

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**SEPTEMBER 2017**



## Pastor's Letter

September, 2017

"Reformation 500"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now, I'm sure you are aware that the upcoming "Reformation Day" marks an extra-special time in the life of God's people to celebrate the grace of God for His holy, Christian church. October 31, 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the posting of the "95 Thesis" in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. The banners on the front of our building and under our sign remind not only us, but also the community that the message of the cross of Christ and Him crucified is the heart and soul of our preaching and teaching and life together. *(Thank you Moe and Becky Cote for donating these great banners!)*

This is a truly a WORLD-WIDE celebration. The gospel which Martin Luther stood up for is for the whole world, not just Lutherans. As we celebrate this event and its significance, we are joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ through the world.

Among the several activities that we are planning to celebrate this anniversary of God's grace, is a three-week class which I will be teaching for the "Mid-Maine Regional Community Education" program entitled: **"Reformation 500."** The Maine Adult Ed catalog describes the course as follows:

*"The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Thesis in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517, will be remembered in many places through the world as one of the most important historical events that continues to shape the world. This course will provide an overview of the events that led up to the 95 Thesis and those that followed."*

The class will consist of three sessions:

**Session 1: Wednesday, September 27 - 7:00pm.**

**"The Background to the Lutheran Reformation: up to October 31, 1517."**

Civil government in Medieval Europe, the medieval churches' spirituality, the lack of separation between church and state, the practice of indulgences, the advent of mass communication.

**Session 2: Wednesday, October 4 - 7:00pm.**

**"The Beginning of the Lutheran Reformation: 1517-1521."**

The 95 Thesis, some of the significant writings of Luther, the Diet of Worms, time at the Wartburg.

**Session 3: Wednesday, October 11 - 7:00pm.**

**"The Establishment of the Lutheran Reformation: 1522-1546."**

The Peasant War, marriage, Luther and Zwingli, the Diet of Augsburg, the Bible in the common language, the Wittenberg Concord, the death of Luther.

Classes will be held at Waterville High School - room #243, from 7:00-8:30pm. Tuition is FREE, but pre-registration is required. Please register online at: [midmaine.maineadulted.org](http://midmaine.maineadulted.org) Or use one of the mail-in registration forms that are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

I hope that you will take this unique opportunity to invite friends to come along with you!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Nielsen*

# Notes from your Deaconess

September, 2017

Dear brothers and sisters of LCR,

When we meet on Sundays for the Divine Service, the bridge between the Service of the Word and the Service of the Sacrament includes the Prayers of the people, and the church's Offering. We also include these on Sundays when we don't share the Lord's Supper. In our LCR services we generally reverse the order of these two parts of the service, following Divine Service, Setting Three of our service book (pages 184-202). Historically, however, the Service of the Word concluded with the prayers, and then the portion of the congregation who had not yet been baptized were dismissed. The preparation for the Service of the Sacrament began with the Offering.

In the Prayers, the body of Christ's church together brings thanksgiving and petitions to the Giver of all gifts. The prayers for each Sunday reflect themes of the readings and sermon, with the Pastor leading and then the people affirming his prayers with "Hear our prayer," or "Lord, have mercy." Prayers at this time may also include special prayers for individuals and families of the congregation—needs or joys, as well as addressing specific current world or local events. The epistles of Paul and Peter direct us toward prayer, and within the gospels Jesus assures us "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20).

The portion of the service including the Offering, and the Offertory which follows, does not merely serve as the appointed time to gather financial support from the church members to keep things operating smoothly. In the early church, at this time appointed members carried the gifts of bread and wine into the meeting place, along with gifts of money and goods. All of these gifts were implicitly identified with the people of God. The church offers herself for each other, for consumption and for support. In our taking into ourselves the gifts of Christ's body and blood, we also become his body and blood which we then give to each other. The gifts we bring help to feed the body, and also are used in merciful service, *diakonia*, within and outside of our church body. All we have received to sustain our lives has ultimately come from the Father, and as one hymn puts it, "We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee," (LSB 781). As the gifts come forward, we generally sing an offertory hymn based on a psalm which also alludes to our preparation for the upcoming meal of the Lord's supper.

The daily readings of our lectionary continue in Old Testament historical books. These include accounts of later kings of Israel and Judah, the ministries of Elijah and Elisha, and then jump to the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall after the exile, along with the prophet Malachi. Through most of September we will read from various epistles of Paul in the New Testament. Then we will begin the gospel of Matthew, which we have been journeying through with our Sunday readings this Pentecost season. Remember to take note of how Matthew shows us that Jesus truly is the Son of God.

I've been unable to establish a retreat time as yet. I do plan to hold a women's Bible study on Saturday, September 9, the day before Sunday School begins. Saturday, September 23, the men will be gathered for their retreat, but the LWML has been invited to a Zone Rally at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Gorham, and I hope to go instead of holding a Bible study, I would be glad to drive other women who wish to go.

Under his mercy,

*Sharon M. Conover*

## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

- 8:45am. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
- 10:00am. Worship

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER: 8:45AM.**

9/10	Solomon Builds the Temple	1 Kings 5-6
9/17	God Provides for Elijah	1 Kings 17
9/24	Elijah Is Taken to Heaven	2 Kings 18:20-46

*[It is always helpful when families can look at the assigned texts together at home before Sunday.]*

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY THEMES FOR SEPTEMBER: 8:45AM.**

9/10	Exploring Genesis with Luther: Genesis 1,2 - Creation <i>A close look at these two chapters which lay the foundation of everything.</i>
9/17	New Testament Review: 1 Thessalonians <i>Pastor Paul writes this fatherly letter of encouragement to his congregation in Thessalonica.</i>
9/24	The Hymnody of Charles Wesley <i>A look at this famous English hymn writer and his hymns.</i>

## **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY RESUMES - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - 10:30AM**

Join us if you can as we begin a new season of in-depth bible study. Our theme this year is titled, **"The Great Miracles of God."** We'll begin by considering the great miracles of God in the Old Testament and then move to the New Testament. The miracles of God challenge us in many ways and often force us to confess that we often regard our God as limited to our reason and expectations.

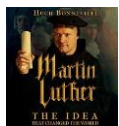
- 9/14 "The Exodus" - Exodus 1-14
- 9/21 "The Fall of Jericho" - Joshua 5-6
- 9/28 "The Day the Earth Stood Still" - Joshua 10

## **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT: SEPTEMBER 22-23 - "RACISM: A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE"**

*In a sinful world, racism will not go away. Every so often, it raises its ugly head in public. But rather than merely stating what seems so obvious – racism is a sin – how are we to confront it and deal with it faithfully?*

Plan to join us for this wonderful time of prayer, devotion, bible study, discussion and fellowship and of course, the annual Corn Hole Tournament. Held at the Hueser's camp in St. Albans, we begin at 6:00pm on Friday and end by noon on Saturday. It's free. Invite a friend to come along. Speak to an Elder for more information.

## **"MARTIN LUTHER - THE IDEA THAT CHANGED THE WORLD" - 10/29/17**



Reserve the date now to come to the movies on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - Railroad Square Cinema, Waterville for a one time showing of this new, feature length movie on the Lutheran Reformation! Movie begins at 5:00pm. \$5.00. INVITE FRIENDS!!

## **UPDATE ON BUILDING LOAN**

The principle balance due on the sanctuary renovation loan as of August 7, 2017 was \$34,744.65. That compares to \$61,808 as of the end of August last year. Good work! The loan was issued on February, 2016 for \$80,000. We are on the way to meet the goal of paying this loan off in 5 years. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

## BOARD FOR MISSIONS MEETING MINUTES: August 7, 2017

Present: Amanda Goldsmith; Andrea and Brian Watson; Avis Grant; Deb Nielsen; Pastor Nielsen.


- Pastor reported that we have received thank you letters for gifts to:  
Waterville Area Food Bank - \$500  
Lutheran Braille Workers - \$370
- Brian reported on a fund-raising program by Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter. "Anniversary Pledges" will be matched by Governor LePage up to \$50,000. Board will propose \$1000 from congregation mission funds and challenge congregation to match that with special offering after worship on 9/10/17. Funds to be used for general operating expenses at MMHS.
- Current funding for Hope Lutheran Church at \$200/month to continue through 2017. To be reevaluated after that.
- Seminary student adoption. Board will propose funding one student from Ft. Wayne Seminary - Grant Sorenson at \$250 / month for the year and funding Alarik Morris beginning in January when he plans to begin at the St. Louis Seminary.
- Discussion of "Mission Sunday" for Spring, 2018. Various ideas were discussed. Pastor to do some further exploring of international, national and regional possibilities by next meeting.
- Amanda announced that she will be stepping off of the Board in order to assume a position with the PTO at Callum's school. New candidates for the board were discussed.

The next Board for Missions meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 6:30pm. The Board would encourage members of the congregation who would like to participate on the board to speak to any of the members or pastor.

## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE MID-MAINE HOMELESS SHELTER: Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

This 'special offering' from the congregation will be matched "one for one" to benefit the MMHS. Consider a generous gift to be doubled.

## THANK YOU FROM HOPE LUTHER CHURCH - BANGOR

 Thank you for your financial support of our Mission Congregation in Bangor!  
The Race for Myeloma, a 5k that raises awareness and funds for Multiple Myeloma, is on September 23, 2017. Save the date! Come lend a hand! The members of Hope Lutheran Church have planned and volunteered for this event for all of its 11 years and we can always use more hands.

The Giving Garden has been awarded a grant of \$4,500 from the Domestic Development Grant program of the LCMS Office of National Mission for the 2017 growing season. This funding will allow our church to reach out to the community and spread Christ's love and the Gospel through the sharing of gardening space and fresh produce. We hope to purchase a shed and a fence.

Our members continue to be feed spiritually through the efforts of New England Pastors. We want to thank Pastor Ravell and Pastor Nielsen for their leadership and care.

## THANK YOU FROM WATERVILLE FOOD BANK

July 18, 2017

Thank you for your donation to the Greater Waterville Area Food Bank. Your donation of \$500 will help purchase low cost food for distribution to our clients.

Sincerely,

*David Dawson*- President

**THANK YOU FROM LUTHER BRAILLE WORKERS**

7/5/17

Dear Friends,

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)

Love which the world produces has limits. It lasts only as long as people get satisfaction out of it or as long as it serves their self-interests. God's love, on the other hand, is unselfish, changeless and eternal. We see his love in action at the cross where he was not motivated by convenience but by his commitment to save us. Our Father in heaven sees us through the lens of the holy sacrifice of his Son made to pay for our sins on the cross, and he is pleased to call us his children. In Christ and through faith in him, that is what we are!

It is through your prayers and generosity that LBW is able to bring this same message to people who are visually impaired. Thank you as you make an eternal difference!

In His awesome service,

*Deanna Bowles* - Donor Relations

**WE RECEIVED A VERY SPECIAL GRANT FROM 'The Lutheran Church - Extension Fund' - New England District.**

July 26, 2017

Dear Pastor Nielsen;

Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$2,500, which represents a gift from the LCEF of the New England District. These funds are a result of operating surplus and designated for Deaconess Support in your congregation.

Blessings on your ministry,

*Brenda Bacon*- Assit. Vice President

*(We have deposited this gift into a 'dedicated funds' account until we decide how best to put it to work to advance the Deaconess work in the congregation. We would welcome any ideas that you might have. See Deaconess Sharon Conover.)*



## **Monthly Worship**

**September 3, 2017**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 26

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 15:15-21

**Epistle:** Romans 12:9-21

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-28

**September 10, 2017**

**Fourteenth after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 32:1-7

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Epistle:** Romans 13:1-10

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 18:1-20

**September 17, 2017**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 103:1-12

**First Reading:** Genesis 50:15-21

**Epistle:** Romans 14:1-12

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

**September 24, 2017**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 27:1-9

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**Epistle:** Philippians 1:12-14 (5-13) 14-18

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. What unusual thing did the soldiers accompanying Saul to Damascus see and hear?**

- A) they saw nothing unusual but heard a voice
- B) they saw a strange man in glowing raiment but heard nothing
- C) they saw both a strange man in glowing raiment and heard a voice
- D) they did not see or hear anything unusual

**2. What did the manna taste like?**

- A) quail meat B) bitter herbs C) fruity mangos
- D) honey wafers

**3. Who penned the words to this psalm: “O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth”?**

- A) David B) Moses C) the sons of Korah D) anonymous

**4. What country did little Jesus and his parents flee to after the wise men’s visit?**

- A) Egypt B) Syria C) Rome D) Babylon

**5. What was God’s fatal punishment to the Israelites when they showed their unbelief ten times?**

- A) every single person would die of starvation B) every single adult was condemned to die in the wilderness C) every child would contract leprosy D) every child would die of thirst

**6. Who said this: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”?**

- A) Joshua B) Moses C) Abraham D) Jacob



9/2 Chris Batson  
Pat Kablitz  
9/4 Jim Zahner  
9/12 Becky Cote  
Andrew Farr  
9/18 Frankie Ouellette  
9/19 Olive Grierson  
9/22 Alarik Morris  
9/27 Siena Fitzpatrick



## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/3 Nathanael Batson  
9/20 Lois Doran  
9/21 Chris Batson  
9/30 Frankie Ouellette  
9/?? Sharon Klipp

### September Bible Quiz Answers

1. A (Acts 9:7)
2. D (Exodus 16:31)
3. A (Psalm 8:1 and attribution)
4. A (Matthew 2:13-15)
5. B (Numbers 14:22-23)
6. A (Joshua 24:15)



9/17 Rev. Paul & Deb Nielsen  
9/19 Fred & Amy Ouellette  
9/27 Jared & Amanda Goldsmith

### For a Few Laughs

#### **A Grave Error**

A minister on vacation was reading his hometown newspaper. He was stunned to come across his own obituary. Shocked, and not a little upset, he immediately telephoned the editor.

"I'm calling you long distance about the report of my death in your paper yesterday," he explained with great indignation.

"Yes, sir," came the calm reply. "And from where are you calling."

#### **Truth or Care**

Sunday morning Pastor Bob advised his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. In preparation for my message, I want you all to read Mark 17.

The following Sunday the reverend asked for a show of hands from those who had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. Pastor Bob smiled and announced, "Well, Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



#### **A great big "Thank You" to my LCR family.**

I am doing well, but it's going to be a long time to full recovery.

All of your cards, thoughts and prayers have been greatly appreciated!!!! The meals were fantastic too. A special thanks to those who prepared them!

Sharon



## **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 September:**

9/1 1 Kings 18:1-19 / Ephesians 1:1-23  
9/2 1 Kings 18:20-40 / Ephesians 2:1-22  
9/3 1 Kings 19:1-21 / Ephesians 3:1-21  
9/4 2 Kings 2:1-18 / Ephesians 4:1-24  
9/5 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7 / Ephesians 4:25-5:14  
9/6 2 Kings 4:8-22,32-37 / Ephesians 5:15-33  
9/7 2 Kings 4:38-5:8 / Ephesians 6:1-24  
9/8 2 Kings 5:9-27 / Philippians 1:1-20  
9/9 2 Kings 6:1-23 / Philippians 1:21-2:11  
9/10 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 / Philippians 2:12-30  
9/11 2 Chronicles 29:1-24 / Philippians 3:1-21  
9/12 2 Chronicles 31:1-21 / Philippians 4:1-23  
9/13 2 Chronicles 32:1-22 / Colossians 1:1-23  
9/14 2 Chronicles 33:1-25 / Colossians 1:24-2:7  
9/15 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 / Colossians 2:8-23  
9/16 2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25 / Colossians 3:1-25  
9/17 2 Chronicles 36:1-23 / Colossians 4:1-18  
9/18 Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 / 1 Timothy 1:1-20  
9/19 Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6 / 1 Timothy 2:1-15  
9/20 Nehemiah 4:7-23 / 1 Timothy 3:1-16  
9/21 Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16 / 1 Timothy 4:1-16  
9/22 Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18 / 1 Timothy 5:1-16  
9/23 Nehemiah 9:1-21 / 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2  
9/24 Nehemiah 9:22-38 / 1 Timothy 6:3-21  
9/25 Malachi 1:1-14 / Matthew 3:1-17  
9/26 Malachi 2:1-3:5 / Matthew 4:1-11  
9/27 Malachi 3:6-4:6 / Matthew 4:12-25  
9/28 Deuteronomy 1:1-18 / Matthew 5:1-20  
9/29 Deuteronomy 1:19-36 / Matthew 5:21-48  
9/30 Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15 / Matthew 6:1-15

*(Daily lectionary readings taken from LSB #299-304)*

### **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.*

# **The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection**

## **Calendar of Events September, 2017**

### **Week of September 3**

Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup>                      9:00am. - Worship

Saturday - 9<sup>th</sup>                      8:45am. - Women's Bible Study

### **Week of September 10**

Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup>                      *Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes*  
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 13<sup>th</sup>                      6:30pm. - Board for Missions

Thursday - 15<sup>th</sup>                      10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Miracles

### **Week of September 17**

Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup>                      8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 20<sup>th</sup>                      6:00pm. - Board of Elders Meeting  
7:00pm. - Church Council Meeting

Thursday - 21<sup>st</sup>                      10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Miracles

Friday - 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>                      6:00pm. - Men's Retreat - St. Albans

Saturday - 23<sup>rd</sup>                      10:00am. - LWML Zone Rally - Gorham, Me.

### **Week of September 24**

Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup>                      8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:00am. - Worship

Wednesday - 27<sup>th</sup>                      7:00pm. - Waterville Adult Ed. - Reformation 500 Class

Thursday - 28<sup>th</sup>                      10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Miracles

# Stewardship

## September, 2017

	<u>September 3</u>	<u>September 10</u>	<u>September 17</u>	<u>September 24</u>
Acolyte	Mia Fitzpatrick	Allison Farr	Andrew Farr	Caden Fitzpatrick
Comm. Assistant	Mike Hein	Brian Watson	Tom Huesers	Steve Love
Ushers	Moe Cote & Brad Fitzpatrick	Mark Larsen & John Gould	Steve Love & Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson & Glenn Carlson, Jr.
Greeters	Moe & Becky Cote	Mark & Lee Anne Larsen	Brad & Sasha Fitzpatrick	Jared & Amanda Goldsmith
Altar Care	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson
Flowers	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Jim & Darryll Zahner	Rev. Paul & Deb Nielsen	Rev. Paul & Deb Nielsen
Fellowship	Deb Nielsen	Tiana & Christine Thomas	OPEN	Becky Cote