



Lutheran Church of the **Resurrection**  
**October Newsletter**

**An Invitation to our Visitors  
to Become a Part  
of the Fellowship**

If you have been attending Resurrection, but are not a member, perhaps you would consider joining. We will be receiving new members on the fourth Sunday of this month, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11 am.

When you were baptized, you were made a member of the body of Christ, his church. Thus, you are already a church member, but you're not affiliated with this congregation. Joining is simply a visible expression of what you already are – a member of God's family and His church. It is also a way to express your commitment to Christ – and to your brothers and sisters in the faith.

If you like more information on how easy it is to join the congregation, please speak to Pastor Jeff (681-4750 or [pastor\\_jeff@lutherachurchsanantonio.org](mailto:pastor_jeff@lutherachurchsanantonio.org)). We hope a few families and individuals will be welcomed into our church fellowship on October 22.

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QUIZ

You've probably heard of the "80-20 Theory" – that 80% of the work in an organization is done by 20% of its members. Is that true at Resurrection? Here

are some probing questions. The answers are on page 3.

**Can we build it?  
Yes, we can!**

Last year in October we focused on Showers of Blessings as the theme of our Stewardship Campaign. God blessed us and Resurrection was able to make budget with giving from faithful givers to this congregation. We were also able to purchase a new sound system with monetary gifts and donations. When major repairs were needed in the building (remember earlier in the summer when the broken air conditioning forced us to worship in the Fellowship Hall), we had the funds to repair it. Those were showers of blessings! **Thank you** for making 2006 a successful year. Let's continue to do so.

**The stewardship theme for  
2007 is "Building God's  
Church: LCR."**

*You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:5

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1. What percent of those who usually attend Sunday worship services on Sunday morning are **involved in the life of the**

**congregation** in some other way?

2. What percent of those who worship **work (volunteer) in the congregation** in some way?

During the first three Sunday's in October, we will focus on giving to LCR what God has blessed us with...our time, our talents, and our treasures. Special music will also focus on our stewardship drive.

On **October 1<sup>st</sup>**, you will be introduced to our construction theme by Bob the Builder and members of the Stewardship Team. Come hear their important message.

Have you ever been to a job fair? Well, on **October 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold a job fair before and after the service to provide you with information on the various "jobs" you can volunteer for at LCR in which you can share your time and talents. Not sure you know what your talents are? Pastor and others will be available to give classes in determining what your talents are ... some of which you may not be aware of! Oh yes, we hear that the Fellowship table is going to have some delicious goodies!

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3. Are those who work all **using God given talents and gifts** in their church work?

4. Volunteering or working in the church is an **obligation or a joy?**

Answer the questions and then see page 3.

### **Can we Build It** *continued*

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Job Fair Booths open at 10:15 a.m. and will be open again following the service. A class will be offered following church service focusing on finding your talents and a light lunch provided for those participating.

Sunday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, is Construction Day! Join the Stewardship Team by “building” LCR during the church service. You’ll be invited up to the construction site to build LCR by placing bricks on our church in which you will indicate your talents you will share in 2007. When completed, we hope our church will be filled with bricks! Christ will be our cornerstone.

During this process, everyone will be asked to indicate their estimated giving for 2007 (your treasures) so the budget can be prepared appropriately. Your response is, of course, confidential. Materials will be provided to you.

Please pray continuously that God will give you direction on how you should share your Time, Talents, and Treasures with Him for His church in Northwest San Antonio, Texas. Let’s grow and invite others to join us in worshipping Him!

Thank you! We know when the stewardship drive is complete Bob the Builder can

shout: “Did we build it?” and the LCR congregation and friends will shout back: “Yes, we did!”

### ***Walking with Jesus on Sundays as we read from St. Mark’s Gospel***

As we traveled with Jesus by listening to the gospel this summer, we heard Him teach about the kingdom of God and demonstrate its power through signs and miracles. Then on September 11 there was a turning point (in Mark, chapter 8). Peter confessed Jesus as the Messiah, the one promised in scripture. Jesus began to explain what that meant, telling them what would happen in Jerusalem, and calling them to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him as disciples. In chapters 9 and 10 Christ continues to teach about “discipleship” – what it means to follow Him. The teaching is always linked to the cross.

The teaching on discipleship reaches a conclusion at the end of chapter 10, which we’ll read on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, completing this section of Mark’s gospel. The final episode (10:46-52) is the healing of a blind man named Bartimaeus. How does the story of the healing of another blind man sum up the teaching on discipleship?

Read chapters 9 and 10 of Mark’s gospel and see if you can figure out the meaning of the miracle for would-be disciples at the end of chapter 10.

### **October Anniversary**

October 10 Tony and Bess  
Teschendorf

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### **Wedding Announcement**

**Brittany Contie  
&  
Travis Hayden**  
*were married on  
September 16<sup>th</sup>*

Pastor Jeff officiated at the ceremony which was attended by family and friends.

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### **October Birthday’s**

- 5 Brian Fitzgerald
- 6 Robin McFall  
Bess Teschendorf
- 8 Gregory Rupert
- 9 Jan Schoonover
- 10 Jordan-Thomas Neuse  
Marge Perales  
Dorris Curtis
- 13 Bonnie Howells
- 21 Edith Montgomery  
Marie McMaughan
- 22 Ryan Escamilla  
Bill Grace
- 23 Tim Randleman  
Addie Whitaker
- 28 Bob Schoonover

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### **In Memorium**

We extend our sympathy to Betty Ann Morin on the death of her husband Duane who passed away in March.

Betty Ann and Duane lived in Wisconsin and visited our church several years while spending winters in Texas. They participated in choir and Bible Study.

## Answers to the QUIZ on page 1

If you haven't answered the questions on page 1, STOP and answer them now!

1. Of the individuals and families who usually worship, about 88% are involved in some way in the life of the church. In other words, we have only a few families and individuals who only come to church on Sundays.

2. When we change the subject to "working" in some way, about 72% of the families contain at least one worker in the church. Of all the adults, about 60% serve.

### **What does this mean?**

None of us are probably aware of all the different ways members offer their time and talent to keep our church going. There are so many different things that need doing – and most of it happens behind the scenes when no one else is watching. We should thank God for all those who offer themselves without any recognition.

### **Back to the Quiz**

3. Not every job matches up with some one's God given talents and abilities. So some undertake tasks simply because they have to be done and/or no one else is doing it. (Cleaning comes to mind.)

We thank all those who simply pitch in to help because they see something that needs to be done. Your efforts are really needed.

4. The answer is both an obligation and a joy. Yes, we'll all called to serve. But working also brings joy and fulfillment because we are thanking God for

what he has given us by using it in His service.

### **More Questions**

If you've read this far, you're probably involved in the life and work of our congregation, so here are some questions just for workers.

*Do you have some un-utilized talents and abilities that you could employ in the work of our congregation?*

If you're not sure, you could take a "Spiritual Gifts Inventory" or join us at the "Discovering Your Ministry Class" on October 8 at 1:00 pm.

*Is your church work as fulfilling and meaningful as it could be?*

*Is it a time to change jobs?*

Maybe you've been stuck in the same "church job" for years, and are no longer challenged. Come to the Job Fair before worship on October 8 and look for something different.

### **Layette's for Babies**

We are again seeking donations so we can put together layettes to be given by Lutheran World Relief to mothers of babies in far away lands. We've already sent 20 layettes and would like to put together 20 more this year. Here's what we need for a layette:

Two receiving blankets

Two sleepers

Two "onesies" or shirts

One sweater

Cake of mild soap (Ivory)

Four cloth diapers

Actually diapers come in packs of 20 (at Wal-Mart) so it might be easier to make a cash donation for diapers and the cost of shipping. For more info, speak to Ethel Killenbech.

### **I Want to be a Worker**

*We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.*

You say these words at the conclusion of every baptism – and also each time we receive new members.

It reminds us that we are all essential parts of *the body of Christ*, the church. Like each part of the human body, each part of Christ's body is necessary and has a role to play.

Another thing that is clear from those words about baptism is that every member is expected to be a *worker with us in the kingdom of God*. That idea is captured in our theme song: *I Want to be a Worker*

Remember singing "Showers of Blessings" last October. This year we reached back for another old gospel song to express our theme. For those who are interested in music, *I Want to be a Worker* is a "shaped note" tune – a uniquely American style. We hope that you'll be moved to mean the words you sing.

*In the kingdom of the Lord  
I will work, I will pray  
In the vineyard of the Lord  
I will work, I will pray  
I will labor everyday  
In the vineyard of the Lord*

*I want to be a worker  
for the Lord  
I want to love and trust  
his holy word  
I want to sing and pray,  
And be busy every day*

## Here's What's Happening

*Yes, there's a long list  
of things here & nearby  
What might interest  
You?*

### **New Class on Thursdays at 1:30 pm**

Mareta Gochee leads a study of Luther's down to earth approach to the gospel at

Jan Schoonover's home  
7434 Horsetail. 680-7985

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### **New Class *Discovering Your Ministry***

**October 8 at 1:00pm**

Didn't we have a class with that title back in the spring?

Yes, but now we have a different class covering some of the same topics, but by a different author. It's part of the "Life Keys" series.

The basic ideas are that what you should do in service depends on (1) your natural gifts and abilities, (2) what you think you do well, and (3) what you really enjoy doing. In addition, it should take into account your 'personality' and life experience – some of us want to be in charge and others (fortunately) are followers – some of us like to work on our own and others prefer to be part of a group.

The class includes some simple exercises to help you discern the factors that could point you to an area of service that would be meaningful for you – and enjoyable. If that sounds interesting, join us on October 8 at 1:00 pm.

## **Six Opportunities to Get to Know your Brothers and Sisters Better**

In the hustle and bustle of most Sunday mornings there may not be time to really talk to fellow members. But this month we've got a few occasions when you can sit down and talk in an informal setting.

### ***GUYS***

Just for the guys, we have two different things - one for "men" and one for "boys". You'll have to decide which category you fit into. Hint: "Men" have an agenda and a speaker and meet in the morning. "Boys" just go to a restaurant one night and hang out.

**BOYS' NIGHT OUT on  
Thursday October 12  
at 7 pm  
Fatso's on Bandera Rd.**

**MEN'S MEETING &  
BREAKFAST on  
Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>**

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### ***GALS***

For the gals, we also have two.

**The Women's Bible Study**  
meets every **Wednesday at 6:30**  
pm at Louise Jones home.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT**  
convenes at a restaurant on the  
last Monday of the month.  
**Monday, October 30**  
German restaurant on Babcock

## **Youth - S.N.O.T.**

The Youth (teenagers) usually meet on Sundays at 5:00 pm. This month's big event is a

**Halloween Party  
Sunday October 29**

### ***FAMILIES***

We also are trying to find a time to bring together men and women, teens and children - a family night. Can you help?

**FAMILY NIGHT  
Planning Team Meeting  
Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

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If you can't make any of these - or even if you can - don't miss our monthly fellowship lunch. This month we'll also be welcoming new members at the service before the lunch so we hope everyone can join us at the  
**OKTOBERFEST  
Lunch after Worship  
Sunday October 22**

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**REFORMATION  
DAY - October 29**

This is really the only unique day in our calendar. Every other Sunday we read the same lessons as most other traditional churches. (The book of readings is called the *Revised Common Lectionary* and is used by a number of denominations.)

But once a year we celebrate our Lutheran heritage with a festival Sunday that always includes a couple of hymns from the Reformation era.

## **Treasurer's Update on the Mortgage and the Sound System**

### **Good News about The Mortgage**

I don't want to bore you with a long history of our mortgage, but a brief update is in order for those of you who haven't been around for the long haul. When Resurrection was formed over 25 years ago, the congregation saw huge growth in its membership fairly quickly. The building was built and we continued to grow. After the start-up pastor took a call and moved elsewhere, our congregation went through a series of rifts. Now is not the time to rehash all of that, but the effect resulted in a decline in membership, and consequently giving. In 1994, our congregation was on the brink of closing its doors for good. By the grace of God and through the efforts of a committed core group of members, interim Pastor Wil Biggot, and our current Pastor Jeff Lange, we have been able to turn the tide. Through all of this, our mortgage had fallen way behind. For many years, we were paying interest only.

I am happy to report, however, that for the last five years, we have had a mortgage note that paid both principle and interest. Additionally, thanks to your generous contributions, we have made extra principle payments as well. Our current loan was for 5 years and is due to mature in April of next year. When we secured the note, our mortgage was for \$424,631. At maturity, our payoff would

be approximately \$345,821. So unless someone wants to step forward and pay off the full amount, we will need to refinance the balance.

The Council met in August and discussed our options. Because we have an excellent track record, the Mission Investment Fund is now willing to give us a full 20-year mortgage with no balloon payment. This mortgage will effectively lower our payment obligation by \$500 per month. However, the council has agreed that we should continue to pay our budgeted amount along with any additional contributions received. At the current rate that we have been receiving additional principle gifts along with the extra \$500 per month that would go towards principle, our 20-year mortgage would actually pay off in 13.25 years. If people give more, clearly it will pay off faster.

The paperwork is in process. If we go ahead and finance the mortgage now, we will lock in the current interest rate at 6.25% for the next 5 years. There will be a rate review every 5 years hereafter until paid (another incentive for us to pay the mortgage off ahead of schedule). Also, as a bonus, the Mission Investment Fund will pay the recording costs as a reward for doing the loan renewal early.

This is all great news for us in an area we have struggled so greatly in the past. We give all praise and glory to God for his blessings and mercy. *Thank you* to all of you who have given so faithfully.

## **More Good News The Sound System**

The sound system is now complete. Thanks to the generous contributions received by members and non-members, memorial gifts, and fund-raisers, I am happy to report that we came in only \$102 short of the total expenditures. To me, this is nothing short of awesome when you consider the total system was over \$13,000!

In Luke 6:38, Jesus says, *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

I'd say God has blessed us with one pressed down, shaken together, and running over sound system! *Thank you all for your faithfulness.*

*Rick Barrows  
Treasurer*

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*We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's  
love.*

*We all are called to service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may  
feel God's warm embrace.*

**New Worship Resources  
Workshop  
on October 28  
at Zion Lutheran Church  
of Helotes.**

Currently we select hymns, songs and service music from half a dozen hymnals - five of which come from the Lutheran church. Still another hymnal is

now appearing, and presumably we'll add this to our collection of resources. On the last Saturday in October the new book will be introduced at workshop at Zion of Helotes. The cost of attending the day-long session is \$20, which includes a copy of the new

book. We hope that we will be hearing some of the new service music and hymns that day. By the way, for Lutherans, "new" always includes slightly revised versions of old favorites.

## Worship Assistant Schedule – October, 2006

| Date       | Deacon         | Lector         | Communion Assistants           |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| October 1  | Bob Schoonover | Jenny Winter   | Sean and Marie McMaughan       |
| October 8  | Tonia Faile    | Jim Baker      | Bob Schoonover<br>Rick Barrows |
| October 15 | Mareta Gochee  | Joyce Schwartz | Erik and Ellen Nystrom         |
| October 22 | Dean Winter    | Mary Ranney    | Mareta Gochee<br>Tonia Faile   |
| October 29 | Bob Schoonover | Michael Forbes | Dean Winter<br>Sean McMaughan  |
| November 5 | Rick Barrows   | Ophelia Lastra | Bob Schoonover<br>Erik Nystrom |

| Date       | Ushers                        | Greeters                         | Altar Guild                           | Sunday Church Cleaner                         | Saturday Church Cleaner                                |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| October 1  | Roy Ronnfeldt<br>Ted Berquam  | Erik and Ellen Nystrom           | Jeanette Smith<br>Janie Saenz         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>Pat Jenkins         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. Oct 7<br>Eric Nystrom             |
| October 8  | Stephanie Pepo<br>John Schwab | Marie & Sean McMaughan           | Margie Perales<br>Jane Martinez       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>Ophelia Lastra      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat Oct 14.<br><i>Volunteer needed</i> |
| October 15 | Bill & Bonnie Howells         | Jeanette Smith<br>Helen Raush    | Tony & Bess Teschendorf               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>Ken & Janice Doxtad | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. Oct 21<br>– T. Faile & J Swartz   |
| October 22 | The Jenkins Family            | Jan & Bill Nobiling              | Lorena Guerrero<br>Juanita Talamantes | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>Jane Martinez       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. Oct 28–<br>Bob Schoonover         |
| October 29 | Raul Martinez<br>Bill Grace   | Joyce Schwartz<br>Margie Perales |                                       | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>Laura Craig         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. Nov 1<br>Mareta Gochee            |



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