

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



*Happy Thanksgiving*

**NOVEMBER 2014**



## Pastor's Letter

November, 2014

### "Seeing The Fruit of Our Outreach"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes it's hard to see the fruit of our outreach. I know that Jesus promises that it does bear fruit and that with His blessing and by His power, even the smallest mustard seed becomes a great tree and produces much fruit in the Kingdom of Heaven. For the most part though, we don't see it. I know that we live by faith and not by sight and we do what we're called to do simply because it's what we're called and equipped to do. But sometimes it's nice to actually see the fruit of our outreach.

As you know, the congregation devotes 15% of its offerings to go to missions, both local and global, both evangelistic and for human care. The Board for Missions manages this and seeks to involve the congregation in the missions and projects that we are involved in. They're doing a great job.

Over the past several weeks, we have been incredibly blessed to actually be shown some of the fruits of the outreach that comes from this congregation.

1) In the September, 2014 periodical "For The Life Of The World," published by Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, the feature article was about a seminarian currently on vicarage. The seminarian was Greg Bauch, whom we supported last year and who visited us for a weekend with his family this past June. On the cover of the same magazine is a picture of Dr. Larry Rast, the president of the seminary, speaking with two seminarians. One is Paul Rockrohr, whom we are supporting this year. I just spoke with him on the phone and he told me that he and his wife just learned that she is nine weeks pregnant. Both Greg and Paul are planning on staying an extra year at seminary to pursue an advanced degree before taking a call to a parish. How exciting to see some of the fruit of our outreach.

2) I received the September / October 2014 mailing from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. I normally read this one since we have been involved and supportive of this organization for some time. The inside, two-page article was called "Catechism Comes to Nias Island - Indonesia." LHF recently translated and distributed Luther's Small Catechism in the native dialect of the people of Nias. My eyes got wide when I read these sentences, "A year or two ago, LHF held a seminar at a Nias seminary. There, one of the bishops shared with me that their church members need good basic teaching of the Christian faith, based on the Bible, because the people are confused by the teachings of the charismatics and some cults on the island, said Rev. Ted NaThalang." That was the seminar that pastor Taylor and I led in 2012. How exciting to see some of the fruit of our outreach.

3) The October, 2014 issue of "Reporter," the "official newspaper of the LCMS," featured an article about a meeting of Rev. Vannarith Chhim, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cambodia (ELCC) with Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the LC-MS. Vannarith was my translator for the two conferences which I led in Phnom Penh in 2008 and 2010. He took me on a tour of the Killing Fields, a terrible scar on Cambodia's history. At that time, the ELCC was just beginning to take shape. Now, the LCMS is interested in

developing a partnership with the ELCC. Vannarith spoke about the power of Christ who is able to turn "Killing Fields" into "Living Fields." How exciting to see some of the fruit of our outreach.

4) The most recent newsletter from the Garuna Foundation, which works to build Lutheran schools in Cambodia and raise financial support for children to attend, featured the successful launching of two Lutheran schools. One is in the village of Kampong Cham which I have visited twice with Vannarith. The second new school is in the village of Kampot. This is the school that the three students that we are sponsoring attend, along with one student that the LWML is sponsoring attend - Siek Matha, Nem Dany, Hern Sreynich and Vith Dyke. You can see their picture and biography on the Bd. For Missions bulletin board in the narthex. This week, I spoke with the president of the Garuna Foundation, Rev. Jeff Ehlers. He has agreed to be our special guest for "Mission Sunday" on March 22, 2015.

Thank you Lord. It's exciting to see some of the fruit of our outreach.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

### **Daylight Savings Time Ends - Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

### **All Saints Sunday - November 2<sup>nd</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. It is God who has blessed us with faith. It is God who sustains and nurtures the lives of His 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 glorious Gospel. On "All Saints Sunday," we name those who were members of this congregation when they were called to the Father's House. The congregation is invited to bring cut flowers to lay at the altar in memory of friends and loved ones who have died in the Christian faith. Flowers will also be available in the Narthex.

### **Last Sunday of the Church Year - November 23<sup>rd</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 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 of October 8, 2014**

Current standing of missions giving through September:

- Budgeted to give: \$12,681.
- Actual amount given: \$9,537
- Balance to disperse: \$3,143

Current Projects:

1. Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter:

Men's Clothing Drive schedule established as follows:

Begin collecting banana boxes now - goal is 100.

10/12/14 - Amanda to announce before worship. Encourage networking to engage larger community. 1/4/15 - Begin to bring clothes into Fellowship Hall.

2/14/15 - Sorting, folding, packing, delivery of clothes.

2. Seminary Study Support:

Sponsorship of 2<sup>nd</sup> year seminarian Alexander Sabol was established with Concordia Theological Seminary. It was decided to send support retroactive from September.

3. Home For Little Wanderers:

Director, Sharon Abrams will be guest speaker for Adult Bible Study and Worship on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board committed to 8 people to pack for Christmas Program from 3:30pm - 5:30pm. on Wednesday, November 12. Amanda to post a signup sheet on bulletin board.

4. It was decided to spend time at the next meeting discussing the balance between mission funding for evangelistic ministry and social ministry. Amanda will distribute Mission Guidelines for Board members to review before the meeting.

5. Misc.

Sharon Conover asked the Board if they had any ideas for Sr. Youth service projects. Several ideas were discussed - Homeless Shelter Meal, sorting clothing at Homeless Shelter. Amanda will report to Sharon.

Next meeting: November 12, 3:30pm.- 5:30pm. at the Maine Children's Home. We will be packing for their Christmas Program.

### **Walking with Our African Partners**

Oct. 7, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As Ebola continues its deadly sweep across West Africa - the death toll rising to some 3,500 at this writing - the people of the LCMS continue to respond with prayer and support for our relief efforts.

So far, we have given mercy grants totaling \$67,729 to help our brothers and sisters in the most afflicted nations - Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea - grants made possible by the generosity of LCMS members.

In Liberia, we are providing food supplies and other essentials, particularly for people who can't get to their workplaces to make a living. We're also offering sanitation and cleaning supplies to households as a preventive measure. And, we are engaging with Lutheran congregations and schools to educate people on how Ebola is spread and contained. Meanwhile, in Sierra Leone and Guinea, we are assisting with providing food in remote areas where basic supplies are not available.

Everything the LCMS is doing, working through our main point of contact, missionary David Erber, the Synod's area director for West Africa, is being done with church leaders in the region. This is the best way — assisting our partners as they have the ability to use our help. We can do much more together than alone, as was demonstrated recently in the highly successful Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

The same holds true within our Synod. Many have contacted our offices wondering how they can help fight Ebola. The most effective way is to give through the LCMS, allowing our missionaries and staff to come alongside African church leaders to coordinate with our LCMS Disaster Response and Health Ministry efforts. The Synod's online giving page — <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/epidemics> — is for this purpose, directing funds to the LCMS' *Epidemics & Infectious Diseases Response Fund*.

The battle to save lives from Ebola will be a long fight, some saying up to two years. And now there are reports of another disease, the so-called Marburg virus, coming out of Uganda. We will be in this for the long haul — that is a hallmark of LCMS mercy work. As Lutherans, we stay until the job is done, bringing physical aid and comfort even as we proclaim the Gospel.

The Church's work of mercy extends beyond national borders, and it cooperates with others in meeting human need. That is the model of our current battle against Ebola — Christ's love for the whole person, body and soul, as our supreme example for life in this world. Christian service of our neighbor finds its source, motivation and example in Christ's incarnate, redeeming, atoning, active love (Phil. 2:1-11). Every aspect of the faith drives us outside ourselves to care for our neighbor.

With thanksgiving to God for your faithful service on behalf of the Gospel, I remain  
Yours in Christ,  
Matthew C. Harrison, President  
The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

**Living the Generous Life: Yours? Mine? It's all His!**

Christian stewardship begins with the understanding that all we have is God's and that "we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7 ). Since all we have is God's, we should use it for His purposes. God's purpose for us in our lives is expressed in the various vocations, or callings, that we have.

Our vocation as Christians, and as members of a particular Christian congregation where we receive the Word of God and His Sacraments, makes a claim on us: on our presence on Sunday morning and on our support for the work of the Gospel. Likewise, our callings in the home make a claim on us. In society at large our vocations are varied, but they all boil down to being a good neighbor no matter where we are. In each place, we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. That means being a faithful friend and worker, a kind and generous neighbor and so on.

In one sense, all there is to say about stewardship is this: Live a godly, generous life in your vocations in church, home and society. Love God and serve your neighbor. That's the whole Law. But we are still left with the details. What does loving my neighbor and being faithful to God look like in my life? What does a generous life of stewardship look like? For believers in Christ, the Law serves as a guide to how to live a life of thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

God's Law on supporting the Church calls us to support it faithfully from our first-fruits, to do it voluntarily and cheerfully, and to do it proportionally. Does that convict you? Does this Law show your sin? I know it convicts me. I have certainly not been as cheerful or faithful a giver as I should be. That is the bad news of our sinfulness against God's Law. But the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that we are forgiven by Christ's work on the cross. God loves us and has made us His children in Baptism. He feeds us with His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We are His and no one can snatch us out of His hands. And that's the motivation for cheerful, generous giving to the Lord's work.

Please join us in sharing with others our true motivation for cheerful, generous giving to the Lord's work!

In His name,

Rev. Heath Curtis, coordinator, LCMS Stewardship Ministry

# The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## Calendar of Events

### November, 2014

#### **Week of November 2 - All Saints**

Sunday - 11/2            8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship - The Festival of All Saints

Monday - 11/3            6:00pm. - Board of Elders

Thursday - 11/6           10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke

Saturday - 11/8           8:00am. - Men's Breakfast Meeting

#### **Week of November 9**

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

Wednesday - 11/12      3:30pm. - Board for Missions – Maine Children's Home

Thursday - 11/13        9:00am. - LWML Meeting  
                                 10:30am. - Mid-week Bible Study - Luke

#### **Week of November 16**

Sunday - 11/16           8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship

Thursday - 11/20        10:30am. - Adult Bible Study - Luke

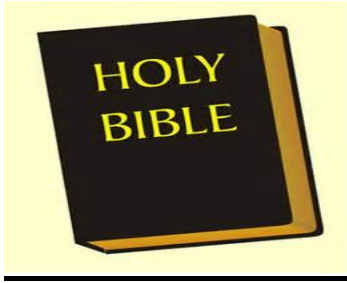
#### **Week of November 23 – Last Sunday of the Church Year**

Sunday - 11/23           8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship

Monday - 1/24            6:00pm. - Board for Youth  
                                 7:00pm. - Church Council

#### **Week of November 30 - First Sunday in Advent**

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



## BIBLE QUIZ

### Monthly Worship

**November 2, 2014**

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 9, 2014**

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

**Psalm:** 70

**First Reading:** Amos 5:18-24

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

**November 16, 2014**

Twenty-third 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 23, 2014**

Last Sunday of 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 30, 2014**

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

**1. What was the only sign Jesus promised to give the unbelieving crowd when they demanded proof of His deity?**

A) the sign of Jonas B) the sign of Elijah C) the sign of Abraham D) the sign of Moses

**2. Who are the only five women listed in Jesus' genealogy?**

A) Sarah, Rebekah, Ruth, Hannah, Mary B) Rebekah, Leah, Miriam, Deborah, Mary C) Eve, Rachel, Hannah, Esther, Mary D) Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary

**3. Who was the mother of John the Baptist?**

A) Mary B) Miriam C) Elizabeth D) Lydia

**4. How were Jesus' burial clothes found in the empty tomb?**

A) dirty B) missing C) strewn about D) wrapped and folded neatly

**5. During Israel's first battle in their national history, what did Moses do to help ensure victory?**

A) held his staff up in his hands B) stood on one foot C) conducted the Levite choir in loudly praising God D) Prayed continually in the tabernacle of God

**6. On what day were the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit?**

A) Easter B) Passover C) Pentecost D) Yom Kippur

Answers on "Birthday" page





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



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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



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



### CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARY

11/14 Sharon Conover  
 Mike Hein

### Bible Quiz Answers:

1. A. Luke 11:29-30
2. D. Matthew 1:3-16
3. C. Luke 1:57-63
4. D. John 20:7
5. A. Exodus 17:9-13
6. C. Acts 2:1-4

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### Some "groaners"

----A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did my intelligence come from?" The father replied, "Well, son, you must have gotten it from your mother, 'cause I still have mine."

----"Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce court judge said, "and I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week."

"That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

----A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"

The agent replies, "Just a minute."

"Thank you," the blonde says and hangs up.

----The graveside service just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance...

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

# November Stewardship

	<u>November 2</u>	<u>November 9</u>	<u>November 16</u>	<u>November 23</u>	<u>November 30</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Jacob Huesers	Caden Fitzpatrick	Emily Larsen	Sarah Kohl	Jacob Huesers
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson	Don Pryor	Brian Watson	Mike Hein
<u>Ushers</u>	Tom Huesers & Mike Hein.	Brad Fitzpatrick & John Ayotte	Bill Jahnke & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Mark Larsen & Moe Cote	Jon Morren & Chris Batson
<u>Greeters</u>	Tom & Katie Huesers	John & Karen Ayotte	Bill & Velta Jahnke	David Leigh & Julie Kohl	Chris & Yvonne Batson
<u>Altar Care</u>	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant	Deb Nielsen	Sharon Conover
<u>Flowers</u>	Avis Grant	Avis Grant	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Jim & Darryll Zahner
<u>Fellowship</u>	Darryll Zahner	Darryll Zahner	Darryll Zahner	Esther Gould	OPEN

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