

RESURRECTION NEWS



Pentecost

MAY 2012



Pastor's Letter

May, 2012

"The Anniversary of the Titanic"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There were a number of efforts launched last month 'celebrate' the 100th anniversary of the tragedy of the 'Titanic.' The television and local movie theaters aired the movie. Replica dinners were served at area restaurants. A replica ship set sail on a commemorative voyage retracing the route of the original one. It struck me, as it may have you too, that there was something weird about the whole idea of replicating such a terrible disaster.

The "Titanic" was the pinnacle of human achievement for its time. It was the largest moving object ever to be built, let alone float on water. It was 'unsinkable.' Its builders clearly wanted to make a name for themselves. The ship set sail with only 20 lifeboats for the 2,223 passengers onboard. After all, what would an unsinkable ship need with lifeboats?

We all know how the story goes. It struck an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland and sank within three hours. Only 650 people survived. 1573 of the passengers died in the icy waters of the Atlantic. What is most tragic however is that the 20 lifeboats had the capacity to hold 1,178 passengers, almost twice as many as the 650 who got into them. Maybe the greatest tragedy however was that so many more people could have been saved if only they had gotten into a lifeboat.

Every day we live with a tragedy even greater than the "Titanic" because so many people perish while the lifeboat of God's grace in Jesus Christ is right there.

Noah's ark was surely the biggest thing that anyone had ever built in that day. Noah must have taken a lot of ridicule from others while he was building the ark. Undoubtedly everyone who watched him build this incredible ship on dry ground with no water in sight asked Noah why he was doing such a strange thing.

What a tremendous opportunity Noah had to warn of the coming judgment of God upon the sin of the world. He would surely have told people about God's threat, "to wipe mankind...from the face of the earth..." He would have told them that God had seen how great man's wickedness had become, and "that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time." (Gen.6:5,7). Certainly he would have asked them to repent and come onboard with he and his family.

But in the end, everyone who passed by Noah ignored his warning and said to themselves, "Ah, that could never happen." And they all perished when God immersed the world in water. What a terrible tragedy.

According to the movie, of the 20 lifeboats that made it off of the ship before it sank, only one returned looking for survivors. That may be a good way to think about our mission – "To Open Hearts: Through the Message of Christ Crucified." We have been brought into the lifeboat by the grace of God through Holy Baptism. In love for our neighbor, we go into the world and reach out to those drowning in sin and despair with the lifesaving message of the gospel. We dare not worry about the lifeboat becoming too crowded. We are not interested in replicating the great disaster of the 'Titanic.' Rather, we are interested in replicating the great rescue and deliverance of the Resurrection.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Men's Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, May 12th 8:00am.

"A Brief Look at the Jehovah's Witnesses." In response to popular demand, pastor Nielsen will offer a brief overview of the basic tenants of "The Watchtower Society," or Jehovah's Witnesses. Breakfast begins at 8:00am. We're done by 9:30am. Plenty of time to get home and do the chores!

The Ascension of Our Lord - Worship Service - 6:00pm. May 17th.

The disciples of the Lord remained confused, nervous and unsure of Jesus' resurrection and its meaning until He ascended into heaven. "Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God." Every time we confess the Christian faith in the historic, ecumenical creeds, we include Christ's ascension into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead. The Ascension of Our Lord is one of the landmark holy days in the life of the Christian Church along with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Please set aside May 17th to join us in worship.

Summer Service Schedule Begins Sunday, May 27th.

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

Sunday School End Of Year Celebration: Sunday, May 20th.

Plan to join us immediately after worship on the 20th 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. Sponsored by the Board For Youth.

Vacation Bible School - 'AMAZING DESERT JOURNEY' - June 25th - 27th. 9:00am - 11:30am.

No fairy tale creations here—this VBS theme is drawn right out of the Bible! The journey begins as Adam and Eve leave the lush oasis and enter a life of sin in the desert. After all, if children don't know we have sin, then they won't know their need for a Savior. From there, children see how Moses led the Israelites on a journey through the desert and Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. The week ends with a joyful celebration of the Resurrection and the heavenly home God has prepared for us. At the center of all teachings is our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ. Please set aside the dates now. Please begin to invite your friends to come. Our goal this year is year is to have 50 children participate in VBS. Preschool through 5th grade. See Sasha Fitzpatrick for more information or to volunteer to help.

VBS Staff Meeting: Sunday, May 6th after worship. Room #201.**Thank You – from Lutheran Malaria Initiative**

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for your gift! I am thankful that you have included the Lutheran Malaria Initiative in your stewardship. I thank God for your gift of \$1,500. Please pray for our staff and the staff of Lutheran World Relief as they carry out our efforts in helping to wipe out this great disease of poverty. You are a part of a great crowd of witnesses who on behalf of the people of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod share Christ's mercy. None of it would happen without you. Thank you!

In Christ,

Rev. Matthew Harrison

President – LCMS

Thank You – from Seminarian Paul Rockrohr

Pastor Nielsen and members of LCR,

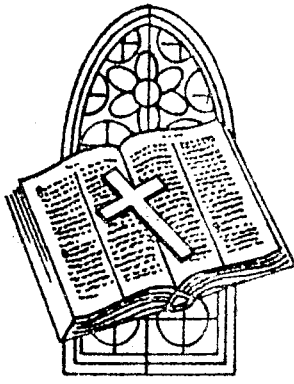
Greetings from Fort Wayne! I'm afraid that I'm behind in greeting and thanking you for all of your support, but it is not for lack of gratitude. As 2nd quarter ended at the beginning of March, I had high hopes to write you sooner, but as with the best laid plans of mice and men life continued to march to its own drum, and a good one at that! I had two weeks off that was spent with both sides of the family, and it was very refreshing albeit completely unproductive. It is not often that I have thanked God for a boring time, but it was exactly what the doctor ordered in this case.

So being refreshed I started this 3rd and final quarter of my first year of seminary. These last two weeks have been full of classes that challenge me to push myself, but they also lead to much reflection on this past year so far. When I first came into seminary I really didn't know what to expect, but after a few weeks I found that professors pushed us in many different ways on the road toward the pastoral ministry. These included giving us way too much work so that it would be impossible to complete everything, but it taught me that sometimes you have to realize what is more important to complete in a given time frame. They have also constantly challenged me to understand Scripture not simply as God's Word written down for us, but as something that is as much living and breathing as you or I. A strange thing to think of it as a living thing, but through it the Holy Spirit works and creates life in us where once was nothing but a dead stone heart.

It truly is proper to reflect in this time, this Lenten season. Some give up something for Lent, perhaps chocolate or something else. The hard thing to give up is time though, when only so many hours are there to accomplish so much. Lately I have considered my own use of time, that precious commodity that professors seem to covet from me. It is not always efficient or used well, but is a blessing given from God. And as time ticked on I found that my chances of Navy training this summer dwindled, but several other uses of my time have appeared. As of now I will most likely be going to South Sudan for about two weeks in August with a professor. It is very exciting for me to think about, but also ironic that I might be on the same continent as my parents but be nowhere near them.

But as one opportunity leaves and another comes along, God's presence in my life never leaves. The most obvious to me is still how many support me through prayers and gifts as this journey through seminary continues. You have been the merciful hand of God to me on more than one occasion, and I pray that this Lenten season you also have the living, breathing Scriptures at work in your life as they are in mine. May your time be filled with all the good gifts of our Lord who endured time as "God with us."

Paul E. Rockrohr



Monthly Worship

May 6, 2012

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 150

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Epistle: 1John 4:1-11 (12-21)

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

May 13, 2012

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 98

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

Epistle: 1John 5:1-8

Holy Gospel: John 15: 9-17

May 20, 2012

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 1

First Reading: Acts 1L12-26

Epistle: 1John 5:9-15

Holy Gospel: John 17:11b-19

May 27, 2012

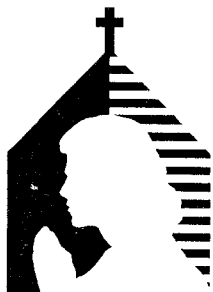
The Day of Pentecost

Psalm: 29

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15



*For my house shall be
called a house of prayer
for all peoples.*

-Isaiah 56:7

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What was Queen Esther's "trump card" to thwart the annihilation of her Jewish people?

- A) no one knew she was independently wealthy and could purchase their freedom
- B) no one knew she had a massive army at her command
- C) no one knew that she was of Nebuchadnezzar's royal lineage
- D) no one knew that she was Jewish herself

2. What did Pharaoh's troubling dreams consist of during Joseph's time?

- A) steeds and wheat
- B) swine and barley
- C) kine and corn
- D) fowl and oats

3. What is faith?

- A) warm and fuzzy feelings necessary to avoid depression
- B) concrete scientific facts with plenty of evidence to back them up
- C) being sure of what is hoped for and certain of what is unseen
- D) abstract dreams to cling to when one cannot get very far in the real world

4. What was Jesus known to go about doing in every city he entered?

- A) preaching and healing
- B) pointing out the Pharisee's hypocrisy
- C) pointing out the people's sins
- D) giving the rabbinic blessing on the children

5. Who was the only person who lived after the flood and who never died?

- A) Enoch
- B) Esau
- C) Elisha
- D) Elijha

6. Who said this: "Ask and it shall be given you?"

- A) Paul
- B) Joshua
- C) Jesus
- D) Abraham

Answers on "Birthday" page



STEWARDSHIP

MAY

May 6

May 13

May 20

May 27

Acolyte

Sarah Kohl

Emily Larsen

Dan Morren

Sarah Kohl

Comm.
Assistant

Glenn Carlson

Jared Goldsmith

Chris Batson

Mike Hein

Ushers

John Ayotte
&
Rober Sieber

Mark Larsen
&
Eric Stout

Moe Cote
&
Bill Jahnke

Brad Fitzpatrick
&
Jared Goldsmith

Greeters

George & Karen
Markham

Fred & Amy
Ouellette

Doris Brossy
&
Pat Koblitz

Mike & Michelle
Hein

Altar Guild

Deb Nielsen

Sharon Conover

Amanda Goldsmith

Amy Ouellette

Flowers

Moe & Becky Cote

Moe & Becky Cote

Avis Grant

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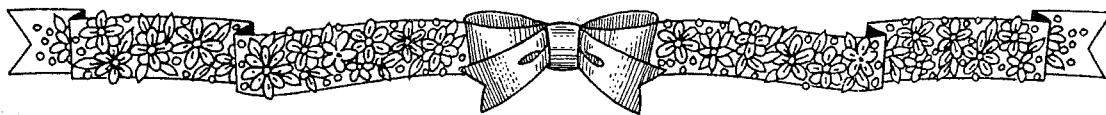
Fellowship

Becky Cote

The Gorneaus

The Batsons

Vesta Holt





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



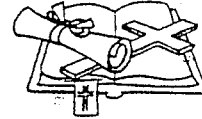
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ANNIVERSARY

- 5/4 Art & Gail Carrano
- 5/5 Moe & Becky Cote
- 5/7 Pat & Jeffrey Kablitz



- 5/11 Avis Grant
- 5/17 Callum Goldsmith
- 5/23 Polly Parks-Stamm
- 5/?? Richard Dostie

CONFIRMATION



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1 Terry Eldridge
Peter Gaug
- 5/5 Joe Krolak
- 5/8 Moe Cote
- 5/10 Angie Carlson
Matthew Esculano
Amanda Goldsmith
Jared Goldsmith
- 5/11 Avis Grant
- 5/18 Peter Doran
- 5/23 Ben Parks-Stamm
Elizabeth Parks-Stamm
- 5/31 LeeAnne Larsen
- 5/?? Lois Doran

APHORISMS

(A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth.)

---Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

---Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.

---No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.

---No one says, "It's only a game." when their team is winning.

---Be careful about reading the fine print; there's no way you're going to like it.

---The trouble with bucket seats is that not everyone has the same size bucket.

---Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?

Bible Quiz Answers: 1) D – Esther 7:3-6 2) C – Genesis 41:2-6 3) C – Hebrews 11:1 4) A – Matthew 4:23 5) D – 2Kings 2:11 6) C – Matthew 5:1-2, 7:7

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

May, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10:30am. Adult Bible Study— Ezra / Nehemiah	4	5
6 5th Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am. VBS Staff meeting	7 6:00 pm Elders	8	9	10 9:00 am LWML 10:30am. Adult Bible Study— Ezra / Nehemiah	11	12 8:00am. Men's Breakfast Meeting
13 6th Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	14	15	16	17 6:00 pm Ascension Worship Service	18	19
20 7th Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Celebration	21 <i>June Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:00 pm Board For Youth 7:00 pm Church Council	22	23	24 10:30am. Adult Bible Study— Ezra / Nehemiah	25	26
27 The Day of Pentecost 9:00 am Worship <i>(Summer Schedule Begins)</i>	28	29	30	31		