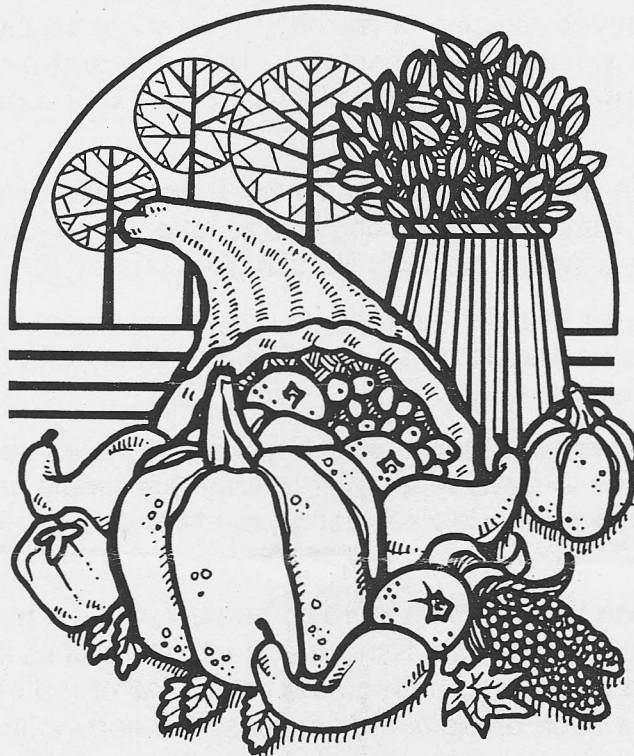


# RESURRECTION NEWS



*Thou crownest the year  
with thy bounty;  
the tracks of thy chariot  
drip with fatness.*

-Psalm 65:11

**NOVEMBER 2011**



## Pastor's Letter November, 2011

### PRAYING FOR MERCY.

*Jesus was met by ten lepers who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.'" Luke 17:12*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here is the simplest of all prayers to pray. And yet, here is a prayer that believers have prayed throughout the ages. "Lord have mercy on us." Every Sunday, we take our place with these ten men and pray their prayer. "Lord, have mercy." As we sing the 'Kyrie,' we are acknowledging that we too, are suffering from the dreaded disease of leprosy. It may not be the cancer that eats away at our flesh, although I am noticing that there seems to be more and more on our prayer list who are suffering from physical cancer. Whether it is physical or spiritual cancer, we pray, "Lord have mercy on us."

As we take our place with these ten men and pray their prayer, we are asking Jesus to do what comes perfectly natural to Him. We are asking Him to take note of our helpless lives and provide the comfort and relief from our affliction that only He can give.

Notice that this simple prayer includes no preface of personal merit or worthiness. It also makes no suggestions as to what Jesus should do for us. It simply trusts that He knows what we need better than we do and that He is able to do it.

"Lord have mercy" is a powerful prayer to pray because Jesus has already answered it. He has had mercy on us. St. Paul writes to every leper ever to pray this simple prayer when he says, **"Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions..."** (Ephesians 2:4-5).

When Jesus looked at those ten men with leprosy, he saw you and me. And in His great love for us, He had mercy upon us. Jesus took onto Himself and into Himself all the terrible diseases of our soul and our flesh and endured the pain of both on the cross. All of the transfusions, chemotherapy and radiation therapy which are such dreadful experiences, are nothing in comparison to the therapy for the cancer of our soul which Jesus endured on the cross for our sake.

Living by faith in the love and mercy of God, we anticipate His help and deliverance even before it arrives. We return and give thanks to the Lord for all of his mercies to us. Jesus commends the one leper who returned to thank Him for hearing his prayer. Jesus responds to him saying, **"Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."** (Luke 17:19). All ten were healed but only one was made 'well.'

Here is a "wellness" that includes both body and soul. It is a 'wellness' that is ours when we receive the mercy of God in Jesus Christ and respond to His love for us with thanksgiving, devoting all of our life to the praise and thanks of His mercy towards us.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

### **Men's Network Breakfast - Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am.**

"The Bible On Trial" - The bible has been under attack for more than 100 years. Some call it a 'myth' or 'legend'; others claim it is full of contradictions. Its authenticity has been denied along with its historical accuracy. Come and join us as we examine these challenges along with Craig Parton, a noted and respected Christian apologist. Breakfast is served at 8:00am.

*(Sponsored by the Board of Elders)*

## **Daylight Savings Time Ends – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Remember to turn your clock BACK an hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

## **All Saints Sunday - November 6<sup>th</sup> - WE REMEMBER YOUR SAINTS, DEAR LORD.**



God's gracious love in Jesus Christ ignites the thankful acclamations of the saints in every time and place. In gratitude saints remember God's countless blessings in every generation. It is God who has blessed us with faith. It is God who sustains and nurtures the lives of the saints through Word and Sacrament. It is God who continually affords grace and mercy to the saints in every age. Those who have died in the faith live forever in the perpetual, unchanging Light of Christ. Christ is the sole source of Light for the New Jerusalem; He is the Dayspring, the bright and glorious Morning Star whose glory enlightens the minds and hearts of His Saints with His life-saving Gospel. The congregation is invited to bring cut flowers to lay at the altar in memory of friends and loved ones who have gone before in the Christian faith. Flowers will also be available in the Narthex.

## **Sunday School in November**

This month's themes are as follows:

- 11/6 The Passover Exodus 11-12
- 11/13 Crossing the Sea Exodus 13-15
- 11/20 God Provides Manna Exodus 16-17
- 11/27 The Ten Commandments Exodus 19-20

## **Adult Bible Study: "Is God Green" The Christian and Ecology**

Join us as we examine the scriptures for a biblical understanding of the relationship between man and nature. What is the Christian response to the 'environmental movement,' and 'global warming'? What is the proper balance between care for the environment and economic growth? Sunday, October 30, November 6 and 13.

## **Acolyte Recognition: Sunday - November 27<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize our dedicated group of Acolytes during the worship service. Our current crew of devoted acolytes is: Sarah Kohl, Emily Larsen and Danny Morren. If anyone is interested in serving as an Acolyte, please see pastor Nielsen.

## **Last Sunday of the Church Year - November 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Church Year calendar revolves around the Son rather than the sun. The "Last Sunday of the Church Year" is a time to focus on the end of this "old age" and the inauguration of the "age to come." This year, we will use the service called "Evening Prayer" during our Sunday morning worship. Though this is a setting for 'evening' worship, the theme of fading light and approaching darkness will help us mark the theme of the "Last Sunday" well. "Evening Prayer" is a beautiful setting for worship. Although this will be new to many, I'm sure that it will be appreciated and enjoyed by all.

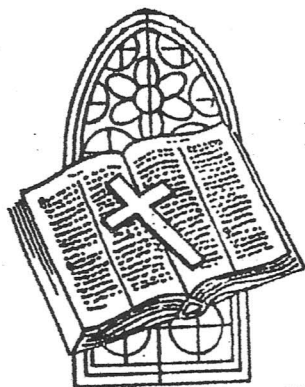
## **Annual Voters Meeting of the Congregation - Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – After Worship**

Please plan to be present for this important annual meeting of the congregation. Agenda items include various reports, 2012 budget, election of Church Council officers. All communicant members of the congregation who have not yet done so, will be asked to sign the Constitution and By-Laws before the voting meeting begins. A free pizza party will precede the meeting.

## **Interested in Singing?**

Sharon Conover and Rick Dostie meet with singers every Thursday at 6:00pm. in the balcony. To rehearse upcoming hymns and special music. See Sharon for more information.





## **Monthly Worship**

**November 6, 2011**

**All Saints Day**

**Psalm:** 149

**First Reading:** Revelation 7:(2-8)9-17

**Epistle:** 1 John 3:1-3

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

**November 13, 2011**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 90:1-12

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 1:7-16

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

**November 20, 2011**

**Last Sunday in the Church Year**

**Psalm:** 95: 1-7a

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

**November 27, 2011**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**Psalm:** 80:1-7

**First Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 11:1-10 or Mark 13:24-37



Not one of all the  
good promises that the  
Lord had made ... failed;  
all came to pass.

—Joshua 21:45

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

1. True or False: In Philippians, Paul says that God has exalted Jesus' same 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 The Comandments

4. This son was born to Adam and Eve following Abel's murder:

A) Seth B) Cain C) Enoch

5. True or False: Jesus told the Sadducees that people will be able to marry in heaven.

6. According to Paul, God's reghteousness is given to men and women through their:

A) Worship B) Observance of God's commands C) Faith in Jesus Christ



# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## November, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10:30am. Adult Bible Study— Life of David 6:00pm. Inquirers Class	4	5
6 All Saints Day (Observed) 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship  <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	7  6:00 pm Elders	8  <i>Pastor away 11/8-12</i>	9	10 9:00 am LWML	11	12
13 Pentecost 22 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	14	15	16 Pastor away at Circuit Meeting— Manchester, N.H.	17 10:30am. Adult Bible Study— Life of David 6:00pm. Inquirers Class	18	19
20 Last Sunday of Church Year 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	21 <i>December Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:00 pm Board For Youth 7:00 pm Church Council	22  7:00pm. Ladies Book Group	23	24  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	25	26
27 1st Sunday in Advent 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	28	29	30			



# STEWARDSHIP

November 6

November 13

November 20

November 27

**Acolyte**

**Sarah Kohl**

**Emily Larsen**

**Sarah Kohl**

**Dan Morren**

**Comm.  
Assistant**

**Jared Goldsmith**

**Mike Hein**

**Mark Larsen**

**Glenn Carlson**

**Ushers**

**Bill Jahnke  
&  
John Gould**

**Don Pryor  
&  
John Ayotte**

**Chris Batson  
&  
Glenn Carlson, Jr.**

**Eric Stout  
&  
Jon Morren**

**Greeters**

**Fernando & Mari  
Gouvea**

**Mike & Michelle  
Hein**

**Fred & Amy  
Ouellette**

**Brad & Sasha  
Fitzpatrick**

**Altar Guild**

**Amanda  
Goldsmith**

**Amy Ouellette**

**Kitty Carlson**

**Esther Gould**

**Flowers**

**Curt & Karen  
Mueller**

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**Peter & Lois  
Doran**

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**Fellowship**

**The Markhams**

**Sharon Klipp**

**OPEN**

**The Markhams**



11/3 Jon Morren  
 11/6 Avis Grant  
 11/10 Sherman Hill  
 11/13 Fernando Gouvea  
 11/15 Robin Hill  
 11/23 Peter Doran

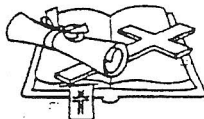


11/7 David & Kay Gideon  
 11/18 Peter & Evelyn Gaug



11/27 Corina Batson  
 11/?? Krista Carlson  
 Sarah Kohl

## CONFIRMATION



## ANNIVERSARIES

11/14 Sharon Conover  
 Mike Hein

## AND THEN.....

There were two Catholic boys, Timothy Murphy and Antonio Secola, whose lives paralleled each other in amazing ways. In the same year Timothy was born in Ireland and Antonio was born in Italy.

Faithfully they attended parochial school from kindergarten through high school. Early in college they both took their vows to enter the priesthood, and upon graduation and seminary, they became priests.

Their careers had come to amaze the world, but it was generally acknowledged that Antonio Secola was just a wee cut above Timothy Murphy in all respects.

Their rise through the ranks of Bishop, Archbishop and finally Cardinal was swift, to say the least. The Catholic world knew that when the present Pope died, it would be one of the two who would become the next Pop.

In time the Pope did die, and the College of Cardinals went to work. In less time than anyone had expected, white smoke rose from the chimney and world waited to see who had been chosen.

The world, Catholic, Protestant and secular, was surprised to learn that Timothy Murphy had been elected Pope!

Antonio Secola was beyond surprise. He was devastated, because even with all of Timothy's gifts, Antonio knew he was just a bit better qualified.

With gall that shocked the Cardinals, Antonio Secola asked for a private session with them in which he candidly asked, "Why Timothy?"

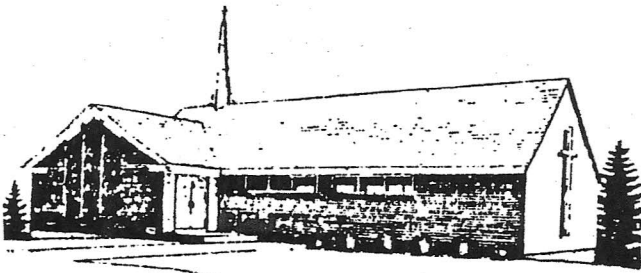
After a long silence, an old Cardinal took pity on the bewildered man and rose to reply

"We knew you were the better of the two, but we just could not bear the thought of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church being called

**POPE SECOLA!**

## BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS:

1) True; Philippians 2:5-11 2) C; Joel 1:2-4 3) A; Romans 4:1-5 4) A; Genesis 4:25 5) False; Luke 20: 34-38 6) C; Romans 3:22



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