

RESURRECTION NEWS



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4**

MAY 2016



Pastor's Letter

May, 2016

"Take up your cross and follow me."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Then Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.'" (Mark 8:34-35)

A conversation that I overheard going on in my head went something like this:

"Well, here I am, Lord. You said, 'Take up your cross,' and I'm here to do it. It's not easy, you know, this self-denial thing. I mean to go through with it, though.. yes sir! I'll bet You wish more people who were willing to be disciples like me. I've counted the cost and surrendered my life, and it's not an easy road, but I'm Your man.

"Do you mind if I look over the crosses that are available? I'd kind of like a new one. I'm not fussy, You understand, but disciples have to be relevant these days. I was wondering, are there any that don't actually look like a cross? I want to attract others to do the same as I'm doing, you see. And if I could show them a comfortable cross, I'm sure I could win a lot more to Your cause.

Oh, and it needs to be something that I can handle. You did say You wouldn't put anything on us that's more than we could handle didn't You?

"Lord, this may sound funny but there doesn't seem to be too much choice here. Just these coarse, rough, wooden things. A person could get splinters. Perhaps if a bit more polished and with a little more style more people would be willing to carry them. I'm sure that some marketing professionals could help with this. I'll bet they could even come up with a program and a snappy slogan that would help attract more people to 'take up' one of these things and follow You.

"What's that Lord? You say that you didn't mean that I get to pick which cross I want to carry, that You have already chosen it for me and this is not about my choice or decision, that I just need to carry it. But Lord, like I said, I want to follow you. The most important thing in my life is to follow you. But you don't understand, I have a right to choose what is best for me. Isn't that why You gave us a free will? Please don't misunderstand; I do plan to follow You. I just want to be sure that I can make a difference in someone's life and help this movement to be successful.

"Now let's see, - which cross shall I choose. No blood, okay? I can't stand the thought of blood, especially my own. There's lots of ways that I can lay down my life for You without actually dying.

"Lord? Jesus? Now where do you suppose He went to?"

Maybe you've overheard a similar conversation in your own head. I suspect that Jesus had a similar conversation in His head as He faced His cross since "we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."

"Yet without sin," means that He did not give into the temptation to take the easy way out. He took up the cross that His Father choose for Him from before the creation of the world.

Let His word as He is being nailed to His cross be the voice that you hear in your head, "Father, forgive them..." And "let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nielsen

Seeking to Serve...notes from a Deaconess student

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

In just about three months I will complete these deaconess studies which I began in the fall of 2014. I am hopeful that the church might consider calling me to serve in our parish. I have come to a much fuller and richer understanding and deep appreciation for our Lutheran liturgy, confessions in The Book of Concord, the sacraments, and had the privilege of delving deeply into parts of the Bible. My classmates and I have shared research and resources regarding many Mercy topics—struggles we and those we meet face in our fallen lives and society. Some of these areas include marital issues, infertility, addictions, bereavement, loneliness, and depression. During this past winter's intensive classes I took a course called "Diakonal Counseling". ("Diakonal" is spelled with the "k" instead of "c" to more closely relate to the Greek word *diakonia*, meaning service.) We together explored some of the ways that we can "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

While I have not had training as a professional counselor, I want to make you aware that I would be glad to spend time with any woman who would like to have a listening Christian sister who might help direct or encourage her with God's word and prayer. As Lutheran Christians, we have a different view of persons (anthropology) than many therapeutic counselors, since we believe that human nature is inherently sinful and that all persons need new life in Christ. We see ourselves as forgiven sinners who continue to struggle against sin—simultaneously sinner and saint. I would want to direct someone with serious issues to professional counselors for assistance, but I would hope to keep close connections in terms of care, progress and support through such times. Please feel free to contact me in person, by phone or email.

"Put on then...compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you" (Colossians 3:12 - 13).

Under his mercy,
Sharon M. Conover

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - WORSHIP SERVICE - 7:00PM. MAY 5th.



Every time we confess the Christian faith in the historic, ecumenical creeds, we include Christ's ascension into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead. The Ascension of Our Lord is one of the significant holy days in the life of the Christian Church along with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Please set aside May 29th to join us in worship.

PASTOR NIELSEN TO BE GUEST ON KFEO - "HIS TIME" / "DAILY LECTIONARY"

- May 9th - 9:00am. (EST) - "Daily Lectionary" - discussion with host on Luke 22:24-46.
- May 17th - 8:15am. (EST) - "His Time" - sermon on Luke 22:24-46

You can listen by 'live stream' at: www.kfuoam.org Click on "On Air."

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 29TH.

Worship will begin at 9:00am. Sunday School will be in recess.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MAY: Sundays - 8:45am.

5/1 **Jesus Teaches Us To Pray** - Luke 11:1-13

5/8 **Jesus Raises Lazarus** - John 11:1-45

5/15 **Jesus Seeks The Lost** - Luke 15

5/22 **Jesus Heals 10 Lepers** - Luke 17:11-19

5/29 No Sunday School for summer

ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN MAY: Sundays - 8:45am.

- 5/1 **Psalm of the Month: Psalm 139** - "Search me, O God, know my heart."
- 5/8 **Special Guest: David Dawson** - President, Greater Waterville Area Food Bank. David will speak to us about the work that the Food Bank is doing in our community and how we can become involved.
- 5/15 **Selected Topic: "Who Is The Holy Spirit?"** - Do we know what we mean when we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit?"
- 5/22 **Current Events Review:** To Be Determined

1ST ANNUAL LCR WOMEN'S RETREAT COMING IN JUNE

On June 16 and 17 we are planning an overnight retreat at the Huesers' camp on Indian Pond in St. Albans for all adult women of the church. Friends are also very welcome. We'll plan to begin on Friday evening, enjoy some evening fellowship and food together as well as some devotional time in the Word. Saturday will be a mix of planned activities and free time to enjoy the camp. We will have some Bible study together around the topic of Prayer, and specifically the Lord's Prayer. If some prefer to travel up to join the group on Saturday only, you would be quite welcome to do so! We'll plan to conclude by mid-afternoon.

Please contact Katie Huesers, Amanda Goldsmith, Avis Grant or Sharon Conover with questions, and to let us know you plan to come. We will post a sign-up sheet as well. Directions will be available, and carpooling is encouraged.

MEN'S RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 23-24

Mark the date now. More information to follow.

THANK YOU FROM SEMINARIAN MICHAEL MCGINLEY

Rev. Nielsen and the Congregation of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,
Grace and peace to you. It was a joy to meet and have lunch with Rev. Nielsen in Ft. Wayne as he attended the symposium. We are also very grateful for the continued gifts and support you give us. All of your support is what helps us with academic expenses, living expenses and our lives here in Ft. Wayne. We are thankful for all of you! It has been far too long since my last update letter, and I have been eager to write you about our lives in the past few months. As studying keeps me busy, we work hard to keep family time a priority.

I am happy to report that I have successfully completed all my classes, which included Dogmatics I, Church History I, Liturgics I, and Gospels I... My course load is heavier this Spring quarter. It includes Confessing Christ in Today's World, Homiletics I, Gospels II, Church History II and Lutheran Confessions I... In June and July, I will take Lutheran Confessions II and Hebrew I & II.

Our lives continue to move forward and remain busy. My family and I would not be able to do all this without the support of all you. As a special mention, for those involved in the LWML, they are the biggest donors towards the seminary's food and clothing coops. We eat and enjoy needed, basic clothing (especially for a growing baby girl) because of that support thank you to everyone involved in the LWML for all you do. And thank you to everyone at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection for your prayers and support. You remain in our prayers as we continue this journey in Ft. Wayne with you. As I visited with Rev. Nielsen, we did discuss my family potentially coming to Maine to visit and worship with you all a year from this summer. While it is a little early to start planning for that trip, we are excited as the time gets closer!

Peace to all of you who are in Jesus Christ,
Michael, Kelsi, and Katka McGinley



Monthly Worship

May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 67

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Epistle: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 47

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

Epistle: Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14(15-19)

May 15, 2016

The Day of Pentecost

Psalm: 143

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Holy Gospel: John 14:23-31

May 22, 2016

The Holy Trinity

Psalm: 8

First Reading: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Holy Gospel: John 8:48-59

May 29, 2016

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 96:1-9

First Reading: 1Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43

Epistle: Galatians 1:1-2

Holy Gospel: Luke 7: 1-10

BIBLE QUIZ

1. How did David take down the giant named Goliath?

- A) With a club B) with a nail C) with a stone D) with a sword

2. How many books are in the New Testament?

- A) Eighteen B) twenty-seven C) thirty-nine D) forty-five

3. How should someone respond to beautiful things in nature, such as a gorgeous sunset?

- A) worship it because it is an object God created
B) worship God because he created it
C) study it intently so that one can explain the phenomenon if asked
D) ignore it because life is too short to waste time on unprofitable things

4. How has Jesus Christ changed over the years?

- A) He has become more lenient and looks the other way over accidental sins
B) He has become harsher and angrier with the more serious sins
C) He has become more understanding and forgiving with sin in general
D) He has not changed but remains the same yesterday, today, and forevermore

5. Which bird did God create to be extremely foolish?

- A) owl B) seagull C) stork D) ostrich

6. Who said this: "My soul doth magnify the Lord."

- A) Miriam B) Hannah C) Mary D) Elizabeth



5/1 Brian Watson
 5/3 Don Pryor
 5/4 Emily-Lynn Carlson
 5/15 Kitty Carlson
 5/16 Bonnie Mathieu
 Kenneth Zahner
 5/18 Fenn Ouellette
 5/22 Sasha Fitzpatrick
 5/23 Anna Bisson
 Michelle Hein
 5/24 Amanda Goldsmith
 5/27 Christine Thomas
 5/29 David Morris
 5/30 Ted Evertsen
 Francis Sieber
 5/31 Jared Goldsmith



Anniversaries

5/8 Moe Cote
 5/10 Angie Carlson
 Matthew Esculano
 Amanda Goldsmith
 Jared Goldsmith
 5/18 Peter Doran
 5/31 Lee Anne Larsen
 5/?? Lois Doran

Bulletin Bloopers

- Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I upped My Pledge—Up Yours."
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth into Joy."
- The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.



5/11 Avis Grant
 5/17 Callum Goldsmith
 5/24 Fenn Ouellette
 5/?? Gail Carrano
 Richard Dostie

Bible Quiz Answers

1. A (Genesis 35:26)
2. C (1 Samuel 17:49-50)
3. (the Bible's table of contents)
4. A (1 Samuel 7:10-12)
5. D (Job 39:13-17)
6. C (Luke 1:46)



Happy Anniversary

5/4 Gail & Art Carrano
 5/5 Moe & Becky Cote
 5/6 Pat & Jeffery Kablitz

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Calendar of Events

May, 2016

Week of May 1st

Sunday - 5/1	8:45am. 10:00am.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study Worship
Thursday – 5/5	2:30pm. 7:00pm.	Inquirers Class Ascension Day Vespers Service

Week of May 8th

Sunday - 5/8	8:45am. 10:00am.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study Worship - Mother's Day
Monday - 5/9	6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Board of Elders Meeting Church Council Meeting
Thursday - 5/12	10:30am. 2:30pm.	Mid-Week Bible Study – 1 Corinthians Inquirers Class

Week of May 15th

Sunday - 5/15	8:45am. 10:00am.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study Worship
Thursday - 5/19	10:30am. 2:30pm.	Mid-Week Bible Study – 1 Corinthians Inquirers Class

Week of May 22nd

Sunday - 5/22	8:45am. 10:00am.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study Worship - Summer Worship Schedule Begins
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Week of May 29th

Sunday - 5/29	<u>9:00am.</u>	Worship
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Stewardship for May

	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
Acolyte	Caden Fitzpatrick	Mia Fitzpatrick	Emmy Carlson	Andrew Farr	Allison Farr
Comm. Assistant	Glenn Carlson	Brian Watson	Mark Larsen	Mike Hein	No Communion
Ushers	Moe Cote & Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson, Jr. & Seth Carlson	Mike Hein & Brian Watson	Glenn Carlson & John Gould	John Ayotte & Don Pryor
Greeters	Fernando & Mari Gouvea	Avis Grant & Sharon Klipp	Steve Love & Pat Kablitz	Moe & Becky Cote	Jared & Amanda Goldsmith
Altar Care	Deb Nielsen	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson
Flowers	Tina Baker	Avis Grant	Avis Grant	The Ouellettes	The Ouellettes
Fellowship	OPEN	OPEN	Sharon Klipp	The Ouellettes	OPEN

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