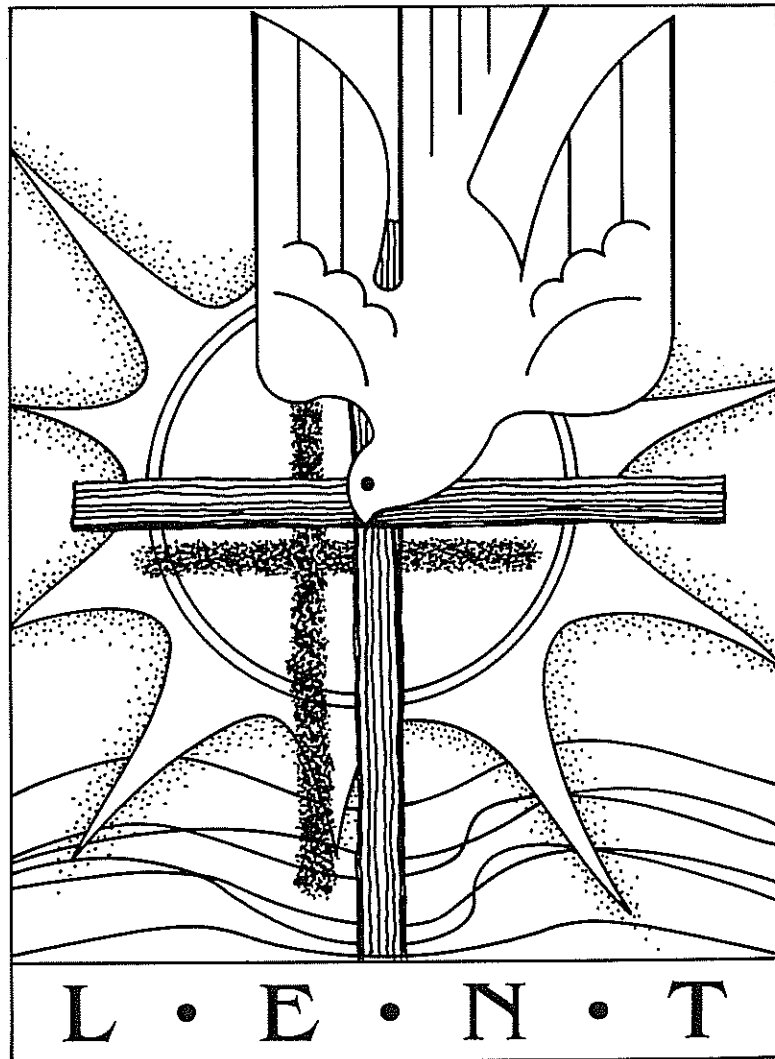


# RESURRECTION NEWS



MARCH 2011



## Pastor's Letter

**March, 2011**

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." Luke 9:51.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Everything that lay ahead for Jesus in the city of Jerusalem and on the little hill outside of the city walls was clearly known to Him. The trials and their outcome was no surprise to Him, nor was He unaware of all the horrible details concerning the manner in which the sentence of His death would be carried out. The prophets had detailed them all thoroughly, and He had come to fulfill all that was written about Him.

In spite of the protests of the disciples; in spite of the last desperate temptations from Satan to discourage Him; in spite the dread that His human nature felt from the impending suffering; He marched on in slow and steady progress from Galilee south to Jerusalem.

The words of Isaiah might well have been his marching song, "The Lord God will help me; therefore I will not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like flint." (Isaiah 50:7). Nothing could dissuade Him; nothing could delay Him. At the next Passover to be celebrated in the springtime, He – The son of Mary – the Lamb of God – was to be sacrificed for the sins of the world. The look on His face was of unswerving steadfastness.

His unswerving purpose and uncompromising determination was to do His Father's will. "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish His work." (John 4:34). He would not be satisfied until He could say to His Father, "I have finished the work which you have given me to do." (John 17:4).

The look that we see on Jesus' face expresses what is in his heart and as such, that look is not just to be admired by us. It is to be the look on our face as well. Christ also repeatedly told those who wanted to call themselves His disciples, "Follow Me." On one occasion He said, "Learn from me." (Matthew 11:29). When He had got down on his hands and knees to wash His disciples feet, He said, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15). In his first epistle, Peter writes, "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." (1Ptr.2:21). The steadfastness of purpose with which Christ carried out the work given Him by His Father, should be our attitude as well – for the Father has given us work to do too.

When three men wanted to become followers of Christ – with reservations - as long as it didn't interfere too much with their life – Jesus told them "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62). It is the task of a good farmer to lay a straight plow line across the field. He does this by picking out an object on the other side of the field and plowing straight toward it without looking to the right or to the left. Paul was one of God's outstanding plowmen. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forward to those things which are in front, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13-14).

As we move onward through life and come closer and closer to our eternal destination, let us "fix our eyes on Jesus who is the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joys set before Him endured the cross, scorning it's shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb.12:2)

O Lord, who did steadfastly set your face to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die for the sins of the world, when I fix my eyes on you, let your steadfastness inspire me to be faithful unto death. Amen

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Nielsen*

## **Daylight Savings Time Begins – Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## **The Season of Lent Begins - Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 'JOURNEY TO THE CROSS'**

Mid-week Worship Schedule is as follows:

**March 9 - 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday** *Jesus goes to Gethsemane to pray*

**Wednesday Evenings - 6:00pm.** *(These are spoken services of Word and Prayer.*  
**Thursday Mornings - 10:30am.** *You may attend either one.)*

- **March 16/17** Jesus is betrayed by Judas
- **March 23/24** Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin
- **March 30/31** Jesus before Pontius Pilate
- **April 6/7** Jesus judged by Herod and Pilate
- **April 13/14** Jesus judged by the people

**April 22 - 7:00pm. Maundy Thursday** Jesus institutes the Last Supper

**April 23 - 7:00pm. Good Friday** Jesus goes to the cross

## **"The Inquirer's Class" - Beginning Thursday, March 17 - 7:00pm.**

"Come and see!" These were Philip's words to his friend Nathanael. (John 1:46). "The Inquirer's Class" is the "come and see" class for everyone who would like an introduction to the fundamentals of the Christian faith. This nine week class is the doorway into membership in this congregation. It's perfect for everyone who is new and would like to know more about the faith as well as those who would like a refresher on the basics. Please see pastor Nielsen to sign up now.

## **Playgroup**

Krista Carlson and Sasha Fitzpatrick head up this group of moms and young children who get together for special activities. A great opportunity to invite your friends with small children to come join in.

- **March 4<sup>th</sup> - "Rockin' and Rollin'"** - Strap on some skates and let's go roller skating! At the Rolodome, Auburn. Meet at Church at 10:00am. to carpool. Cost is \$5.00. \$1.00 skate rental.
- **March 25<sup>th</sup> - "Boppin' and Bouncin'"** - We'll be bouncing off the walls at The Bounce Zone - Alford Youth Center, Waterville. 10:00am.
- **April 16<sup>th</sup> - "Fun At The Farm"** - A farm tour in China, Maine. We'll learn about cows and feed the chickens! Time – TBA.

## **New Books In The Church Library**

**Abram's Daughters** - A five volume series that follows the life of an Amish family over three generations. *Donated by Avis Grant.*

**Zion Legacy Series** - A six volume series that weaves together ancient and modern history in a story of life in the Holy Lands. *Donated by Avis Grant.*

**A C.S. Lewis Treasury** – A collection of "The Screwtape Letters," "The Four Loves," "Reflections on the Psalms." *Donated by Avis Grant.*

**The Screwtape Letters** - C.S. Lewis' masterpiece of the mythical conversation between the devil and his cousin, Wormwood on how to lead a Christian from his faith in Christ.

**Thank You From The Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter - January 31, 2011**

Dear Friends,

Please accept our sincerest thanks for your generous contribution of \$500 to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter. With your help, we will continue to provide a warm, welcoming, and safe environment for our guests during their stay at the shelter. It is always our goal to also provide the necessary help and resources for our guests to reestablish their independence and get a fresh start in life. In 2009, we housed an average of 19 adults and children each day and served over 13,000 meals. We also assisted, 1,000 community members through our Food Pantry.

Thank you again for your generosity,

Betty Palmer – Director.

*(Funds from the congregation's Mission Giving budget)*

**Thank You From Lutheran Heritage Foundation - January 31, 2011**

Dear Rev. Nielsen,

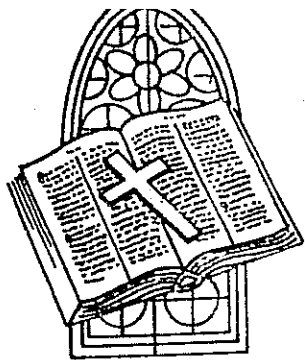
Thank you for faithfully supporting the mission of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF continues to use your gift and those of many others to translate and publish genuine Lutheran literature for children and adults, for seminary students and pastors, for schools and congregations, for a rich devotional life and for the serious student. All of these publications are introduced to complement the Gospel proclamation of missionaries, pastors, teachers and evangelists all around the globe. Because of generous support from you and others with hearts for mission, the work of the LHF continues. We sincerely thank your congregation's generous gift of \$900.

In Christ,

Rev. James Fandrey

LHF Executive Director

*(Funds from 'dedicated mission gifts' given to the 2010 Southeast Asia mission trip)*



## Monthly Worship

**March 6, 2011**

**The Transfiguration of our Lord**

**Psalm:** 115: (1-8) 9-18

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:8-16a

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 6:24-34

**March 13, 2011**

**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 20, 2011**

**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 27, 2011**

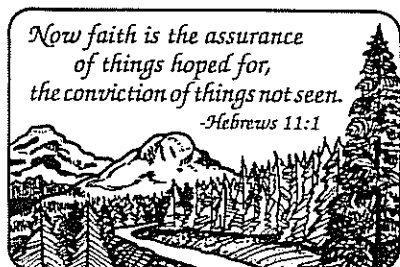
**Third Sunday in Lent**

**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)



1. True or False: In Philippians, Paul says that God has exalted Jesus' name above all others.

2. Joel prophesies that this creature will invade and destroy the land:

A) Frogs B) Flies C) Locusts

3. According to the book of Romans, Abraham was counted righteous thanks to this:

A) Faith B) Circumcision C) Obeying the Ten Commandments

4. In his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul writes that God shows (demonstrates) his love for people in this way:

A) By creating the world B) By Christ dying for us while we were still sinners C) By instituting marriage

5. This woman was Moses' sister:

A) Sarah B) Ruth C) Miriam

6. According to Psalm 103:14, the Lord knows our frame (how we are formed), and remembers that we are this:

A) Holy B) Human C) Dust

“Answers on “Birthday page.”



For anyone who is still unclear what the LWML is all about or would like to learn more, just type in [www.lwml-ned.org](http://www.lwml-ned.org) on your computer. It will open up the extensive work that the LCMS women are doing in the name of our Lord.

This is an organization we all belong to, young and old. You can participate by simply joining us in prayer at noon every Monday, wherever you are, to attending conventions, to taking short term missions. Instead of Googling, use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). Every time you use this search engine (for anything) you are sending a penny towards the work of the LWML. Thousands have already been collected for the LWML. LWML is now on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com/THE\\_LWML](http://www.facebook.com/THE_LWML) and click on the "like" button at the top of the page to become a fan!

The LWML-NED is still working on our third mission project for the 2011-2012 Biennium. Don't forget to drop off your MITES in the mission box on the table outside the Sanctuary entrance.

Remember the Waterville Homeless Shelter. We are collecting health supplies (toothbrushes, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.). A complete list is on the box in the Narthex.

Conventions: The Spring Gathering-NED is being held at Trinity Christian School in Keene, NH on Sat, April 2, 2011. The 2011 LWML National Convention is in Peoria, IL, June 23 to 26. Registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. See me, (or there is information on the

bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall) if you are interested in attending.

From the "Pass It On" publication, a final thought: "I do not know the master plan, but it's comforting to know the Master has planned it and I am included."

Next meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

Yours in Christ,

Anna Bisson

P.S. Crafts have started for this year's fair-every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 9:00 AM. Please join us. We need more "elves".

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#### USA Map

**A father wanted to read a magazine, but was being bothered by his little girl. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country.**

**Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today."**

**After a few minutes, she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together.**

**The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly..**

**"Oh," she said, "On the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together."**



# STEWARDSHIP

March 6

March 9th  
Ash  
Wednesday

March 13

March 20

March 27

**Acolyte**

**Emily  
Monteloene**

**Emily Larsen**

**Dan Morren**

**Sarah Kohl**

**Taylan  
Thomas**

**Comm.  
Assistant**

**Don Pryor**

**Chris Batson**

**Eric Stout**

**George Kohl**

**Mark Larsen**

**Ushers**

**Bill Jahnke  
&  
John Ayotte**

**Glenn Carlson  
&  
Mark Larsen**

**Jared  
Goldsmith  
&  
Jon Morren**

**John Gould  
&  
Don Pryor**

**George  
LeBeau  
&  
Seth Carlson**

**Greeters**

**John & Lisa  
Monteleone**

**Deb Nielsen  
&  
Anna Bisson**

**Eric & Lin  
Stout**

**Natalie  
Crowley  
&  
Avis Grant**

**Jason & Heidi  
Long**

**Altar Guild**

**Darryll  
Zahner**

**Amanda  
Goldsmith**

**Amy Ouellette**

**Kitty Carlson**

**Esther Gould**

**Flowers**

**OPEN**

**No Flowers-  
Lent**

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Lent**

**Fellowship**

**Kitty Carlson**

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**Deb Nielsen**

**Amanda  
Goldsmith**

**Karen Ayotte**

# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 10:00am. Playgroup 7:00pm. Parent's Night Out	5
6 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	7 6:00 pm Elders	8	9 Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship	10 9:00 am LWML 10:30am. Mid-week Lent Service 7:00pm. Inquirers Class	11	12
13 1st Sunday in Lent 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	14 6:00 pm Bd. For Youth	15	16 6:00pm. Mid-Week Lent Service	17 10:30am. Mid-week Lent Service 7:00pm. Inquirers Class	18	19
20 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	21 April Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm Church Council	22	23 6:00pm. Mid-Week Lent Service	24 10:30am. Mid-week Lent Service 7:00pm. Inquirers Class	25 10:00am. Playgroup	26
27 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	28	29	30 6:00pm. Mid-Week Lent Service	31 10:30am. Mid-week Lent Service 7:00pm. Inquirers Class		





Church Bulletin Smiles

*Birthdays*

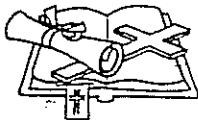


- 3/4 Esther Gould
- 3/17 Daniel Morren
- 3/18 Arthur Conover
- 3/21 Glenn Carlson
- 3/24 Herb Schantner
- 3/25 Michael Hein
- 3/28 Twila Kaska
- Jim Pryor



- 3/11 Evelyn Gaug
- 3/14 Fernando Gouvea
- 3/20 Curt Mueller
- 3/?? Jim Zahner

**CONFIRMATION**



**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3/12 Jim Zahner
- 3/16 Rebecca Cote
- 3/17 Gail Carrano
- Art Carrano
- 3/28 Mark Larsen
- 3/29 Twila Kaska

----Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

----Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

----The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

----Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

----Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM – prayer and medication to follow.

----The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7:00 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

----Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

----Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

----A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

**Bible Quiz Answers:** 1) True; Philippians 2:5-11 2) C; Joel 1:2-4 3) A; Romans 4:1-5 4) B; Romans 5:8 5) C; Numbers 28:59 6) C; Psalm 103:14