

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**NOVEMBER 2016**



## Pastor's Letter

November, 2016

### "The National Day of Thanksgiving"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The national day of Thanksgiving was officially established by president Abraham Lincoln in 1863 to be a day of "thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." But long before Lincoln made it 'official,' people had set aside a particular day to give thanks to God for the 'daily bread.' As soon as the pilgrims were settled, they invited their neighbors to join them in a day of thanksgiving to God for His care in supplying abundant food for them to eat and survive. George Washington is said to have declared a national day for thanksgiving before it became a national holiday.

It's important as we celebrate the day of Thanksgiving this year, that we also give thanks to our 'beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens' for our daily bread. One of the distinctions between believers and unbelievers is in how each sees the 'hand' behind the food that fills the table and plate and stomach.

Unbelievers see only the 'hand of man' behind the abundant production of food. Man has put his brain to work and learned how to get the most out of seed and dirt and water. We have learned that there are certain 'laws of nature' that are at work, and if thanksgiving is due, it goes to 'mother earth' without any connection the Creator of the earth, Who endowed the earth with all ability to produce food.

Believers ought to see all of this much differently. We see the 'hand of God' in the growth and production of the food that we eat, as well as the distribution system that brings it to us, the wealth that allows us to purchase it, the homes in which we eat it, all from God. Believers see the 'hand of God' in the abundance of food that we have as the gracious answer of the 'beneficent Father in the heavens' who has heard our prayer, 'give us this day our daily bread,' and answered us from His abundant love and care.

It may have been easy for the Israelites of old to see the 'hand of God' behind the manna and the quail that they ate for 40 years in the desert. But it should be just as easy for the 'new Israel' to see the same 'hand of God' in our Lord, Jesus Christ, who took pity on the hungry crowds and multiplied the bread and fish in His divine hands and supplied them with more than they could eat.

Notice how clearly the Psalmist sees the 'hand of God' behind the bountiful harvest of food:

*"You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together with joy." (Psalm 65:9-13)*

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let's be sure to do so as believers who recognize the 'hand' behind it all. Remember to give thanks to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Pastor Nielsen*

## *Notes from your Deaconess*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

This month we'll begin looking at specific parts of our Divine Service. The service itself starts after the bells, prelude, announcements, and our greeting of each other. In all five settings of the Divine Service which we follow, a section entitled *Confession and Absolution* prepares us for the *Service of the Word and Sacrament*. Usually we start with a hymn, but this is optional for the service. (The italicized instructions in red ("rubrics") for the service in the hymnal offer recommendations which may or may not be used.)

We officially begin with the **Invocation**. To invoke means "to call upon." The pastor speaks for all of us, calling upon God, "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." We affirm, or agree with this prayer by responding "Amen", a word meaning, "truth".

Before we enter our time of confession we call on our triune God with this prayer to be present with us while at the same time we turn ourselves towards Him. We remember our baptism, as well as Jesus Christ's baptism by John. At Jesus' baptism the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove, and the Father spoke his words of affirmation "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). We see the clear triune presence of God at that time and in that place. Jesus began his first recorded sermon in the gospel of Luke by reading Isaiah's words "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (Luke 4:18, from Isaiah 61:1). Jesus also promised, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them" (Matthew 18:20).

Things we do with our body also affect our focus. We stand for the invocation (and the hymn before it), and in some churches a cross is carried into the church during the hymn and parishioners commonly bow slightly as it passes their row. These postures indicate our attention, respect and honor. Our pastor makes the sign of the cross, a motion of tracing the cross upon himself, as he speaks the words of invocation. We may join in making this motion. In so doing, we recall that through baptism we participated in Christ's death on the cross, and that our life in him bears that cross as well. Jesus proclaimed "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). In our baptism we received the Holy Spirit, and thus began our new lives as children of God. We also remember that the Holy Spirit placed an invisible mark or seal upon us, and we think of that mark as cross-shaped, and so trace that shape upon ourselves.

And so, we begin our weekly times together by recalling for ourselves and before God his promises given to us through his word and our baptisms, of his presence with us as well as our unity before him as his children in Christ.

Under his mercy,  
*Sharon M. Conover*

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Remember to turn your clock BACK an hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

### **HOW DO YOU READ THE NEWSLETTER - PRINTED COPY OR ONLINE?**

If you read the Newsletter online and do not need a printed copy, please place yours on the table in the Narthex.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - WE REMEMBER YOUR SAINTS, DEAR LORD.



God's gracious love in Jesus Christ ignites the thankful acclamations of the saints in every time and place. In gratitude saints remember God's countless blessings in every generation. It is God who has blessed us with faith. It is God who sustains and nurtures the lives of the saints through Word and Sacrament. It is God who continually affords grace and mercy to the saints in every age. Those who have died in the faith live forever in the perpetual, unchanging Light of Christ. The congregation is invited to bring cut flowers to lay at the altar in memory of friends and loved ones who have gone before in the Christian faith. Flowers will also be available in the Narthex.

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR - November 22<sup>nd</sup>

The "Last Sunday of the Church Year" is a time to focus on "the end" – the end of this "old age" and the inauguration of the "age to come." This year, we will once again use the service of "**Evening Prayer.**" Though this is a setting for 'evening' worship, the theme of fading light and approaching darkness marks the theme of the "Last Sunday" well.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:30AM.

Deaconess Sharon Conover leads this new bible study opportunity just for women. Each class takes a close look into the life of one of the women in the bible with applications to the callings and challenges of faithful women in our own day. Come and join in the study, fellowship and mutual encouragement. November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

## BOARD FOR MISSIONS - MEETING MINUTES, 10/5/16

Present: Amanda Goldsmith, Avis Grant; Dan Callahan, Deb Nielsen, Brian Watson, Andrea Watson, Pastor Nielsen.

After a review of the minutes from the September meeting, the follow topics were discussed:

- **First Choice Pregnancy Center** – Waterville sent a flyer for an upcoming fundraising banquet.
- **Lutherans For Life** – A regional representative contacted pastor Nielsen appealing for congregational support of the organization that works nationally to promote awareness of life issues. The Board voted to recommend that \$250 be sent to LfL in October and that a "Life Sunday" be held in January during which the Board will use Mission funds to match a 'door offering' after worship.
- **Seminary Student Adoptions** – Assignments were made by Concordia Theological Seminary. 2<sup>nd</sup> year student Michael McGinnley whom we had adopted last year, and 1<sup>st</sup> year student, Grant Sorenson. Pastor Nielsen will contact both students to request that they keep in touch with the congregation and work with Michael McGinnley to arrange a visit to the congregation.
- **Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter** – Brian reported on the beginning of construction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor which he is managing. Opportunity for future support will be needed to furnish apartments and office space. He reported that the Shelter received a \$75,000 award from Maine State Housing in recognition that 96% of those who left the shelter remain in stable housing a year later.
- The Board discussed whether it should work to develop on-going support to selected organizations and projects or seek to support a broader range of organizations and projects for a brief period of time. It was decided that we should seek to provide on-going support to selected organizations in order to develop deeper connections, but that we may also respond

to on-time opportunities as needed. It would also like to invite new projects/organizations from time to time as well.

The following were tagged for on-going support: Seminary student adoptions; Hope Lutheran Church- Bangor; Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter; Greater Waterville Area Food Bank; Children's Home For Little Wanderers; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Garuna Foundation; Lutherans For Life.

The Board voted to recommend the following for approval by the Church Council at its October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Garuna Foundation adoption of three students: \$1,080
- Lutheran For Life: \$250

Next Meeting:

- November 2, 2016 - 6:30pm. Meeting to be held at the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter
- December 7, 2017 - 6:00pm. Meeting to be held at Dan Callahan's home.

The Board encourages members of the congregation who would like to participate on the board to speak to any of the members or pastor.

#### **THANK YOU FROM SEMINARIAN GRANT SORENSON**

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support! I am blessed to receive your care and give thanks to God for you! I cannot express the depth of my gratitude as your support lifts the weight off my shoulders!

I am blessed to be able to attend Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. I am a first-year student and am currently taking Gospels I, Church History I, Dogmatics I, and Liturgics I. I have learned so much already and yet look forward to learning so much more. I look ahead as the end of the first quarter quickly approaches, just three weeks away!

I look forward to the path that God has placed before me, wherever that road may lead. Even more so, I am encouraged by your support along this road. Again, I cannot thank you enough for your support and prayers. God's richest blessings!

In Christ,

*Grant Sorenson*

#### **THANK YOU FROM HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - BANGOR**

Dear Pastor Nielsen,

On behalf of the members of Hope Lutheran Church in Bangor, we thank you and your congregation for the additional level of support this year that is included in your financial planning. Your continued support provides Hope with the funds necessary to be God's Gospel light to the people in the greater Bangor area. Your prayers and funding provide encouragement as the mission work continues here.

May God continue to bless your ministry within the Waterville community.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Becky Reeve* (The Church Council recently approved the Board for Missions recommendation to increase the monthly support of Hope Lutheran Church from \$200 to \$420.)

**THANK YOU FROM THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**

My dear fellow redeemed:

I have seen people experience profound, life changing JOY and a deeply personal sense of meaning of fulfillment when they tell others about Jesus through their sacrificial giving, and in the act discover a unique and vital role they play in the mission and ministry of the LCMS. I pray you are one of them. Words cannot express the absolute joy we have for you. The work God has given His church to do, in all its forms and places, happens because YOU gave joyfully to make sure it happens. ***Thank you.*** We thank God for you and your gift to the LC-MS of \$1,500. It will be used in support of Disaster Relief.

In service to our Lord, Jesus Christ,

*Mark D. Hofman*

Executive Director, Mission Advancement.

**THANK YOU FROM WATERVILLE FOOD BANK**

Dear Pastor Nielsen,

Thank you for your church's donation to the Greater Waterville Area Food Bank. Your donation of \$500 will help purchase low cost food for distribution to our clients. Your donation will help us in our mission to end hunger in the greater Waterville area. Your support is appreciated. Please thank the congregation for their continued support.

Sincerely,

*David Dawson*, President

**THANK YOU FROM THE GARUNA FOUNDATION**

Dear Pastor Nielsen and Missions Partners at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,  
Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

On behalf of The Garuna Foundation, I want to thank you for your very generous donation of \$1,080 for the adoption of three 'Garuna' students. Your gracious contribution will be used to help bring the grace, mercy and compassion (Garuna) of Jesus Christ to the multitudes of those in Thailand, Cambodia and surrounding countries who have not yet had an opportunity to her of His precious love and forgiveness.

Sincerely In Christ,

*Rev. Jeffery J. Ehlers*, Chairman - The Garuna Foundation

# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER, 2016

11/2	Wednesday	6:30pm.	Board for Missions Meeting - Homeless Shelter
11/3	Thursday	10:30am.	Mid-Week Bible Study
11/5	Saturday	8:30am.	Women's Bible Study
11/6	Sunday	10:00am.	All Saints Sunday - Bring flowers to place at altar
11/7-8	Monday - Tuesday		Pastor Nielsen at Fall Pastors Conference
11/10	Thursday	10:30am.	Mid-Week Bible Study
11/13	Sunday	10:00am.	Worship - Recognition of Veterans
		11:30am.	Sr. High Youth Group Meeting
11/14	Monday	6:00pm.	Elders Meeting
		7:00pm.	Church Council Meeting
11/17	Thursday	10:30am.	Mid-Week Bible Study
11/19	Saturday	8:30am.	Women's Bible Study
11/20	Sunday	10:00am.	Worship - Last Sunday of Church Year - Evening Prayer
11/24	Thursday		Thanksgiving Day - No Mid-Week Bible Study
11/27	Sunday	10:00am.	Worship - 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent - Divine Service III



## BIBLE QUIZ

### Monthly Worship

#### November 6, 2016

All Saints Day

**Psalm:** 149

**First Reading:** Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-12

**Epistle:** 1 John 3:1-3

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

#### November 13, 2016

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Psalm:** 98

**First Reading:** Malachi 4:1-6

**Epistle:** 2Thessalonians 3(1-5)6-13

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

#### November 20, 2016

Last Sunday of the Church Year

**Psalm:** 46

**First Reading:** Malachi 3:13-18

**Epistle:** Colossians 1:13-20

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 23:27-43

#### November 27, 2016

First Sunday in Advent

**Psalm:** 122

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2:11-5

**Epistle:** Romans 13 (8-10) 11-14

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11 or Matthew 24:36-44

1. At what time of day did the Pharisee Nicodemus visit Jesus?

A) sunrise B) midday C) late afternoon D) after dark

2. What horrible thing did Joseph's brothers do to him?

A) Shaved off only half his beard and head of hair B) sold him as a slave to a passing traders' caravan C) chopped both of his hands D) plucked out one of his eyes

3. How did King Herod respond to some foreigners' desire to meet the newborn king of the Jews?

A) he was enthusiastic B) he was fearful C) he was curious D) he was indifferent

4. How was God's covenant promise to Abraham and his descendants shown?

A) everyone must wear tassels on the end of their garments B) every female must never cut her hair C) every male must be circumcised D) every male must never consume grape products (raisins, grapes, wine)

5. What physical handicap did Jacob's father develop in old age?

A) blindness B) deafness C) paralysis D) a limp

6. The "crime" posted over Jesus as He hung on the cross was translated into which three languages?

A) Aramaic, Latin, and Greek B) Latin, Greek, and Hebrew C) Aramaic, Hebrew, and Latin D) Greek, Egyptian, and Aramaic





New Officers for 2016/17

President: Deb Nielsen

Vice President: Becky Cote

Secretary: Avis Grant

Treasurer: Dorthy McAllister

The LWML Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall will have updates on the N.E. District projects being funded and goals met. There will also be updates on National projects with goals met.

The Craft Fair is rapidly approaching – Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need 2 or 3 baked bean makers and 2 or 3 chili makers. We also need 4 or 5 dozen (or more) cookies (for the cookie “walk”) from all. Don’t forget baked goods and candies, “white elephants”, and coffee cans.

A sign-up list for workers will be posted in November. We need workers to help set up on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the fair and of course, workers for the day of the fair (Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>).

Our meetings are held @ 9:30 am, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month – the next one on Oct, 27<sup>th</sup>. We need suggestions for monthly collections in the Narthex. Ex.: food, toiletries, etc. Please let us know at the meeting or let one of the officers know, if you have a suggestion. Don’t forget those MITES.

In God’s Name,

*Deb Nielsen*, Pres.

**A Thanksgiving Poem**

‘Twas the night of Thanksgiving, But I just couldn’t sleep.

I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned – the dark meat and white, but I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation, the thought of a snack became infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door, and gazed at the fridge, full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes, pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling so plump and so round. ‘Til all of a sudden I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky, with a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie.

But, I managed to yell as I soared past the trees, HAPPY EATING TO ALL – pass the cranberries please.

May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump.

May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious, may your pies take the prize.

May your thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs!



11/2 Mia Fitzpatrick  
 11/3 Jonathan Morren  
 11/6 Avis Grant  
 11/11 Sherman Hill  
 11/13 Fernando Gouvea  
 11/16 Haley Farr  
 11/23 Peter Doran  
 David Leigh



11/13 Sharon Conover  
 11/14 Mike Hein



*Happy Anniversary*

11/7 David & Kay Gideon  
 11/18 Peter & Evelyn Gaug



11/27 Corina Batson  
 11/?? Krista Carlson  
 Sarah Kohl

**And Then the Fight Started.....**

- My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping the channels. She asked, ‘What’s on TV?’

I said, ‘Dust.’  
 And then the fight started....

- My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, ‘I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.’

I got her a scale.  
 And then the fight started....

- My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, ‘Do you know her?’

‘Yes,’ I sighed, ‘She’s my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn’t been sober since.’

‘My Goodness!’ says my wife. ‘who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?’  
 And then the fight started....

**Bible Quiz Answers**

1. D (John 3:1-2)
2. B (Genesis 37:27)
3. B (Matthew 2:3)
4. C (Genesis 17:13)
5. A (Genesis 27:1)
6. B (John 19:20)

# November Stewardship

	<u>Nov 6</u>	<u>Nov 13</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Nov 27</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Emily Carlson</b>	<b>Callum Goldsmith</b>	<b>Mia Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Caden Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Comm. Assistant</b>	<b>Dan Callahan</b>	<b>Steve Love</b>	<b>Tom Huesers</b>	<b>Mark Larsen</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Moe Cote &amp; Jacob Huesers</b>	<b>Bill Jahnke &amp; Brian Watson</b>	<b>John Ayotte &amp; Chris Batson</b>	<b>Steve Love &amp; Tom Huesers</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>John &amp; Karen Ayotte</b>	<b>Moe &amp; Becky Cote</b>	<b>John &amp; Esther Gould</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Michelle Hein</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>LeeAnne Larsen</b>	<b>Katie Huesers</b>	<b>Avis Grant</b>	<b>Andrea Watson</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Avis Grant</b>	<b>Avis Grant</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Christine Thomas</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>