

RESURRECTION NEWS



OCTOBER 2014



Pastor's Letter
October, 2014
"The Believer's Perspective"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Apostle's Creed we say, "I believe in Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, descended into hell and rose again from the dead, who ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from whence He will come again to judge both the living and the dead."

As we say these very important words that express the faith we have been given, we are being forced to look beyond the here and now that consumes so much of our attention and turn our attention to the final outcome of our lives. This second article of the Apostle's Creed shows us that life is not a cycle that keeps repeating itself over and over again. Rather, life is a line that moves from conception to birth to death and to life after death. The Apostle's Creed traces out not the life cycle but the life line. It is the life line of Jesus Christ - but it is also the life line of all those who are incorporated into Jesus' life. He was conceived. He was born. He lived his life with great joys and great sorrows and suffering. He died.

Sadly, there are many people who believe that the life line ends right there. We're born, we live, we die - that's it. An English journalist named Steve Turner summarized the prevailing belief of our day in a poem he calls, "Creed." Just one line of that poem is worth reciting here. He says, "We believe that after death comes the Nothing because when you ask the dead what happens, they say nothing."

Yet, throughout the centuries, the Christian Church has said, "No! We believe that there is more to life than a dead end line that runs from conception in the womb to death in the grave." We say, "We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty." Life goes on forever after death.

The essential mission of the Christian Church - and of this congregation - is to tell and to teach that there is more to life than the here and now. The mission of the church is to bear witness to a world that believes that death is the end that by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead there is a life after death for all believers. In fact, the distance between the two points of birth and death are very, very close together. Sometimes far too close together than we ever imagine they might be. The line that stretches beyond death goes forever, without end.

All journeys are planned with the destination in mind. Where there is no vision of life after death, the journey is either consumed by hopelessness or selfishness, usually both, depending on the day. But the one who lives by faith in the promise of God lives with genuine hope. The philosopher Pascal once said, "I have learned to define life backwards and live life forwards." By that he meant that he first defined death and what came after death and then he lived his life accordingly. The resurrection of Jesus informs and shapes our day to day lives. We are comforted in our trouble and we have a real comfort to share with others who are troubled. We have a genuine hope to share with a hopeless world.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Adult Bible Study - Sunday Mornings: 8:45am. "The Vocation of Family"

- October 5 The Crosses of Marriage
- October 12 The Vocation of Parent
- October 19 The Vocation of Father
- October 26 The Vocation of Mother

Men's Breakfast Meeting - Saturday, October 11th - 8:00am.

This monthly gathering of men is a great time of fellowship around breakfast and bible study. We are currently working through a study on Creation. Come and enjoy! Bring a friend.

Reformation Sunday! - October 26th

The congregation's annual celebration of the Lutheran Reformation is one of the many highlights of our life together. This year, we will once again worship using Divine Service V. This setting comes closest to 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"! Friday, October 31st.

Every year, more and more families and children from the local community come to this fun 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

Current standing of missions giving through August: (*Not considering the 5% of offerings that we send to the New England District*)

- Budgeted to give: \$11,408
- Actual amount given: \$9,050
- Balance to disperse: \$2,357

It was decided to wait to disperse any funds until a future meeting.

Current Projects:

1. Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter:
\$2,900 has been given to complete our commitment to the elevator project.
2. Seminary Study Support:
Support for Paul Rockrohr, a senior has begun in September. It was unclear if we have been assigned a second student. Pastor Nielsen will contact the seminary.
3. Home For Little Wanderers:
Deb will contact Andrea Watson to try to line up a representative to visit the congregation on October 12th and to see when we need to sign up for to participate in the Christmas program.
4. Mission Sunday:
It was decided that we will try to schedule Rev. Jeff Ehlers, Garuna Foundation to visit in April, 2015. Pastor Nielsen will contact.

Next meeting: October 8th. 6:30pm.

Painting / Carpeting Work Complete!

It all happened so smoothly and efficiently that you may not have even noticed that all of the walls have been repainted, the upstairs carpet and stair treads replaced. Thank you to all who assisted in all the moving and removing that was involved.

Thank You from The Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter

Dear Members of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,
Because of you, the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter is able to offer assistance and support to members of the community who are in need. This month (*August*) the shelter averaged 40 guests per night. We are sincerely thankful for your pledge payment of \$2,900 given on 8/14/2014 for an elevator to the 2nd floor of the new building. Thank you so much! We are so grateful for your faithful gift. The elevator is a gateway to the future of expanded programs and services that we can offer.

Sincerely,
Betty Palmer
Executive Director

All Saints Sunday - November 2nd



God's gracious love in Jesus Christ ignites the thankful acclamations of the saints in every time and place. In gratitude saints remember God's countless blessings in every generation. It is God who has blessed us with faith. It is God who sustains and nurtures the lives of the 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 life-saving Gospel. The congregation is invited to bring cut flowers to lay at the altar in memory of friends and loved ones who have gone before in the Christian faith. Flowers will also be available in the Narthex.

**“ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2014**

I would like to remember the following friends and loved ones who have died in the Christian faith

Signed: _____

Deadline is: Sunday, October 30, 2014.



All About LWML Mites

October 5th is LWML Sunday. Come and join us for Fellowship after church. We will have a **BOOK/PUZZLE SALE**. (Please donate books and puzzles.) The income from the sale will be donated to MITES.

We are currently collecting:

-----For Maine's Children Cancer Center –
bandaids (camouflage, super heros, funky colors)
– deposit in box in Narthex

-----**Pull tabs** from any aluminum can – deposit in bag on the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

-----**Cancelled stamps** – don't throw them out, throw them our way – deposit in bag on the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

-----**Campbell soup labels** and labels from other related food items (see list on bulletin board) – can leave them in Sharon Klipp's mailbox or in the envelope on the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

Remember we meet the second Thursday of every month at 9:00. All ladies are welcome. Our next meeting will be October 9th.

In God's name,

Anna Bisson, Pres.

>Mite Boxes are used to collect money for missions.

>Twenty-five percent of the mite offering is sent to LWML for mission grants and the remaining seventy-five percent is used for your district's mission grants.

>Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions.

>Place your Mite Box wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. You "mite" want to give a Mite Box to family members and friends.

>Return your filled Mite Box to your LWML society.

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Bulletin Bloopers

+Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

+Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

+Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

+Announcement on a church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals."

+Men's Prayer Breakfast. No charge, but your damnation will be gratefully accepted.

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

October, 2014

Week of October 5

Sunday - 10/5	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship
Monday - 10/6	6:00pm. - Board of Elders
Wednesday - 10/8	6:30pm. - Board for Missions
Thursday - 10/9	10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke
Saturday - 10/11	8:00am. - Men's Breakfast Meeting

Week of October 12

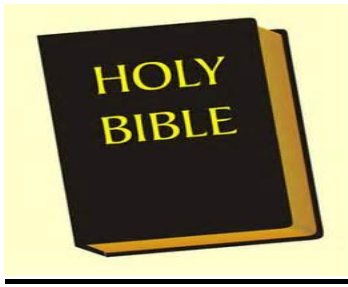
Sunday - 10/12	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship
Thursday - 10/16	9:00am. - LWML Meeting

Week of October 19

Sunday - 10/19	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship
Monday - 10/20	6:00pm. - Board for Youth 7:00pm. - Church Council
Thursday - 10/23	10:30am.- Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke

Week of October 26

Sunday - 10/26 -	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship 11:30am. - Reformation Pot-Luck Supper
Monday - 10/27 - 28	Pastor Nielsen attending Pastor's Conference - Ct.
Thursday - 10/30	10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke
Friday - 10/31	5:00pm. - Trunk or Treat



Monthly Worship

October 5, 2014

Seventeenth 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 12, 2014

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

October 19, 2014

Nineteenth 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 26, 2014

Reformation Day (observed)

Psalm: 46

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

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

BIBLE QUIZ

1. In the armor-of-God analogy, what does the breastplate represent?

A) righteousness B) truth C) faith D) gospel of peace

2. Who was Jacob's youngest son?

A) Judah B) Dan C) Levi D) Benjamin

3. How was the Promised Land divided up between the tribes of Israel?

A) by civil war and spoils B) by lots C) by the size of each tribe D) by preference

4. How long had the prophetess Anna been widowed at the time Jesus was born?

A) 84 days B) 84 weeks C) 84 months D) 84 years

5. Who was the first apostle to actually step into the empty tomb?

A) Philip B) Peter C) James D) John

6. What were the people of Babel attempting to do?

A) force God to shoe Himself on their terms B) turn their backs on God in disgust because of the evil He allowed to happen C) dig down to the center of the earth to hide from God D) build a tall tower to reach the heavens

Answers on "Birthday" page



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 Ouelette
 10/26 Joshua Morren
 10/31 Dottie Evertsen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/9 Glenn & Kitty Carlson
 10/12 Seth & Angie Carlson
 10/21 Sharon & Dennis Klipp

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HOLY HUMOR

-----Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

-----A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

-----There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday morning and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

-----While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign..."Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

---People want thee front of the bus, the back of the church and the center of attention.



10/4 Bode Carlson
 10/5 Mari Gouvea
 10/9 Stephen Love
 10/20 Siena Fitzpatrick
 Olive Grierson
 10/28 Mark Larsen

Bible Quiz Answers:

1. A. Ephesians 6:14
2. D. Genesis 42:32-36
3. B. Joshua 14:2
4. D. Luke 2:37
5. B. John 20:5-6
6. D. Genesis 11:4

Stewardship - October, 2014

	<u>October 5</u>	<u>October 12</u>	<u>October 19</u>	<u>October 26</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Caden Fitzpatrick	Jacob Huesers	Emily Larsen	Sarah Kohl
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Brad Fitzpatrick	Mike Hein	Mark Larsen	Curt Slininger
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Seth Carlson & Moe Cote	John Gould & Brad Grierson	Steve Love & Jon Morren
<u>Greeters</u>	Glenn, Jr. & Krista Carlson	Moe & Becky Cote	John & Esther Gould	Jon & Karen Morren
<u>Altar Care</u>	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould
<u>Flowers</u>	LWML	LWML	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Jim & Darryll Zahner
<u>Fellowship</u>	LWML	OPEN	Sharon Klipp	Reformation Sunday Pot Luck

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