

# RESURRECTION NEWS



NOVEMBER 2018



## Pastor's Letter

November, 2018

*"For Christ's love compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Why Do You Do The Things You Do?" That's the title of Dolcenaia's song to Don Quixote from the musical, "The Man of LaMancha." Don Quixote was a dreamer. He dreamed "impossible dreams." He looked at an ordinary washbasin and saw a warrior's helmet. He couldn't pass by a windmill without engaging it in a sword fight for the honor of the cause of good over evil. He rode an old, broken down horse that he called his "trusty steed." Don Quixote looked at people differently than most people did too. He looked at a poor, abused, prostitute named Dolcenaia and he called her "his princess." One day, after traveling with him and his sidekick Sancho, Dolcenaia sings a song in which she asks, "Why do you do the things you do?"

I suspect that St. Paul would have enjoyed "The Man of LaMancha." Not that St. Paul was a dreamer. But Paul acted and talked in a way that lots of people just didn't understand. He talked about the significance of one man's death and how that one death meant that everyone had died. He talked about how that same man's resurrection from the dead meant life to all who put their trust in this one man.

Dolcenaia's voice can be heard in the background of Paul's words to the Corinthians, "Paul, why do you do the things that you do?" Paul says, **"For Christ's love compels us. For we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."**

It was the love of Christ that compelled Father Maximilian Kolbe to do what he did. Father Kolbe was 45 years old in the autumn of 1939 when the Nazis invaded his homeland of Poland on September 1, 1939. The German army came and took Father Kolbe and the 36 members of his abbey to the concentration camp called Auschwitz. For two years, Father Kolbe managed to survive and minister to what became his new abbey - Barracks 14.

One July night in 1941, one of the men escaped from Barracks 14 and was not captured. When that happened, the commander of the camp would select 10 men from the same barracks who would be led away to the starvation bunker to die in the escapees place as a lesson to the others.

As the commander chose his 10 men from the ranks of Barracks 14, Father Kolbe was spared. One man who was selected groaned, "My poor wife!" "My poor children! What will they do?" As the 10 men were assembled, about to be led off, suddenly there was a commotion in the ranks of the rest. A prisoner had broken out of line, calling for the commandant. It was Father Kolbe. He spoke, "I would like to die in place of one of the men you condemned." "In whose place do you want to die?" asked the commander. "For that one," pointing to the one who was crying about his family. And the exchange was granted.

Father Kolbe was stripped and led into the starvation bunker with the other nine from Barracks 14. All ten died but the man whom Father Kolbe stood up for and died for, lived through Auschwitz, returned to his family and told all who would listen about his love for one man who had died for him.

"Why do you do the things you do?" Paul reminds us that we do what we do because we are compelled by the love of Christ **"For we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."**

When was the last time someone asked you, "Why do you do the things you do?"

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

## *Notes from your Deaconess*

November, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

We tell stories. We do so to remember, remind, and share with others who we are, where we come from, what we've seen and experienced. We do so to entertain, encourage, and console. We speak of our struggles of the past, and our hopes for the future. As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, we come from many different walks of life and many different biological families, but now having shared one baptism we have one faith, one Lord, one God and one Father (Ephesians 4:5,6).

We hear and read the words of the Bible—important because these scriptures contain the stories, poetry, letters, warnings, and teachings of *our* family in faith—words given us by our Creator through many different writers.

*All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)*

Also, these words and the Word (who became flesh) work in us to change us.

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...(Hebrews 4:12a)*

*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it [says the Lord]. (Isaiah 55:10-11)*

In our tour of the Lutheran Service Book we next come to the Lectionaries, found on pages xiv to xxiii, which designate readings for the church year. You'll notice a Three-Year Lectionary of readings, with Series A, B, and C (we're currently in Series B), and also a One-Year Lectionary. Then follow a couple of pages with readings for celebrations of feasts, festivals and recommendations for other special occasion services. As you might guess, the Three-Year Lectionary provides the opportunity for congregations to hear a great deal more of the Bible read and preached upon than the One-Year Lectionary does. On the other hand, in revisiting texts on a yearly basis, the ones included in the One-Year set become much more familiar. Each Sunday or festival day includes a Gospel reading and two other readings, most of the time including one from the Old Testament, and one from the New Testament epistles. Often the Old Testament readings bears some clear relation to the Gospel lesson of the day.

The Daily Lectionary, to which I often refer in this column, can be found on pages 299 - 304 of the LSB. These readings—one from the Old Testament and one from the New—take us through even more of the Bible than we will hear on Sundays during a calendar year as they include nearly all of the New Testament, and approximately one-third of the Old Testament. Through much of the month

of November, these daily readings continue through the gospel of Matthew. Concluding our Old Testament readings in Deuteronomy on the first of the month, we will then read from the prophet Jeremiah. He called the people around him to repentance, and spoke of the coming Messiah, the righteous branch, and how God would make an everlasting covenant with his people. As we approach the season of Advent we will move to some readings in Revelation and from the prophet Daniel.

I encourage you, as I know Pastor does as well, to include some daily reading from the Bible—whether using *Portals of Prayer*, the Daily Lectionary, or some other reading plan. You can find outlines for reading the entire Bible in a year, or others which spread over two years and include daily Psalms. The Daily Lectionary does include a recommended outline for going through all the Psalms regularly on page 304.

I plan to hold Saturday morning women's Bible studies looking at passages from the prophet Jeremiah at 8:30am on November 3 and again on November 17. I hope you'll consider joining me for some fellowship, study, and prayer time.

Under his mercy,  
*Sharon M. Conover*

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 4<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. It is God who has blessed us with faith. It is God who sustains and nurtures the lives of His 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. Christ is the sole source of Light for the New Jerusalem; He is the Dayspring, the bright and glorious Morning Star whose glory enlightens the minds and hearts of His Saints with His glorious Gospel. On "All Saints Sunday," we name those who were members of this congregation when they were called to the Father's House. The congregation is invited to bring cut flowers to lay at the altar in memory of friends and loved ones who have died in the Christian faith. Flowers will also be available in the Narthex.

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER**

This month's themes are as follows:

- 11/4 God Provides Manna, Quail and Water - Exodus 16-17
- 11/11 The 10 Commandments - Exodus 19-20
- 11/18 Worship in the Tabernacle - Exodus 40
- 11/25 The Bronze Serpent - Numbers 21:4-9

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY FOR NOVEMBER - SUNDAYS - 8:45AM.**

#### **A YEAR WITH THE SMALL CATECHISM**

- 11/4 #78-82 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment
- 11/11 #83-87 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment
- 11/18 #88-92 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Commandments
- 11/25 #93-102 Close of the Commandments

## **ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Please plan to be present for this important annual meeting of the congregation. Agenda items include various Board and Committee reports, 2019 budget recommendation, election of Church Council officers and lots more fun. All communicant members of the congregation who have not yet done so, will be asked to sign the Constitution and By-Laws before the voting meeting begins. A pizza party will precede the meeting.

## **LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR - NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

The Church Year calendar revolves around the Son rather than the sun. The "Last Sunday of the Church Year" is a time to focus on 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. "Evening Prayer" is a beautiful setting for worship. Invite a friend to come with you.

## **REV. CHARLES ST. ONGE VISIT**

Rev. Charles St. Onge visited us in 2017 for Mission Sunday. He is an LC-MS missionary to Montreal the Caribbean. Several members of the congregation continue to support him through a regular gift to the LC-MS. Rev. St. Onge will be here to visit on Monday, December 10th to report on his work. Time to be announced. Please set aside the date now to join us for this great opportunity to learn about the mission and outreach work our church is doing through our missionaries.

## **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REPORT**

The Church's 50th Jubilee celebration took place on September 29th and 30th. The congregation was first incorporated in September of 1964 under Rev. Howard C. Moeller. Based on this date the congregation is actually 54 years old. "Better late than never." The specific date is less important than the coming together as a Christian family and giving God the praise for our longevity in this community and opening hearts to the message of Christ crucified. As the actual anniversary date had passed we just waited four years to actually celebrate this important milestone.

The celebration was highlighted with a choral concert, a dinner followed by a guest speaker and a special Divine Service the next day. Saturday began with a musical treat as the Concordia College, New York Touring Choir, under the direction of Dean Jason Thoms, favored us with a concert of sacred music. Following the concert, approximately 80 people enjoyed a delicious chicken and rice dinner hosted by the LWML and served by our senior youth and their parents. Dessert was a special offering of bundt cakes and cheese cakes, all made by Sharon Klipp. After dinner our guest of honor, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's First Vice-President Rev. Dr. Herbert C. Mueller, Jr. spoke on the importance of spreading the Gospel even on the outer reaches of the Synod here in Maine and on how living immersed in the resurrection of Christ should be a goal for all. Brian Watson emceed the dinner and he and Andrea and Dr. Mueller were joined at the head table by Rev. and Mrs. Nielsen, Rev. Evertsen, and Rev. and Mrs. Fischer. After Dr. Mueller's remarks, he was presented with a Maine ball cap and a monogrammed L. L. Bean sweater vest. Commemorative favors in the form of Jubilee brass coins, and Luther Rose logo coffee mugs and string totes were available for all. A special commemorative program for the occasion was also created.

Sunday's Divine Service again featured selections from the Concordia Choir. The Sermon was delivered by Dr. Mueller. A cake cutting fellowship hour after church was organized by Michelle and Michael Hein.

The overall cost to the church was well under our budgeted three thousand dollars as many items were donated. Once all the bills have come in and have been paid I will have an exact accounting for the council and the congregation as to what the church's actual expenses were.

Yours in Christ,

*Dan Callahan*

**SEMINARIAN ALARIK MORRIS**

October, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

I would like to once again thank you for your continued prayers and support of me during my time at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. I have been having a busy semester so far, but one in which I have learned much. I have been enjoying my classes for this first semester, my favorite class so far has been Systematic Theology. We have been learning about crucial elements and doctrines of the Lutheran faith and my knowledge about how and why the church believes what it does has greatly expanded. My field work at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (about 25 minutes east of the seminary) has been going well and I have been assisting in liturgy almost every Sunday I have been at the church. I have also been helping tutoring children of immigrant families at a mission called "Christian Friends of New Americans" in St. Louis as a part of my Cross-Cultural Module.

I'm currently taking Interpreting and Communicating the Word (exegesis), Introduction to Systematic Theology, Introduction to Historical Theology, Introduction to Pastoral Ministry, and a Greek Lab and a Hebrew Lab once a week, and a Pastoral Formation Lab once a week.

I have been continuing to work with the grounds crew here at the seminary and I have been enjoying the time outside and the break from classes and reading. I have also had the opportunity to play soccer for the seminary which was an activity I enjoyed throughout high school and college. I have also been enjoying the change of weather here in St. Louis as it has finally reached into the 50's and 60's and the leaves have finally begun to change color this past week. Once again thank you for your prayers and support and I pray that this letter finds you all in good health and spirit.

Thanks and blessings to you all,

*Alarik Morris*

**THANK YOU - CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS**

10/19/18

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the Lord's name from Concordia Seminary - St. Louis. We are in receipt of your gift in the amount of \$1,000 for the home congregational support of Alarik Morris for the 2018-2019 academic year. As St. Paul wrote, "You will be enriched in every way for great generosity which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God." (II Cor. 9:11-12).

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generosity in aiding our students as they prepare for the ministry of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Sarah Kassel*- Financial Aid Office

## **BOARD FOR MISSIONS MEETING MINUTES** - Sunday, October 14, 2018

In attendance: Mike and Michelle Hein, Avis Grant, Gail Carrano, Brian and Andrea Watson, Pastor and Debbie Nielsen, Yvonne Batson, Bec Keefe, Sharon Conover, and Kari Farr.

- Discussed Senior Youth Group Fundraiser – They requested a donation from the BFM

The board would like to fill in any missing items at the end of the youth group pasta and sauce drive. Also, would like to give \$500 to the food bank to match the grant from Thrivent going to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter.

- Discussed end of year giving for 2018, how to use funds available.

The board discussed the preferred organizations for giving for the 2018 year. No specific amounts were determined but will be decided during the November meeting of the BFM after receiving the final balance for this budget year.

The organizations discussed for giving were:

- Disaster relief (preferably through a Lutheran fund)
- Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- Maine Children's Home
- Local food bank
- Garuna Foundation
- Lutheran's for Life
- Pregnancy center
- Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter

During the next meeting the board will discuss these places and determine amounts to be distributed, keeping the amounts within the giving guidelines, and to be approved by the church council.

- Elected a BFM secretary. Kari Farr was approved as the secretary for the BFM with Steve Farr also sharing in these duties.
- Discussed a possible visit from Rev. St. Onge in November. Pastor Nielsen received a letter from Rev. St. Onge indicating his desire to come through Waterville on a trip through the area. The board would like to offer to the St. Onge family to stay in Waterville on their way through and possibly have a mid-week service for Rev. St. Onge to update everyone on the work they are doing. Pastor is looking into specific details of this visit and will follow-up with the BFM.
- Pastor Nielsen spoke with the BFM about Hope Church in Bangor. He will continue with services weekly through Labor Day 2019. The BFM is recommending to the church council that we withdraw financial support of Hope Lutheran at the end of December 2018. The board is willing to consider helping with any future need that may arise for Hope Church.



## BIBLE QUIZ

### Monthly Worship

November 4, 2018

All Saints' Day

**Psalm:** 149

**First Reading:** Revelation 7: (2-8) 9-17

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

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

November 11, 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Psalm:** 146

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 17:8-16

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:24-28

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

November 18, 2018

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Psalm:** 16

**First Reading:** Daniel 12:1-3

**Epistle:** Hebrews 10:11-25

**Gospel:** Mark 13:1-13

November 25, 2018

Last Sunday of the Church Year

**Psalm:** 93

**First Reading:** Isaiah 51:4-6 or

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

**Epistle:** Jude 20-25 or Revelation 1:4b-8

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37 or John 18:33-37

1. *What type of wood did Solomon build the Lord's temple out of?*

A) oak B) acacia C) gopher D) cedar

2. *During Israel's first battle in their national history, what did Moses do to help ensure victory?*

A) held his staff up in his hands B) stood on one foot\  
C) conducted the Levite choir in loudly praising God  
D) prayed continually in the tabernacle of God

3. *On what day were the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit?*

A) Easter B) Passover C) Pentecost D) Yom Kippur

4. *What was the only sign Jesus promised to give the unbelieving crowd when they demanded proof of his deity?*

A) the sign of Jonas B) the sign of Elijah C) the sign of Abraham D) the sign of Moses

5. *Who are the only five women listed in Jesus' genealogy?*

A) Sarah, Rebekah, Ruth, Hannah, Mary B) Rebekah, Leah, Miriam, Deborah, Mary C) Eve, Rachel, Hannah, Esther, Mary D) Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary

6. *Who was the mother of John the Baptist?*

A) Mary B) Miriam C) Elizabeth D) Lydia



- 11/1 Mia Fitzpatrick
- 11/6 Avis Grant
- 11/13 Fernando Gouvea
- 11/16 Haley Farr
- 11/22 Eleanor Keefe
- 11/23 Peter Doran
- David Lee
- 10/29 Rick Drageland



**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/?? Krista Carlson
- Sarah Kohl



- 11/7 David & Kay Gideon
- 11/12 Peter & Evelyn Gaug
- 11/21 Dan & Beck Keefe



- 11/14 Sharon Conover
- Mike Hein

**JUST FOR LAUGHS (or GROANS)**

**The Fatted Calf**

The primary class at Calvary Church was taught by Tillie Shears. Last Sunday she was teaching the Prodigal Son lesson. Her aim was to emphasize the resentful attitude of the older brother.

After describing how happy the household was over the return of the wayward son, Tillie pointed out that one member of the family didn't share their joy. "Can anyone tell me who this was?"

Nine-year-old Donna Miller had been listening sympathetically to the story. She waved her hand, "I know!" she said beaming. "It was the fatted calf."

**Dear Sunday School Teacher....**

"Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you."

Alexander, age 10

"I know God loves everybody, but he never met my sister." Arnold, Age 8

**November Bible Quiz Answers:**

1. D (1 Kings 5:5-6)
2. A (Exodus 17:9-13)
3. C (Acts 2:1-4)
4. A (Luke 11:29-30)

# November Stewardship

	<u>November 4</u>	<u>November 11</u>	<u>November 18</u>	<u>November 25</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Emily-Lynn Carlson	Allison Farr	Evan Farr	Mia Fitzpatrick
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	Dan Callahan	Mark Larsen	Steve Farr	Glenn Carlson
<u>Ushers</u>	Bill Jahnke & Wayne Pelletier	Moe Cote & Dan Callahan	Mike Hein & Dan Keefe	Glenn Carlson, Jr. & Seth Carlson
<u>Greeters</u>	Fernando & Mari Gouvea	Glenn, Jr. & Krista Carlson	Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick	Julie & Sarah Kohl
<u>Altar Care</u>	Andrea Watson	Esther Gould	Lee Anne Larsen	Katie Huesers
<u>Flowers</u>	OPEN	Avis Grant	Avis Grant	Anna Rowe
<u>Fellowship</u>	The Keefes	Joan Drageland & Anna Rowe	Cindy Davis, Vary Fischer & Steve Love	OPEN

## **ENCOURAGING THE HABIT OF READING YOUR BIBLE DAILY.**

*“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” – Psalm 119:105*

### **Daily Lectionary Readings for October:**

11/1 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 / Matthew 21:1-22  
11/2 Jeremiah 1:1-19 / Matthew 21:23-46  
11/3 Jeremiah 3:6-4:2 / Matthew 22:1-22  
11/4 Jeremiah 5:1-19 / Matthew 22:23-46  
11/5 Jeremiah 7:1-29 / Matthew 23:1-12  
11/6 Jeremiah 8:18-9:12 / Matthew 23:13-39  
11/7 Jeremiah 11:1-23 / Matthew 24:1-28  
11/8 Jeremiah 20:1-18 / Matthew 24:29-51  
11/9 Jeremiah 22:1-23 / Matthew 25:1-13  
11/10 Jeremiah 23:1-20 / Matthew 25:14-30  
11/11 Jeremiah 23:21-40 / Matthew 25:31-46  
11/12 Jeremiah 25:1-18 / Matthew 26:1-19  
11/13 Jeremiah 26:1-19 / Matthew 26:20-35  
11/14 Jeremiah 29:1-19 / Matthew 26:36-56  
11/15 Jeremiah 30:1-24 / Matthew 26:57-75  
11/16 Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-34 / Matthew 27:1-10  
11/17 Jeremiah 33:1-22 / Matthew 27:11-32  
11/18 Jeremiah 37:1-21 / Matthew 27:33-56  
11/19 Jeremiah 38:1-28 / Matthew 27:57-66  
11/20 Daniel 1:1-21 / Matthew 28:1-20  
11/21 Daniel 2:1-23 / Revelation 18:1-24  
11/22 Daniel 2:24-49 / Revelation 19:1-21  
11/23 Daniel 3:1-30 / Revelation 20:1-15  
11/24 Daniel 4:1-37 / Revelation 21:1-8  
11/25 Daniel 5:1-30 / Revelation 21:9-27  
11/26 Daniel 6:1-28 / Revelation 22:1-21  
11/27 Isaiah 1:1-28 / 1 Peter 1:1-12  
11/28 Isaiah 2:1-22 / 1 Peter 1:13-25  
11/29 Isaiah 5:1-25 / 1 Peter 2:1-12  
11/30 Isaiah 6:1-7:9 / 1 Peter 2:13-25

### **Some helpful habits for home devotions:**

- *Do one reading in the morning and the other in the evening.*
- *Keep a journal or make a mental note of one thought that you would like to remember from this reading.*
- *Read and discuss the daily reading with a family member or friend.*
- *Choose one verse to commit to memory, reciting it through the day.*
- *Speak to God in prayer about something from the reading that impressed or confused you in this reading.*
- *If you miss a day or two (or three) and fall behind, don't worry and don't quit! Either set aside some time to catch up or skip those readings and move on.*
- *If you're using another reading schedule or guide, stick with it. The important thing is to be in the Word daily.*