



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Newsletter - February 2007

Meet our 2007 Church Council

If you would like to be more involved with the work of the church, here is a list of people you might talk to.

You'll note most of them have a specific area of responsibility listed next to their name, so if that is your general area of interest, just speak to that person.

- Ken Doxtad, *President*
- Bernie Schurade, *Vice President*
- Mark Laneman, *Secretary*
- Rick Barrows, *Treasurer*
- Laurie Grace, *Education*
- Reta Gochee, *Evangelism*
- Carol Reaves, *Fellowship*
- Bob Schoonover, *Stewardship*
- Ted Berquam, *Property*
- Dean Winter, *Worship*
- Anita Forbes, *Youth*



Get out your boots and stetsons

Rodeo is coming to Resurrection

Rodeo Sunday February 11

Country & Western Service at 11 am, with hymns by Hank Williams and others.

AFTER WORSHIP:

Rodeo events for all ages
Cook-out at the chuck wagon

Rustle up your family & friends and meet us at the Rodeo!

A Change In Seasons

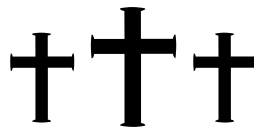
We're currently in a "green season", the Sundays after Epiphany, but we're about to have a change from green to the purple of Lent. The end of the Epiphany cycle of readings is on third Sunday of February:

Transfiguration Sunday

February 18

This is the last festival service before Lent, and the last signing of 'alleluias' until Easter morning. Don't miss this uplifting service.

Then just three days later, we begin Lent.... *(right, and below)*



Wednesdays in Lent

After February 21

6:30 pm

Soup & Sandwichs

Join us for food and fellowship

7:15 pm

Evening Service

Sing, pray & hear a brief lesson

8:00 pm

Choirs Rehearse

Chime and Voice Choirs

February 21

Ash Wednesday

Solemn Service, 7:15 pm

**Prayers of Confession
Imposition of Ashes
Holy Communion**

Since it is a day of fasting and prayer, there will not be a Lenten supper.

Lent begins with **ashes** - the sign of humility: we are of the earth, and to the earth we will return.

Ashes - the sign of mourning for sin which separates us from God.

Ashes - an ingredient in soap for cleansing. Ashes for repentance, for turning to the Lord.

Lent begins with **confession**, a conscious, voluntary examination of how we are not yet the people God intends us to be - how we've let the Lord down.

"WE confess". It is a united plea. We are supporting one another. We journey together through the forty days on the path back to God's way.

Lent is a time of **turning to God**, to God's commandments, to God's promises. Our Ash Wednesday prayer is a prayer of repentance, our fast one of body and spirit, our sacrifice is a broken and contrite heart.



Help Wanted for Walk Through Jerusalem

Our annual journey to Jerusalem will be in April, so now is the time to get started. While there are many ways to get involved, right now we could use volunteers in three areas.

Publicity: This is the time to make our plans to get the word out to individuals and churches. We'd like a couple of folks to help with the publicity campaign.

Costumes: We have to check out the inventory and see what repairs are necessary. Sewing ability is most helpful.

New Ideas: We're always looking for new ways to attract folks to the event – and also ways to enhance it. This is the time for suggestions. (Speak now or else forever hold your peace.)

If you could help in any of these ways (or others) please speak to our producer/director **Tonia Faile**.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, Feb. 26, 6:30

The February Ladies Night Out will be on **Monday, February 26 at 6:30 pm**, at **The Acadiana Cafe**, located at 1289 SW Loop 410. Hope to see lots of you there for an evening of good fellowship and tasty food!

On March 26 we'll be at Marie Callender's. Any suggestions or questions? Call Joyce at 623-2288.

Problems with Portable Buildings

By Jennifer Arulanandam

The portable units were assessed in terms of how they are being utilized, their present conditions, and if they will be adequate for the future by last year's Building Subcommittee. **Portables I and II are in need of repair and remodeling.** Currently, these portables are being used by the Day-Care and not by the congregation.

In their current condition, neither building meets NFPA Life Safety Code requirements that are necessary when being used by a day care. Deficiencies include, but are not limited to: (a) exits open inward rather than outward; (b) no ramps; (c) flooring and paneling are in ill-repair; and (d) the exterior siding has loosened. **Both portables one and two could be closed for building code violations.**

Portables III and IV are being used by the congregation only. **Both buildings are beyond repair** and have outlived their usefulness. Deficiencies include, but are not limited to: (a) floors have rotted through; (b) restrooms are inoperable due to leaks; (c) damaged ceiling in Portable IV due to water leaks; and (d) exits open inward rather than outward.

Starting on February 4th, the portables will be open for 30 minutes before church and 30 minutes after church for your inspection. We encourage everyone from the congregation to visit the portables and to see the conditions for themselves. If any one has questions in regard to the portables, please speak with Bennie Wehmeyer.

The Long Range Planning/Building Committee is meeting monthly to address the portable conditions, other building issues, and to form a viable solution to present to the

congregation in the coming months.

Church Building Committee

The church building committee has met a number of times to discuss both pressing issues (*problems with the portable buildings, at left*) and long-range plans.

The committee members are:

Jennifer Arulanandam

Rick Barrows Darren Corbiere

Ken Doxtad Sam Garcia

Ethel Killenbeck Susan Pichotta

Bob Schoonover Richard Schwab

Roy Ronnfeldt Bennie Wehmeyer

The committee will be meeting with the Building Consultant from The Mission Investment Firm the last week in February.

Your Recipes Requested

The goal of the Fellowship Committee this year is to compile a cookbook of recipes used during our fellowship events.

We ask everyone who brings a home-made dish to also provide the recipe for it, for inclusion in this book. We will be reminding you all year long, before each event. We will place a box in which you can put your recipes.

Let's all try to get this done, so that we can publish in time for Christmas sales. We respectfully request everyone's input!

- Carol Reaves, Fellowship Comm. Chair



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Jeff Lange

The Forty Days of Lent

After His baptism, Jesus spent forty days fasting in the wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan. Moses spent forty days on the Mountain of God, and the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years.

So for the forty days of Lent we intentionally take the path that turns into the wilderness. We take on simple disciplines - prayer, fasting and acts of love - to show our willingness to take on the deeper discipline of turning from those things that separate us from God.

The Disciples of Lent

We fast as a sign of our willingness to set boundaries for ourselves. "Fasting" can include any act of self-denial, not only giving up certain foods. You deny yourself something so that each day you are reminded that you are doing this for God - offering your sacrifice to God to show your intention to be faithful in the bigger things.

We pray more often - for ourselves and for others. In Lent, we pray not my will, *but thy will be done*. I contemplate God's will for my life, asking the guidance of His Spirit.

We do **acts of charity and kindness**. We strive for the mind of Christ - for His compassionate attitude

toward others - that we might be "*little Christ's*" to those around us.

Return to the Lord, for he is gracious...

We are given forty days to turn away, turn around and repent. When we turn to God he is ever waiting. Lent is a time to live out, rather than just think about, our life in Christ who is the truth for us.

At the center of this year's cycle of readings is *the parable of the return of the prodigal son*. Prodigal means wasteful and extravagant, as in a wasted life, damaged relationship, extravagant spending that leads to poverty.

Yet all is forgiven when the son turns from his prodigal ways and returns to his father asking forgiveness. There he receives even more - a joyful homecoming. Our Lenten journey invites us to humbly return to the Father, who is merciful, and promises us the joy of new life in Christ.

Lenten Study

The last week in Jesus' life

You're all familiar with day one of that week, when Jesus entered Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday. And of course, you know about the Last Supper on Thursday night - and the events on Good Friday leading up to Jesus' death on the cross.

Question: *What happened on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, in between Palm Sunday and Thursday night?*

Answer: *A lot.*

While in Mark and Luke these three and a half days are covered in about three chapters in each gospel, Matthew devotes five chapters to them.

Actually you know some of Jesus' parables and teachings contained in these chapters because we read a few selections from this part of the gospel in the late fall each year. But those take them out of context. These are Jesus' final words to His disciples, spoken under the shadow of the cross.

The account of these last days also shows the growing controversy between Jesus, on the one hand, and the scribes, Pharisees and religious leaders on the other. Thus in this section of the gospel, we gain understanding of what led to the crucifixion - and also what Jesus thought was most important in His teaching.

So the Last Week in Jesus' Life will be on theme on the Wednesdays in Lent and also in the Adult Class on Sundays at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

If you're curious about Lenten Study, the Last Week in Jesus' Life and would like to look it up in your Bible:

Matthew 21:18 through 26:17

Mark 11:12 through 14:12

Luke 19:41 through 22:7

NEW SERIES - Member "bios". Each month, we will feature a member or two from our congregation. This month, we're pleased to feature our new Church Council Secretary:



Mark Laneman

I wasn't born in Texas, but I got here as fast as I could -- and kept coming back.

I was born about 100 miles west of Chicago in Sterling, Illinois on May 20th, 1969. My parents moved my sister and me down to Austin, Texas about two months later. I pretty much stayed there for the next 24 years, enjoying growing up in an easy-going city where the traffic was reasonable (so long ago) and Stevie Ray Vaughn was among the most prominent citizens.

Joining the Army National Guard helped me appreciate other areas of Texas, but I didn't stray far. After graduating from UT and earning a commission in the U.S. Air Force in 1993, I bade Texas a sad farewell when I entered active duty the following year.

But far from simply taking me away from home, the Air Force transformed the world for me, making it a much bigger and interesting place. Between 1994 and 2001, I had assignments in Maryland, Missouri and Korea, as well as deployments to Italy, Saudi Arabia, and Bosnia.

I moved back to Texas when I was assigned to Lackland AFB here in San Antonio. I've stayed in San Antonio ever since, except for a deployment to Saudi Arabia in 2002, and a tour in Iraq, from 2005 to 2006.

2001 was also the year I came to Resurrection; after spending a few months attending another Lutheran church, I was drawn to Resurrection when I was driving down Grissom and saw a message on the placard saying "Have Trouble Sleeping? Try a Sermon!" and immediately knew I had to check the place out. I found a congregation where God is worshipped in a warm and sincere manner. And the good people of Resurrection have made me feel welcome and appreciated, too.

In addition to having served as an offering counter and actor in "A Walk Through Jerusalem," I've been honored by being elected as the Church Council Secretary. Resurrection has been a wonderful part of my life and I hope the future allows me to make a bigger difference for Resurrection too.

Stewardship Corner Will Our Children Be Stewards?

By Bob Schoonover

The present practice in many congregations (and LCR is one of them) assures that the answer is "no".

If we were to ask children in the congregation what they know about offering, what would their reply be? Children leave the worship service after the Reading of the first lesson and return in time to follow the presentation of the offering. There is no opportunity in many cases for them to participate in any offering.

What are we teaching our children about stewardship? Studies tell us we are teaching them very little. The baby boomers whose parents passed out nickels, dimes and quarters for the children hands to place in offering plates are not passing that instruction along.

Stewardship is using the gifts God has given us to do the work God wants us to do. Part of the work God is calling each of us to do is to support the life and work of our congregation. Many congregations (LCR included) involve children in giving projects that neglect or even subvert this important lesson.

Collecting money to buy toys for third world families or needed families in our area are excellent learning opportunities, but then some how leave the feeling that the day-to-day support of the congregation is boring and can be left to someone else.

What can we do?

1. Make sure there is an opportunity for children to give an offering each week.
2. Give offering envelopes to every child.
3. Honor every gift.
4. Teach parents how to set the example.
5. Incorporate a discussion of stewardship into Sunday School and confirmation class.
6. Cherish the children. They are God's best gift.

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Births & Baptisms

On January 28 we celebrated the baptism of **Emily Colleen McMaughan**, the daughter of **Sean and Marie McMaughan**. Emily was born on December 14, 2006 at Methodist Hospital. Many of you have also met Emily's grandfather, **Patrick McMaughan**, who often attends worship here.

We thank God for the birth on January 9 of **Parker Collin McCarthy**, the new grandson of **Carol Reaves**. Parker, mother Jennifer, and father Bill are all doing fine.

We also give thanks for the birth of **Riley Lenoir Hayden**, who was born on January 19 and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. The proud parents are **Travis and Brittany Hayden**, and grand parents are **Rob and Cathy Hayden**.

BIRTHDAYS

January

- 7 - Roger Hicks
- 13 - Lucy Lopez
Jason Hatfield
- 17 - Richard Deckert
- 21 - Lou Skidd
- 22 - Linda Nicholas
Shirly Schurade
- 23 - Reagan Wukasch
Sue Pichotta
- 29 - Marge Chisholm

February

- 2 - Mathew Neuse
- 4 - Levi Jenkins
Kristen Linaberry
- 5 - Bertha Wacke
Bill Howells
- 8 - Pat Weinelt
Rose Barrows
- 12 - Jan Nobiling
- 13 - Jerry McCarty
- 17 - Lorena Guerrero
- 19 - Joyce Swartz
Carol Ronnfeldt
- 20 - Darren Corbiere
- 21 - Christin Conti
Rylan Wukasch
- 23 - Dean Winter
- 27 - Dave Killenbeck

ANNIVERSARIES

January

- 7 - Carl & Debra
Mincemoyer
- 10 - Bennie & Marion
Wehmeyer

February

None listed.
Please tell Sue (editor, below) if you know of any additions or corrections to the anniversary & birthday lists.



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Articles, announcements and news for the newsletter are always welcome.

Date	Deacon	Lector	Communion Assistants	Basket Carriers
Feb. 4	Sean McMaughan	John Craig	Dean Winter Mareta Gochee	Kattia & Beverly
Feb. 11	Mareta Gochee	Mary Ranney	Sean McMaughan Mark Laneman	Grace & Laila
Feb. 18	Tonia Faile	Ophelia Talamantes	Erik and Ellen Nystrom	Citlalli & Elena
Feb. 21 7:30 PM				
Feb. 25	Rick Barrows	Jane Martinez	Tonia Faile Mareta Gochee	Kattia & Brianna

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sunday Church Cleaners	Saturday Church Cleaners
Feb. 4	Roy Ronnfeldt Ted Berquam	Jeannette Smith Helen Rausch	Jeannette Smith Janie Saenz	1st Sunday Pat Jenkins	1st Sat. 2/3 Eric Nystrom
Feb. 11	Kathy & John Schwab	Joyce Swartz Margie Perales	Margie Perales Jane Martinez	2nd Sunday Ophelia Talamantes	2nd Sat. 2/10 Volunteer Needed
Feb. 18	Ken & Janice Doxtad	Jan & Bill Nobiling	Tony & Bess Teschendorf	3rd Sunday Ken & Janice Doxtad	3rd Sat. 2/17 The Schurades
Feb. 21 7:30 PM	Bob & Jan Schoonover				
Feb. 25	The Jenkins Family	Erik and Ellen Nystrom	Lorena Guerrero J. Talamantes	4th Sunday Jane Martinez	4th Sat. 2/24 Bob Schoonover