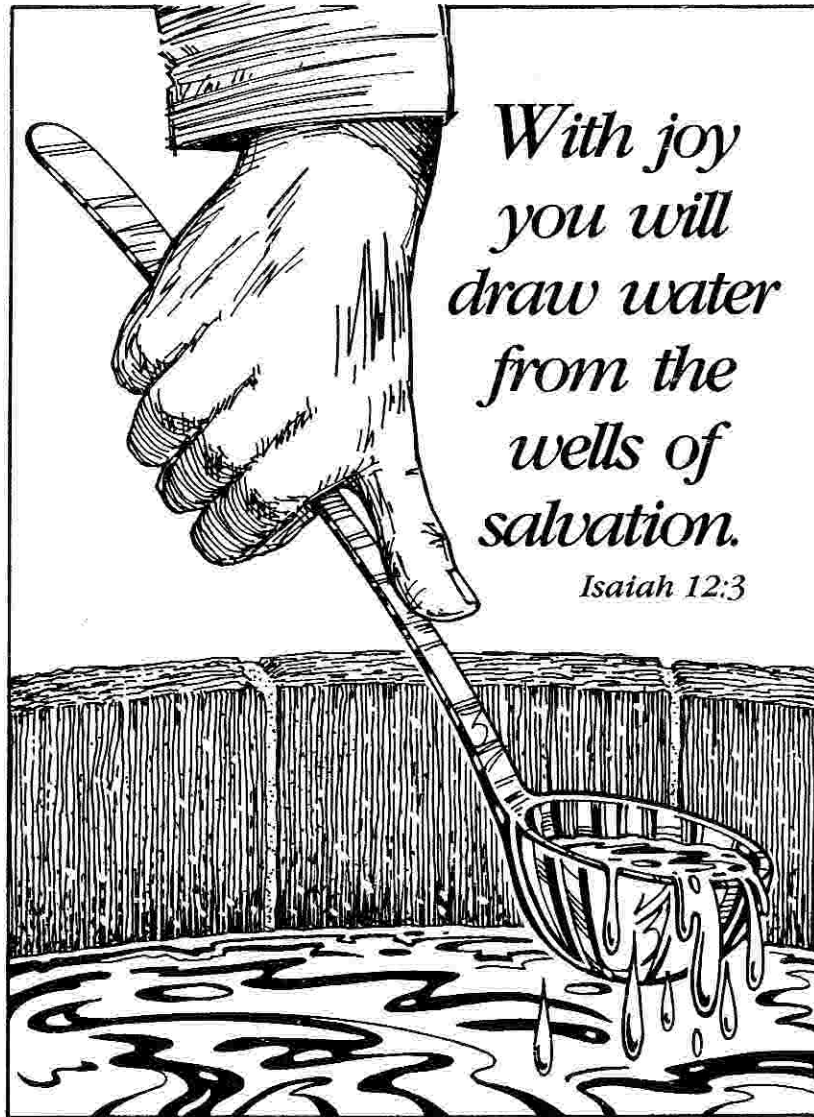


RESURRECTION NEWS



*With joy
you will
draw water
from the
wells of
salvation.*

Isaiah 12:3

MAY 2011



Pastor's Letter

May, 2011

Funeral Sermon
George Kohl
April 10, 2011

Grace to you, and peace from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done, they bid my fears depart." (LSB #565 st.1)

There is nothing that speaks gladness to our heart in the face of death, except the Word of God, because this Word tells us about the WORKS OF CHRIST and that ALL IS DONE, or as Christ Himself put it – IT IS FINISHED!

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

The story is told of a father and his young daughter who went for a drive together. It was a nice day and the windows of the car were open. Everything was going just fine until a bee flew into the car. The little girl was terrified of bees. The father said, 'don't be afraid' as he snatched the bee off the dashboard in his hand. He winced as the stinger went into palm. But then, he opened his hand and released the bee as said to his daughter, 'there, nothing to be afraid of. It can't hurt you anymore.'

Jesus Christ took the sting of death into Himself. Just look at His palms and you'll see where the iron stingers went all the way through. But because He has taken the sting of death into Himself, we need no longer fear death.

"Thy wounds not mine O Christ, can heal my bruised soul;
thy stripes, not mine contain the balm that makes me whole." (LSB #565 st.2)

Just before we sang the hymn, you spoke the words of St. Paul to the Philippians. **"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I don not know! I am torn between the two; I desire to depart and be with Christ, which his better by far."** (Phil. 1:21-23).

Unlike St. Paul, George Kohl was not torn between living and dying. He did not desire to depart and be with Christ. His desire was to go on living in the body and continue his fruitful labor. He wanted Julie to get his laptop from school so that he could put together some lesson plans for his students. He didn't want them to fall behind. After more than 20 years of teaching, he was still gaining momentum.

He loved his work and he loved his students. Just eight hours before he died, he was talking about how fortunate he was to have had so many wonderful students.

How many of you here are or have been one of Mr. Kohl's students, raise your hands. I've read your comments on 'facebook.' You have paid him a wonderful tribute. I understand that you had already planned to dedicate this year's Yearbook to Mr. Kohl.

As I read your wonderful comments though, I couldn't help but wonder how many of you told him how you felt about him while he was still alive? Take the opportunity to express your appreciation to your teachers and to your parents while you have the chance.

We heard the words of the Prophet Isaiah remind us that **"all men are like grass, and their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall."** Man is mortal and mortal man does not live forever. No matter how glorious our life is, no matter how indispensable we think we are, we will all die. For some, it comes far too soon. For others, it takes far too long.

There is an idea that has been circulating around for quite a while that this is all that there is to a person's life. You're born, you live, you die, and that's all that there is. I don't know where that idea comes from, because even if you look at the grass or the flowers of the field, they die but they come back to life again. We could learn something about our life from the grass and flowers.

God has built hints of resurrection from death into nature. Everyday the sun sets only to rise again every morning to shatter the darkness of the night. The crocuses are just beginning to bloom, reminding us that that which lies buried in the ground is not dead but arises in beauty. God has put these reminders of resurrection from death all around us and we would do well to pay attention to them with the eyes of faith.

But we would do even better to pay attention to the Word of the Lord. **"The grass withers and the flowers fall, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD STANDS FOREVER."**

The Word of the Lord is the good news that God so loved George Kohl, and you, that He sent His only Son, that whoever believes in him would NOT DIE, but have eternal life."

Sad to say, but unlike the grass and the flowers of the field, God did not make men and women in such a way that they rise again on his own. The grass and the flowers rise from the ground according to the rotation of the earth around the sun and the seasons of the year. But that is not the case with man. And that's because of sin.

Grass and flowers don't sin against God. They don't rebel against their creator. They always do just what they were created by God to do. But man was created with the capacity to sin against God. A capacity that the very first man and woman exercised. And ever since, men and woman have not been capable of not sinning. And where there is sin there is death. And as long as sin remains there can be no life, no resurrection from the dead.

So the good news, the very best news, is that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ into this world to take away the sin of the world. He did not come into this world to take away the sin of the grass and flowers, but to take away the sin of men and women, boys and girls, so that we would not die but live. He took the sin of the world upon Himself and crucified it in His body on the cross. And now that sin has been atoned for, there can be a resurrection from the dead. And sure enough, on the 3rd day, He rose from the dead. *"Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed, alleluia!"*

"So, if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:30)

"Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the crushing load
of sins that none could bear but the incarnate God." (LSB #565 st.3)

In 1952, George Kohl was united to the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ through Holy Baptism. All of his sins were washed away in the water. **"His death was swallowed up in Christ's victory over death.** (1 Corinthians 15:56)

I beg you not to misunderstand my intentions here. It is not my intention to evangelize. This is not the time for that. But it is my intention to offer REAL COMFORT to Julie and Sarah and all of who mourn the loss of a wonderful man, a son and brother and friend, a co-worker, a teacher, a neighbor. And I know of no other REAL COMFORT to offer than that of the Word of the Lord.

I tell you with complete confidence that even though George Kohl has died, yet he lives, because THE WORD OF THE LORD STANDS FOREVER. The Kingdom of God will not be shut down. **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."** (John 11:25). **"Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved."** (Mark 16:16)

So let a new idea take root in your heart and mind. The idea that, by the atoning sacrifice of Christ crucified, God has opened the door to birth, life, death and then, RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL LIFE.

So even while we here continue to struggle with the bonds of sin, the dead in Christ are once and for all set free from those bonds.

Even while we grieve and shed many tears, God has wiped away every tear from their eyes.

Even while we suffer with sickness and pain, they are set from from all suffering and pain.

Even while we enjoy fleeting moments of happiness and joy, their joy never ceases.

"Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me;

no righteousness avails save that which is of Thee.

To whom save Thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?" (LSB #565 st.5)

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Summer Service Schedule Begins Sunday, May 29th.

Worship will begin at 9:00am. Sunday School will be in recess.

Sunday School End Of Year Celebration: Sunday, May 22nd.

Plan to join us immediately after worship on the 22nd as we celebrate the end of another successful year of Sunday School. A whole congregation picnic, Sunday School Staff recognition, lots of games and activities. Last year's celebration was terrific. This year's promises to be even better. Sponsored by the Board For Youth.

Friendship Sunday - May 29th - 9:00am.

People who do not come to church consistently say that they would visit a church if someone they knew invited them to come with them. "FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY" is just the excuse to ask that unchurched friend to be your guest for the morning.

Vacation Bible School - June 27th – July 1st.

The dates for this year's VBS have been moved up a week due to extra school time because of snow days. Please set aside the dates now.

Thank You From Colby Christian Fellowship:

Thank you for supporting our work week in New Orleans over Spring Break. We appreciate your generosity! Stephen, Katarina, Erin, Kelsey, Ellen, Chris, Gareth, Katherine, Mary, Emily, Amee, Josephine, Beatrice, Ellen.

Thank You From The Garuna Foundation

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus our Savior! On behalf of the The Garuna Foundation, I want to thank you for your very generous contribution of \$300. Your gracious contribution will be used to help bring the grace, mercy and compassion (Garuna in Thai) of Jesus Christ to the multitudes of those in Thailand and surrounding countries who have not yet had an opportunity to hear of His precious love and forgiveness. Once again, thank you very much for your kind gift. May God richly bless you as you continue in the service of our Savior. Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Jeffery Ehlers, Chairman.

Thank You From First Choice Pregnancy Center – Waterville

Thank you very much for the recent \$300 gift from your mission fund. It is a great blessing. As you may know, we do not receive any funds from federal or state government. All of our support comes from churches and individuals who value life. Thank you, also, for your encouragement to press on in this ministry.
For life and Jesus,
Wendy Merrill. Director, First Choice PRC

Thank You From Open Arms Pregnancy Center – Augusta

Thank you for your donation of \$300 and for your support of our new center. I will spend your donation wisely, deciding what will make the most difference for the success of the mission to these girls. I will send you a letter later to tell you how the funds were used. For now I want to give you an update about how things are going so far. Open Arms Pregnancy Center opened in the middle of May of 2010. Our statistics for the year show that we had 56 new clients come in for help and support during those 7 ½ months. Of course it is not really about numbers, but about babies, young moms and situations. I have had good opportunities to share my faith with some of them and even to pray with them. Thank you from us and from those we help for doing your part to make this possible.
Pat Bonney. OAPC Director.

Thank You From Beatrice Conover

April 6, 2011

Hello!

I am writing to thank you for your support that helped me go ~~the~~ help rebuild New Orleans last week and tell you a bit about my experience. After a very long bus ride, I and about fifty other college students from Brown, RISD, and Middlebury arrived in New Orleans. We stayed in a building owned by a local church that hosts volunteers frequently. They had rooms with bunk beds for us and cooked us wonderful food. While we were there we got to eat lots of New Orleans style food including red beans & rice, jambalaya, and boiled shrimp. When we went into the tourist area of the city for an afternoon, I also got to eat amazing crab cakes and Beignets.

But I didn't go to New Orleans for the food; so on to the actual reason I was there. On our first afternoon in NOLA we took a bus tour of the city, mainly going through the 9th Ward (the poorest area) and downtown/the French Quarter (the tourist area). As I went through the downtown area, it was amazing to think that much of it was many feet underwater. It has been so well built back up, you can hardly tell. In contrast, the 9th Ward still has many houses that have hardly been touched since the storm and some houses are completely gone. It is so strange to see the houses that already have been fixed right next to the ones that have a long way to go. A lot of the fixed houses are colorful, artsy, and quite beautiful. The 9th Ward is the farthest area below sea level in New Orleans and the levy broke there so it had the worst flooding. I had not realized how much work still needs to be done there. Apparently since many people inherit houses from their parents and the houses don't always change names properly, insurance companies tell the residents that it turns out their houses are not insured. Because of this, a large fraction of houses can only be rebuilt with the help of volunteers.

The house that I helped rebuild was a brick house in the Upper 9th Ward that got badly flooded but the structure remained intact. Before we got there, the house had been completely gutted and any missing wooden framework inside had been replaced. Our job for the week was to put up insulation and drywall. It was hard work and very satisfying. We finished the insulation and made good progress on the drywall. Barbara, the woman to whom the house belongs is staying a couple blocks away so she dropped by a few times a day. It was great to see her and see her excitement that she is finally going to be able to move back home.

Thank you so much for helping make this trip possible for me. I'm really glad that I was able to go!

Have a lovely day,

Beatrice



**The LWML is built on faith in our Lord God,
prayers, and your MITEs to spread His Word.**

**I want to share this mission story with you to
see how a little "pocket change" and the
power of God can help so many.**

MISSION GRANT STORY

BODY AND SOUL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN INDIA: \$50,000

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

The India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) is reaching out to its members and others with physical care and the saving Gospel message. Through Christ's mercy this grant will touch children and young adults in great need in the Tamil Nadu District of India.

In 1930 the Missouri Evangelical Lutheran India Mission (MELIM) School was built for the children of mine workers at the Kolar Gold Fields. After being taken over by the government, the mines were depleted and the workers became unemployed and homeless. These workers are now unable to pay school fees or feed their children. A portion of this grant will be used to assist 115 students with school supplies, hygiene items, food, school uniforms, and shoes. This aid will improve the living conditions of these students and through this care bring families and community members into the life of the church.

With some of the remaining grant money the IELC will develop a vocational and educational program for girls who drop out of school. Many of these girls are sold and forced into prostitution. The Bethesda Hospital in Tamil Nadu, India, would like to start a two-year vocational/educational program through which girls can be trained to serve as nurses' assistants. They would also receive help to find employment in reputable healthcare facilities. This grant provides funds for 20 students.

The IELC would also assist the town of Kanyakumari with education and employment training for tsunami-affected young adults. In the four years since the tsunami, residents have not recovered from the economic and psychological despair that plagues this area. There are few educational and employment opportunities; thus many young people turn to criminal acts in

an attempt to support themselves. A resource center would be set up where the church will provide three months of education and job training for these young adults. The plan is to assist three groups of 15 students each. After completion of this training, the participants will receive a set of tools or a modest amount of money enabling them to become self-sufficient.

With the help and prayers of the LWML this grant of \$50,000 will provide education to the downtrodden children and young adults of India.



**This is one of many mission stories that we can
be a part of. Remember to leave a little
"pocket change" in the MITE box each week.
The MITE box is on the table just before the
entrance to the sanctuary.**

Our next LWML meeting is May 12th at 9AM.

**Yours in Christ,
Anna Bisson, Pres.**

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**A paraprosoction is a figure of speech in which
the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising
or unexpected in a way that causes the reader to
reframe or reinterpret the first part. Here are a
few examples:**

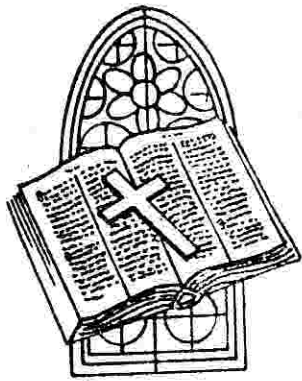
----Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any
more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

----Light travels faster than sound. That is why some
people appear bright until you hear them speak.

----We never really grow up; we only learn how to
act in public.

----Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;
wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

----The early bird might get the worm, but the second
mouse gets the cheese.



Monthly Worship

May 1, 2011

Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 148

First Reading: Acts 5:29-42

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Holy Gospel: John 20: 19-31

May 8, 2011

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 116: 1-14

First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Holy Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

May 15, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

May 22, 2011

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 146

First Reading: Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

May 29, 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 66:8-20

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Holy Gospel: John 14: 15-21



1. Following Elijah's prophesy that there would be no rain or dew in the land of Israel for several years, the Lord told Elijah that this animal would bring them food:

A) Wild donkey B) Raven C) Dolphin

2. According to the gospel of Mark, John baptized people with this:

A) Water B) The Holy Spirit C) Olive oil

3. Jesus' last words in the book of *Revelation* are these:

A) Peace be with you B) Go and make disciples of all nation C) I am coming soon

4. This Old Testament book is sandwiched between Habakkuk and Haggai:

A) Zephaniah B) Isaiah C) Joel

5. In John 15, Jesus tells his disciples that he is the vine and they are this:

A) The ripened grapes B) The vine dresser/gardner C) The branches

6. This prophet rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem:

A) Nehemiah B) Jonah C) Micah

"Answers on "Birthday page."



STEWARDSHIP

May 1

May 8

May 15

May 22

May 29
9:00 AM
SERVICE

Acolyte

Emily Larsen

Dan Morren

Emily Larsen

**Emily
Monteleone**

Sarah Kohl

**Comm.
Assistant**

Chris Batson

Glenn Carlson

Mark Larsen

Don Pryor

Eric Stout

Ushers

**Moe Cote
&
Don Pryor**

**Mark Larsen
&
Jon Morren**

**Bill Jahnke
&
Seth Carlson**

**John Gould
&
Jared
Goldsmith**

**Glenn
Carlson, Jr.
&
John Ayotte**

Greeters

**Moe & Becky
Cote**

**Irma
Mytinger
&
Deb Nielsen**

**Peter & Lois
Doran**

**Jared
&
Amanda
Goldsmith**

**Julie Kohl
&
Doris Brossy**

Altar Guild

**Amanda
Goldsmith**

Amy Oullette

Kitty Carlson

Esther Gould

**LeeAnne
Larsen**

Flowers

Sharon Klipp

Avis Grant

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**Chris
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Fellowship

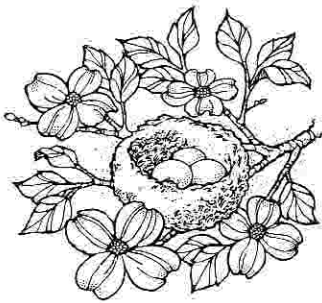
**Becky & Moe
Cote**

**Karen
&
George
Markham**

**Amanda
&
Jared
Goldsmith**

Amy Ouellette

**Friendship
Sunday
Potluck
Brunch**



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**HAPPY
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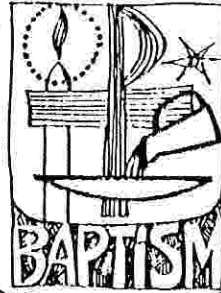


- 5/2 Sarah Mueller
- 5/3 Don Pryor
- 5/4 Emily-Lynn Carlson
- 5/6 John Mueller
- 5/15 Kitty Carlson
- 5/16 Kenneth Zahner
Bonnie Mathieu
Mollie Therrien
- 5/18 Richard Dostie
- 5/22 Sasha Fitzpatrick
- 5/23 Anna Bisson
- 5/24 Amanda Goldsmith
- 5/26 Sue Niles
- 5/27 Christine Thomas
- 5/30 Frances Sieber
Ted Evertson
- 5/31 Jared Goldsmith



*Anniversaries
this month*

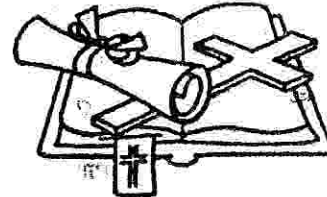
- 5/4 Art & Gail Carrano
- 5/5 Moe & Becky Cote
- 5/7 Pat & Jeffery Kablitz
- 5/17 David & Diane Jacques



**BAPTISM
BIRTHDAYS**

- 5/2 Jim Pryor
- 5/12 Avis Grant
- 5/17 Callum Goldsmith
- 5/23 Polly Parks-Stamm
- 5/30 Beatrice Conover
- 5/?? Richard Dostie
Jason Long

CONFIRMATION



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Joe Krolak
- 5/8 Moe Cote
- 5/10 Matthew Esculano
Angie Carlson
Amanda Goldsmith
Jared Goldsmith
- 5/15 Alex LeBeau
Bob Mueller
- 5/18 Peter Doran
Sue Niles
- 5/23 Ben Parks-Stamm
Elizabeth Parks-Stamm
- 5/31 LeeAnne Larsen
- 5/?? Jeanne Therrien
Lois Doran

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS:

1) B; 1 Kings 17:1-6 2) A; Mark 1:8 3) C;
Revelation 22:20 4) A 5) C; John 15:1-8 6) A;
Nehemiah 1:1-3, 2:1-6

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday after Easter 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	2 <div>Pastor Nielsen at Spring Pastors Conference</div>	3	4	5 7:00 Inquirers Class	6	7
8 2nd Sunday after Easter 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	9 6:00 pm Bd. For Youth	10	11	12 9:00 am LWML 7:00 Inquirers Class	13	14
15 3rd Sunday after Easter 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	16 7:00 pm Church Council	17	18	19 7:00 Inquirers Class	20	21
22 4th Sunday after Easter 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Celebration	23 June Newsletter Deadline	24 7:00pm. Women's Book Group	25	26 7:00 Inquirers Class	27	28
29 5th Sunday after Easter 9:00 am Worship (Summer Schedule Begins)	30	31				