

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

November, 2015

"Renovation of the Sanctuary"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm looking at a clipping from the Waterville Morning Sentinel, Wednesday, September 14, 1966 that shows a "Ford Homes" flatbed truck and preassembled wall sections being unloaded. The concrete foundation had already been poured, the floor laid and wall and roof joists were already in place by the time the truck arrived from New York. The plan was to install the wall sections and close in the roof by the end of the same day. But a broken universal joint in a piece of the lifting equipment caused a two and a half hour delay. "By tomorrow night, however," said contractor Aime L. Veilleux of Winslow, "the church will be all closed in and a preliminary covering will be on the roof."

I'm looking at pictures of the cornerstone being set in place on the front of the building before the brickwork was laid. "1966." What an exciting time in the early life of this young congregation that must have been. There are a few 'slides' (*remember those?*) of Rev. Howard C. Moeller, the congregation's first pastor, standing in the finished sanctuary.

A lot has changed since then, but the sanctuary sure hasn't. It is remarkable how similar it looked then to the way it still looks today. It has served this congregation remarkably well for almost 50 years. As far as I can tell, the only attention it has received is a new roof, the floor has been refinished, new windows installed, the walls have been painted twice and the ceiling once. Amazingly, the carpeting is the original.

We are the grateful beneficiaries of some very wise planning and decisions and sacrifices that the founders of the congregation made a long time ago. But the time has come for our sanctuary to receive the kind of attention any 50 year old requires just naturally requires. Not to overdraw the analogy but there are some parts that were smooth but are now wrinkled and gray and there are a few age spots here and there. It's time to give this old gal some of the attention she deserves.

A group of 10 folks have been meeting since July to address the need for renovation of the sanctuary. Many ideas and thoughts have been brought to the table, some remain on the table and others have been eliminated. The committee's focus has been the sanctuary, but it has also taken on the renovation of the two downstairs bathrooms.

The goal is not to 'expand' or 'reconfigure' the current space at all, only to spruce up what is already there. We don't want this to become a 'big' project financially and are trying to confine it to what we are confident we can handle while continuing all the other important work we are doing.

Five different general contractors and many subcontractors have visited and offered their ideas on the best way to accomplish the goal. Some have taken measurements and submitted estimates. Here is an overview of what we're thinking so far:

- Remove the paneling on beams and replace with drywall and paint.
- Attach sheets of Styrofoam insulation to ceiling (either 2" or 4") and a white-wash stained pine board ceiling. (*Much improved energy efficiency, elimination of 'ice dam' in valley during winter, no chance of future 'nail or seam popping,' no painting*)
- Remove valence and lighting on side walls. Install energy efficient lighting ('LED') in

ceiling in each of four 'bays' between beams on each side of sanctuary. Spot and flood lighting on tracks to highlight cross, altar, pulpit, lectern, font. All with dimming capability.

- Repair and repaint walls.
- Replace carpeting.
- Replace communion kneeler in finished oak to match altar and font with 'kneeler' pads similar to current pew cushions.
- Replace front doors and entrance door to sanctuary.
- New speakers mounted into ceiling.
- New ceiling fans.
- Heat pump in balcony for cooling and heating.
- Downstairs bathrooms – drywall, paint, new floors, ceilings, bathroom fixtures, lighting.

The timetable for all of this is as follows:

- Committee to mail final plans and estimate to the congregation by November 18, 2015.
- Question and discussion with Renovation Committee after worship on November 22nd.
- Approval of final plans at the Annual Voters Meeting on December 13th.
- Work to begin on January 2, 2016. Projected to take six weeks.
- "Renovation Pledge Drive" to begin on January 2nd through February 28th. The goal is to offset at least 50% of the cost of the project with 3-year pledges for the 'Building Fund.'

During the time of construction, we will hold worship services in the Fellowship Hall. Pews will be stored in room #201 which will also necessitate holding Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an exciting time for our congregation. Our goal is to be as wise and devoted and sacrificial as our forefathers were so that 50 years from now, another generation will look back on the work we did to maintain the sanctuary and thank us for providing such a wonderful place to gather for worship.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Seeking to Serve...notes from a Deaconess student

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

The time has been flying by and I am finishing up my Luke course as I write this. I have thoroughly enjoyed sinking eight weeks into examining this gospel and considering some of the ways it continues into the book of Acts. Some highlights include seeing the importance of suffering as a part of our salvation, being reminded that the Lord does all the work for us, and the recurring themes of joy, forgiveness, peace and table fellowship. Have you ever thought about how Luke 15, with its three parables of lost things found is the gospel within the gospel?

I'd be happy to elaborate on some of these themes if you wish to chat, or tell you about prophet Christology, or explain the beautiful literary balance in the Gospel of Luke.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).

Under his mercy,
Sharon

Last Sunday of the Church Year - November 22nd

The Church's Year 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.

Board for Missions Meeting Minutes - 10/14/15

Review of Budget / Mission Funds

Total budgeted YTD: \$11,823 (Jan. - Sept.)

Total Mission Fund Expenditures YTD: \$6,631

Balance to expend: \$5,129

Current Projects:

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter:

- Monthly Meals: Continue with the format in place. Deb Nielsen to provide suggested menu and oversee recruitment of volunteers. It can be the same menu from month to month.
- MMHS Capital Building Campaign: Resolve of the BfM that we should pledge \$5,000 towards the development of the 2nd floor of the Shelter for 'transitional housing' and 'training centers.' Funds to be allocated from balance at end of 2015 and remainder in 2016.
- Men's Clothing Drive: To kick off in January for delivery in February. There will be a logistical issue in the Fellowship Hall due to renovation of the Sanctuary during this time. Solutions to be investigated.

Hope Lutheran Church:

- Circuit #1 congregations are planning to pledge financial support to Hope for the calling of a full-time pastor. LCR will participate out of its 'missions' budget. Anticipated commitment is \$5,000 / yr. for five years.

Maine Children's Home:

- Andrea Watson to arrange / schedule for a team to work the Christmas program.
- Will try to arrange to have the new executive director visit the congregation.
- BfM voted to recommend \$1000 of mission funding go to Maine Children's Home for their Christmas program. Pastor will e-mail Church Council for their approval.

Guests and Visits for 2015/2016

- BfM would like to continue having local guests, mission speakers and seminary students visit the congregation. Pastor Nielsen will compile a list of possible 'mission speakers' for the next meeting.

Next meeting of the Board for Missions - November 11th. 6:30pm.

A Special Thanks To Tom Huesers

Quietly, behind the scenes, Tom has been working away on various projects that make a real difference in our life together, but that may hardly be noticed. Here's a list. I hope I haven't left anything out.

- +Installed programmable thermostats in every room.
- +Insulated and installed portable heaters in sanctuary rooms to prevent pipes from freezing.
- +Researched the best way to transition our furnace from oil to natural gas, arranged, coordinated and oversaw the work to completion.
- +Repaired a faulty thermostat wire in Fellowship Hall. +Bled the furnace to eliminate noise.
- +Replaced insulation strip in front door.

I'm sure there's more I'm missing. But don't ask Tom. He won't tell you. Thanks Tom!

Annual Voters Meeting of the Congregation - Sunday, December 13th - After Worship

Please plan to be present for this important annual meeting of the congregation. Agenda items include various Board and Committee reports, 2016 budget recommendation, election of Church Council officers. Discussion and vote on final plans for Sanctuary remodeling project. 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.

Appreciation Dinner for our Altar Guild

On Wednesday, October 28th, an appreciation dinner for our Altar Guild was held in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner was served by pastor Nielsen and Deaconess Conover made a presentation on 'The Temple' with materials from her Luke class. The Altar Guild prepares the Altar for worship and the Lord's Supper every Sunday and all several mid-week services. It is hard to overstate the service that they provide to the congregation. THANK YOU ALTAR GUILD!

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| +Kitty Carlson | +Sharon Conover | +Amanda Goldsmith |
| +Esther Gould | +Avis Grant | +Katie Huesers |
| +Julie Kohl | +Lee Anne Larsen | +Deb Nielsen |
| +Amy Ouellette | +Andrea Watson | |



BIBLE QUIZ

Monthly Worship

November 1, 2015

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 8, 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 146

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-28

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

November 15, 2015

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 16

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-25

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-13

November 22, 2015

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Psalm: 93

First Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6 or Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Epistle: Jude 20-25 or Revelation 1:4b-8

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 or John 18:33-37

November 29, 2015

First Sunday in Advent

Psalm: 25:1-10

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 or 21:25-36

1. What were the two things God absolutely forbade anyone from eating on a dead animal?

- A) skin and fat B) fat and blood C) blood and bones
D) bones and skin

2. Who did God appoint to go with Saul during his first missionary trip?

- A) Silas B) Barnabas C) John
D) Timothy

3. What military strategy did God command Joshua and the army to deploy against Ai?

- A) ambush B) full charge C) circle the camp seven times while blowing trumpets D) do nothing and believe that God will plague the enemy during the night

4. In the parable of the four soils, which soil represented the people who refuse to believe?

- A) hard soil by the wayside B) weedy/thorny soil C) thin layer of soil D) good soil

5. How did John the Baptist describe himself when interrogated by the Jewish authorities?

- A) the voice of God B) the voice of reason C) the voice of one crying in the wilderness D) the voice of one yelling on the street corner

6. Who said this: "Man shall not live by bread alone"?

- A) Paul quoting David B) Job quoting Abraham C) Esther quoting Ruth D) Jesus quoting Moses



11/2 Mia Fitzpatriick
 11/3 Jon Morren
 11/6 Avis Grant
 11/10 Sherman Hill
 11/13 Fernando Gouvea
 11/16 Hayley Farr
 11/23 Peter Doran
 David Leigh



11/13 Sharon Conover
 Mike Hein

Some thoughts from a “wandering” brain:

---There’s always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don’t hurt.

---A penny saved is a government oversight.

---The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

---The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

---He who hesitates is probably right.

---If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

---If you can’t be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.



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



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

Bible Quiz Answers

1. B Leviticus 7:23-27
2. B Acts 13:2
3. A Joshua 8:2
4. A Matthew 13:19
5. C John 1:23
6. D Matthew 4:1-4; Deuteronomy 8:3

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

November, 2015

Week of November 1 - All Saints

Sunday - 11/1 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship - The Festival of All Saints
Thursday - 11/5 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study – 1 Corinthians 5

Week of November 8

Sunday - 11/8 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
 11:30am. - Remodeling Committee Meeting
Monday - 11/9 7:00pm. - Church Council Meeting
Wednesday – 11/11 6:30pm. - Board for Missions
Thursday - 11/12 9:00am. - LWML Meeting
 10:30am. - Mid-week Bible Study – 1 Corinthians 6

Week of November 15

Sunday - 11/15 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
Wednesday 11/18 6:00pm. - Board for Missions – Maine Children's Home
Thursday - 11/19 10:30am. - Adult Bible Study - 1 Corinthians 7

Week of November 23 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday - 11/22 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship

Week of November 29 - First Sunday in Advent

Sunday - 11/30 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
 10:00am. - Worship
 11:30am. - Q & A with Remodel Committee

December Stewardship

	<u>November 1</u>	<u>November 8</u>	<u>November 15</u>	<u>November 22</u>	<u>November 29</u>
Acolyte	Jacob Huesers	Allison Farr	Emmy Carlson	Caden Fitzpatrick	Mia Fitzpatrick
Comm. Assistant	Glenn Carlson	Mark Larsen	Steve Love	Brad Grierson	Brad Fitzpatrick
Ushers	Chris Batson & Mike Hein	Steve Love & Brian Watson	John Ayotte & Moe Cote	Bill Jahnke & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Glenn Carlson & Mark Larsen
Greeters	John & Karen Ayotte	Chris & Yvonne Batson	Mark & Lee Anne Larsen	Brad & Joanna Grierson	John & Esther Gould
Altar Care	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould
Flowers	Avis Grant	Avis Grant	Mike & Michelle Hein	Mike & Michelle Hein	Robert & Frances Sieber
Fellowship	Katie Huesers	Darryll Zahner	Michelle Hein	OPEN	OPEN

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