

RESURRECTION NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2011



Pastor's Letter

September, 2011

PRAYER THAT ENRICHES OUR LIFE

"Persistence in Prayer"

"And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart." Luke 18:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Some fishermen were caught in a sudden storm on a large lake. The wind and the waves threatened to capsize their boat. None of the men were experienced at prayer and none of them had been to church in years, so they randomly selected one of their number to speak to the Almighty on their behalf. This was his prayer, "O Lord, I have 't asked you for anything for the last 15 years, and if you deliver us out of this storm alive, I promise, I won't bother you again for another 15 years."

That would be a funny story if it weren't so true about the way so many people think about their relationship with God – and maybe some of us here as well. "I won't bother you much God, but when I call, I want you listen to me and take immediate action." If we were to apply this same principle to our relationships with other people or our earthly parents we would certainly say, "that's a bad relationship." But all too often, this is just the approach we take with our heavenly Father.

Throughout the four gospels, Jesus consistently holds up two criteria by which we may gauge for ourselves the character of our relationship with Him. One is our attitude toward money – our attachment to it and our drive to attain it verses our willingness to treat it as a gracious gift to be used for the advancement the Kingdom of God.

The second is our attitude toward prayer. Simply put, do we talk to God or do we ignore Him unless we need something really important? Our practice of prayer is a major indicator of the character of our faith.

If you don't pray, you're relationship is a broken one just as it would be if a husband and wife quit talking to each other. If you would like to pray but either forget or can't seem to find the time, then you've got other gods in your life that come before the Lord your God. If you pray without ceasing because you need to talk things over with God and think of Him as "Abba, Father," then your relationship with God is what it should be. See how prayer is an indicator of the character of your faith?

I'd like to share with you three points about "persistent prayer." These points were made in a chapel sermon by the late Dr. Robert Preus, the president of the seminary when I was there. These three points help us to understand the nature of God's response to our prayer and encouragement for why we should pray persistently.

Point number one is – God always answers prayer. Always! That's His promise. Jesus says, **"Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."** (John 14:13-14). Anything less than always and He would renege on his claim to be faithful and true to His Word.

Point number two is – God seldom answers prayer immediately. Occasionally it happens that Jesus answers prayer immediately, like when the Leper called out to Him, **"Lord, if you will, you can make me clean. And Jesus reached out his hand, touched the man saying, 'I will; be clean.' And immediately the leprosy left him."** (Luke 5:12-13). But usually, it doesn't happen that way. More often it's like the case of the Cannanite woman in Mark 7 whose daughter had an

'unclean spirit.' When she asked Jesus for help, He put her off. She persisted. He answered her. But she had to wait.

The third point of persistent prayer is - God seldom answers prayer in the way we ask Him. When the men brought their crippled friend to Jesus by lowering him down through the, their prayer was that Jesus would heal the man's legs. Jesus looked at the man and said, **"Your sins are forgiven."** That wasn't what they asked for. But it was overwhelmingly more than what they asked for. Whenever and however God answers our prayers, He gives us more and better than we either deserve or ask for. As we persist in prayer, God strengthens our faith as we learn to trust in His Word. He makes us grow in his grace as we learn to wait on Him.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Regular Worship Schedule Begins: Sunday, September 11th

- **8:45am. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study**
- **10:00am. Worship** (*Divine Service II for the 2nd half of the Pentecost season*)

Sunday School Begins September 11th – 8:45am.

An exciting and educational season of Sunday School is about to begin on Sunday, September 11th beginning at 8:45am. The Sunday School Staff has organized and prepared lessons, packed with singing, bible stories and lots of fun activities. All children gather in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45am. *(please make every effort to be prompt as there is always more to do than time allows!)* Following an Opening, the students break into three classes by ages groups.

- **Preschool Class — Ages 2-4** - Christine Thomas — Room #103
- **Early Childhood Class — Ages 5-7** - Darryll Zahner — Room #104
- **Secondary Class — Ages 8-10** - LeeAnne Larsen / Julie Kohl — Room #102
- **High School Class — Ages 11-14** - Jared Goldsmith - Room #101.
- **Adult Class** - Fernando Gouvea / Pastor Nielsen - Room #201

September's Sunday School Themes:

- 9/11 - "Esau Forgives Jacob" - Genesis 31:3,32-33
- 9/18 - "Joseph and His Brothers" – Genesis 37
- 9/27 - "Joseph's Troubles" – Genesis 40-41

September Adult Bible Study Themes: "The Psalms Of Worship" - Fernando Gouvea

We'll look at the Psalm appointed for each Sunday with special attention to it's relation to the other readings of the day.

- 9/11 - Psalm 103:1-12
- 9/18 - Psalm 27:1-9
- 9/27 - Psalm 25:1-10

Mid-Week Bible Study – "The Life Of David the King of Israel"

We resume our study of the "Life of David" beginning **Thursday, September 15th at 10:30am.** Last season we tracked David's life up to when he began his rule over Israel as king. Join us as we continue to follow the life of this amazing man of God and discover how God works through sinful and fallen human beings to carry out His divine plan of salvation.

Pastor Nielsen to present at Colby College: 'Faith and Art' Series –

Saturday, September 17th - 1:30pm. In the 1930s, documentary photographers Berenice Abbott, Walker Evans and Margaret Bourke-White created images capturing American men, women and children living in grinding poverty during the years of the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. As the current economic recession continues, poverty is again a focus a national attention. Speaking from the point of view of their own various faith traditions, Maine clergy will consider religion's role in combating poverty, both historically and today. Pastor Nielsen's presentation is titled, *"The Impact of Luther and the Reformation on Medieval Poverty."*

Parents of Young Children Dinner and Discussion - Saturday, September 24th – 6:00pm.

Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all parents with children 6 years old and younger. Making devotions and prayer a daily habit begins when the children are young. We'll discuss how to conduct family devotions with young children and offer lots of helpful tools. Each family will receive a copy of the brand new "The Story Bible." Dinner will be prepared and served by the Sr. Youth Group. Individual arrangements for babysitting should be made.

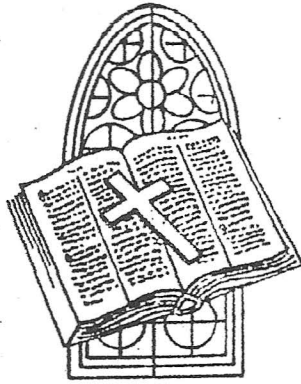
Ladies Book Group Meeting - Tuesday, September 20th – 7:00pm.

See Sasha Fitzpatrick for more information – #873-7202.

New E-Mail Address for Church: lcr@myfairpoint.net

Newly Remodeled Cry-Room

Thank you to Fred Ouellette for a wonderful job of turning the Cry Room into a great room for parents with infants and small children to enjoy the worship service with their children. Thanks also to Amy and Kitty for their help.



Monthly Worship

September 4, 2011

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 32:1-7

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

September 11, 2011

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 103:1-12

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

September 18, 2011

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 27:1-9

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

September 25, 2011

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 25:1-10

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4, (5-13) 14-18

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)

Instead of a quiz this month, I thought that the following would be appropriate on this tenth anniversary of 9/11. Author unknown.

The 'LITTLE' Things

As you may remember, the head of a company survived 9/11

because his son started kindergarten.

Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.

One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off on time.

One was late because of being stuck on the NJ turnpike

because of an auto accident.

One of them missed the bus.

One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.

One's car wouldn't start.

One couldn't get a taxi.

One put on a new pair of shoes that morning, developed a blister on the way to work and stopped to

buy a Band-Aid.

Now when I am stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing phone, all the little things that annoy me, I think to myself this is exactly where God wants me to be. At this very moment.

The next time your morning seems to be going wrong, you can't find your car keys, you hit every traffic light, don't get mad or frustrated; it may be just that God is at work watching over you.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things, and may you remember their possible purpose.



SEPTEMBER

STEWARDSHIP

September 4
(9:00 Service)

September 11
(10:00 Service)

September 18

September 25

Acolyte

Sarah Kohl

Dan Morren

Emily Larsen

Sarah Kohl

Comm.
Assistant

Don Pryor

Mike Hein

Chris Batson

Jared Goldsmith

Ushers

**Chris Batson
&
John Ayotte**

**Jon Morren
&
Mark Larsen**

**Moe Cote
&
John Gould**

**Bill Jahnke
&
Eric Stout**

Greeters

**John
&
Karen Ayotte**

**Irma Mytinger
&
Deb Nielsen**

**Art
&
Gail Carrano**

**Julie Kohl
&
Sharon Conover**

Altar Guild

Amy Ouellette

Kitty Carlson

Esther Gould

LeeAnne Larsen

Flowers

**Tom
&
Katie Huesers**

**Pastor
&
Deb Nielsen**

**Paster
&
Deb Nielsen**

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Sharon Klipp

The Fitzpatricks

The Ouellettes

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

September, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Pentecost 12 9:00 am Worship	5 6:00 pm Elders	6	7	8 9:00 am LWML	9	10 Homeless Shelter Meal - OPEN
11 Pentecost 13 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	12	13	14	15 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	16	17
18 Pentecost 14 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	19 <i>October Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:00 pm Board For Youth 7:00 pm Church Council	20	21	22 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	23	24 6:00 pm Parents Night Dinner
25 Pentecost 15 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	26	27	28	29 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	30	



Wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...

- 9/2 Chris Batson
- Pat Kablitz
- 9/6 Jim Zahner
- 9/8 Siegfried Pelzer
- 9/11 Karen Mueller
- 9/12 Becky Cote
- 9/15 Benjamin Parks-Stamm
- 9/21 Sarah Therrien
- 9/27 Siena Fitzpatrick



They're having an ANNIVERSARY

- 9/13 Siegfried & Mary Ellen Pelzer
- David & Isabella Boufard
- 9/17 Rev. Paul & Deb Nielsen
- 9/19 Fred & Amy Ouellette
- 9/27 Jared & Amanda Goldsmith
- George & Nancy LeBeau
- 9/29 Curt & Karen Mueller



- 9/1 David Jacques
- 9/3 Nathaneal Batson
- 9/11 Doris Brossy
- 9/20 Lois Doran
- 9/21 Chris Batson
- 9/24 Ben Morren
- 9/29 Sarah Therrien

Ever Wonder...

- Why is abbreviated such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do a 'practice'?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic call rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together.
- If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of the stuff?

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