



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Newsletter, May-June 2007

New Members

On April 22nd we welcomed into our community of faith:

- † **Chris and Margie Christopher** & daughter **Melody**
- † **Troy and Soris Cox**
- † **Brittany Hayden** (*wife of Travis and mother of Riley*)
- † **Patrick McMaughan** (*husband of Lynda, father of Sean, grandfather of Emily*)
- † **Marsha Kay Weaver**

We welcome them as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the Kingdom of God.



Bake Sale Sunday, June 3

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 3. A bake sale will be held... before Sunday School, between Sunday School and Church Services, and at the end of Services.

The Fellowship Committee will be presenting samples of their culinary talent, so bring your appetites and a little spending money.

Another bake sale will be held the first Sunday in August, when we will auction some fabulous homemade cakes.

Nobody Home?

You phoned the church and no one answered...

That's because the storm on April 24th knocked out our phone service. It also took out the mixer board on the sound system, the alarm system and one computer.

The phones and alarm system were fixed on May 2nd; but the ability to send and receive emails is still "iffy".

The mixer board has been sent back to the manufacturer, and we are using a temporary replacement, courtesy of Gary Faile.

The dead computer was replaced by Eric Webster, who rescued the data files.

Many thanks to all of you for your patience, and a special thanks to the people who helped us deal with the problems.



Chime Choir Throughout Summer

The Chime Choir will start up again in June, and continue throughout the summer months.

Practice is Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., and ALL ARE WELCOME. You don't need to read music, just have a willingness to make music as part of this unique, lovely choir. Please join us!

New Summer Class: Refresh Your Prayer Life

by Mareta Gochee

This summer a new daytime Bible Class will begin on Wednesdays. The topic is "Exploring Prayer". We will follow the footsteps of Jesus prayer life and how his prayer life can impact the way we pray. You may get some new insights for your prayer life and feel Gods' presence even greater.

The class is open to teens and adults, male or female. The classes are designed to complete a segment each meeting, so if you go away for a week, you will be able to join right in very comfortably.

Come join us...

Louise Jones' home
6839 Conestoga, San Antonio
June 6th to July 25th
1:30 in the afternoon

New Church Directory... Coming soon!

**We need your
information and photo!**

First, our Evangelism team wishes to thank you for your co-operation in the past weeks for getting records straight for the new directory that will be arriving in July.

We are setting aside a portion of the directory for photos of our families and hope that you will

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Why study - and why prophecy?

by Louise Jones

Why study? There is a list of God given answers.

Foremost, the aim of every Bible Study is to help people grow spiritually, not in biblical and theological knowledge, but in Christian thinking and Christian living. Christian attitudes, insights, and skills are the results.

The Bible, Gods word, is an inexhaustible resource. Careful reading of the Scripture calls for a response.

Through reading and discussion of God's word we get information and inspiration to learn more about the many ways God speaks to us individually. By God's grace we are transformed.

Biblical prophecy should always be taught as it is part of the whole Council of God found in Scripture.

Old Testament prophecies enhance our study of the New Testament and lend better understanding of the Scriptures.

Isaiah 2:3

He will teach us His ways, and then we shall walk in his paths.

Psalms 86:11

He teaches us His way, and then we will walk in His truth.

Psalms 143:8

He shows us the way and teaches us to do His will.



In Christ's Love,
Louise Jones

Need to clean the Fellowship Closet

by Carol Reaves

The "Fellowship Closet" has become extremely crowded, to the point that we don't have room for the necessities. The Council approved my request to eliminate all storage of any food or drink items. The Property Chairman went on to add that we have an ant infestation -- that also warrants food not being left around.

When events are held, please follow the lead of the Fellowship Committee by disposing of food and drink leftovers, even though they may be sealed. Take them home, give them to Daily Bread, freeze them at home and bring to another function, or distribute them among the persons who sponsored the event. The teen group is always looking for goodies to eat during their Sunday evening meetings, too.

With everyone's help, we should be able to maintain this closet without looking for more space elsewhere.

An Attitude About Life

by Bob Schoonover

Think of life as something God has given to each of us to manage or take care of. Everything comes from Him. We may use our talent or ability to achieve material goods but the talent or ability is a FREE gift from God to begin with.

Once we look at life this way, as stewardship, it becomes clear that we just give of what we are as well as what we have. It means cultivating an attitude of giving and getting into the habit of thinking about others.

Giving is an acknowledgment that God is alive and at the very center of our lives. It helps us to recognize that all our possessions, ability, our very lives belong to God. These things are trusts from God, to be used as He would

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New Church Directory...

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provide a photo -- or allow us to take one for you. Our photographer is free!! So let us take a family pic for you. (*more below*)

In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, please provide a brief bit of information (75 words or less) you would like for us to know about your family: employment, retired, school name, children, grandchildren, hobbies, interests, pets, etc. You can use the form in the back of the newsletter, and send it or bring it to church, or give it to Reta Gochee at church, or drop it in the collection plate.

Some of the information requested will assist accuracy in the newsletter for birthdays and anniversaries. Not all will be printed in the directory.

We will be scheduling pictures on Sunday, or if you prefer, we will come to your home for your convenience.

If you are a member but don't come to church regularly, we still want to include you in the directory. You are a part of God's family - and ours when worshipping at LCR.

want them to be used. This results in an indescribable freedom that will never come to the one who thinks he must do everything by himself.

Giving is an act of faith in which you will find a new attitude about life; a new dimension of freedom.

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"
2 Corinthians 9: 15

Pastor's Page

By Pastor Jeff Lange

Yes, It Is Still Easter

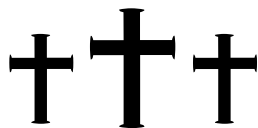
But the Easter season is drawing to a close. We have studied some of the accounts of the appearances of the risen Jesus to his disciples. Then we studied some of His earlier teachings in light of the resurrection.

The fifty days of Easter concludes on Pentecost, May 26th. The resurrection finds its fulfillment in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

Empowered, they begin to preach – and to form Christian communities. The book of Acts tells the story, beginning with the days after Christ's resurrection, and ending some thirty years later.

In June, we begin a new season in the church calendar with the festival of the Holy Trinity. After that, we embark on a continuous study of the gospel of Luke, beginning in chapter 7.

What happened before the 7th chapter? Actually we read all that back in January and February, so we're picking up the story of Jesus' ministry again.



Follow Jesus along with the Disciples

To review the plot thus far, you may wish to read chapters 4, 5 and 6 of Luke's gospel. Jesus gathers his disciples and preaches two important sermons. Then you'll be ready to walk along with Jesus and those first disciples. We'll listen to his teaching and see him work wonders.

On Sunday morning, we'll read a portion of one chapter – usually a single incident. To really understand that segment, it is helpful to read what comes before and after that passage.

Gospel Parallels

Another way to add to our understanding is to see how Matthew and Mark report the same (or similar) events in Jesus' life. Often each of the evangelists select different details to include in the account, so looking at them together fills out the account. Sometimes you'll find that a question raised in one account is answered in another. Many bibles indicate the parallels in the other gospels in cryptic notes. *6:1-11 – Mt 12:1-14; Mk 2:23-3:6* means the 6th chapter of Luke, verses 1 through 11 correspond to Matthew chapter 12, verses 1-14 and also Mark chapter 2, verse 23 through chapter 3, verse 6.

To make it easier, there is a book called *Gospel Parallels* which simply lists them in parallel columns.

Second Lesson: Galatians, a Lutheran Book

In June we'll begin reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Since it is only six chapters long, we'll finish it in about six weeks. It is one of the earliest of Paul's letters, probably written less than 20 years after Jesus' resurrection. The word "Galatia" denotes a Roman province in what is now Turkey, but was then Greek-speaking. Within this area were churches that Paul had founded and visited.

Apparently other missionaries had visited these churches and suggested that the Galatian Christians were not following all the rules. Hence, the tone of the letter is angry and Paul is defensive. He feels these rules aren't essential, and they are abandoning his teaching.

In his argument we learn a lot about Paul and his background – and also about a controversy with Peter (apostolic gossip).

But more important, Paul reviews in a fairly brief way some of the essentials of the faith: justification by faith, life in Christ, the responsibilities of love, the meaning of the cross, the function of Mosaic law, and life in the Spirit. If you want to know what it means to be a Lutheran, simply read Galatians. It is the best summary of Lutheran teaching.

Global warming - and what we can DO about it

by Dean Winter

Climate change and global warming seem to be in the news every day. Our world's climate is changing -- and not for the better. The overwhelming consensus of scientists who study the topic is that the earth is getting warmer and the consequences of warming could be catastrophic to our world.

The United Nations, through its Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has released three reports this year detailing the changes, the causes of the changes, and what government actions are needed to reverse the changes.

The last report, issued just this month, included economists from around the world who looked at both the price for not acting (a lot) and the price for acting (small or even a net positive economic benefit, depending on how aggressively governments acted).

The good and bad news is that humans are primarily responsible for the changes -- good in that if we are the source we can also be the solution. And the need for action has been endorsed by groups and individuals across the spectrum of Christian churches as part of our understanding that we are the stewards of God's creation.

Recently, about 30 of our members got together after church to view "An Inconvenient Truth," the Academy Award-winning documentary about climate change and global warming. Many who saw the movie wanted to know more about what we can do as individuals and as a congregation.

Here is a brief list of things for individuals and families:

- Turn off the lights when you leave a room. Use fluorescent bulbs.
- Turn off your computer or the TV when you're not using it. Unplug chargers when not in use.
- Wait until you have a lot of clothes to wash before using the washing machine. Don't use the machine for one item just because it's your favorite shirt.
- Take shorter showers. Heating water uses energy.
- Close the blinds on a hot day if the sun is shining in. Dress lightly instead of turning up the air conditioning. Or use a fan.
- Dress warmly when it's cold, instead of turning up the heat.
- Keep the air filters in your AC and furnace clean.
- Walk short distances instead of asking for a ride in a car.
- Plant a tree.

But there's more, much more. Here are a list of web sites that have a lot of information on what we can do to help, starting with a page from the Lutheran Church website.

- [Http://www.elca.org/advocacy/environment/globalwarmingaction2.html](http://www.elca.org/advocacy/environment/globalwarmingaction2.html) This is part of the ELCA website and discusses ways that individual church members, as well as congregations, particularly

through the design and maintenance of church buildings, can make an impact on global warming.

- <http://www.climatecrisis.net/takeaction/> This is the website for An Inconvenient Truth. It contains a questionnaire for you to determine your "carbon footprint." The average American, by several estimates, generates more than 20 tons of carbon dioxide or related gases a year; the average resident of the planet about 4.5 tons
- <http://epa.gov/climatechange/kids/difference.html> This is a website from the Environmental Protection Agency that is geared to kids. Children can make a difference, too.
- <http://www.theweathermakers.com/globalwarming> That's another list for individuals
- And, of course, there are books. One, 51 Easy Ways You Can Prevent Global Warming (and Save Money!), is available from Amazon for less than \$10 and actually contains hundreds of suggestions.

We can also listen to the advice of Ingrid [Johnson, a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology](#): "If you really want to be environmentally friendly, buy fewer things. It's that simple. I mean how many pairs of jeans do you need?"

Ladies Night Out

Monday, June 25, 6:30

The April Ladies Night Out will be on **Monday, June 25** at **6:30 pm**, at the **Cracker Barrel**, located on I-10 near Huebner Road. For more information, call Joyce at 623-2288.

Church Picnic

The Church Picnic in the Park was held May 20, in Raymond Rimkus Park, on the corner of Evers and Poss Rd. The large pavilion was reserved in our name for the entire day. First was the church service with communion at 10:00 am, followed by a wonderful potluck lunch. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 - Bob & Diana Burkhardt
- 26 - Adam & Marge Perales

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - William & Bonnie Howells
- 5 - Tim & Jennifer Randleman
- 9 - Erik & Ellen Nystrom
- 19 - Bob & Jan Schoonover
Gary & Tonia Faile
- 26 - Carly & Kurt Montgomery
- 28 - Jan & Bill Nobiling

possible. We hope a good time was had by all!

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Jack Hammond
- 4 - Maxine Rinaldi
Whitney Faile
Doug Olson
- 9 - Jeanette Smith
- 12 - Andrew Rupert
- 14 - Beau Deckert
Gary Faile
- 15 - Richard Schwab
- 21 - Ted Berquam
- 22 - Cheryl Schauer
- 29 - Jennifer Randleman

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Rick Skidd
Molly Cude
Andrea Hemenway
- 9 - Carly Montgomery
Vicky Whitaker
- 14 - Ophelia Talamantes
- 17 - Steve Cichonsky
- 18 - Travis Hayden
- 20 - Robert Lopez
Rod Chisholm
- 22 - Carol Reaves

EARLY JULY

- 1 - Bruce Fitzgerald III
- 6 - Ashley Hemenway
- 9 - Sandy Cichonsky
- 12 - Juanita Talamantes

Date	Deacon	Lector	Communion Assistants	Basket Carriers
May 27	Rick Barrows	Lorena Guerrero	Erik & Ellen Nystrom	Beverly & Kattia
June 3	Sean McMaughan	Molly Cude	Rick Barrows Mark Laneman	Grace & Laila
June 10	Bob Schoonover	Jim Baker	Sean McMaughan Dean Winter	Elena & Beverly
June 17	Tonia Faile	John Craig	Bob Schoonover Mareta Gochee	Kattia & Grace
June 24	Rick Barrows	Jane Martinez	Tonia Faile Mark Laneman	Laila & Elena
July 1	Dean Winter	Jenny Winter	Erik & Ellen Nystrom	Beverly & Kattia

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sunday Church Cleaners	Saturday Church Cleaners
May 27	Bernie & Joe Schurade	Ken & Janice Doxtad	Diane & Juanita Talamantes	4th Sunday Juanita Talamantes	1st Sat. 6/2 Bob Schoonover
June 3	Roy Ronnfeldt Ted Berquam		Jeanette Smith	1st Sunday Pat Jenkins	2nd Sat. 6/9 Volunteer Needed
June 10	Kathy & John Schwab		Margie Perales & Jane Martinez	2nd Sunday Ophelia Talamantes	3rd Sat. 6/16 Tonia Faile & Joyce Swartz
June 17	Ken & Janice Doxtad		Tony & Bess Teschendorf	3rd Sunday Ken & Janice Doxtad	4th Sat. 6/23 Erik Nystrom
June 24	Jenkins Family		L. Guerrero & J. Talamantes	4th Sunday Jane Martinez	



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Names:

Address:

Telephone # / Cell #:

Brief information (75 words or less) you would like for us to know about your family:
(employment, retired, school name, children, grandchildren, hobbies, interests, pets, etc.)

Please include picture of your family will be taken with a digital camera, either at church or at your home, to be included in the directory --or-- We will call you to schedule a time for your family's picture to be taken. Or, if you have a favorite photo, you may bring it to the church for scanning or e-mail it to Margie Christopher. Please return this completed form so we can match your picture with the above information.

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Building Committee Report

The Building Committee was formed some months ago, and has been meeting to explore the possibility of building a new, permanent structure to replace the portables.

Committee members have gathered information on some of the issues involved in a new building, have asked the congregation for their input on many of these issues, and have discussed these issues at length.

At the end of April, a 5-page report was written and handed to or sent to every family in the congregation. The report covered many issues involving a new building, and raised some questions. That report will (hopefully) be available on the church website, in the "Newsletter" area.

On Sunday, May 6, at 9:30 am, a forum was held with the congregation where the above-mentioned report was discussed in detail. Various members of the building committee spoke about the committee's progress thus far, their findings and recommendations, and listed areas where there are still unanswered questions.

Ken Doxtad, as Church Council president and a member of the building committee, spoke first. He

talked about the need for a new building, the reasons for it, the work of the committee and the need for congregational approval prior to any large decisions being made.

Next, Bennie Wehmeyer spoke about the type of building recommended - a steel building - and why that would be good. He spoke about a few other construction related issues, and took questions from the congregation.

Next up was Ethel Killenbeck, to talk about the church kitchen. The kitchen is a construction issue that must be dealt with, either as part of the new building construction, or separately. Ethel presented the committee's findings and suggestions on the matter.

Last up was Bob Schoonover to talk about how a new building might be funded. There were many questions in this area, and they led to some good discussion within the congregation.

Some ideas that were brought forward included the importance of how the new building would further our mission as a church - and that if the building project was not tied to that, there could be problems.

When discussing funding, some members pointed out that with God all things are possible, and that optimism and positive expectations, and working towards them, would be important.

Other members counseled a certain amount of caution where money matters were concerned, and cited their experiences where other congregations had been too optimistic and had suffered for it.

Suggestions for generating revenue were offered, such as renting out the new facilities for events.

Since then, the building committee has met with the representative from the Mission Investment Fund, who is helping guide the committee through the steps necessary for a new building.

In this meeting, he was given our "wish list" for a new building, and any information that the committee had available at this time that would help him in drawing plans.

He will draw a set of *preliminary* plans (with approximate costs) for a new building. These plans will be presented to the congregation for further discussion. We hope to have these plans by early July.