

RESURRECTION NEWS



MAY 2014



Pastor's Letter

May, 2014

"The Change God Wants"

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." (From the reading for 3rd Sunday in Easter. Acts 9:1-9)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Change can be a frightening thing. It has been said that the only person who enjoys change is a baby with wet diaper. Sociologists tell us that we live in a time when change is taking place at a faster rate than ever before in human history. Yet, as fast as things are changing all around us every day, our resistance to being changed is as strong as ever - maybe stronger.

When we are faced with being changed we can be like the two caterpillars which were crawling along the ground when a butterfly flew overhead. They both looked up at it and marveled. One nudged the other and said, "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars." Those caterpillars would not only fly in one of those things but would become one of those things. Likewise, when we tell ourselves, "I can never change," or "I could never do that," we presume too much and believe too little in the power of God.

Who could imagine a more unchangeable character than Saul of Tarsus? Here was a man whose goal in life was to stamp out the Christian Church before it had a chance to take root and grow. Yet, along the road to Damascus, Saul was changed by the risen Jesus. His encounter with Jesus changed him completely. He wasn't just the same person with a new mission or a new name. He was a new person and that changed everything else. Now his name was Paul, 'an apostle of Jesus Christ.' He was now dedicated to building up the Christian Church by proclaiming the truth that Jesus the crucified One, as raised from the dead, and He is the only Savior of the world.

This was the complete change that occurred in Paul and this is why Paul writes as he does, "*For I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but it is Christ who lives in me.*" (Gal.2:20). The change in Paul was as dramatic as the change of a caterpillar to butterfly.

Today, Jesus works this incredible change in people, not along the Damascus Road or along I-95 but through Baptism. Paul says, "*All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*" (Rom.6:4).

Although we all fear change, there is no reason to fear this change that God works in us. In fact, it is as we are gradually transformed into the new person that Christ has made us in our baptism, that we are able to carry out the mission and purpose that God has given us. It is in this new birth through water and the Spirit that also we have the sure and certain promise that we will be changed once more.

Paul writes of the great and final change saying, "*Listen, I tell you a mystery, we will not all sleep but we will all be changed - in a flash, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable and we will be changed.*" (1Cor. 15:51-52)

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 25TH.

WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 9:00AM. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE IN RECESS.

MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING: SATURDAY, MAY 10TH 8:00AM.



"The Scary Things In Revelation" - IV. Join us for the final episode in this adventure in Revelation and the final Men's Breakfast Meeting of the season. Great food, fellowship and

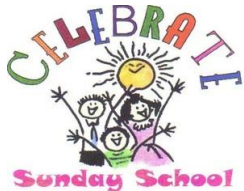
discussion around God's Word and how we conform our daily lives to it.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT - WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH - 7:00PM.



LCR in Waterville is the final stop for this 9-day tour of the Northeastern United States. The choir will be presenting a concert of American music. Their concert will feature Shaker and Southern Harmony music, and modern compositions by American composers. Be sure to reserve the date and be sure to invite some friends to come.

SUNDAY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, MAY 18TH.



Plan to join us immediately after worship on the 18th 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, hotdogs, face-painting, bounce house, relay races. A special event this year will feature a "DUNK TANK." Take three tosses to see if you can dunk the pastor. **Bring a 'picnic cover dish' to share.** Sponsored by the Board For Youth.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:00PM. MAY 29TH.



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 significant holy days in the life of the Christian Church along with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Please set aside May 29th to join us in worship.

SEMINARIAN GREG BAUCH TO VISIT AND PREACH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST.

Please be on hand to welcome one of the seminarians that we are sponsoring when he visits LCR on June 1st along with his wife Amanda and infant son, Gideon. A pot-luck brunch will follow the worship service. Greg will speak to us about his experiences as seminary.

MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JUNE 22ND - "THE DEACONESS AND LCR."



Deaconess

Please mark Sunday, June 22nd on your calendar now for the Mid-Year Congregational Meeting. The meeting will begin after worship with a pot-luck brunch. Of special consideration will be a presentation and discussion on the role of the Deaconess at LCR. Sharon Conover has made application to begin Deaconess Studies in September at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Her training and certification

as Deaconess to this congregation will help meet many needs, open many doors and expand the mission of Opening Hearts in many ways.

BOARD FOR MISSIONS MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 9, 2014

Mission funds currently available to the Board for Missions (BFM) are \$564. \$251 has been earmarked to reimburse Seminary student, Greg Bauch for airfare. The Seminary is paying the other half of the airfare. \$106 to reimburse Pastor Nielsen for the Cundiff's hotel from their visit for Mission Sunday.

The Church Council has approved the BFM sponsoring three children through the Garuna Fund. BFM goal for 2015 is for LCR congregants to help sponsor 30 children through the Garuna Fund, along with the BFM, which would be able to fully support an entire school. More information is needed.

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter (MMHS) update: Initially, up to \$6,900 was agreed as the donation to be given for the completion of the elevator installation. Currently, LCR has donated \$4,000. Confirmation of what

MMHS still requires to pay off the loan they acquired and if the balance is still needed from LCR are forthcoming. MMHS is seeking locations to hold yard sales through the summer. MMHS will provide more details in the near future for when the yard sales will be held and if sites are still needed.

Seminary student, Greg Bauch and his family will visit LCR June 1. Seminarian Bauch will give the sermon. A potluck meal is planned for fellowship, where Seminarian Bauch will speak to the congregation about his experience at the seminary.

The next BFM meeting is scheduled for June 11 at 6:30 pm. All who wish to attend are invited.
Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Hein

THANK YOU FROM SEMINIARIAN ALEX SABOL

Pastor Nielsen,

I would again like to give you and your congregation my deepest thanks and gratitude for your contributions to my education here at Seminary. The classes I have taken have allowed me to look at scripture much more thoroughly in order to grasp the meaning that is behind it. This has become easier due to the experience that I had in my Greek class in the fall. My classes now center on my ability to convey the message from the pulpit to the people of my future congregation. Shortly I will be writing my first sermon and then I will be preaching it at my field work church. It's safe to say that I am very nervous. Again I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your financial and spiritual support. It means a lot to me to not only have support from my own home congregation, but also those that I have never met. Christ's blessings upon you and your ministry.

Sincerely,
Alex Sabol

THANK YOU FROM THE GARUNA FOUNDATION



Dear Pastor Nielsen and Brothers and Sisters in Christ at LCR:

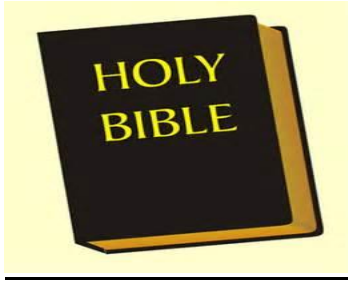
Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

On behalf of the Garuna Foundation, I want to thank you for your very generous contribution of \$1,080 to sponsor school enrollment for three children in Cambodia. Your gracious contribution will be used to help bring grace, mercy and compassion (Garuna) of Jesus Christ to the multitudes of those in Thailand, Cambodia and surrounding countries

who have not yet had an opportunity to hear of His precious love and forgiveness.

Sincerely,
Rev. Jeffery J. Ehlers, Chairman

THE 5TH ANNUAL SAMUEL C. LEIGH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on June 21 at the Natanis Golf course in Vassalboro. Check-in time is 10:00am. 90% of the proceeds go to provide scholarships for Messalonskee High School graduates while 10% go to graduates of Forest Hills High School, Jackman. Registration fee is \$90 for one; \$360 for a foursome. Multiple prizes, food and drink while on the course and a post-tournament dinner are included. In the past, Peter Doran, Mark Larsen and Don Pryor have participated. Further details at info@majorleighscholarship.com.



BIBLE QUIZ

Monthly Worship

May 4, 2014

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 11, 2014

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 18, 2014

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 25, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 47

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

LWML

We are currently collecting non-perishable food items for the Waterville Food Bank. Let's try to fill the box in the Narthex right to the top!

1. What did the disciples find Jesus doing in the middle of a raging storm in the middle of the sea?

A) sleeping B) praying C) worrying D) watching

2. Who penned the words to this Psalm: "Be still, and know that I am God"?

A) David B) Moses C) the sons of Korah D) anonymous

3. What will not be present in the New Jerusalem?

A) a temple, sun and moon B) trees, birds and animals C) technology, science, and math D) skyscrapers, houses, and stores

4. In the first year of the church era, how many people came to know Jesus as their personal Savior?

A) about 100 people B) somewhere between 2000 and 5000 people C) over 8000 people D) too many to accurately record

5. What was the reoccurring sin of the Israelites during the era of the Judges?

A) everyone followed his own conscience instead of obeying God B) everyone offered blemished lamb sacrifices to God C) the priests were drunk and unruly most of the time D) the priests wanted land to inherit like all the other tribes

6. Who said this: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

A) Abel B) Cain C) Esau D) Jacob

Answers on "Birthday" page.



- 5/1 Brian Watson
- 5/3 Don Pryor
- 5/15 Kitty Carlson
- 5/16 Bonnie Mathieu
- Kenneth Zahner
- 5/18 Richard Dostie
- 5/21 Helene Kiser
- 5/22 Sasha Fitzpatrick
- 5/23 Anna Bisson
- Michelle Hein
- Kim Slininger
- 5/24 Amanda Goldsmith
- 5/27 Christine Thomas
- 5/30 Ted Evertsen
- Frances Sieber
- 5/31 Jared Goldsmith



- 5/2 Abigail Edwards
- 5/11 Avis Grant
- 5/17 Callum Goldsmith
- 4/?? Gail Carrano
- Richard Dostie



CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/8 Moe Cote
- 5/10 Angie Carlson
- Matthew Esculano
- Amanda Goldsmith
- Jared Goldsmith
- 5/11 Avis Grant
- 5/12 Dan Morren
- 5/18 Peter Doran
- 5/31 LeeAnne Larsen
- 5/?? Lois Doran



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Gail & Art Carrano
- 5/5 Moe & Becky Cote
- 5/7 Pat & Jeffrey Kablitz
- 5/18 Curt & Kim Slininger

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“The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.”

GEORGE BURNS

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. A Luke 8:23-24
 2. C Psalm 46:10 and attribution 3. A
 Revelation 21:22-23 4. C Acts 2:41; 4:4 5. A
 Judges 17:6; 21:25 6. B Genesis 4:9

Stewardship For May

	<u>May 4</u>	<u>May 11</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>May 25</u> (9:00 Worship)
<u>Acolyte</u>	Sarah Kohl	Jacob Huesers	Emily Larsen	Caden Fitzpatrick
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Don Pryor	Curt Slininger	Brian Watson	Glenn Carlson
<u>Ushers</u>	Brad Fitzpatrick & Seth Carlson	Jon Morren & Mike Hein	John Ayotte & Robert Sieber	Chris Batson & Steve Love
<u>Greeters</u>	Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick	Anna Bisson & Doris Brossy	Curt & Kim Slininger	Peter & Evelyn Gaug
<u>Altar Care</u>	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson
<u>Flowers</u>	Avis Grant	Avis Grant	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellowship</u>	Moe & Becky Cote	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

May, 2014

Week of May 4th

Sunday - 5/4 8:45am. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. Worship

Monday - Wednesday Pastor Nielsen attending District Pastor's Conf.

Saturday - 5/10 8:00am. Men's Breakfast Meeting

Week of May 11th

Sunday - 5/11 8:45am. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. Worship - Mother's Day

Monday - 5/12 6:00pm. Board of Elders

Wednesday - 5/14 7:00pm. Concordia College – Concert Choir

Week of May 18th

Sunday - 5/18 8:45am. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. Worship
 11:30am. Sunday School Celebration Fair

Monday - 5/19 6:00pm. Board for Youth
 7:00pm. Church Council Meeting

Week of May 26

Sunday - 5/26 **9:00am.** Worship - Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Thursday - 5/29 6:00pm. Ascension Day Service

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