

RESURRECTION NEWS



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Pastor's Page

June, 2016

*"Fight the good fight. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called."
1 Timothy 6:12*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Are you one of those people who read the last chapter of a book before you read the beginning? Do you like to know how the story ends before you know how the story goes? When it comes to books and movies, most of us would probably say that we like to keep the end a mystery. It makes the story more interesting that way. And yet, the Christian is constantly reminded of the ending of his life's story, even while the story is in progress.

St. Paul reminds Timothy and us that it is important to be continually reminded of the ending of our story. "Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called." Be aware that your temporary life is headed towards eternal life.

If we believe our life's story ends in eternal life with our Lord in heaven, should we focus our attention on storing up earthly treasures or heavenly treasures? Listen to Jesus. "Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." (Matt.6:19). St. Paul says, "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." It was the custom in ancient Egypt, that when a Pharaoh died, certain possessions would be placed into the pyramid with him in order to help him in the life after. None of those things made it. They're all still there.

St. Paul says, "People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction." Please understand, Paul is not telling us to get rid of everything we have and take a vow of poverty. Responsible stewardship is an important part of 'fighting the good fight of the faith.' Listen again to St. Paul. "But you, people of God, flee all this, and pursue godliness." "Godliness with contentment is great gain."

As Jesus journeyed to Galilee, he stopped in Samaria at a town called Sychar. There he met a woman who had come to the well to draw water. Jesus asked her for a drink of water because he was thirsty. He could see that this woman was not content with her life. He offered her a drink of living water. "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. The water that I give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (Jn.4:14).

'Fighting the good fight of faith' very often begins (*and continues*) with the fight against the temptation for more possessions and wealth. Real contentment is not based on our possessions, but on our possessing Christ and the knowledge that He has taken possession of us. He has told us the end of our story from the cross and until our day comes, we will be content with whatever we have as long as we have Christ. Take hold of the eternal life to which we have been called. It is the ending to the story of your life that Christ your Lord has written with His precious blood.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen



Higher Things Youth to attend "BREAD OF LIFE" Conference, June 28 - July 1 at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

"I am the bread of life," says our Lord. "Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is the bread that came down from heaven. Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness and they all died. Jesus is the bread that a man may eat and never die. Believing in His Words and promises, receiving His Body and Blood, we live forever.

The youth and chaperones who attend the 2016 Higher Things Conference will rejoice in Jesus being the "Bread of Life." We will receive His Words. We will eat His Body and drink His Blood, grow in our faith and become better equipped to give an answer to those who ask the reason for the hope that is in us.

Youth attending are: Nathanael Batson, Sarah Kohl, Emily Larsen and Cianan Morris. Chaperones are Lee Anne Larsen, Julie Kohl, Chris Batson, Sharon Conover and pastor Nielsen. Many thanks to the congregation for all of your support in helping to make this adventure possible.

Recognition of Graduates: Sunday, June 12th.

On Sunday the 12th of June, we will recognize Elizabeth Larsen, who will graduate from Messalonskee High School. She will be attending Concordia University - Ann Arbor, Michigan in the Fall. We will also recognize Kenneth Zahner for graduating from Kennebec Valley Community College's welding program. Congratulations to Elizabeth and Ken.

1st Annual Women's Retreat: June 17-18th.

The 1st Women's Retreat will kick off at 3:00pm. on Friday (or whenever you can get there) and conclude at Noon on Saturday. The theme for the retreat will be "PRAYER." The retreat will be at the beautiful setting on Big Indian Pond in St. Albans at the Huesers family camp. Please reserve the time and sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex now.

Rite of Confirmation of Cianan Morris - Sunday, June 19th - 9:00am.

Cianan Morris has studied Luther's Small and Large Catechism and is able to examine himself in preparation for a worthy reception of the Lord's Supper. We rejoice to hear his good confession before the congregation in the Rite of Confirmation.

KFUO Radio

KFUO Radio is an online radio station operated by the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod as an outreach to the world. Here are two programs that you may be interested in listening to:

- Josh Radke (a member of Hope Lutheran Church - Bangor) has published a book called "Stitched Crosses." Hear his interview on 'Book Talk' - <http://www.kfuoam.org/2016/05/13/bt-2016-05-13/>
- Pastor Nielsen was the guest for "His Time" on May, 17th. You can hear the bible study and sermonette he did here: <http://www.kfuoam.org/2016/05/17/ht-2016-05-17/>

Summer Worship Schedule - Now through September 4th:

Worship begins at 9:00am. Sunday School is in recess. Regular worship schedule begins on Sunday, September 11th.

BIBLE QUIZ



Monthly Worship

June 5, 2016

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 30

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-24

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

June 12, 2016

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 32:1-7

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-14

Epistle: Galatians 2:15-21; 3:10-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:36—8:3

June 19, 2016

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 3

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Epistle: Galatians 3:23—4:7

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

June 26, 2016

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 16

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9b-21

Epistle: Galatians 5:1,13-25

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

1. Who has committed enough sin to bar them from entering heaven?

- A) Everyone who has ever lived except for sinless Jesus
- B) everyone who has ever been a murderer, rapist, or committed another serious sin
- C) everyone who has ever been really evil, like Hitler
- D) everyone who has ever cut someone off in traffic

2. When Jacob finally met Pharaoh face-to-face, what did he do?

- A) Kick him
- B) kiss him
- C) curse him
- D) bless him

3. How did God first speak to young Samuel?

- A) by giving him prophetic dreams three nights in a row
- B) by audibly calling his name during the night
- C) by appearing like an angel during the nighttime sacrifice
- D) by setting a bush on fire without burning it to the ground

4. Late in the day of Jesus' resurrection, He met up with two followers on the road to where?

- A) Joppa
- B) Jerusalem
- C) Ephesus
- D) Emmaus

5. On which day of creation did God create the little goldfish?

- A) third
- B) fourth
- C) fifth
- D) sixth

6. What physical ailment accompanied the direct communication between Saul and Jesus?

- A) he became blind
- B) he became deaf
- C) he became mute
- D) he became paralyzed



6/1 Peter Gaug
 6/2 Angie Carlson
 Sharon Klipp
 6/7 Moe Cote
 6/14 Callum Goldsmith
 6/16 Sharon Callahan
 6/26 Tiana Thomas
 6/28 David Gideon



6/4 Natalie Crowley

Bulletin Bloopers

- Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.
- The third verse of “Blessed Assurance” will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- Don’t miss this Saturday’s exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.
- “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall he live.”.



6/3 Emily-Lynn Carlson
 6/7 Moe Cote
 6/8 Ted Evertsen
 6/11 Arthur Conover
 6/26 Bonnie Mathieu

Bible Quiz Answers

1. A (Romans 3:23)
2. D (Genesis 47:7)
3. B (1Samuel 3:3-10)
4. D (Luke 24:1-3 13-15)
5. C (Genesis 1:20-23)
6. A (Acts 9:8-9)



Happy Anniversary

6/3 Steven & Kari Farr
 6/10 Ted & Dottie Evertsen
 6/19 Mike & Michelle Hein

REMINDER

**The next issue of the NL will be our “Summer” Issue (both July and August). If you have any pertinent information to be included in the NL for these two months, please get it to me my mailbox by JUNE 20th.
 Thanks, Sharon Klipp**

Stewardship - June, 2016

	<u>June5</u>	<u>June12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
Acolyte	Mia Fitzpatrick	Emmy Carlson	Andrew Farr	Caden Fitzpatrick
Comm. Assistant	Steve Love	Brad Fitzpatrick	Brad Grierson	Brian Watson
Ushers	Jacob Huesers & Bill Jahnke	Mark Larsen & Steve Love	Chris Batson & Tom Huesers	Moe Cote & Brad Grierson
Greeters	Jim & Darryll Zahner	John & Karen Ayotte	Julie & Sarah Kohl	Fred & Amy Ouellette
Altar Care	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers
Flowers	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Julie & Sarah Kohl	Julie & Sarah Kohl
Fellowship	Michelle Hein	The Farrs	OPEN	OPEN

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