



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Newsletter - August 2006

Previews of Coming Attractions

Bread of Heaven - Bread of Life **Jesus' Words from John 6**

Sundays, August 13 & 20

We read John's account of the feeding of the five thousand (John 6:1f), which also appears in Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is the only event from Jesus' ministry (before Holy Week) to be included in all four gospels – *why is it so important?*

We'll continue to read from John chapter six in August and listen to Jesus talk about the meaning of the event. It's called of His "*Bread of Life*" discourse. In it he explains how he would feed us spiritually. It is also a commentary on the sacrament of Holy Communion.

A number of hymns make reference to and even interpret Jesus' words from this chapter for example, *O Living Bread From Heaven, I Am the Bread of Life*, and *Break Thou the Bread of Life*. Each Sunday we'll sing some of these great hymns – both the old and new – as we ponder the meaning of Jesus' words for us today. How do we experience His presence among us? How do we open our hearts and minds that we might be fed spiritually with the bread of heaven?

**Saturday, August 26
at 9:00 am**

Men's Meeting and Breakfast

This month our special guest will be the Leon Valley City Engineer. As you probably know, TEXDOT has plans for Bandera Road – but exactly what are they? An elevated highway that will 'fly over' Leon Valley? Make Bandera a 'toll road'?

Join us on the last Saturday of the month to find out more about the plans – and what input we could have. For details (about the meeting, not Bandera Road) call John Schwab at 523-1730 or 737-3401.

August 27 is Rally Sunday Sunday School at 9:30 am

Sunday school at 9:30am Fellowship after Service

The children are going back to school at the end of August – and our church activities are getting underway again.

With the vacation season ending, we hope all our members will be in church – and that many of them – especially the kids – will be here for Sunday School at

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Sunday, August 20 Baptism of MIA CORINNE AUTOBEE

Back in June, George and Donna Autobee went out to Arizona, and in less than two weeks returned with a newborn baby daughter. The arrangements for her adoption had been made in advance, so they were able to be there for her birth.

Mia Corinne Autobee was born on June 26, 2006 in Phoenix. She came back with her new parents at the beginning of July, and attended her first worship service at Resurrection.

Mia will be baptized on the third Sunday of August, when other family members can be in town. Her Godparents will be Glenn Sanders and Julie Grindle. Mia's middle name, Corinne, is in honor of her grandmother. We pray that, as a child of God, Mia will grow in the faith and knowledge of the Lord.

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9:30 am. There will be a "fellowship event" involving food – maybe a pot luck – after the service on the last Sunday of August.

Kairos Outside of San Antonio

By Reta Gochee

Kairos Outside is a ministry dedicated to women who have a loved one incarcerated. We want them to know that there is a Christian Community that cares about them and their needs.

Kairos means...God's special Time... and in the lives of these women we know it will be God's Special Time for them.

Kairos Outside is a weekend intended to help strengthen the family unit and encourage small groups. Two weekends are held each year, which provide a secure place for these women to share their struggles. Our next weekend will be held October 13-15, 2006.

To be able to provide for this weekend, we are prayerfully asking for your support. Please take a few minutes during your special time with God to consider your many blessing and remembering these ladies in need of a special time with God. Then ask God if He would have you help in this ministry

If you are led to help *Kairos Outside* of San Antonio, please complete the Time, Talent and Treasure Sheet in the way in which God has called you to share in these blessings of this ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Mareta Gochee at 684-1683.

Lutheran Youth Set Records in San Antonio

Here is a breakdown of the 2006 Lutheran Youth Gathering:

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It was the Number One biggest convention held in San Antonio.
- 40,000
Registered participants
- \$14 million
Est. economic impact on the city
- 16
Average age of participants
- 34,676
Community service hours donated during the gathering
- 4:24 p.m.
The time that all delegates stopped each day for silent prayer
- 2,000
Youth went out every afternoon to work on local projects

Statistics from the San Antonio Express News

Kairos Outside Time, Talent & Treasure

TIME for Prayer: Sign up for the Prayer Vigil during the upcoming Kairos weekend:

- October 13 October 14 October 15

The Agape Coordinator will contact you for available times for the date you choose. Thank you!

TALENT as an Angel: Work behind the scenes for an hour or two during the weekend. Angels help set up or clean up, cut and arrange flowers, provide transportation and help with agape. Angels are a blessing.

- Yes, I would like to be an Angel.

The Angel Coordinator will contact you to set up available times and dates. Thank you!

TREASURE to make it possible:

Help sponsor the upcoming Kairos Outside weekend and a guest in need by a generous donation.

- \$150 Full Sponsorship \$50 Partial Sponsorship \$30 Monthly Pledge
 \$100 Partial Sponsorship \$_____ Other Donation \$20 Monthly Pledge
 \$ 75 Partial Sponsorship \$10 Monthly Pledge

Name _____ Phone _____

Pastor's Page

By Pastor Jeff Lange

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS Paul's Final Words For Us

Our second lesson for the summer is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. It's a general, or circular letter to his congregations from an older, more reflective Paul. His earliest letters (Ephesians may be his last) appear to be written in haste.

For example, read *1 Corinthians 1:10-17* where he keeps correcting himself.

In many letters (e.g. *1 Thessalonians, Galatians, 1 & 2 Corinthians*) Paul jumps from topic to topic, responding to concerns and questions of a specific congregation. Those letters are often pointed and even angry.

But Ephesians is a more thoughtful reflection. In that sense it is like other later letters, such as *Romans* and *Philippians*, which are carefully reasoned and even lyrical at times. *Ephesians* is poetic, and philosophical.

Perhaps this change reflects the fact that Paul was no longer traveling and shepherding congregation, but at the end of his life was in prison. He had time to think.

The letter's central theme is the gathering together of all things in Jesus Christ, Lord of all.

God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 1:9,10

According to Paul, the problem is that without Christ, there is nothing but disunity and disharmony in creation: Nation against nation, class against class, Jew against Gentile, us against them. Even the individual heart is divided - the desire for good versus sinful desires

But Christ brings salvation by grace, and salvation is more than an individual thing. That disunity was not God's purpose. It can become unity only when all things are united in Christ.

Christ has broken down the walls that divide us, thus reconciling us.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us... that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace...

2:14-16

The task of the church is to bring about that peace and unity, reconciling individuals to one another and to Christ.

Christ is God's instrument of reconciliation; the church is Christ's instrument of reconciliation

With this introduction, I hope you'll find some time to open up your Bible to the

Book of Ephesians. After many years of ministry, it is Paul's final word of advice to us as individual Christians – and as a congregation.

How to Bring a Friend to Church

A. Take 4 years to get a Masters degree in theology then have an in-depth discussion with your friend about the doctrine of the atonement.

B. Trick your friend into going voluntarily by saying that you're taking him/her to a 75% off sale at Home Depot.

C. Paint Bible verses all over the outside of your car to let everyone know you are crazy for God.

D. Just be a good friend by standing by your friend's side whenever life gets messy and by continuing to invite your friend to "come and see" what life is like in your church community.

Okay... The answer is more than obvious. But just for the fun of it (or as an exercise in faith) why don't you put this newsletter down right this very instant, open your Bible to the first chapter of the Gospel of John, and read the story of how Jesus got his first handful of disciples. (John 1:35-51) It may surprise you to learn that only three of the first five came on their own. The other two, Simon Peter (Yes! Simon Peter - the one who turned out to be the leader of the disciples!) And Nathanael were brought to Jesus by friends and relatives.

John tells us that, after Jesus called Andrew and Phillip, the first thing they did was to find a relative or friend to tell them what kind of life they found with Jesus. And what eloquent phrases were used to get them to go? Just three one-syllable words: "Come and see."

So you see, you really don't need years of Bible study to be an evangelist. All you need is a love for people who need to find what you have already found in your community of faith. How many times do you need to ask? Sometimes once is all it takes. Other times you might have to make a pill of yourself. But - if you love your friends - and if you love Jesus - a little repetition is more than worth it.

Daily Bread Ministry Now at LCR!

By Rose Barrows

The transition is complete, and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is now the official host site of the Daily Bread ministry here in Leon Valley. In the past, volunteers from our congregation have been partnering with Horizon Church. Recently, however, Horizon sold their property, and our congregation rose to the challenge to continue the food distribution program here.

Every Tuesday morning, volunteers from LCR and Horizon distribute food and other necessary items to anyone who is in need. Distribution is on a first come first served basis. Anyone in need is eligible to receive. There is no pre-qualification necessary.

If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer, please call Reta Gochee at 684-1683 or Rose Barrows at 675-1054.

Food and monetary donations are received on the first Sunday of each month. Please give as generously as you are able.

Ladies Night Out

Our group will be going to **La Madeleine French Baker & Cafe** on **August 28 at 6:30 pm**. It is located at I-10 at Huebner Oaks, across from Borders (11745 W. I-10)

The group has chosen Henry's Puffy Taco at 6030 Bandera Road (corner of Wurzbach) for our September 25 outing.

Welcome back, Sandy! We were all so happy to see you return to church. So, now, you know we will be looking for you at our dinners!

For information or suggestions, call Joyce Swartz at 623-2288.

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

26 - Richard & Sally Schwab

Welcome SAM B. GARCIA

On June 29th, just a few days after Mia was born in Phoenix, Samuel Benedict Garcia was born at St. Luke's hospital here in San Antonio. He weighed 8 pounds and was 19.5 inches long. The proud parents are Samuel A. and Kristi Garcia. Sam A. has been worshipping with us regularly for a couple of months, and we'll meet Kristi and Sam B. on a Sunday in the near future.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5 - George Autobee
8 - Citlalli Escamilla
9 - Kathy Schwab
12 - Russ McFall
17 - Cathy Hayden
22 - Rick Barrows
Ethel Killenbeck
Laura Deckert
26 - Daniel Schauer
27 - Maria Reyes
30 - Micah Jenkins
31 - Rob Hayden
David Hammond

Date	Deacon	Lector	Communion Assistants
Aug. 6	Tonia Faile	Joyce Swartz	Reta Gochee Sean McMaughan
Aug. 13	Mareta Gochee	Carly Montgomery	Tonia Faile Dean Winter
Aug. 20	Bob Schoonover	Mary Ranney	Erik and Ellen Nystrom
Aug. 27	Dean Winter	Michael Forbes	Bob Schoonover Tonia Faile

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sunday Church Cleaners	Saturday Church Cleaners
Aug. 6	Roy Ronnfeldt Ted Berquam	Helen Rauch Audrey Trautman	Jeannette Smith Janie Saenz	1st Sunday Pat Jenkins	2nd Sat. 8/11 Volunteer Needed
Aug. 13	Stephanie Pepo John Schwab	Marie & Sean McMaughan	Margie Perales Jane Martinez	2nd Sunday Ophelia Lastra	3rd Sat. 8/19 T. Faile & J. Swartz
Aug. 20	Bill & Bonnie Howells	Jeanette Smith Anita Forbes	Tony & Bess Teschendorf	3rd Sunday Ken & Janice Doxtad	4th Sat. 8/26 The Schwab's
Aug. 27	The Jenkins Family	Jan & Bill Nobiling	Diane & Juanita Talamantes	4th Sunday Jane Martinez	1st Sat. 9/2 Reta Gochee