

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**OCTOBER 2015**



## Pastor's Letter

October 2015

*"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of contentment in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or want. (Philippians 4:11-13).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There was once a farmer who grew tired of living on the same farm all his life. He imagined that there had to be better farms somewhere else. So he listed the farm with a realtor who immediately began to write the ad for the newspaper. Before he submitted the ad, he showed it to the farmer. The ad spoke of its excellent location, excellent equipment, fertile acres and well-bred livestock. "Wait a minute," said the farmer. "I've changed my mind. All my life I've been looking for a place just like that."

How much of our lives do we spend searching for that which we believe will satisfy us only to discover that we have had it all along? Phillip, one of the disciples of Jesus said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father and then we will be satisfied." And Jesus replies with deep disappointment saying, "Phillip don't you know that as long as I have been with you, you have been seeing the Father."

The big stumbling block that stands between us and contentment is that little word, 'if'. "If only" I had this or didn't have that or had more of this or less of that. "If only" I had a different job, a different house, a different spouse, a different body... *"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."*

We need to understand that Paul writes this letter from prison. His circumstances couldn't be much worse and yet he says that he's content. He has experienced nakedness, famine, danger and the sword. He has also experienced plenty; plenty of money, nice accommodations, and he has been content with that too.

We may laugh and say, who couldn't be content with plenty. After all that's just the circumstance that I'm trying to arrange for myself. But Paul warns that 'plenty' is not the basis for contentment either. *"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil... But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it."* (1Tim.6:8-10,6).

Contentment does not depend upon our circumstances. Our God has taken control of all of our circumstances and *"for those who love God, all things work for good..."* "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up FOR US ALL, how will He not also with Him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:28,32).

Contentment depends on our faith in the promise of God. Do we believe that He is in control and knows how to take care of us? Do we believe that through our circumstances the Lord is giving us the opportunity to bear witness to the world of peace and contentment that faith in Jesus Christ effects in a person?

What are the circumstances of your life right now? Are you waiting until they change before you can be content? Trusting in the Lord, we commend our bodies and souls and all things to Him and discover the 'secret of contentment' now.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Nielsen

## *Seeking to Serve...notes from a Deaconess student*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

During the summer, I attended intensive courses for two weeks at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. My two full courses there were "Theology of Mercy and Diakonal Care" and "The Gospel of Matthew." We also had a seminar on international missions and a workshop about "Revitalization" (ways for congregations to reach out to their communities more effectively) during the middle weekend.

This fall I am taking "The Gospel of Luke," and already am into my fifth of its eight weeks. At the same time I am also in a Field Practicum course exploring some Bible study materials, and continuing my participation in various aspects of our church life together. A few of you had a window into the way my classes take place during Sunday School on September 20.

Since the men's retreat focused on the Sacraments, I'll finish with a bit I wrote for my "Theology of Mercy" class regarding the same topic.

"The place where fellowship and forgiveness come together for us as family is in our celebration of the Lord's Supper. This feast of which we partake is a both a participation in and an anticipation of the heavenly feast to come. We most clearly perceive our connection to one another as a body and receive God's gifts which have joined and sustained us as this body when we gather for worship, whenever the church meets.

We receive God's gifts through *leiturgia*, Word and Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper), the pastor as instrument (the "vertical axis" of our connection to God) for our forgiveness and strengthening. As family or body we have fellowship, or *koinonia*, with one another as we together receive these gifts. *Diakonia* facilitates this "horizontal axis" as we serve one another, and "Consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25)."

Under his mercy,  
*Sharon M. Conover*

### **Adult Bible Study - Sunday Mornings: 8:45am.**

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| October 4  | Psalm of the month: <b>Psalm 1</b> - The gateway into the Psalms  |
| October 11 | Selected Topic: <b>The History of the Practice of the Lord's Supper</b> - A look at its institution and practice of the Lord's Supper and how it has changed over time. |
| October 18 | Selected Topic: <b>Closed Communion</b> - Why? Isn't it unloving? How do we explain it to visitors and friends?   |
| October 25 | Current Events Review: <b>Planned Parenthood and It's Practices</b> - Recent revelations, what about abortion and selling of fetal tissue and organs?                   |

### **Sunday School - Sunday Mornings: 8:45am.**

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| October 4  | Joseph forgives his brothers.  |
| October 11 | The birth of Moses             |
| October 18 | Moses and the burning bush     |
| October 25 | Moses and the plagues of Egypt |

### **Mid-Week Bible Study: Every Thursday at 10:30am.**

If your schedule allows, join us for a lively study of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

### **Reformation Sunday! - October 25<sup>th</sup>**

The 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. 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 BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!

### **Report of the 'Sanctuary Remodeling' Committee**

The committee is making steady progress in its goal to have a plan for the remodeling of the sanctuary ready to present to the congregation at the annual meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee has also included the remodeling of the downstairs bathrooms into the scope of its work. Building contractors, lighting contractors, electricians and acoustical contractors have been in and are preparing plans and estimates.



## Monthly Worship

**October 4, 2015**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 128

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:18-25

**Epistle:** Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18)

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 10:2-26

**October 11, 2015**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 90:12-17

**First Reading:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

**Epistle:** Hebrews 3:12-19

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 10:17-22

**October 18, 2015**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 119:9-16

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

**Epistle:** Hebrews 4:1-14 (14-16)

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 10:23-31

**October 25, 2015**

**Reformation Sunday**

**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. How will Jesus return to earth?**

A) as a humble servant B) on a lightning bolt C) on a donkey D) in the same way He left

**2. Who penned the words to this psalm: "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"?**

A) David B) Moses C) the sons of Korah  
D) anonymous

**3. As believers in Jesus, how should we act?**

A) point out other people's errors B) be so meek as to let others walk all over us C) be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to be angry D) wave the Bible in other people's faces

**4. What was Moses' father-in-laws wise advice?**

A) create a second set of priests so God is praised 24-7  
B) create another copy of the Ten Commandments just in case C) appoint men to help judge so you avoid job-related burnout D) appoint one day every week for rest to avoid exhaustion

**5. What article of clothing did Jacob give to his favorite son, Joseph?**

A) sandals made of camel hides B) a turban made of newly discovered silks C) a coat made of many colors  
D) a cloak made of animal skins

**6. How old was the man who had been crippled since birth, when Peter and John healed him?**

A) a teenager B) over 30 years old C) over 40 years old  
D) over 60 years old



- 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 Joshua Morren
- 10/31 Dottie Evertsen



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



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

**And Then.....**

-----The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the primary Vacation Bible School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw a picture to illustrate some part of the story.

Little Emily was most interested and drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat behind the wheel was a rather large man and in the back seat a man and a woman.

The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson. But little Emily was prompt with her explanation: "Why this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden."

-----A preacher who suffered extreme strained relations with his congregation was finally appointed chaplain at the state prison. Elated to be rid of him so easily, the people came in great numbers to hear his farewell sermon. The preacher chose as his text John 14:3, "I go and prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also."

-----A just-out-of-seminary pastor was about to conduct his first wedding and was worried sick. An elderly preacher gave him some advice, "If you lose your place in the ceremony book or you forget your lines, start quoting scriptures until you find your place."

The wedding day came. And, sure enough, the young preacher forgot where he was in the ceremony. Unfortunately, the only verse he could think of was, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

-----A young evangelist had just begun his first full-time job. He was unsettled one morning when he heard a church board member boasting how he used a radar detector to avoid getting ticketed for speeding. A moment later he was pleased to hear another member tell the man, "It's the man upstairs that you need to be worried about."

The young evangelist was just about to offer his appreciation for the second man's honesty when he added, "That guy in the helicopter will get you every time."

**Bible Quiz Answers**

1. D Acts 1:11
2. B Psalm 90:1,12
3. C James 1:19
4. C Exodus 18:17-23
5. C Genesis 37:3
6. C Acts 3:2-8; 4:22

# The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## October, 2015

### **Week of October 4**

Sunday - 10/4            8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship  
Monday - 10/5            6:00pm. - Board of Elders  
Thursday - 10/8        10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians

### **Week of October 11**

Sunday - 10/12        8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship  
Monday - 10/12        7:00pm. - Church Council  
Wednesday - 10/14    6:30pm. - Board for Missions  
Thursday - 10/15       9:00am. - LWML Meeting  
                                 No Mid-Week Bible Study

### **Week of October 18**

Sunday - 10/18        8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship  
                                 11:30am. - Sanctuary Renovation Committee Meeting  
Thursday - 10/22      10:30am.- Mid-Week Bible Study - 1 Corinthians

### **Week of October 25**

Sunday - 10/26 -       8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship  
                                 11:30am. - Reformation Pot-Luck Supper  
Thursday - 10/29      10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - 1 Corinthians  
Friday - 10/31         5:00pm. - Trunk or Treat

# October Stewardship

	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Allison Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick	Caden Fitzpatrick	Emmy Carlson
<b>Comm. Assistant</b>	Brad Grierson	Steve Love	Brad Fitzpatrick	Mike Hein
<b>Ushers</b>	Brad Fitzpatrick & Bill Jahnke	Brad Grierson & Tom Huesers	Moe Cote & John Gould	Steve Love & Brian Watson
<b>Greeters</b>	Tom & Katie Huesers	Chester & Evelyn Gilbert	Dan & Sharon Callahan, Matthew Esculano	Moe & Becky Cote
<b>Altar Care</b>	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant	Deb Nielsen	Sharon Conover
<b>Flowers</b>	LWML	LWML	Anna Bisson	Anna Bisson
<b>Fellowship</b>	LWML	OPEN	Sharon Klipp	Reformation Sunday Pot Luck



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