

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**OCTOBER 2016**



**Pastor's Letter**  
**October, 2016**  
**“You Know What They Say About Opinions”**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A forest ranger in one of the National Parks of this country was leading a hike of 15 people through a remote area of the park. The squawk of his two-way radio was a nuisance to him so he turned it off. As the group returned to the trailhead they found many other rangers and rescue personnel who were worried and anxious over them. As it turned out, a grizzly bear had been spotted by another ranger and the bear was following the group of 15. The headquarters had been trying frantically to warn the ranger of the danger without success.

Needless to say, there are many people who are making their way through life who have turned off the voice of the One who is the Way and the Truth and the Life. And that is a very dangerous thing to do.

God speaks to us through His Word – the Bible. He does not speak to us through dreams or intuitions or lines in our palms or the alignment of the stars. God gets right down to our level when He speaks by putting it down in writing. The Bible is the voice of God who speaks to us with words - words of warning and direction and encouragement to bring us safely to our heavenly home.

In His Word, God tells us who He is and He tells us who we are. He tells us the way that He has created us and how we are to live. He tells us our destination and all that He has done through His Son to see that we arrive there safely. He tells us that He will always be with us and protect us in every situation and stage of life.

If it were not for His Word, how would we ever know if God were for us or against us? We would be left to our own intuition. Some days our intuition assures us that God is for us. But on other days we would think that He must be against us. Only by listening to Him speak to us can we be assured on good days and bad days that God is for us.

If it were not for His Word, how would we ever know how God is for us? We would be left to our own instincts. Our natural instincts tell us that God is for us when we are good and do good things and when we obey the rules. Only by listening to Him speak to us can we be know that God is for us even while we were still sinners. He is for us through His Son, crucified, died, buried and raised from the dead on our behalf.

If the church is to take its mission to “make disciples” seriously, it must take Bible Study seriously. The words of John Bright, in His book, “The Kingdom of God,” are painfully accurate. “It is unnecessary to furnish proof that there exists even among Christians a widespread Biblical illiteracy, and it is rather gracious to deplore the fact as disastrous. The church will not forever survive if steps are not taken to remedy it... Uprooted from the Bible we have no proper place to stand... It is therefore no light thing that the bible should have become so strange a book to the average churchgoer.”

When the church turns off the Word of God, its members not only become lost, the church is also unable to carry out its mission to make disciples. It seems only too obvious that this is the reason why we see those churches that no longer consider the Bible to be the Word of God, “tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and the cunning craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.” (Eph.4:14).

How vitally important it is, both for ourselves and for effective evangelism and witnessing, to be “built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God...” (Eph. 4:13). Otherwise we “go” with nothing to say except our own opinions. And you know what they say about opinions.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Nielsen*

## *Notes from your Deaconess*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

In this article we'll take a look at the overall shape of our liturgy. Our Divine Service derives its shape of word and sacramental meal first from Old Testament Jewish rituals. The Passover Seder (seder=order of service) for the Hebrew people parallels our liturgy as families celebrated this meal together which began with prayers and teaching. In their case the teaching concerned the exodus of God's people from Egypt. The special meal of lamb followed the teaching and retold, in a physical manner the events and means by which God had provided that the angel of death would bypass their blood-marked homes, and had nourished the Jewish people for their departure. They celebrate this meal once a year, while we celebrate our meal weekly. Services of prayer having extensive use of the Psalms as both prayers and songs, and also of teaching in synagogues, developed through those centuries as well.

Jesus' ministry itself included both teaching/word and miracles/sacrament. Recall that in our Lutheran understanding, we define *sacrament* as God's word combined with a physical, tangible object which delivers the promise of God, truly a miraculous thing when received through faith. The clearest gospel precedent for our order of word and sacrament occurred after Jesus' resurrection. That first day of the week when Jesus met the two disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, he taught them many things about himself from the scriptures. Upon reaching the town of Emmaus and agreeing to stay as guest to the two disciples who had still not recognized him, he acted as host of the meal. He took the bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them. At that moment the disciples recognized him as Jesus, risen from the dead, and at that same moment the person of Jesus disappeared from their sight.

We follow this order with our worship except when the sacrament of baptism occurs. Baptism, the act of God's word combined with water, killing the sinful person and bringing him or her to new life, provides the entrance into the body of the church, the family of God. It fittingly belongs at the beginning of a service. Most of the particular pieces of our service have had their location in this service for centuries, and we'll work our way through them in the coming months. Some of those sections remain essentially the same week to week and season to season. These we designate as "ordinaries". Other sections change weekly, with church seasons, or for certain feast or festival days. These we identify as "propers", since they have a proper place at certain times.

Speaking of "times", we have two ideas about time in church life. The usual way of considering time has to do with a Greek word *chronos*, which you may recognize as a root of words like chronological and chronic. This kind of time we measure with clocks, days, movement of the earth and the sun with respect to each other. We move through our days, meet on Sundays or go to work or bed with respect to this type of time. The Greek word *kairos* has a different kind of sense about time. It relates to some distinct quality of a human experience or event embedded in that *chronos* time. This might refer to particular encounters, opportunities, or seasons of our lives like going through a certain illness or surgery, or becoming a parent. Other events may have stood out or been imbedded in our memories due to joy, fear, horror, surprise, sorrow, or the deep significance of what the experience did to us, perhaps changing our perception of the world. Each year and each week in our Divine Service at church we revisit, recall and reconnect with the events of our Lord's work for us past and present along with our church family and with all the church past, present and yet to come.

Under his mercy,

*Deaconess Sharon M. Conover*

## **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY LED BY DEACONESS CONOVER!**

A twice-monthly Saturday morning Bible study for women commences this month, and in fact this Saturday, October 1!

I hope this additional time and opportunity to meet, converse and study God's word together will provide for some of you who have been unable to attend other studies. I realize that weekends can be very full of activities, as well as trips, and so you may only be able to attend once a month or even less frequently. Right now I have several unconnected stand-alone studies to use, but am also open to requests for particular topics and texts. We'll begin with some studies of Old Testament characters and stories.

We will plan to meet in one of the downstairs classrooms at church at **8:30am** for about an hour, certainly finishing by 10am at the latest. In the interest of planning ahead, for myself as well as you, here are the Saturdays I have scheduled—usually first and third of months—but with some variations due to when I already plan to be out of town, or holidays to consider. Of course things may arise to cause other changes. Right now I've marked these dates on my calendar: October 1 and 15, November 5 and 19, December 10, January 7 and 28, February 11 and 25, March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAY MORNINGS: 8:45AM.**

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| October 2  | Psalm of the month: <b>Psalm 62</b> – “My soul waits for God alone”   |
| October 9  | <b>“How We Got The Bible” – Part 1</b> - The Bible is the basis for our faith. How much confidence can we have that it is really God's word? Dr. Paul Maier, video.             |
| October 16 | <b>“A Survey of the Book of Genesis”</b> – From Adam to Abraham and his family, God teaches His people to trust in Him. Fernando Gouvea.  |
| October 23 | <b>“Journey by Faith”</b> – Lutheran ‘spirituality’ for the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. A practical discussion of the habits that guide the life of the follower of Jesus Christ. |
| October 30 | <b>“The Hymnody of Martin Luther”</b> - On this ‘Reformation Sunday,’ we will explore the hymns that Luther contributed to the church.  |

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL - SUNDAY MORNINGS: 8:45AM.**

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| October 2  | <b>Gideon</b> – Judges 6:11-7:25                |
| October 9  | <b>Samson</b> – Judges 16                       |
| October 16 | <b>Ruth</b> - Book of Ruth                      |
| October 23 | <b>God's Servant Samuel</b> – 1 Samuel 1-3      |
| October 30 | <b>Saul Becomes King</b> – 1 Samuel 8-10; 12-15 |

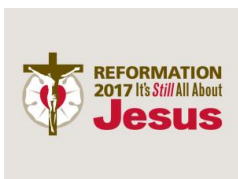
### **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: EVERY THURSDAY AT 10:30AM.**

If your schedule allows, join us for a lively study of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians.

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY! - OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual celebration of the Lutheran Reformation is one of the many highlights of our life together. Following worship, we will have our annual “German Pot-Luck Supper” in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone brings a dish to share. Make something German if you can. If not, just add either ‘kraut’ or ‘wurst’ to the end of whatever it is and everyone will love it! Pastor Nielsen will make a presentation on some aspect of the Lutheran Reformation. Plan to join in and BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!

### **THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION - OCTOBER, 2017**



The Lutheran Church is preparing for the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Thesis in Wittenberg, Germany. Our congregation would like to be a part of this celebration – BUT HOW? I would love to hear your ideas!

*Pastor Nielsen*

## **BOARD FOR MISSIONS MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

### **Current Projects:**

**Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter:** Men's clothing drive for this year may need to be put on hold during their renovation work on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Board to consider other projects.

**Seminary Students:** Board will recommend adoption of two students for 2016/17 academic year. 2<sup>nd</sup> year student Michael McGinnley and a 1<sup>st</sup> year student. Pastor will file the applications with the seminary.

**Hope Lutheran Church:** Board will recommend increasing the monthly support to Hope Lutheran Church – Bangor from \$200 to \$400. To be reviewed after a year. Pastor will send a letter along with the first check for \$400 with explanation for the increase.

**Other Business:** Amanda will distribute a spreadsheet of previous missions giving over the past several years. The Board would like to see how it might direct future funding. We have funded several projects repeatedly and some only occasionally. Should the Board try to focus on particular projects to develop a closer identity with? Or should the Board focus on introducing the congregation to the board array of mission work that is taking place throughout the church at large and locally? It was suggested that the Board consider dividing the mission funds 50/50 between 'ongoing' projects and 'new' projects. It was suggested that the application for new projects be redistributed to the congregation.

Dan reported on his follow-up work to the "The Wittenberg Project." He presented the book, "The Wittenberg Project" to the church library. He sent the book to the project director and president of the Synod, each of whom signed the book with a personal note of thanks to the congregation for their gift of support.

Dan also reported on his follow-up work for the "Lutherans For Life" project. He turned over a box of promotional items to be shared with the congregation at the next "Life Sunday."

Dan will contact Rev. Jeff Ehlers from Gaurna Foundation for status of his involvement overseas.

The Board voted to recommend the following for approval by the Church Council at its September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Adoption of two seminary students @ \$250 / month.
- Adoption of support for Hope Lutheran Church @ \$400 / month.
- LCMS Disaster Relief – undesignated gift - \$1,500.
- Central Maine Food Bank - \$500.

**Next Meeting:** October 5, 2016 - 6:30pm.



## **Monthly Worship**

**October 2, 2016**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 62

**First Reading:** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

**Epistle:** 2Timothy 1:1-14

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 17:1-10

**October 9, 2016**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 111

**First Reading:** Ruth 1:1-19a

**Epistle:** 2Timothy 2:1-13

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

**October 16, 2016**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 121

**First Reading:** Genesis 32:22-30

**Epistle:** 2Timothy 3:14-4:5

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 18:1-8

**October 23, 2016**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 5

**First Reading:** Genesis 4:1-15

**Epistle:** 2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 18:9-17

**October 30, 2016**

**Reformation Day**

**Psalm:** 46

**First Reading:** Revelation 14: 6-7

**Epistle:** Romans 3:19-28

**Holy Gospel:** John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. Who tried to claim the throne while King David laid on his deathbed?**

- A) his uncle, Joab B) his son, Adonijah C) his nephew, Barkiah D) his brother, Shammah

**2. Which parable taught what it meant to be a good caring neighbor?**

- A) the pearl and the pig B) the Fruitful Owner C) the good Samaritan D) the Pharisee and the Publican

**3. From what least likely spot did God bring forth water to quench the wandering Israelites?**

- A) an animal's skull B) a dead tree C) a tanned hide D) a dusty rock

**4. Which city's walls tumbled down at the sound of many trumpets and shouts?**

- A) Jerusalem B) Jordan C) Jericho D) Jaz

**5. How long did Jesus fast and resist Satan's temptations?**

- A) 40 hours B) 40 days C) 40 weeks D) 40 months

**6. Who said this: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?"**

- A) Samuel, the prophet B) David the king C) Caiaphas the high priest D) Nicodemus the Pharisee



10/1 Mari Gouvea  
 10/3 Julie Kohl  
 10/14 Marlene Pryor  
 10/15 Krista Carlson  
 10/21 Corina Batson  
 10/23 Pastor Paul Nielsen  
 Amy Ouellette  
 10/31 Dottie Evertsen



*Happy Anniversary*

10/10 Glenn & Kitty Carlson  
 10/12 Seth & Angie Carlson  
 10/21 Sharon & Dennis Klipp



**BIRTHDAYS**

10/4 Bode Carlson  
 10/5 Mari Gouvea  
 10/9 Steve Love  
 10/20 Siena Fitzpatrick  
 Olive Grierson  
 10/28 Mark Larsen

**BULLETIN BLOOPERS**

- I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall he live.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The Honeymooners are now having bible studies each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- This Sunday morning following services, we will have our monthly fellowship.
- Song Lyrics: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear." [No doubt, a lawyer wrote the one. And in fact, Jesus does bear our legal burdens before the Father, right?]

*PLEASE NOTE: I am tentatively planning a trip to Texas the last week + of October. So that I am able to get my portion of the NL to pastor before I leave, please have any items or schedules to me by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much! Sharon Klipp*

**Bible Quiz Answers**

1. B (1Kings 1:5, 2 Samuel 3:2-4)
2. C (Luke 10:30-37)
3. D (Exodus 17:5-6)
4. C (Joshua 6:2, 20)
5. B (Mark 1:9, 12-13)
6. D (John 3:4)

# October Stewardship

	<u>October 2</u>	<u>October 9</u>	<u>October 16</u>	<u>October 23</u>	<u>October 30</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Andrew Farr</b>	<b>Emmy Carlson</b>	<b>Mia Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Caden Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Allison Farr</b>
<b>Comm. Assistant</b>	<b>Mark Larsen</b>	<b>Brian Watson</b>	<b>Brad Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Glenn Carlson</b>	<b>Chris Batson</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>John Gould &amp; Mike Hein</b>	<b>John Ayotte &amp; Glenn Carlson</b>	<b>Tom Huesers &amp; Jacob Huesers</b>	<b>Steve Love &amp; Brian Watson</b>	<b>Moe Cote &amp; Bill Jahnke</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Jared &amp; Amanda Goldsmith</b>	<b>Avis Grant &amp; Gail Carrano</b>	<b>Julie &amp; Sarah Kohl</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Katie Huesers</b>	<b>David Leigh &amp; Dorothy McAllister</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Amanda Goldsmith</b>	<b>Amy Ouellette</b>	<b>Kitty Carlson</b>	<b>Andrea Watson</b>	<b>Esther Gould</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>LWML</b>	<b>Sharon Klipp</b>	<b>Sharon Klipp</b>	<b>Kay Gideon</b>	<b>Kay Gideon</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>LWML</b>	<b>Sharon Klipp</b>	<b>Becky Cote</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday Pot Luck</b>



# The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## October, 2016

### Week of October 2

Saturday - 10/1	8:30 - Women's Bible Study
Sunday - 10/2	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship
Wednesday - 10/5	6:30pm. - Board for Missions
Thursday - 10/8	10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

### Week of October 9

Sunday - 10/9	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship
Thursday - 10/13	10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

### Week of October 16

Sunday - 10/16	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship
Monday - 10/17	6:00pm. - Board of Elders 7:00pm. - Church Council
Thursday - 10/20	10:30am.- Mid-Week Bible Study - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

### Week of October 23

Sunday - 10/23 -	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship
Thursday - 10/27	9:00am. - LWML Meeting 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians

### Week of October 30

Sunday - 10/30 -	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:00am. - Worship 11:30am. - Reformation Pot-Luck Supper
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