

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



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## Pastor's Letter

September, 2018

### A YEAR WITH LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM -2017 EDITION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a real pleasure to be able to put a copy of "Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation" - 2017 edition, into your hands. *(Please be sure to check your mailbox at church!)* Luther's Small Catechism is a precious resource for the church. For Lutherans, it remains the best companion to the Bible there is. The Small Catechism is a helpful guide for every age from young to old and every level of faith from novice to mature who desire to grow in both understanding and application of the Scriptures. Luther writes:

*"Many regard the catechism as a simple, trifling teaching which they can absorb and master at one reading and then toss it into a corner as if they are ashamed to read it again... but this I say for myself: I am also a doctor and preacher, just as learned and experienced as all of them who are so high and mighty. Nevertheless, each morning, and whenever else I have time, I do as a child who is being taught the catechism and I read and recite word for word the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Psalms, etc. I must still read and study the catechism daily, and yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and a pupil of the catechism - and I also do so gladly." (Preface to the Large Catechism.)*

Shortly after Luther's Small Catechism was introduced, future editions began to include a new section called "An Explanation of the Small Catechism" in which some more in-depth questions, answers and scriptural references are offered. Although "Luther's Small Catechism" remains the same as it was when Luther wrote it in 1529, new questions and issues of faith arise as times change, and new editions of "An Explanation..." are helpful for the benefit of the church.

The previous edition of "An Explanation of the Small Catechism" was published in 1986. Over the last 30 years, new questions and issues of faith have arisen and need to be addressed. This 2017 edition of "An Explanation of the Small Catechism" does just that!

To encourage and support you in your use of the Catechism, we plan to devote the 2018/2019 Sunday Adult Bible Study season to: "A YEAR WITH THE SMALL CATECHISM". Every Sunday, *beginning at 8:45am.*, we'll explore this book in discussion and discovery with one another. We'll publish the sections that will be covered in the upcoming month in the Newsletter and Worship Bulletin so that you can review them ahead of time and come with thoughts and questions. Bring your copy with pen or pencil to record notes and thoughts to refer to in the future. For parents of our new Confirmation Class, this time will be very helpful in reinforcing and establishing the faith at home.

The cost of supplying every family of the congregation with a "2017 Edition" and a supply for Adult Bible Study and Sunday School has been graciously underwritten by a grant from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund - New England District. If you would like to purchase additional copies, you may do so through Concordia Publishing House. *Also, if you have a copy of the "1986 Edition Small Catechism" that you would like to turn in, please leave them on the table in the Narthex as they are useful for outreach.*

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

## *Notes from your Deaconess*

September, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCR,

For two years we have worked through the pieces of the Divine Service in these newsletter articles, and I have been blessed to officially serve as your deaconess as well! I thought that perhaps a short excursion through our Lutheran Service Book (LSB) might benefit you as well. If your home does not include a maroon-colored LSB—it's not just a hymnal—I hope you will talk with Pastor or me about getting one. This month we'll take the quick tour.

Upon opening the LSB, even before you get to the title page, you can find a set of prayers which individuals can use for worship. If you turn to the inside of the *back* cover, you'll find the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds, as well as the Lord's Prayer printed out. When you look through the Table of Contents on page v, you'll see how many things have been included in the LSB before you even get to all the hymns! First you'll come to an introduction of this particular service book, followed by outlines and lists of events in the church year including feasts, festivals, commemorations, Sunday lectionary readings, special occasion readings, dates for Easter until 2050, a glossary explaining lots of church terms, and then a page explaining how to chant Psalms with various tones.

Next you'll find the Psalms—although not all of them have been included, and certainly some of them are incomplete. The settings of the Divine Service follow the Psalms, and then several services used at other times, usually without the Lord's Supper. The Daily Lectionary, which Pastor has been printing in our bulletins, is included starting on page 299. A chart for reading the Psalms daily immediately follows, and then more than a dozen pages of various prayers addressing many different topics and circumstances. The Athanasian Creed follows these prayers, and then you'll find The Small Catechism.

*Finally* on page 331 we reach the hymns. These continue through until the Indexes for all the hymns, and tacked on, almost as an afterthought, on page 1023 you'll find the brief service "Holy Baptism In Cases of Emergency". Next month we'll begin to look in more detail.

I was thankful to be able to attend a meeting of the Concordia Deaconess Conference this past summer. I spent a couple of days with women who work in churches and Lutheran ministries across the United States, and our overall theme was "Resting in Jesus." I particularly appreciated the Bible studies we had which focused on "The Theology and Practice of Sabbath." We also heard from one fellow deaconess who works with the ministry "Lutherans For Life."

In September, 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. Remember that there are opportunities for group Bible study at church starting this month as well—Sunday morning before the service, many Thursday mornings at 10:30 (check the bulletin), and the women's Bible study that I lead on a couple of Saturday mornings each month (I'm currently planning on 9/1 and 9/15). And remember to attend the church birthday party at the end of the month!

Under his mercy,

*Sharon M. Conover*

## REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE RESUMES - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

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

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

9/9 Joseph's Troubles — Genesis 39

9/16 Joseph Feeds Egypt — Genesis 40-41

9/23 Joseph Forgives — Genesis 42-45

9/30 The Birth of Moses — Exodus 1-2

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

### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - SEPTEMBER, 2018 - 8:45AM.

#### **A Year With The Small Catechism**

- 9/9 Introduction: Questions 1 - 14
- 9/16 Introduction to the 10 Commandments: Questions 15-23
- 9/23 The 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment: Questions 24-41
- 9/30 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment: Questions 42-47

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGREGATION!!! LET'S CELEBRATE

**The celebration honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> (Jubilee) Anniversary of our congregation is coming up fast.** By the grace of God, our congregation has enjoyed more than 50 years of service to our community. We plan to recognize this milestone here at church at the end of the month. **Please mark your calendars, clear your schedules, and join in the celebration of this important event on Saturday evening, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday morning, September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Saturday evening will kick off with a 45 minute concert featuring sacred hymns and liturgical music at 6:00 p. m. presented by the Concordia College-New York Student Choir in the sanctuary. Immediately following the concert will be a congregational dinner downstairs in the fellowship hall, provided by our own LWML. The guest of honor and speaker for the evening will be Lutheran Church Missouri Synod First Vice-President the Rev. Dr. Herbert C. Mueller, Jr. direct from St. Louis. Sunday morning the Concordia Choir will join us during the divine service and Dr. Mueller will deliver the sermon. Hope to see you all at these happy events.

### CONCORDIA COLLEGE CHOIR COMING TO LCR - Sign Up To House Them

**The touring choir from Concordia College Bronxville, New York will be performing in concert on Saturday evening, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p. m. prior to our congregational dinner and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.** They will be staying overnight and then perform again during the church service the next day. We will need to house these talented young adults. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please be generous with your accommodations and share the love of Christ with our guests. They will need transportation to and from church, overnight lodging and breakfast Sunday morning. Even if you can host only one student, please consider signing up. Thanks in advance for all your help. For more information, you can talk to Rick Dostie, Pastor or me.

Soli Deo Gloria,

*Dan Callahan*

## **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY BEGINS - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - 10:30AM - "BIBLE FEASTS"**

Join us if you can as we begin a new season of in-depth bible study. We begin with a theme entitled: **"Bible Feasts."** This study will focus on the biblical feasts of Israel. Each study will look into the biblical foundation for the feast or holiday, how it is traditionally celebrated today within the Jewish community, and finally, how it has been fulfilled for us today in Jesus and is therefore relevant for Christians today. I hope you can join us and bring a friend.

### **September's Schedule: 10:30am.**

- 9/13 The Sabbath: A Day for Rest
- 9/20 Rosh Hashanah: The Feast of Trumpets
- 9/27 Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement

## **BOARD FOR MISSIONS MEETING MINUTES: 8/19/18**

In attendance were Michelle, Mike, Steve, Kari, Avis, Deb, Yvonne, Gail and Sharon.

We met to assign volunteers to the speak to the Children's Sunday School once a month about missions giving and stewardship. We will present a Bible verse related to giving with a short explanation on giving. Sharon and I will work together and provide each volunteer with the verse and brief script they can use when talking with the kiddos ahead of time.

The first Sunday, September 16 and the last Sunday in April, we will request to have a special offering to help the kids get a headstart on their donations collecting. We will place a box on the table in the Narthax for the donations.

Presenters: September – Michelle; October – Avis; November - The Farris; December – N/A; January – Deb; February – Yvonne; March - Brian & Andrea; April – Gail.

Sharon will supervise the older kids will take turns as the secretary and record what they collect each week and will be responsible to give the donations to Dorothy to deposit.

At the end, they will be able to decide what they want to donate and to which country do they want see the donation go to.

**Future Meeting Dates: October 7<sup>th</sup>; November 18<sup>th</sup>; December 2 - Room #201 after worship.**

*Michelle*

## **THANK YOU FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY - ST. LOUIS**

August 13, 2018

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the Lord's name from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis! We are in receipt of your gift in the amount of \$2,400 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." (2 Corinthians 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.

Sarah Kassel – Financial Aid Office

*[This gift was the benefit of the Scholarship Fund established by Natalie Crowley]*

## THE CHRIST PICTURE THAT HANGS IN THE NARTHEX - DAN CALLAHAN

I grew up in south Los Angeles and attended Faith Lutheran School for my formative education. My mother's childhood church was St. John Lutheran Church in Sterling, Nebraska (a member of the American Lutheran Church Synod at the time). When she married my Irish, Roman Catholic father, they decided to compromise and join Faith Lutheran, a LCMS church near them. As a result, my parochial elementary education was at Faith. The Faith school had only four classrooms for eight grades. Each classroom housed two grades, first and second, third and fourth, etc. The teachers would typically switch back and forth, spending half of each school day teaching one grade while the other was given quiet studies to do and then visa versa. Not sure this would pass for certified education in this day and age. So from age 11 to 13, I was in the 7-8 classroom; and for those two years, hanging at the front of the room over the chalkboard was a large reproduction of Heinrich Hofmann's *Portrait of Christ, the Savior*. This enigmatic picture of Jesus haunted me as a child. Wherever I was in the room, He seemed to be looking at me, His eyes following me. To me, the painting had a kind of green aura to it. I called it the green Jesus. The enduring memory of Green Jesus has stayed with me over the years. When Faith was sold and the school closed, I wrote to the new owners, inquiring about the picture, and asked if I could buy it. No response. They probably thought I was some kind of crack pot. I contacted Concordia Publishing House - maybe they sold copies of it. But, back then, I didn't know the title of the work or even the artist. My limited description wasn't enough for CPH to identify the picture and I couldn't find it in catalogs of works of art or art history books. Persistence to no avail, I had hit a brick wall. Life moved on. Fast forward to about two years ago and enter the internet. Reviving my quest, I googled "Pictures of Christ" and, lo and behold, there it was! So now it's back in my life and maybe it will stir something inside you too. In the years we have left, Sharon and I do not plan to move from our current home. The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will be our home church and church family for the rest of our days. For this reason, we wanted to donate this oil reproduction to our church and dedicate it to the glory of God in memory of our mothers.

Heinrich Hofmann (1824-1911) painted this image of Christ in 1894 when he lived in Dresden, Germany. He painted it for himself. In a letter to a friend he mentioned the penetrating eyes and the left hand raised with two fingers extended as if in a gesture of benediction. After it hung in his studio for many years, he wrote, "I used to see my Savior's eyes looking at me. (He would) look at me, earnestly scrutinizing and ask, 'Have you lived this day in My Spirit according to My commandments?'" The original work now hangs in the Riverside Church in upper Manhattan, New York City.

*Dan Callahan*

**LIFE LINE SCREENING**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection** on 9/20/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. A flyer with more information is posted on the bulletin board at church and more flyers are available in the church office. **There are also 4- Complimentary coupons on the bulletin board worth \$70 each on a first come first serve basis.** To order to register for this event and to please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit: [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)



## **Monthly Worship**

### **September 2, 2018**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 119: 129-136

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

**Epistle:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 7:14-23

### **September 9, 2018**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 146

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

**Epistle:** James 2:1-10, 14-18

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 7: (24-30) 31-37

### **September 16, 2018**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 116:1-9

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-10

**Epistle:** James 3:1-12

**Gospel:** Mark 9: 14-29

### **September 23, 2018**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 54

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 11: 18-20

**Epistle:** James 3:13—4:10

**Holy Gospel:** Mark 9: 30-37

### **September 30, 2018**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalm:** 105:27-35

**First Reading:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

**Epistle:** James 5 (1-12) 13-20

**Gospel:** Mark: 9: 38-50

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

**1. What are the two longest books in the New Testament?**

- A) Matthew & Acts B) Luke & Acts C) Romans & 1 Corinthians D) Luke & 1 Corinthians

**2. When Jesus died and the earth quaked, whose bodies arose?**

- A) no one B) kings C) prophets D) saints

**3. How did King David die?**

- A) he committed suicide B) he contracted leprosy C) he was murdered D) he died a natural death of old age

**4. What was unusual about the hand that Jesus restored?**

- A) it was withered B) it was paralyzed C) it was covered with leprosy D) it was chopped off

**5. What dead body was carried with the Israelites when Pharaoh finally freed them?**

- A) Adam B) Abraham C) Noah D) Joseph

**6. Who said this: "And now abide, faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."?**

- A) Peter B) Paul C) James D) Jesus



9/1 Chris Batson  
 9/2 Pat Kablitz  
 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



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



### ANNIVERSARIES

9/17 Therese Carter / Cynthia Davis

### JUST FOR LAUGHS (or GROANS)

#### *Life As It Should Be*

A man visited churches as he worked his way east across the country. In a very large church he noticed a golden telephone on a wall and with a sign: "\$5,000 a minute." Seeking out the pastor, he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that this golden phone was, in fact, a direct line to Heaven. For the price he could talk directly to God. Visiting more churches he found more phones with the same sign. Finally he arrived in the northeast part of the U.S. Upon entering a church, low and behold, he saw the usual golden telephone, but this time the sign read: "Calls: 35 cents." Curious, he asked the pastor, "Reverend, traveling across the country, I have seen this very same golden telephone, and I have been told it is a direct line to Heaven, However, the cost was \$5,000 a minute. Your sign reads 35 cents per call. Why is that?" The pastor smiled, "Son, you're in Maine now. It's a local call." (*Courtesy of Pastor Evertsen*)

### September Bible Quiz Answers:

1. A (They are both 28 chapters long.)
2. D (Matthew 27:52)
3. D (1Kings 1:1, 2:10)
4. A (Mark 3:1)
5. D (Exodus 13:19)
6. B (1Corinthians 13:13)



## **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.*

# September Stewardship

	<u>September 2</u> (9:00)	<u>September 9</u>	<u>September 16</u>	<u>September 23</u>	<u>September 30</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Emily-Lynn Carlson	Mia Fitzpatrick	Andrew Farr	Caden Fitzpatrick	Evan Farr
<u>Comm. Assistant</u>	No Communion	Dan Callahan	Steve Farr	Brian Watson	Mike Hein
<u>Ushers</u>	John Ayotte & Mike Hein	Moe Cote & Bill Jahnke	Dan Callahan & Tom Huesers	John Gould & Dan Keefe	Brad Fitzpatrick & Wayne Pelletier
<u>Greeters</u>	Mike & Michelle Hein	Jared & Amanda Goldsmith	Dan & Sharon Callahan and Matt	Wayne & Laverne Pelletier	Tom & Katie Huesers
<u>Altar Care</u>	Lee Anne Larsen (No Communion)	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant	Deb Nielsen (Joan Drageland)	Joan Drageland (Deb Nielsen)
<u>Flowers</u>	Moe & Becky Cote	Moe & Becky Cote	Pastor & Deb Nielsen	Pastor & Deb Nielsen	LWML
<u>Fellowship</u>	Becky Cote	OPEN	Sharon Klipp	OPEN	OPEN