting

Week of March 9th

Sunday - 3/9

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 3/12

6:30pm. - Board for Missions

Thursday - 3/13

6:00pm. - Inquirers Class

Saturday - 3/15

Board for Missions Dinner with Rev. Cundiff

Week of March 16th

Sunday - 3/16

MISSIONS SUNDAY
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
11:30am. - Pot Luck Supper
6:00pm. - Board of Elders

Tuesday - 3/18

Wednesday - 3/19

Noon - Mid-Week Lenten Worship
6:00pm. - Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Saturday - 3/22

Child Care Night - Higher Things Youth

Week of March 23rd

Sunday - 3/23

8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
6:30pm. - The Catechumenate

Monday - 3/24

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

Wednesday - 3/26

Noon - Mid-Week Lenten Worship
6:00pm. - Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Week of March 30th

Sunday - 3/30

8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
11:30am. - Homemade Pasta Supper - Higher Things Youth

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