

RESURRECTION NEWS



November, 2013



Pastor's Letter

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"Worship Etiquette"

"The forms, manners, and ceremonies established by convention as acceptable or required in the house of God during worship."

(Webster's New World Dictionary and Pastor Nielsen)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Everything should be done decently and in order." (1st Corinthians 15:40) Here are some rules for 'worship etiquette' I would call your attention to for the sake of good order during worship.

#1 - Regarding food and conversation in the Sanctuary:

The Sanctuary is not to be thought of as a coffee-house or fellowship hall. Nor is it to be thought of as a funeral parlor. Once the Bells sound and the Prelude begins, it becomes 'holy ground.' 'Reverence' is always appropriate when in the presence of the Holy. Drinks and food should be left behind. Conversation and visiting should be respectful of those who would like to use this time for quiet meditation and preparation for worship. *(Besides all that, the music is really good.)*

#2 - Regarding exiting the Sanctuary once the service has begun:

The Divine Service is not to be thought of as Divine Detention. There are however appropriate times during the course of the liturgy when a necessary exit is appropriate: the 'children's sermon,' 'hymn of the day,' 'offering.' There are also several places in the liturgy when it is most inappropriate to exit the sanctuary: the 'confession / absolution,' 'collect,' 'sermon,' 'communion prayer,' 'words of institution,' 'post-communion prayer.' Of course, in the case of emergency and real necessity, all rules are off.

#3 - Regarding entering the Sanctuary once the service has begun:

The Divine Service is not to be thought of as Divine Open House. It is as inappropriate to 'come as you please' as to 'go as you please.' It is appropriate to wait in the Narthex rather than enter or re-enter the Sanctuary during the: 'confession / absolution,' 'collect,' 'sermon,' 'prayer of the church,' 'communion prayer,' 'words of institution; post-communion prayer.' All other times during the liturgy are appropriate for re-entry.

#4 - Regarding leaving worship after receiving the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is not to be thought of as fast food. It is always inappropriate to eat and run when invited to a dinner or banquet. The fact that this is the "Lord's Banquet" takes this rule of etiquette to a new level. If circumstances demand that you must leave the worship service early, it is appropriate to leave after the 'sermon' or 'offering.' From earliest times, the church provided for an early dismissal after the sermon for those who could not or were not ready to commune.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Daylight Savings Time Ends - Saturday, November 2nd.

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

Men's Network Breakfast - Saturday, November 9th - 8:00am. Breakfast is served at 8:00am. Please join us. (Sponsored by the Board of Elders)

Last Sunday of the Church Year - November 25th

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 once again use the service called "Evening Prayer" on the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Though this is a setting for 'evening' worship, the theme of fading light and approaching darkness marks the theme of the "Last Sunday" well. "Evening Prayer" is a beautiful setting for worship.

Board For Missions Meeting Minutes - October 9, 2013

BFM Current Projects Updates:

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter (MMHS) -

Betty Palmer's visit on October 6 was successful. She spoke on the Shelter's work at the Adult Bible Study and the worship service. Brian Watson is now on an MMHS Board for the development of the 2nd floor of the Shelter. Before construction can begin the Shelter must have an elevator installed, costing approximately \$65,000. They have raised \$54,000 to date. Pastor Nielsen proposed that the Board recommend to the Council taking a 2-3 year loan from LCEF for the balance due of \$11,000. Monthly payments would come from the congregation's Missions Giving. Brian agreed to speak with Betty Palmer about this. Dan suggested that the Board consider making the donation of \$11,000 (via a loan) no matter the amount needed by MMHS. The Board agreed. The recommendation will be presented to the Church Council at the October meeting.

The BfM decided to recommend the purchase of 10 tickets to the upcoming "Christmas Concert" at the Waterville Opera House to benefit the MMHS. Tickets are \$20 each and will be given to the MMHS for distribution to residents.

Brian reported that he had acquired 5 computer lap-tops from Cianbro Corp. for the MMHS. Each computer will require a Microsoft update that will cost \$25 each. After discussion, the Board decided to recommend that \$125 be given to the MMHS for this purpose.

Brian confirmed he will be heading up November's meal to MMHS, recruiting any veterans for the preparation of the meal.

Pastor Nielsen volunteered the Confirmation Class to do the MMHS meal for December.

Maine Children's Home (MCH) - Andrea suggested that the next meeting of the BFM take place at the MCH to make up gift boxes for their Christmas for the families program. It was suggested a box be placed in the Church entry to collect Thinsulate Gloves as a donation to MCH. Steve Mayberry, Development Director, is scheduled to visit the congregation on Sunday, November 10th. We would like to present the collection of gloves to him at that time. After discussion, Andrea will pick the best time for the Board and any interested congregation members to volunteer for the Christmas program.

Brian met with several youth in church and reported that they were excited to participate in a project to renovate the reception room at MCH. He is hoping to schedule a date of December 7th. Brian will inform the BFM of any cost for materials needed for the project, which the Board will consider funding.

First Choice Pregnancy Center (FCPC) – Michelle reported that she and Mike attended FCPC's grand opening in September. They were given a tour of the new facility, which is located at Penny Hill Business Park.

FCPC has requested a donation to update their current curriculum materials used to assist in providing education to parents-to-be and parents of toddlers. Michelle will inquire about more details to questions that the Board had before making a decision on this request.

Seminary Students – The Congregation received a thank you note from Alex Sobol, a first year seminary student that LCR is sponsoring. Pastor Nielsen will contact Greg Bauch, the second year seminary student LCR is sponsoring, to invite him to visit the congregation in 2014.

Hope Lutheran Church – Pastor Nielsen reported that he visited the church and preached in August. He will show photos he took during his visit of the church to the congregation.

Other BFM Business

Missions Sunday – Pastor Nielsen is going to contact Pastor Cundiff (of Capstone Ministries) to invite he and his wife to be the guest speakers for Missions Sunday and to ask what dates would be best for them to make the trip to Maine.

Missions Giving Request Form – The form is now complete and will be made available to the congregation with a cover letter from Amanda.

New Projects For Consideration – Pastor Nielsen recommended for consideration, The Lutheran Heritage Foundation, which translates Lutheran Bible Study materials into indigenous languages for distribution around the world.

He also recommended The Garuna Foundation which provides support to Lutheran missions work in Cambodia and Thailand. They have an 'adopt a student' program for congregations who would consider sponsoring a child's school tuition and expenses. The BfM agreed to consider these projects at its November meeting.

Current Budget: Available funds reported are \$3,554.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6th at 6:30pm. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Hein

From Seminarian Alex Sabol

Dear Rev. Nielsen,

I would like to express my gratitude towards you and your congregation for your financial support as I begin my studies here at the Seminary. I really appreciate your willingness to support me not only financially, but with your prayers as well. Again, many thanks to you and your congregation and may God bless your ministry.

Sincerely,
Alex Sabol

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

November, 2013

Week of November 3

Sunday - 11/3 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship - The Festival of All Saints
 6:30pm. - The Catechumenate
Monday - 11/4 6:00pm. - Board of Elders
Wednesday - 11/6 6:30pm. - Board for Misions
Saturday - 11/9 8:00am. - Mens Breakfast Meeting

Week of November 10

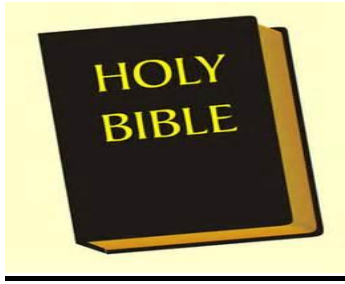
Sunday - 11/10 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
Thursday - 11/14 9:00am. - LWML Meeting

Week of November 17

Sunday - 11/17 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
 6:00pm. - The Catechumenate
Thursday - 10/17 10:30am. - Adult Bible Study - Luke

Week of November 24

Sunday - 11/24 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
Monday - 1/25 - 6:00pm. - Board for Youth
 7:00pm. - Church Council



BIBLE QUIZ

Monthly Worship

November 3, 2013

All Saint's Day

Psalm: 149

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

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

November 10, 2013

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 148

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

November 17, 2013

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 98

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

November 24, 2013

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Psalm: 46

First Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

Epistle: Colossians 1:13-20

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:27-43

1. What is the longest book in the Old Testament?

A) Genesis B) Obadiah C) Psalms D) Jeremiah

2. Zacharias was struck mute for unbelief. When did God allow him to speak again?

A) after bathing in the Jordan River seven times B) after ten years of faithful service in the temple C) after declaring his baby son's name was John D) he never spoke again

3. How long did the very first human being live?

A) 350 years B) 640 years C) 930 years D) 1,020 years

4. What was Saul's original purpose for going to Damascus before he was converted?

A) to check out how many people were still faithful Jews B) to visit his vacation spot C) he was lost due to the sudden windstorm God sent D) to harass and imprison every single Christian man or woman

5. After Jesus rose from the dead, how much power did God give Him?

A) all power on the earth B) all power in the heavens and on earth C) all power over spiritual unseen beings D) all power over material seen beings

6. Who said this: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle"?

A) Peter B) Paul C) James D) Jesus

Answers on "Birthday" page



- 11/2 Finley Edwards
Mia Fitzpatrick
- 11/3 Jonathan Morren
- 11/6 Avis Grant
- 11/10 Sherman Hill
- 11/11 Anderson Edwards
- 11/13 Fernando Gouvea
- 11/23 Peter Doran
David Leigh



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



CONFIRMATION_ANNIVERSARY

- 11/13 Sharon Conover
- 11/14 Michael Hein



BIRTHDAYS

- 11/?? Krista Carlson
Sarah Kohl

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NEW DEFINITIONS

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: A grape that got too much sun.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed..

WRINKLES: Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1) C, 150 Chapters. 2) C. Luke 1:59,63-64 3) C. Genesis 5:5 4) D. Acts 9:5) B. Matthew 28:18 6) D. Matthew 19:24

November Stewardship

	<u>November 3</u>	<u>November 10</u>	<u>November 17</u>	<u>November 24</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Emily Larsen	Jacob Huesers	Sarah Kohl	Emily Larsen
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson	Brad Fitzpatrick	Jared Goldsmith
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte & Mark Larsen	Seth Carlson & Curt Slininger	Mike Hein & Jon Morren	Bill Jahnke & Don Pryor
<u>Greeters</u>	Chris & Yvonne Batson	Curt & Kim Slininger	Jon & Karen Morren	Fred & Amy Ouellette
<u>Altar Care</u>	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson
<u>Flowers</u>	Sharon Klipp	Avis Grant	Avis Grant	Frank & Vesta Holt
<u>Fellowship</u>	Kitty Carlson	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

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