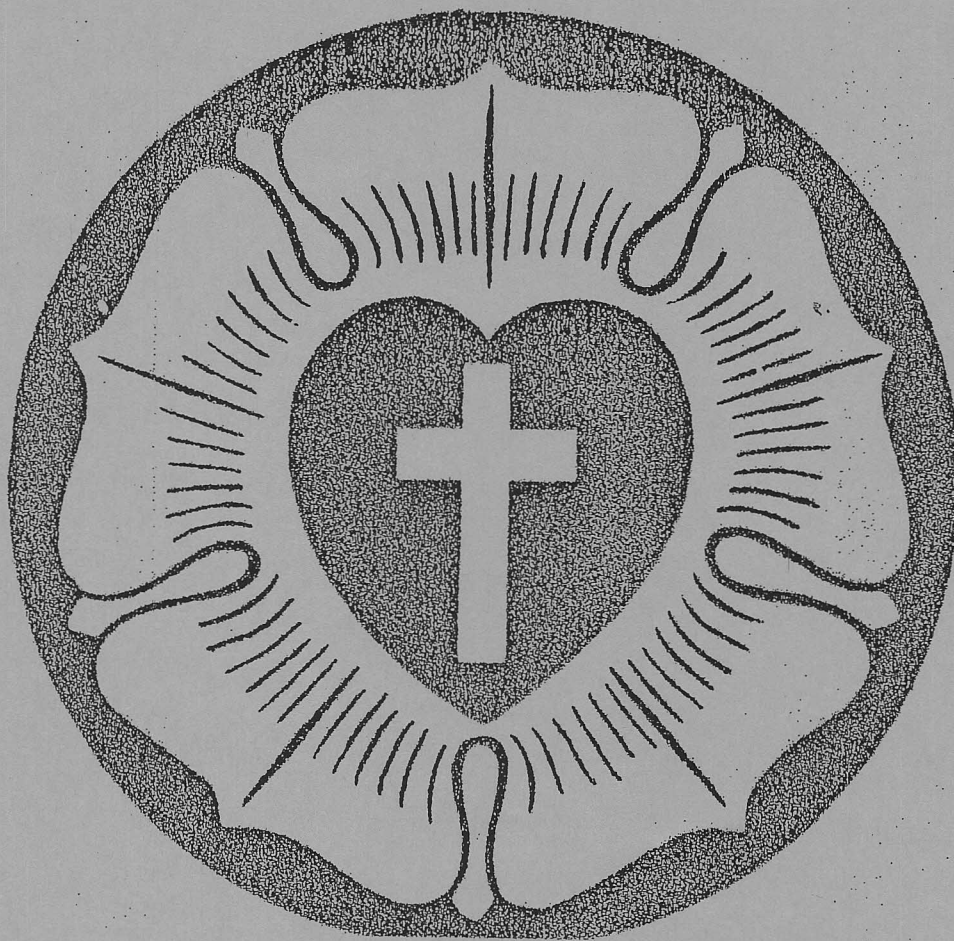


RESURRECTION NEWS



OCTOBER 2011



Pastor's Letter

October, 2011

"THE GOLDEN RULE OF PRAYER"

Intercessory Prayer

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I noticed that our Synod President was impressed with Rev. John Kleinig's presentation at a recent "Doxology" retreat. (See President Harrison's article in the October "Lutheran Witness.") I attended the same retreat last year in New Jersey and was also very impressed and moved by the profound thoughts presented by Rev. Kleinig. Over the next several months, I'd like to share some of these thoughts with you from his book, "Grace Upon Grace."

Kleinig asks, what is the very best thing that you, as a Christian, could ever do for another person? You may say, 'I could defend or befriend someone when they're in trouble.' And that would be a very good thing to do. You may reply, 'I could share my faith and tell them about Jesus.' That would also be a very good thing to do.

But Kleinig suggests something else that tops everything else that we, as Christians, can do for another person. We can pray for them. As children of God, we have access to the throne of grace in the name of Jesus Christ our brother. If someone is in trouble or lonely, we can take them to God in prayer, whether they are believers or not. Jesus makes it clear that unbelievers do not have access to God. "No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6). But we do. And when we pray for someone, we bring to God for divine help.

This gives new meaning to the Golden Rule. "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12)

"The Golden Rule wasn't given by Jesus as a general ethical principle for all people, but as wise direction for God's children who have access to their heavenly Father through faith in Him. Since I am a child of God, I know that the best thing I could ever hope to receive from fellow Christians is their prayers. It's the greatest favor and kindness that they could ever show me. But the opposite is also true. By praying for God to forgive them when they sin, I show my love for them and for God. I therefore fulfill the Law and the Prophets when I don't pass judgment on others, but pray for them instead. I can ask our heavenly Father to supply others with what they lack. I can seek His grace for my sisters and brothers in Christ. I can knock at the door of my heavenly Father and bring them into His presence. So by the practice of intercession we fulfill the Golden Rule." (Kleinig).

"What should we do about the shortcomings and blunders of our brothers and sisters in Christ? Two approaches are common. On the one hand, there is the legalistic way. We can use God's Law to judge and condemn sinners. On the other hand, there is the permissive way. We can be lenient and overlook the fault in the hope that the power of the Gospel will change that person. Jesus warns us that where this is done something holy is desecrated and defiled.

He therefore advocates a third way, the way of intercession. The sins of our fellow Christians, their failures and their mistakes, the conflicts and tensions in a Christian community, are all

opportunities and occasions for intercession. Let me put it quite directly: When I fail as a pastor, I don't need your condemnation or your indulgence. What I need is your support, and you can give it best through your prayers." (Kleinig).

I so appreciate the women who meet at church every Wednesday afternoon to pray for me and the congregation. I would invite as many as would like to join them to do so. But I would also invite all of us to do the best thing that we can do as Christians, and that each of us can do even from our own homes - pray for one another.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

The Feasibility Study Committee Report

At its meeting on March 28th, 2011, the Church Council voted to accept the proposal from Lewis and Malm Architects to conduct a feasibility study regarding an expansion of the church parking lot and sanctuary. On August 4th, Lewis and Malm met with pastor Nielsen, Glenn Carlson, Chris Batson and Eric Stout at the church to present their report. A thorough review of blue prints and cost estimates of a variety of options available revealed that both a parking lot expansion and sanctuary expansion are entirely feasible.

Three options for parking lot expansion were presented and three options for sanctuary expansion also presented. In reporting on the meeting to the Church Council at its meeting on September 19th, the committee recommended the following:

1. The least expensive option for parking lot expansion was the most desirable option. This would involve adding to the existing lot by lengthening it along Cool St., expanding the current capacity of 35 cars to 59.
2. The least expensive option for sanctuary expansion was also the most desirable option. This would involve adding 14' to the sanctuary in the direction of the current chancel / altar expanding the seating capacity from 110 to 180.
3. It was recommended that these two projects should be undertaken in two phases; Phase #1 – parking lot expansion; Phase #2 – sanctuary expansion. The current parking capacity is inadequate for the current level of worship attendance. The hope is that excess parking capacity will contribute to increased worship attendance which will then require more worship capacity. The rough cost estimates for each project were almost equal.
4. It was further recommended that the concrete planning for Phase #1 should begin no sooner than 6 months before the current building mortgage is projected to be paid off. (The current mortgage balance is approximately \$75,000. In addition to the monthly payment, we have been contributing an average of \$1,400 per month towards the principle - \$600 from the budget and \$800 from specified offerings. At this rate, the projected payoff is April, 2014, 7 years early!)

The Church Council accepted the recommendations of the committee and asked that the information be disseminated to the congregation for its reaction and input. Please speak to any of the Church Council members with any thoughts you have on this proposal for the congregation's future.

In the meantime, parking on Sunday mornings remains a problem that must be addressed now. We need to have at least 15 cars committed to park off-site on Sunday mornings. We are very concerned that the elderly and families with children are forced to park on the street. We are also concerned that visitors and guests find easy access to the building. Off-site parking is available at "Oak Grove Center" and along Cool Street and Matthew's Avenue.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY - October 30th - Reformation Sunday!

Without a doubt, the best way to reach out to unchurched friends and neighbors is to invite them to come to worship with you. FRIENDSHIP SUNDAYS (*whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a month*) are special occasions that give you a good reason to invite a friend to church. FRIENDSHIP SUNDAYS are times for us to be intentional about inviting guests to join us for Sunday School and worship, knowing that they will be warmly welcomed and hopefully, thankful you invited them.

The next FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY is: Reformation Sunday - Sunday, October 30th. A perfect opportunity to invite friends to join us for a special worship service and our annual **Reformation Pot-Luck Brunch**. Bring a dish to share with others. Pastor Nielsen will present a brief talk on a historical aspect of the Lutheran Reformation during lunch.

Board For Youth Announces – “Trunk or Treat”! Monday, October 31st.

Last year's event was so much fun we want to do it again. This year we'll begin a little earlier which should give us more daylight and time to visit other neighbors later. We'll begin at 5:00pm. at the church parking lot which will become an arena for trick or treaters to show off their costumes and travel from car trunk to trunk to collect goodies and treats. All members of the congregation are invited to participate by loading some treats into your trunk and parking in the lot. The event will conclude by 6:00pm. For more information, see Glenn Carlson Jr.

Sunday School For October

- 10/2 - "Joseph Feeds Egypt" - Genesis 40-41
- 10/9 - "Joseph Forgives His Brothers" - Genesis 42-50
- 10/16 - "The Birth of Moses" - Exodus 1-2
- 10/23 - "Moses and the Burning Bush" - Exodus 2-4
- 10/30 - "Moses and the Plagues" - Exodus 5-10

Adult Bible Study In October

- 10/2 - "The Psalms in Worship – Psalm 80" - Fernando Gouvea
- 10/9 - "The Psalms in Worship – Psalm 23 - "
- 10/16 - "The Psalms in Worship – Psalm 96 - "
- 10/23 - "The Psalms in Worship - Psalm 1 - "
- 10/30 - "The Christian and the Environment - I" - Pastor Nielsen
Should Christians Go Green?
- 11/6 - "The Christian and the Environment - II" - "
- 11/13 - "The Christian and the Environment – III" - "

Cry Room Renovation Complete!

Thank you Fred Ouellette and all of your helpers for a wonderful job renovating the cry room! What a blessing to have such a wonderful space for families with infants and toddlers to go during the service when the children become restless.

Thank You from First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center

Dear Fellow Laborers for Life,

We are praising the Lord for your generous donation of baby items to First Choice. Those items are much needed and will have an impact on sharing the love of Jesus with our clients.

With love in Christ,

Wendy Merrill

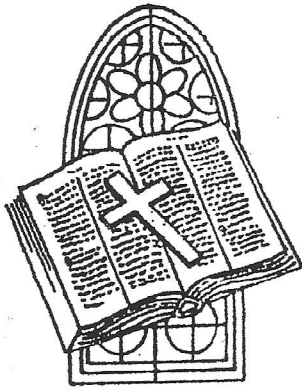
Welcome New Members

Curt and Kim, Harry and Christopher Slininger.

462 Main Rd. S. Hampden, Me. 04444 #862-2153

Released from membership

Barbara and Brendan Dufour - Self-exclusion



Monthly Worship

October 2, 2011

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 80:7-19

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

October 9, 2011

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

October 16, 2011

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 96:1-9(10-13)

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

October 23, 2011

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 1

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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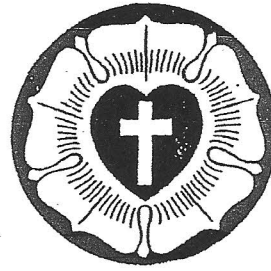
Reformation Day

Psalm: 46

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19



LUTHER QUIZ

1. According to Luther, all trust that is not based on *this* is vain:

A) Faith B) The Word of God
C) Confidence

2. True or False: Luther wrote that a person who has never been in temptations cannot know what it means to have hope.

3. According to Luther, *this* is the most intolerable thing on earth:

A) Lies B) Love C) Truth

4. Luther said that to act contrary to this is equivalent to acting contrary to faith:

A) Social norms B) Church teachings
C) Conscience

5. True or False: Luther believed God created the world over a number of years, not six days.

6. Luther stated that when a person reaches the point of imagining that he or she knows the gospel, the Ten Commandments and the Word of God outstandingly well, then he or she is this:

A) Wise B) Saved C) Lost

Answers on "birthday" page.



STEWARDSHIP

October 2

October 9

October 16

October 23

October 30

Acolyte

Emily Larsen

Dan Morren

Sarah Kohl

Dan Morren

Emily Larsen

**Comm.
Assistant**

Mark Larsen

Glenn Carlson

Eric Stout

Don Pryor

Chris Batson

Ushers

**Seth Carlson
&
John Gould**

**Glenn
Carlson, Jr.
&
Mike Hein**

**Robert Sieber
&
John Ayotte**

**Jon Morren
&
Jared
Goldsmith**

**Bill Jahnke
&
Moe Cote**

Greeters

**Mark
&
LeeAnne
Larsen**

**Glenn, Jr.
&
Krista
Carlson**

**Dan
&
Sharon
Callahan**

**Tom
&
Katie Huesers**

**Moe
&
Becky Cote**

Altar Guild

Katie Huesers

Avis Grant

Deb Nielsen

**Irma
Mytinger**

**Karen/Sarah
Mueller**

Flowers

LWML

**Eric & Lin
Stout**

**Eric & Lin
Stout**

Sharon Klipp

Sharon Klipp

Fellowship

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**Reformation/
Friendship
Sunday
Pot Luck**



The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

October, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Pentecost 16 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	3 6:00 pm Elders	4	5	6 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	7	8
9 Pentecost 17 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	10	11	12	13 9:00 am LWML 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	14	15
16 Pentecost 18 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	17 6:00 pm Board For Youth	18	19	20 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	21	22
23 Pentecost 19 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;"> Pastor Nielsen at Fall Pastor's Conference—Enfield, Ct. <i>November Newsletter Deadline</i> </div>	25 7:00pm. Women's Book Study	26	27 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	28	29
30 Reformation / Friendship Sunday 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Pot-Luck Dinner	31 5:00pm. Trunk or Treat Church parking lot.					



Birthday Wishes

10/1 Mari Gouvea
 10/2 Alex LeBeau
 10/3 Julie Kohl
 Tom Mueller
 10/14 Marlene Pryor
 10/15 Krista Carlson
 10/21 Corina Batson
 10/23 Pastor Paul Nielsen
 Amy Ouellette
 10/25 George Mueller
 10/26 Joshua Morren
 10/28 Nancy LeBeau
 10/30 Cody Therrien
 10/31 Dottie Evertson



10/10 Glenn & Kitty Carlson
 10/12 Seth & Angie Carlson
 Eric & Lin Stout
 10/21 Hammon & Dawn Buck
 Sharon & Dennis Klipp



10/5 Mari Gouvea
 10/11 Annah Mueller
 10/12 Siegfried Pelzer
 10/17 George Mueller
 Justin Pryor
 10/21 Siena Fitzpatrick
 10/28 Mark Larsen

CONFIRMATION



ANNIVERSARIES

10/28 Michael Cote

Shirley & Marcy

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it.

She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he likely wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for a whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them, as she seemed to do every day of the week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life.', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.
 May **Shirley Goodnest** and **Marcy** be with you today and always.

LUTHER QUIZ ANSWERS:

1) B 2) True 3) C 4) C 5) False; Luther argued that Scripture's creation account should be interpreted literally
 6) C

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