



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Newsletter - September 2006

*Everything is happening for all ages on
September 10
Be here for the big day!*

Bible Ventures

**Begins on Rally Sunday,
September 10 at 9:30am**

We're taking a whole new approach to Sunday School for children. The idea is simple. Let's have as much fun studying the Bible in Sunday School as we did in Vacation Bible School. They'll be learning through games and drama and crafts, so it will look just like VBS – and be fun. *And* they'll learn.

If you know families who don't take their kids to Sunday School, why not invite them to Resurrection? Tell them their children will enjoy it - and they'll learn the Bible, beginning at the beginning.

Please Join Us For Worship

**at 11:00 am on
September 10**

We really hope all our members and friends will make an extra effort to be in church. During the summer, many are away and our attendance slumps. Now that vacation season is over, we'd like to fill the church by all being here on the second Sunday of September.

Fellowship Meal

**After Worship on
September 10**

This month's fellowship event will be "kid friendly" with food they'll enjoy – and we hope you'll like it too. So please plan to be our guest for lunch on the second Sunday of September.

S.N.O.T.

**Sunday Night Of Teens
September 10**

The teens meet from 5 to 7 pm on Sunday evenings and on September 10 they'll welcome the 5th graders into the group with a "blow out". All teens in grades 5 through 12 are welcome –and of course there will be *food*.

Boys Night Out

**Thursday, September 7,
at 7:00 pm**

Some of our men have noted that while the Men's group deals with serious topics, the women just go out once a month for an enjoyable evening of fellowship. Rather than just being jealous of the Ladies Night Out, they decided to schedule a boys' night out with food, fellowship and fun at Fudrucker's on 410 at Ingram.

New & Improved! Family Night

**Saturday, September 16
at 7:00 pm**

Everyone is invited to our first family night. We will be using our new projector, and will watch the movie *Nanny McPhee*. Please join us!

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**For Grades 8 through 12
Saturday, September 23**

Get out of town with the teens. For information, please speak to Ms. Pat right away.

Ladies Night Out

**6:30 pm on Monday,
September 25**

This month the ladies are going to Henry's Puffy Taco on Bandera road between Wurzbach and 410. All women are invited to come join us and enjoy dinner and conversation.

In October, we'll be meeting at the German Restaurant, near Babcock, on Monday, October 30, 6:30 pm.

Men's Meeting & Breakfast

**9:00 am on Saturday,
September 30**

This month our topic is serious and our guest speaker will make a presentation on the Holocaust. All men are invited to join us in learning and fellowship.

Pastor's Page

By Pastor Jeff Lange

*New Readings on
Sunday Morning*

The Book of JAMES

Practical Christianity

As our second lesson, we had been reading from St. Paul – who is not always easy to understand. But in September we'll turn to another author: James of Jerusalem. His letter or book is not long and is easy to understand. James writes about putting your faith into action in your everyday life.

Our lessons won't include the whole book, so it would be helpful to open your Bible to James and read at least the first three chapters this month. In that way, you'll get more out of the readings and sermons on Sundays.

Who was James? Hint: His name appears frequently in the Book of Acts and even in Paul's letter to the Galatians. He became the head of the first Christian congregation in Jerusalem, but apparently his influence extended far beyond Judea. While his fate is not described in the Bible, it is recorded in secular history.

Women's Bible Study

Women are invited to join the Wednesday evening Bible Study hosted by Louise Jones.

The Gospel of MARK

Following Jesus

Having read from the gospel of John for six Sundays, we're now returning to Mark. We'll begin in chapter 7 (after the feeding of the five thousand) and continue in chapters 8 and 9 as we follow Jesus and the disciples. You're invited to read along.

By the way, the "Lectionary" (the schedule of readings) appoints the Gospel of Mark for the rest of this 'church year'. Then at the beginning of December we begin a new year and turn to the Gospel of Luke for our readings. (Yes, the church year does end in late November.) The idea of a lectionary and church calendar is to provide a systematic way of reading the Bible.

Annual Appeal

With all those different things getting underway on September 10, it would be a great time to invite some one to come to Sunday School, worship, or even S.N.O.T. Yes, we've asked you before – and maybe you've invited folks in the past – but now is a great time to bring someone with you.

Did you know that almost no one responds to the first invitation to church? It almost always takes repeated invitations before an individual finally decides they're ready. So don't give up – keep inviting others to your church.

Three Groups for Adults

Sunday Mornings at 9:30

Study 1st Corinthians

The class that meets in the large nursery will be studying St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul covers a number of topics, often providing answers to questions raised by the Corinthians. We have his answers, but we don't have their questions, so the letter can be challenging. Louise Jones will guide the class through the book.

The Christian Church in China

The class led by Dean Winter will begin with a discussion of the Christian Church in China. He'll cover both the "official church" (the one recognized by the government), and also the "underground church".

Parents' Discussion Group

We're forming a new group especially for parents of children in Sunday School. It's an opportunity to share the joys and problems of parenting. It's also a time to think about how you talk to young children about God. More information on this group appears on another page in this issue.

Planning for the Future

By Bob Schoonover

One cannot help but notice, as they drive around San Antonio, the many new/remodeled convenience stores Valero is putting up. To be successful in an endeavor like that, Valero has a long range plan that they are following.

Like Valero, Resurrection needs a workable long range plan. Over the past eight years, we have had many ups and downs - peaks and valleys. We need a plan that will lead us to a steady upward climb.

With this in mind, the church council has approved forming a long range planning committee to develop some preliminary guidelines for us.

The committee's charge will be to come up with a number of proposals for growth and expanding our facilities and programs. It will not deal with membership, as this is taken care of by the various ministries of the council.

The four subcommittees will deal with:

1. Church Finances
2. Day Care and the Church
3. Building/Facilities Needs
4. Education/Youth

Your prayers are requested as the committee embarks on this task. Thank you.

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BANQUET OF PRAYER

EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

October 21, 2006 @ 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Texas Lutheran University

Seguin, Texas

This event is open to all with an interest in learning more about and experiencing different types of prayer.

Meditation and prayer can be practiced using many different mediums. This year's Equipping Congregational Leaders (ECL) event focuses on prayer through various methods. The goals of the ECL event are to motivate and provide resources for congregations to become powerful communities of prayer, and to discover and celebrate the rich diversity in prayer.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

THE REVEREND DR. KATHRYN LOVE

WORKSHOPS *(you will be able to choose several):*

PRAYER 101: Explore prayer as a spiritual exercise that includes practicing prayer and discovering various prayer forms for individuals and groups.

PRAYER AND LITURGICAL DANCE: Explore the importance of using our bodies in prayer; review liturgical dance history within the Church and how to use this ancient form of expression in our prayer lives.

PRAYER AND DRAMA: Communicating the Lord Jesus Christ through the medium of drama.

PRAYER AND CREATION: See and learn about God's gifts in nature.

PRAYER AND ART: Throughout history, people have connected to God through their art. Experience a time of prayer in an artistic medium.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER: This workshop will define what contemplative prayer is, and the benefits as well as cautions relative to this type of prayer. Participants will be given the opportunity to experience praying in this manner.

PRAYING THE LABYRINTH: An ancient form of prayer that invites reflection on one's spiritual journey as a wide and gracious path to God; a path that is horizontal rather than vertical and where there is room for error and forgiveness.

PRAYING AND MUSIC: Learn the history and experience music in prayer, from Gregorian Chant to contemporary prayer music.

For more information, please contact Pastor Jeff.

Farewell and Blessing to our Brother

Ed Truelson

On Sunday, August 20, we bid farewell to Ed.

He has completed the program to become a "SAM" – a Synodically Authorized Minister. This means that, after several years of study, he may serve as the minister at a congregation that does not have a pastor. Out in the rural areas of Texas there are small congregations that can not afford a pastor and this program provides a minister for them.

Ed is being sent to be the minister at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dime Box, Texas (population about 500). Ed has made many contributions to our congregation and has been a blessing. We pray that his many gifts will now be a blessing to his new congregation.

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Apparently, no one gets married in September. Wedding, anyone?

Happy Expectations

Our congregation just keeps growing, and we are very happy to announce that our own (very special) Sean and Marie McMaughan are doing their part to help.

Marie and Sean are expecting their first child, a baby girl, in early January. Our best wishes and prayers go out to them.

A Thank you

Sandy Cichonski wishes to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, food, and presence after the recent passing of her beloved husband, Greg.

Now that she is living in a care center on the Northeast side of San Antonio, she can't make it to Sunday services at Resurrection very often, but she wants everyone to know that she misses us, loves us, and will be with us when she can.



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Articles and announcements for the newsletter are always welcome. Please feel free to call or email me with any newsletter information, or just hand it to me at church. –Sue

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Marion Wehmeyer
- 2 - Jonathon Hernandez
- 3 - Bennie Wehmeyer
- 4 - Laura Craig
Elizabeth Rupert
- 9 - Diane Talamantes
- 10 - Sally Schwab
- 11 - Marguerite Hammond
- 15 - BW Schurade
- 18 - Paul Conti
- 19 - Ronnie Oldham
- 22 - Roy Ronnfeldt
- 26 - Dorothy Rieger
- 29 - Erica Deckert

Date	Deacon	Lector	Communion Assistants	Basket Carriers
Sept. 3	Mareta Gochee	Louise Jones	Tonia Faile Erik Nystrom	Elena & Laila
Sept. 10	Dean Winter	Ophelia Lastra	Mareta Gochee Bob Schoonover	Kattia & Grace
Sept. 17	Rick Barrows	John Craig	Erik and Ellen Nystrom	Beverly & Rhiannon
Sept. 24	Sean McMaughan	Jim Baker	Rick Barrows Tonia Faile	Grace & Elena
Oct. 1	Bob Schoonover	Jenny Winter	Sean and Marie McMaughan	Rhiannon & Kattia

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sunday Church Cleaners	Saturday Church Cleaners
Sept. 3	Tony & Bess Teschendorf	Helen Rauch Jeanette Smith	Jeannette Smith Janie Saenz	1st Sunday Margie Perales	1st Sat. 9/2 Mareta Gochee
Sept. 10	Bob Schoonover Jonathan Hernandez	Erik and Ellen Nystrom	Margie Perales Jane Martinez	2nd Sunday Volunteer Needed	2nd Sat. 9/9 Bob Schoonover
Sept. 17	Corbiere family	Joyce Swartz Margie Perales	Tony & Bess Teschendorf	3rd Sunday Lorena Guerrero	3rd Sat. 9/16 The Schwab's
Sept. 24	Bernie & Joe Schurade	Michael & Anita Forbes	Diane & Juanita Talamantes	4th Sunday Juanita Talamantes	4th Sat. 9/23 Bill & Laurie Grace