



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection *Newsletter - November 2006*

New Members

Welcomed on October 22nd

At our baptism, we are made members of the body of Christ and of his church. We give visible expression of that truth by joining a congregation. In October we received these new members:

- ✓ **Sam A. & Kristi Garcia and infant son Sam B.**
- ✓ **John & Katie Gerber and granddaughter Kimberly Metz**
- ✓ **Josh Miller**
- ✓ **Tom Robinson**

We are happy to welcome these brothers and sisters into the fellowship of this congregation, accepting them as Christ has accepted us into His family.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, Nov. 5 All Saints Sunday

In prayer and song we remember those who have gone before us in the faith – both well known saints and those whose faith was known only to God. In the Bible all baptized church members are called “saints” with a small “s”, because they are in the process of being “sanctified” – made holy by the Holy Spirit. In this life, we remain both saint and sinner, human and godly. We will celebrate All Saints Sunday with joyful hymns, including “For All the Saints” and “When the Saints Go marching In”.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

**November 22 at 7:30 pm
Special Offering for Daily Bread**

We hope everyone who comes to our Thanksgiving Eve Service can bring some canned or packaged food as their offering. (If you don't have time to go shopping, we'll happily take monetary donations.) We will thank God for our blessings by sharing with those who are less fortunate.

We've invited our brothers and sisters from Horizon Church to join with us at worship on Thanksgiving Eve. It will be an opportunity for those who can't be here on Tuesday morning to meet our partners in ministry.

The “End of the World” again The End of the Church Year

Sunday, November 19

We began reading from St. Mark's Gospel last December and our year of readings now draws to a close. We'll conclude with a part of Jesus' teaching on the end of all things. While Pastor John Hagee frequently preaches on the end times, our lectionary (or book of readings) assigns readings on this topic to the last half of November and early December. So for a few weeks we are “Adventists” who look forward to the end times.

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Back to the Mess Hall Veterans' Day Brunch **November 12, after worship**

We will honor our veterans and active duty military with their favorite meal: a late breakfast with all the trimmings. Even a pot of SOS will be available, for nostalgia's sake! The meal will be served immediately following the 11:00 a.m. church service. We hope you'll all be there. -- Carol

Christ the King Sunday

November 26

We'll read from the prophecy of Daniel about "one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven" to be given dominion. Then a short section of the Book of Revelation with a similar theme is read. But the gospel records Jesus' conversation with Pilate on Good Friday. Somehow these disparate texts are related and have a message for us –but you'll have to come to church on the last Sunday of November for the answer to the puzzle.

Men's Meeting & Breakfast

9:00 am on Saturday,
November 11

LCR member George Autobee, a San Antonio police officer, will speak about his work. It should prove to be interesting –he doesn't always deal with outstanding citizens, and he's got a dangerous job.

Ladies Night Out

6:30 pm on Monday,
November 27

Take a break from Thanksgiving turkeys, ladies, and join us for some Chinese food! You are invited to come for pleasant conversation -- and dinner, too.

This will be the last Ladies Night out for 2006.

Contact Joyce Swartz for more information, 623-2288.

Work Day

Saturday, November 18

Each work day brings new challenges. There is always yard work and routine maintenance. But in addition, last month we replaced the handles on the front doors and began building a wall in the back of the church. (A wall –and I didn't notice?) Join us on the third Saturday beginning at 9:00 am as the adventure continues. By the way, some of us will have breakfast at Chacho's at about 8:30 am, feel free to join us.

Girls Play Date

1:00 - 4:00 pm on Saturday,
November 11 at Laila's house

For the little girls of LCR, this is a chance to play with their Christian friends outside of church. Laila's mom is the victim - I mean host - this month. Call or email Sue if you need directions or more info: 641-7717 sue@icons-icons.com

Banner Day

Saturday, December 2, 9:00 am

Saturday, December 2nd will be another Banner Day at Resurrection. We need sanctuary banners for the Christmas season. We have the designs, we have the material, now all we need is for a few dedicated workers to help in cutting out the material and assembling the banners.

We will gather at the church at 9:00 am and should be finished by lunch (which will be served). Workers of all skill levels can help. Watch for the sign-up clip boards, along with further announcements.

Baby Shower for Marie & Sean

Sunday, November 19
4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

The congregation is invited to share in the joy of the upcoming birth of Marie and Sean's baby girl, who will be named Emily Colleen McMaughan.

A baby shower for the McMaughans will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. (And it's not just for women - men and children are invited, too.)

Light snacks will be served. Please notify Carol Reaves by November 12 if you plan to attend, with a total of guests in your party. 684-7148 or Carol8223@aol.com

Getting Ready for Christmas

In "church-speak", the weeks before Christmas are called the season of Advent. Advent means "appearing", and can refer to Jesus Christ's first advent –His appearance as the babe of Bethlehem at the first Christmas. It also describes his second advent, or second coming at the end of the world. Sometimes the word "advent" is even used to refer to His presence among us in word and sacrament.

We'll be talking more about that in the December newsletter. In the meantime, we'd like you to put the first Saturday in December on your calendar - the first Sunday of Advent.

Daily Bread Food Ministry

Each Tuesday morning in our parking lot, members of Resurrection and Horizon churches set up tables, unload a pick-up truck laden with food, and set it out. Then people start arriving, and it is given out to those in need – usually between 15 and 25 families.

The food we distribute comes from generous donations of canned food and money, given on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support, which helps to feed needy families in our community.

Could you help with your time on Tuesdays? In addition to help setting up, we need hosts and hostesses to welcome folks – and others to stand behind the tables to distribute food items (e.g. putting fruit or vegetables in baggies). If you want more information, please speak to Rose Barrows or Ethel Killenbeck.

Super-shoppers are also needed. During the holiday season, we will be giving out even more packaged and canned food -- probably more than we can collect on first Sundays. If you like to search for bargains, you might want to shop for food to be distributed. Again, please speak to Rose or Ethel for details.

Those who are generous will be blessed. For they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

Meat for the Needy for Thanksgiving

Our Tuesday food distribution includes fresh fruit and vegetables, rice or pasta, canned and packaged foods, and of course bread and even cake – but no meat.

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day, we'd like to distribute \$25 HEB Gift Certificates so those families who come for food will be able to buy some meat – maybe a turkey – for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Our modest goal is 12 gift certificates – and our partners at Horizon Church will be providing an equal number so we'll have one for each family. So... Rose and Ethel are looking for a dozen generous individuals to help.

Lt.Col. Bill Grace 35 Years in the Military

Retiring November 4

LCR member Bill Grace will retire from his job as Chaplain in the Air Force on Saturday, November 4. The military ceremony will be in the Pyramid Chapel at Lackland AFB at 11:00 am, and a no-host dinner will be at the Fire Mountain Steak House on Bandera Road, at 6:00 pm.

Bill's military career has been interesting, starting with a stint in the Army as an enlisted soldier, and ending as an officer in the Air Force.

Our prayers and best wishes are with Bill and his family as he embarks upon life's next adventures.

First Communion of Beverly & Lauryn

On October 29, we welcomed two young women to the Sacrament of the Altar for their first time. Beverly Nystrom is the daughter of Erik and Ellen Nystrom. Lauryn Hyde is the daughter of Ron and Carey Hyde.

When is a child ready to receive Holy Communion? Usually while they are in elementary school, but since each child is unique, we discuss their readiness with their parents to decide whether this is the right time.

Their understanding – and ours – continues to grow over the years. So their instruction before first communion is only an introduction. When the time comes for confirmation instruction, we'll return to the topic and spend several weeks studying the meaning of Holy Communion.

Baptism of Samuel Benedict Garcia

Baby Samuel was baptized on October 1st. He was born on June 29th at St. Luke's Hospital here in San Antonio. The proud parents are Samuel A. and Kristi Garcia. His sponsors (God parents) were Charles Richter, Jr. and Carrie Richter.

Women's Bible Layette Project

The Women's Bible Study members have packed and shipped 20 layettes this year. This project is supported by all the members of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection through your generous contributions of funds and new as well as gently used baby clothing.

We would like to ask again for your support of this project. We would like to match or exceed the number of layettes sent last year from LCR. Through your generous giving we collected enough funds to purchase and pack 40 layettes in 2005.

The layettes are composed of:

2 baby blankets	4 cloth diapers
2 onesies or shirts	2 sleepers
1 sweater	2 diaper pins
1 bar of Ivory Soap	2 wash cloths

All these items were gathered and placed in bundles then shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to third world countries. The last shipment that we sent went to Banida, Nigeria.

We hope that you will continue your support of this project this year, as we have already started to collect items to pack and send again. We would like to have our church increase the quantity of the layettes as we have done in prior years. We ask for your support not only with your contributions but with your continued prayers that God will bless this project in the year to come.

To make a contribution to this project, please see either Ethel Killenbeck, Rose Barrows or Louise Jones. You may also place your cash donation in the offering any Sunday designated to the Layettes, Lutheran World Relief. Please remember that it costs approximately \$26.00 to ship a box of 10 layettes.

We are thankful for the prayers as well as the material goods that you have offered to make this project successful and are certain that you will continue your support this year so that we may increase God's work with this outreach project.

Shrink the body! Swell the soul!

I lost 5 lbs in 5 days with the Gardening Granny's sensational aerobic hoeing program.

SO CAN YOU!



BEFORE

AFTER

In just a few short weeks, you too will have strength and stamina to lift 40 lb. bags of potting soil, dig 5 gal. holes for planting, and drag around 250 feet of garden hose!

Wrestle with weeds! Dig out grass!
Spread mulch!

To be part of this amazing fitness program, simply fill out the form below.

- I am interested in the maintenance program (light workout, frequent) (watering, weeding, trimming, etc.)
- I am interested in the new projects program (heavier workout, occasional) (digging, planting, mulching, etc.)
- I don't like to sweat and will donate to the landscape fund instead.

Call for a free, no obligation tour of the workout facilities today!

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Pastor's Page

By Pastor Jeff Lange

Reading the Gospel: *Mark 8, 9 & 10*

The gospels are not biographies of Jesus but are more like sermons designed to help us grow in our faith in Jesus. The incidents reported often build to make a point.

In September and October at the Sunday service we read from chapters 8, 9 and 10 of St. Mark's gospel. The theme was "discipleship" and the section was bracketed by two "blind man stories".

In the first, after Jesus laid his hands on the blind man, he could see - but he couldn't see clearly. Jesus had to lay his hands on him a second time - he needed another touch from Jesus in order to see clearly. What did that mean? Read on.

In the very next passage, Jesus asks "Who do you say that I am?" Finally Peter replies, "You are the Christ - the Messiah." Peter has begun to see what others haven't, for they think Jesus is a great prophet. But when Jesus starts to explain what it means for Him to be the Messiah, Peter objects. Like the blind man, Peter sees, but he does not see clearly. He needs another touch from Jesus - actually more than two chapters of instruction - to see more clearly.

This section of discipleship concludes with a second "blind man story". The man,

Bartimaeus, hailed Jesus as the "Son of David", the Messiah. When Jesus called, he jumped up and came to Jesus. After he received his sight, Bartimaeus followed Jesus "on the way to Jerusalem and the cross.

What we were to learn in chapters 8, 9 and 10 is summarized by Bartimaeus. If we see (comprehend) who Jesus is (the Christ and our Lord) then we are to respond to his call in faith by following Him, as he said, *If any would come after me, let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me.*

The problem is, Jesus says, *You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's.* Mark 8:33 The challenge is to view your life from Christ's perspective.

As His followers we are challenged to think - and live - differently. And it doesn't come naturally, so Jesus keeps restating the point in different and sometimes paradoxical ways:

If you want to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and the sake of the gospel, you will find true life.
Mark 8:35

I don't "find life" by hanging onto it and only thinking of me. Rather, I find true life by letting go - and forgetting about myself so I can think about others.

Jesus went on to explain that, by the way God measures, true greatness doesn't have to do with being *above* others in some way - but rather in how far we are willing to go *for* others --

helping, caring and loving them. Put the needs of those around you above your own. He summed it up by saying we had to follow His example:

Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Christ, did not come to be served, but to serve and to give my life. Mark 10: 42-45

Jesus says he came "to give" and "to serve" - and that we, His followers, should have His attitude of humble and loving service. By following His way, we will find a more meaningful life, experiencing joy and fulfillment.

Love one another with a love that forgets self in order to put others first - giving and serving.

Read chapters 8 through 10 of Mark's gospel. You'll note that Christ's teaching on serving almost always follows a mention of His suffering and death on the cross.

Lord Jesus Christ, help me to follow you as a servant. Although I don't completely understand it yet, I want to fulfill Your purpose and plan for my life. Guide me as I seek Your will for me.

You have blessed me in many ways, so I can forget myself, serve others, and become a part of your plan. Help me to discern the ways in which You would have me serve others, that I may offer my talents and abilities and all that I am to You.

Are you interested in serving on the Church Council?

The Nominating Committee is seeking a few good servants of the Lord to represent the following areas on the Council, for a two-year term:

- President
- Stewardship
- Secretary
- Education*

**Incumbent Laurie Grace will return if elected.*

Members of this year's Nominating Committee are Bonnie Howells (Chairperson), Louise Jones, Rick Barrows, and Mary Ranney.

It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to present a slate of nominees to run for election at the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 3, following the service. This year we hope to have two nominees for each open position so proper elections can be held.

If you are interested in nominating someone or wish to volunteer to run for a position, please contact a member of the Committee before November 15. Thank you for giving this prayerful consideration.

Avon

After many years of loving Avon products and recently not being able to find a rep, Sylvia took matters into her own hands and now sells Avon herself. If anyone is interested in purchasing Avon products, call Sylvia White at 706-9993.



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Articles, announcements and news for the newsletter are always welcome. If you don't like writing, that's no problem - just give me the details, and I'll write it up. Or you can write it, too - whatever works. Feel free to call or email me with any newsletter information, or just hand it to me at church. —Sue

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Allison Hemenway
Keith Jenkins
- 2 - Donna Autobee
Justin Linaberry
- 3 - Josh Miller
- 5 - Denise Wukasch
- 9 - Helen Rauch
- 10 - Yvette Lopez
- 11 - Bernie Schurade
- 12 - Collin Faile
- 13 - Bill Nobiling
- 16 - Grace Arulanandam
- 17 - Joshua Jenkins
- 25 - Lacy Hayden
- 29 - Joe Schurade

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

We have no anniversaries listed for November. Are we missing yours?

Date	Deacon	Lector	Communion Assistants	Basket Carriers
Nov. 5	Mareta Gochee	Ophelia Lastra	Bob Schoonover Erik Nystrom	Lauryn & Elena
Nov. 12	Dean Winter	John Craig	Erik and Ellen Nystrom	Beverly & Kattia
Nov. 19	Rick Barrows	Mark Laneman	Tonia Faile Erik Nystrom	Elena & Laila
Nov. 22	Sean McMaughan	Joyce Swartz		
Nov. 26	Bob Schoonover	Dorris Curtis	Sean McMaughan Carl Mincemoyer	Kattia & Grace
Dec 3	Dean	Molly Cude	Mareta Gochee	Beverly &

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sunday Church Cleaners	Saturday Church Cleaners
Nov. 5	Tony & Bess Teschendorf	Erik and Ellen Nystrom	Jeannette Smith Janie Saenz	1st Sunday Margie Perales	1st Sat. 11/4 Mareta Gochee
Nov. 12	Bob Schoonover Josh Miller	Bill & Jan Nobiling	Margie Perales Jane Martinez	2nd Sunday Volunteer Needed	2nd Sat. 11/11 T. Faile & J. Swartz
Nov. 19	Corbiere family	Michael & Anita Forbes	Tony & Bess Teschendorf	3rd Sunday Lorena Guerrero	3rd Sat. 11/18 The Schwab's
Nov. 22	Bernie & Joe Schurade				
Nov. 26	Bernie & Joe Schurade	Helen Rauch Jeanette Smith	Diane & Juanita Talamantes	4th Sunday Juanita Talamantes	4th Sat. 11/25 Bill & Laurie Grace

In Memoriam

Jim Swartz

1960 - 2006

Jim Swartz, son of Joyce Swartz, passed into eternal rest on October 8, 2006. Jim lived in Katy, Texas, with his beloved wife, Zanet, and her daughter, Zanthel. Jim also was the father of son David, and daughter, Ashley.

Jim proudly served in the Air Force for 22 years, and retired as a Master Sergeant. He earned double Masters degrees from Southern Illinois University, as well. Jim had a second career as a field claims adjustor with Farmers Insurance Group. He was a member of Katy Elk's Lodge, and elected Exalted Lecturing Knight for this year. He was involved with many Lodge activities, including a competition cook team.

Jim will be dearly missed by all those who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Mixed Day

The holiday brings the late afternoon call
A friend's son has been killed
We know it is too much for her to bear
 though we know she will
Still, I grieve this world
Where it can be a mother who
 has to bury a son.

Bill Grace