

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Letter

October, 2013

"The Way We Worship Is Important"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is an old saying that goes like this, 'the way that we worship determines the way we believe.' That is to say, the way that we worship not only expresses what we believe about God, it also shapes what we believe about God. We are formed from the outside in. If you say something often enough you will come to believe it. This is why the 'form' and 'content' of worship is so important. Chances are good that if the worship is right (*'orthodox' is the word*) then your faith will be right, and vice-a-versa.

For a long time, the church's worship was wrong. The form and content of the church's worship taught people that worship was a good work and sacrifice that we do in order to be saved. Listening and learning about God's Word was not important, a message that was clearly communicated by the fact that the service was conducted in Latin, a language that the vast majority of parishioners did not understand. Priests prayed to the saints and Mary. The Lord's Supper was presented as an offering to God made by a worthy priest on behalf of the people. The people themselves only participated in the Supper through the eating of the bread. The priests drank the wine on their behalf.

It was after searching and studying the Scriptures that Martin Luther began to see the great discrepancy between the church's worship and what the 'one, true faith' that the Scriptures actually teach. Worship is meant to be, first and last, the gracious giving of the gifts of God to the people of God. Rather than an offering of good works and sacrifice up to God, worship was where God offered the good works and sacrifice of Christ to men and women through faith. As you can see, this changes everything about what we believe about the Christian Faith.

Yet, as Luther set out to reform the church's understanding of the Christian Faith, he did not radically change the outward form of the worship service. Where it was right, it remained. But several subtle changes make all the difference. Now, the Service of the Word was to be the proclamation of the Word of God through the proper distinction of Law and Gospel, in the language of the people so that those present would hear might understand and grow in the one, true faith. Readings and sermons were to be presented so that of even the most uneducated person in the pew may understand. Prayers to the saints and Mary were eliminated altogether. The Lord's Supper was presented as the very sacrifice of Christ crucified, 'given and shed for you.' Here was the 'real presence' of Christ, from the cross right to each communicant for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. The Lord's command to 'take and eat,' and 'take and drink' was obeyed so that parishioners now receive both the bread and the wine as the life-giving food that it truly is. The nature and power of the Sacrament does not depend on the worthiness of the priest, but on the infallible word and promise of God.

Luther understood that 'that the way that we worship determines the way that we believe.' So, much of the learning and re-learning of the Christian faith according to the Scriptures took place through the worship service. Luther wrote an order of service for the common

man that is called the "German Mass." All of the parts and pieces of the regular liturgy are present, but many of them are set as hymns and are meant to be sung by the whole congregation. In the past, the congregation had very little chance to participate in the worship service. But now, they would be involved and encouraged to participate in speaking and singing as members of 'the priesthood of all believers.' To this day, Lutheran worship is one of the most participatory forms of worship in the entire Christian church.

On Sunday, October 27th, in celebration of the Lutheran Reformation, we will use an Order of Service that attempts to mirror Luther's original German Mass. They'll be lots of music and singing. Start warming up your voices now. Get ready to receive the gifts of God to the people of God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Adult Bible Study - Sunday Mornings: 8:45am. "MISSION AND MERCY"

This season's ABS has gotten off to a great start with in-depth studies and lively discussion on the topics of "Mission and Mercy." Things will continue through October. The upcoming schedule of presenters and topics are as follows:

- 10/6 Guest Speaker: Betty Palmer - Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter - Waterville
- 10/13 The Economics of Poverty I - Finley Edwards
- 10/20 The Economics of Poverty II - Finley Edwards
- 10/27 The Lutheran Reformation Influence on Medieval Poverty - Pastor Nielsen
- 11/3 Guest Speaker: Maine Children's Home - Waterville
- 11/10 "Mercy" - The parable of the Unforgiving Servant - Pastor Nielsen

Men's Breakfast Meeting - Saturday, October 12th - 8:00am.

This monthly gathering of men is a great time of fellowship around breakfast and bible study. We will once again use another letter from "The Screwtape Letters" as our guide for both identifying and avoiding the traps and pitfalls before all of us that we so easily fall into as well as good guidance for how to live by faith. Come and enjoy! Bring a friend.

Higher Things 2014 - "Cup Cake Sale" : Sunday, October 20

The Catechumenate (*confirmation class*) is planning to attend the 2014 Higher Things Conference at Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin in July of 2014. They are beginning now to make the preparations which will be necessary. First of all, they will need to be confirmed, a requirement for participation in the conference. Second, they will have to make the financial preparations to make the journey and for this they are asking for your support. Each youth is making 3 dozen cupcakes for Fellowship on October 20. Free-will donations that will go toward the trip will be greatly appreciated.

Reformation Sunday! - October 27th

The congregation's annual celebration of the Lutheran Reformation is always a highlight of our life together. This year, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will be followed by Worship using Divine Service V, a setting for worship that imitates Luther's German Mass of 1526. Following worship, we will have our annual "German Pot-Luck Supper" in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone brings a dish to share. Make something German if you can. If not, just add

either 'kraut' or 'wurst' to the end of whatever it is and everyone will love it! Pastor Nielsen will make a presentation on some aspect of the Lutheran Reformation. Plan to join in and PLAN TO BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!

"Trunk or Treat"! Wednesday, October 31st.

Every year, we seem to attract more and more families and children from the local community to this event. Come and join in the fun. We'll begin at 5:00pm. at the church parking lot. The children (*and some adults*) come in costume and move from trunk to trunk collecting goodies and treats. The event will conclude by 6:00pm. For more information, see Glenn Carlson Jr. Sponsored by the Board for Youth.

Board For Missions Meeting Minutes - September 4, 2013

The Board for Missions congregation request form has been completed. The project was a combined effort executed by Brian Watson, Amanda Goldsmith and Michael Kiser. The completed form was approved by the Board unanimously and will be printed and available for use by members of the congregation in the near future. Pastor Nielsen will be uploading to the church website the Board For Missions guidelines.

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana assigned two new seminary students for our sponsorship at our request. They are Greg Bauch, a second year seminarian and Alexander Sabol, a first year seminarian. Both will be introduced in the church's October newsletter. Pastor Nielsen suggested the Board consider bringing one of the seminary students to LCR to visit the congregation. The seminarian would be invited to lead the Adult Bible Study class and the church service that Sunday.

Current Projects:

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter: The congregation continues to participate in providing one meal monthly on Saturdays at the shelter. The following have signed up for meals.

October - Knitting/Gardening Club; November - Brian Watson - Veterans; December - Open

The Board unanimously agreed that all donations given in 2013 to MMHS were to go towards LCR's pledge of \$5,000, made previously for the new Shelter. The congregation surpassed it's pledge to the MMHS.

Maine Children's Home (Home for Little Wanderers): Brian will head up the renovations that will be made to the reception area and plans to include the Sr. Youth Group in the venture sometime this winter. The project will including cleaning and painting and should be accomplished in one day.

First Choice Pregnancy Center: The new location at Penny Hill Park has opened. There will be an open house on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 10:00-2:00. A representative from the BFM will be attending.

Current Budget: Not available for the September meeting. Postponed to the October meeting.

The next BFM meeting is scheduled for October 9 @ 6:30pm. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hein

Word From Mission Projects We Sponsor

Capstone Ministries: Rev. Joel and Jennifer Cundiff

(From their blog site while they are in Africa)

It is so amazing, so comforting, and uplifting to know that we have so many praying for us at home. These prayers have sustained us in everything we do. Our God is an awesome God, and hears our cries and our praises. Praying is the most powerful tool we have. This is why Capstone Ministries participates and helps coordinate a large gathering near Kisumu, Kenya called the World Weekend of Prayer. This event is promoted by Viva Networking, and their mission is to inspire "lasting change in children's lives through the power of collective action because we have a vision to see children safe, well and fulfilling their God-given potential. The World Weekend of Prayer for children at risk is held every year over the first weekend of June. This global initiative brings together hundreds of thousands of adults and children across more than 40 countries."

The Director of Capstone Ministries, Patty Schmelzer describes the event as "an opportunity for children to come together and consider that the challenges that they face are also faced by other children throughout the world. So they have the opportunity to pray for others and with others including children in America."

Capstone Ministries also invites their supporting churches in the US to join in praying during this weekend as an opportunity to participate with Capstone in lifting up the children of the world.

Seminarian Greg Bauch

Dear Friends at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Thank you so much for your continued support of our family while I am at seminary! Your fact is in fact a support of god's Kingdom and His ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4) that prepares servants to distribute His blessings.

We're two weeks into the Fall quarter and everything is going quite well. It's a much different scenario this second year as workload expectations and professor personalities are known. I've made the decision to attack Hebrew as steadfastly as Greek last year, so I've enrolled in OT Hebrew readings twice a week in addition to taking the prerequisite class on Genesis - it has been an abundant gift from God to translate His Word from the original languages. In addition, I'm taking what is tantamount to an apologetics course named 'Ministry in a Pluralistic Context,' which has been quite rewarding early-on. Basketball season is on the horizon and at the moment I intend to play for the second year in a row, although we'll see how responsibilities present themselves once or baby boy is born.

Amanda is doing fantastic and is two months away from giving birth. We've attended a number of classes at the hospital together and are learning much as first-time parents. It's starting to cool down in Ft. Wayne which is more comfortable for the pregnant wife, both for leisure activities and sleeping. In addition, Amanda was very excited for the Seminary Wives bible study classes to begin this week, which gives the ladies a chance to learn from the seminary staff.

Thank you again for you Spirit-led generosity and I confirm to you that in Christ you positively, absolutely, undoubtedly have every perfect gift of God on this earth!

In the Name of Jesus,

Greg and Amanda Bauch

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

October, 2013

Week of October 1

Thursday - 10/3 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke

Week of October 6

Sunday - 10/6 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
6:30pm. - The Catechumenate
Monday - 10/7 6:00pm. - Board of Elders
Wednesday - 10/9 6:30pm. - Board for Missions
Thursday - 10/10 9:00am. - LWML Meeting
(No mid-week bible study – Pastor on Jury Duty)
Saturday - 10/12 8:00am. - Men's Breakfast Meeting

Week of October 13

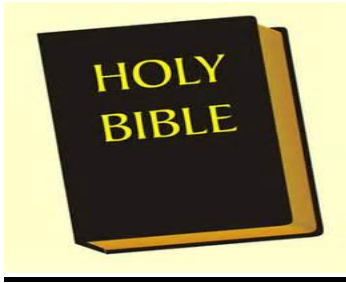
Sunday - 10/13 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
Thursday - 10/17 10:30am. - Adult Bible Study - Luke

Week of October 20

Sunday - 10/20 - 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
Youth – “Cup Cake” Sale
6:30pm. - The Catechumenate
Monday - 10/21 - 6:00pm. - Board for Youth
7:00pm. - Church Council
Thursday – 10/24 10:30am.- Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke

Week of October 27

Sunday - 10/27 - 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
11:30am. - Reformation Pot-Luck Supper
Thursday – 10/31 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke
5:00pm. - Trunk or Treat



LUTHER QUIZ

Monthly Worship

October 6, 2013

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 62

First Reading: Habacuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

October 13, 2013

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 111

First Reading: Ruth 1:1-19a

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

October 20, 2013

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 121

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

October 27, 2013

Reformation Sunday

Psalm: 46

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-26

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

1. Luther considered this the chief article of Christian doctrine:

A) Baptism B) Justification C) Mercy

2. True or False: Luther believed that all people worship a god.

3. According to Luther, this New Testament book "speaks of nothing else but that Jews as well as Gentiles, the righteous as well as the unrighteous, are justified only by faith in Christ Jesus."

A) Matthew B) Acts C) Hebrews

4. Luther said that the world is destined to be filled with these before the Last (Judgement) Day:

A) Love and Joy B) Darkness and falsehoods
C) Praise and worship

5. True or False: According to Luther, the Lord's Supper is God's work, not the communicant's work.

6. Luther stated that the principal doctrine of the New Testament is this:

A) Praise and worship B) Grace and peace C) Love and Joy

Answers on "Birthday" page



NEEDED—Used Books

Bring in any books you no longer need for a used book sale on October 6th.

October 6th is LWML Sunday. Join us for fellowship and help support our missions. We will be selling Ice Cream Sundaes (\$1.00 - \$2.00 donation). There will also be books for sale. The money from the Sundae and Book sales will be donated to the LWML mission funds. Any books not sold will be put into the Christmas Craft Fair.

Also on display that Sunday will be pictures and information from the Annual Convention in Pittsburgh, as well as the grants for District and National Missions.

In October, November, and December, LWML will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Waterville Food Bank. The need is great. Keep the needy in mind when you grocery shop! You can leave your donations in the box provided in the Narthex.

Yours in Christ,

Anna Bisson, President

Luther on the Old Testament

Some people think little of the Old Testament, considering it a book given only to the Jewish people and now out of date and containing only stories of times past. They think they have enough in the New Testament.....(But the apostles) teach us not to despise the Scriptures of the Old Testament but to read them with all diligence; for they themselves emphatically base the New Testament on them, prove it by them, and appeal to them.....Surely, the foundation and proof of the New Testament are not to be despised; therefore also the Old Testament is to be highly esteemed.”

Martin Luther

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One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names. And small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The six-year-old boy had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up; stood beside the little boy and said quietly, “Good morning Alex.”

“Good morning, Pastor”, he replied, still focused on the plaque. “Pastor, what is this?”

The Pastor replied, “Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.

Soberly they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, “Which service, the 8:00 or the 9:30?”



10/1 Mari Gouvea
 10/3 Julie Kohl
 10/14 Marlene Pryor
 10/15 Krista Carlson
 10/21 Corina Batson
 10/23 Pastor Paul Nielsen
 Amy Ouellette
 10/26 Josh Morren
 10/31 Dottie Evertsen



10/10 Glenn & Kitty Carlson
 10/12 Seth & Angie Carlson
 10/21 Sharon & Dennis Klipp



CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARY

10/28 Michael Cote



BIRTHDAYS

10/4 Bode Carlson
 10/5 Mari Gouvea
 10/20 Siena Fitzpatrick
 10/28 Mark Larsen

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NEW DEFINITIONS

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

LUTHER QUIZ ANSWERS:

1) B. 2) True. 3) B. 4) B. 5) True. 6) B

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP

	<u>OCTOBER 6</u>	<u>OCTOBER 13</u>	<u>OCTOBER 20</u>	<u>OCTOBER 27</u>
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	EMILY LARSEN	SARAH KOHL	JACOB HUESERS	SARAH KOHL
<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</u>	MARK LARSEN	MIKE HEIN	BRIAN WATSON	DON PRYOR
<u>USHERS</u>	CHRIS BATSON GLENN CARLSON JR.	GLENN CARLSON JOHN GOULD	MOE COTE BRAD FITZPATRICK	FINLEY EDWARDS JARED GOLDSMITH
<u>GREETERS</u>	MARK AND LEE ANNE LARSEN	MIKE AND MICHELLE HEIN	BRAD AND SASHA FITZPATRICK	RAY AND BETSY GORNEAU
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	KATIE HUESERS	AVIS GRANT	DEB NIELSEN	SHARON CONOVER
<u>FLOWERS</u>	LWML	THE BATSONS	THE BATSONS	SHARON KLIPP
<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>	LWML	THE OUELLETES	THE BATSONS	REFORMATION POT-LUKE SUPPER

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