

RESURRECTION NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2015

Pastor's Letter

September, 2005



"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... For we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While a guard was leading a prisoner from prison to the courtroom to be arraigned, he noticed a small cross around the neck of the convict. The guard took a closer look at the cross because something about it made it look unusual. When questioned, the prisoner said that it was a good luck charm. But the guard thought the cross looked strikingly similar to a handcuff key. By experimentation he found it indeed did open most handcuffs. The discovery led to the exposure of an attempt by prisoners in the jail to make a number of these "cross keys."

There is a cross that really sets men and women free. It sets us free from the fear of death; from the guilt of past sins; free from the controlling power of sin in our lives. It is the cross of Jesus Christ - the crucified one.

But how do the benefits of all that Christ has accomplished by the cross come to us? Listen to Luther. "We think about the forgiveness of sins in two ways. First, *how it is achieved and won*. Second, *how it is distributed and given to us*. Christ has achieved it on the cross, true enough. But he has not distributed or given it on the cross. He has won it once for all on the cross. But the distribution takes place by the Word. So then, if I now seek the forgiveness of sins, I do not run to the cross, for I will not find it there. Nor must I hold to the suffering of Christ in knowledge or remembrance, for I will not find it given there either. But I will find it in the sacrament or gospel, the word which distributes, presents, offers, and gives to me that forgiveness which was won on the cross." (AE 40:213-214).

I realize that this seems like a weak and foolish way to go about the all important business of distributing divine hope and peace and salvation by the forgiveness of sins. Our high-tech minds have a hard time accepting the effectiveness of such low-tech means as a spoken word, plain water, simple wine and bread. The very thought that a person is brought to faith and eternal life and strengthened to stand fast in the face of temptation and even persecution, happens through the hearing of a message, because of the mysterious power of God that operates in and through that message, is hard for us to accept. And so we are tempted to add conditions and qualifications and special requirements that we need to do, until finally the message itself gets lost in all the hoops and hoopla that we add to it.

Why do you come to church? It's not to be wowed with eloquence or superior wisdom or to be entertained with a great show. We come for the same purpose as those Greeks came to Philip at the Passover feast, *"Sir, we wish to see Jesus."* (John 12:21) We 'see' Jesus with our ears and hands and mouths as He speaks to us through His Word and feeds us with His very body and blood. Folly to some, but to us who are being saved, the power of God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

- **8:45am. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study**
- **10:00am. Worship**

"CROSS EXPLORATIONS" BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH - 8:45AM.

Another exciting season of Sunday School for all ages begins on Sunday, September 13th at 8:45am. Children will spend the 1st Quarter learning about how God protected His people in Egypt and the Exodus from Egypt and how He continues to protect His people today.

- ❖ 9/13 - "Joseph and His Brothers" - Genesis 37.
- ❖ 9/20 - "Joseph's Troubles" - Genesis 39
- ❖ 9/27 - "Joseph Feeds Egypt" - Genesis 40-41

Pre-school Class: Room #103 - Sasha Fitzpatrick

Grade School Class: Room #102 - Darryll Zahner

High School Class: Room #104 - Sharon Conover

The Sunday morning schedule has been modified from previous years as follows:

- ❖ 8:45am. Children report directly to their classrooms and the lesson begins.
- ❖ 9:05am. Children move to Fellowship Hall for the 'Activity.'
- ❖ 9:30am. 'Closing' begins with focus on learning new hymns and songs.

Once again, we will offer lots of people the opportunity to participate in 'CROSS EXPLORATIONS' by leading an 'Activity.' 'Activities' include skits, snacks, science projects, crafts and games that relate to the weekly lesson. Each activity is mapped out in detail and lasts 25 minutes. Please speak with pastor Nielsen if you would like to participate.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH - 8:45AM. - NEW FORMAT

Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will feature a new format this year. Each Sunday will feature a study and discussion of a particular topic. The rotation of topics will follow a pattern:

- 1st Sunday: Psalm of the Month
- 2nd Sunday: Selected Topic
- 3rd Sunday: Selected Topic
- 4th Sunday: Current Events Review

September

9/13 Selected Topic: **Private Confession:** *What is it? Why is it? How is it different than Public Confession? What are we supposed to do with it?*

9/20 Selected Topic: **A topic to be presented by Deaconess Conover.**

9/27 Current Events Review: **The recent Supreme Court decision on Gay Marriage.** *What does it mean? How does it compare to God's Word on marriage? How should we respond?*

October

10/4 Psalm Study: **Psalm 1** – *The entranceway into the Psalms.*

10/11 Selected Topic: **Lord's Supper – History of practice.** *Where did the Lord's Supper originate and how has the way that it is practiced changed over time?*

10/18 Selected Topic: **Lord's Supper – Why do we practice 'close(d) communion'?** *How can we explain this to our friends that we want to bring to worship?*

10/25 Current Events Review: **The Center for Medical Advancement vs. Planned Parenthood.** *What has been the effect of and response to the videos released by the CMA regarding Planned Parenthood's abortion practices and the selling of fetal parts?*

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF CELEBRATION PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Please plan to join us immediately after worship on the 13th as we celebrate the beginning of a new season in God's Word together. The Board for Youth will plan the games and activities and supply the hamburgers and hotdogs. Bring a picnic cover-dish to share.

MEN'S RETREAT: SEPTEMBER 25-26

The 2nd Annual Men's Retreat kicks off on Friday with a rousing 'Corn hole' tournament, followed by an equally rousing Bible Study, prayer and campfire. Saturday begins with breakfast, followed by Bible Study, prayer and the conclusion of the 'Corn hole' tournament. This year's theme is: "The Sacraments" - 'Isn't it just water, bread and wine?' Please speak to an Elder to sign up now - Chris Batson, Glenn Carlson, Tom Huesers.

FALL INQUIRERS CLASS BEGINS: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

Now is the time to begin to invite a friend to come with you to the "Inquirers Class." This 9 week tour of the fundamentals of the Christian faith is for those who would like to learn more AND for those who would like to refresh their knowledge of the basics. Please see pastor Nielsen or sign up on the bulletin board now.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - BANGOR AND THE MYELOMA RACE/WALK EVENT:

The annual Myeloma Race / Walk in Bangor is Saturday, Sept. 26. Becky Reeve has been busy making preparations for the race. Each year the members of Hope have been generous with their time and effort. But she needs additional help. She is again appealing for people to help with set up and operations on the day, and for walkers and runners. Also needed are bottled water for the participants, donated items for the raffle (quilt, afghan, baked goods, food items, etc.) If you would like to help or participate in the race, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

SEMINARY STUDY ADOPTIONS FOR 2015/16 YEAR

Once again, we will support two seminary students at Concordia Theological Seminary - Ft. Wayne, Indiana. We send the seminary \$250 per month for each seminarian.

This year, we are glad to be reassigned a 4th year student whom we have met - Greg Bauch. Greg and his wife Amanda and son, Gideon visited us in June of 2014. In a recent letter (*posted on the bulletin board*), Greg reports that "baby #2" is on the way (*probably already arrived by the time you read this newsletter*).

We have also been assigned a 1st year seminarian - Michael McGinley from West Des Moines, Iowa. Michael is married to Kelsi. They became parents this June 17 at the birth of a daughter, Katka. Michael wrote a nice letter and included several pictures that are posted on the bulletin board.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT TO THE 'WITTENBERG PROJECT'

8/3/15 - Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your \$500 gift to the Wittenberg Project. Your enthusiastic adoption of this historic effort bears witness to Jesus Christ, who is at work in and by you for the good of those around you.

Your gift will make a profound difference in sharing the Gospel in a former Communist land. And because you had stepped forward to be part of the first 500 people to pledge, your gift is twice a powerful because of a match by an anonymous donor. Thanks be to God!

It is with sincere gratefulness we were able to celebrate the dedication of The Lutheran Center on May 3, 2015. Due to your gracious support and the blessings of many others we were able to make tremendous progress on this project before the dedication. Bu there is still work to be done. You can follow developments at <http://thewittenbergproject.org/>

In Christ

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison - President, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



Monthly Worship

September 6, 2015

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 146

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Epistle: James 2:1-10, 14-18

Holy Gospel: Mark 7: (24-30), 31-37

September 13, 2015

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 116:1-9

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10

Epistle: James 3:1-12

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

September 20, 2015

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 54

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Epistle: James 3:13-4:10

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:31-37

September 27, 2015

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 104:27-35

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Epistle: James 5: (1-12), 13-20

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What fatal sin did Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu commit?

A) they wrongly offered fire to God B) they offered the wrong kind of animal to God C) they ate the tabernacle's bread while the high priest, Aaron was still alive D) they ate the fat from the lamb offered to God

2. How many books are in the Old Testament?

A) 27 B) 39 C) 52 D) 66

3. What finally convinced the crowd that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and not drunk on Pentecost?

A) it was too early in the morning to be drunk B) the crowd understood the disciples' "babbling" as their own native languages C) all of the above D) none of the above

4. What did God command Joshua and the men to do to memorialize God's parting of the Jordan River?

A) take twelve stones from the middle of the river and set them up on the shore B) Place the ram horns used in the miracle into the ark of the Lord C) chisel the miracle narrative into a huge rock D) take off their shoes and walk barefoot for three days

5. What did God say after Moses destroyed the first set of divinely inscribed stone tablets in a fit of temper?

A) you blew it, and I won't bother showing you people mercy anymore B) chisel out two more stone tablets, and I'll rewrite my laws onto them C) I'll rewrite them, but I'm going to add a few more because you people are bad D) give me one reason why I shouldn't just kill you all off right here and now

6. Who replaced the dead traitor, Judas Iscariot, to be counted as the twelfth apostle?

A) Joseph B) Barabbas C) Justus D) Matthias



- 9/2 Chris Batson
Pat Kablitz
- 9/4 Jim Zahner
- 9/12 Becky Cote
Andrew Farr
- 9/18 Frankie Ouellette
- 9/19 Olive Grierson
- 9/27 Siena Fitzpatrick



- 9/3 Nathanael Batson
- 9/20 Lois Doran
- 9/21 Chris Batson
- 9/24 Ben Morren
- 9/30 Frankie Ouellette
- 9/?? Sharon Klipp



- 9/17 Rev. Paul & Deb Nielsen
- 9/19 Fred & Amy Ouellette
- 9/27 Jared & Amanda Goldsmith

And Then.....

-----One of the Community Church pastor’s favorite premarital counseling jokes is this one: Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn’t have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn’t have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

-----Every evening the Reverend Phillips family gathered together for a Bible story and prayer. One evening,, the story was about Sodom and Gomorrah. As all know, the great climax of the narrative is when Mrs. Lot looks back and turns into a pillar of salt.

The story sat well with Tommy, who raised his hand the second the story was over and told his father, “That’s like when mom was driving home in the car; she looked back at Rachel and me and turned into a telephone pole.”

-----The poor country parson was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$250 dress she had bought. “How could you do this!” he exclaimed. “I don’t know,” she wailed, “I was standing in the store looking at the dress. Then I found myself trying it on. It was like the devil was whispering to me. “Wow, you look great in that dress. You should buy it.”

“Well,” the husband persisted, “you know how to deal with the tempter. Just tell him, ‘get thee behind me Satan!’”

“I did.” Replied his wife, “but then he said, “It looks great from back here too!”

PLEASE NOTE:

I will be gone the latter part of September, and I plan to have my portion of the Newsletter completed by September 15th. Soooo, I would like any October NL information to me by September 14th. Thanks so much! Sharon

Bible Quiz Answers

1. A Leviticus 10:1-2
2. B the Bible’s table of contents
3. C Acts 2:5-8, 15
4. A Joshua 4:3
5. B Exodus 34:1
6. D Acts 1:26

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

September, 2015

Week of September 6

- Sunday - 6th 9:00am. - Worship
- Wednesday - 9th 6:30pm. - Board for Missions
- Thursday - 10th 9:00am. - LWML Meeting

Week of September 13

- Sunday - 13th ***Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes***
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
- 11:30am. - Sunday School Kick Off - Pot-luck picnic
11:30am. - Sanctuary Remodel Committee Meeting
- Monday - 14th 7:00pm. - Church Council Meeting
Pastor Nielsen on vacation through 9/22

Week of September 20

- Sunday - 20th 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship
- Friday / Saturday - 26th- 27th 6:00pm. - Men's Retreat - St. Albans

Week of September 27

- Sunday - 27th 8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
10:00am. - Worship

Stewardship

September, 2015

	<u>September 6</u> (9:00 Service)	<u>September 13</u> (10:00 Service)	<u>September 20</u> (10:00 Service)	<u>September 27</u> (10:00 Service)
Acolyte	Jacob Huesers	Mia Fitzpatrick	Emmy Carlson	Caden Fitzpatrick
Comm. Assistant	Chris Batson	Mike Hein	No Communion	Brian Watson
Ushers	Tom Huesers & Mark Larsen	John Gould & Brad Fitzpatrick	Brad Grierson & Bill Jahnke	Chris Batson & Moe Cote
Greeters	Anna Bisson & Avis Grant	Gail Carrano & Steve Love	Chris, Yvonne & Nathanael Batson	Julie & Sarah Kohl
Altar Care	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould	Lee Anne Larsen
Flowers	Gail Carrano	Gail Carrano	OPEN	OPEN
Fellowship	The Batsons	Sunday School Picnic Pot-Luck	OPEN	OPEN

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