



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Newsletter - October 2007

New Members

On Sept. 23, we welcomed into our community of faith:

- ✝ **Steven & Tracey Martinez**
- ✝ **Steve & Maggie Autobee**
(Steve is the brother of LCR member George Autobee)
- ✝ **Mark & Amanda Wiesehan & baby Adessa**
- ✝ **Joe & Carmen Balencia**
(parents of Amanda Wiesehan)
- ✝ **Robin Attard**

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.

Walking With Jesus on Sundays

Our long walk with Jesus and his disciples on the way to Jerusalem is drawing to a close. For the last few months we've been reading continuously from Luke's gospel, beginning this Sunday where we ended last week. That helps us see how in his teaching Jesus moved from subject to subject – and also varied his teaching styles. Sometimes he answered questions and other times told a parable. Often he simply commented on some event. We've got three more Sundays "on the road with Jesus". Then the selection of lessons will be based on the festival or season.

Three Lessons on Faith

On Oct. 7th Jesus responds to the disciples' request: "Increase our faith." Part of his answer is that building faith involves obedience to his word. He concludes by summing up a disciple's attitude of humility: "We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty." Our 2nd lesson reminds us that God gives us a spirit of power and self-discipline.

On Oct. 14th on the road Jesus encounters ten lepers who cry out "Lord have mercy". Later they are all healed, but only one returns to give thanks. Because of his gratitude, Jesus says "Your faith has made you well". What kind of faith makes us well and whole?

Then on October 21st Jesus tells a parable about persistence in prayer. Continuing to pray again and again is a sign of our faith that God listens and will act in His own way at His time.

Celebrating Our Lutheran Heritage

October 28th is Reformation Sunday, when we pause to think about what makes Lutherans distinctive. We'll do that by looking at some favorite Bible passages for Lutherans.

Did you know that you could be a Lutheran, but still belong to a different denomination? And why is Lutheranism called "a religion for adults"? We'll answer these and other questions. And of course, we'll sing some great hymns.

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Fellowship - Octoberfest

By Carol Reaves

It's that time of year again. We will hold LCR Oktoberfest on October 21, following worship as usual. To our misfortune, Bob Schoonover will not be able to provide our favorite treat that he prepares so well: beer brats. So we are requesting all good Germans to cook up a good potful of some type of German sausage to share.

The proverbial clipboards will be passed just prior to beginning of worship on Oct 7 and 14. Don't forget to dust off your best German recipes such as potato salad, kraut, and other dishes along with the ones providing sausages. I will personally bring several large tubs of yummy banana pudding.

Oompapa Oompapa !

Sept. 30 Congregational Meeting

By the time you receive this newsletter, that Sept. 30 meeting on the *possibility* of selling some land will probably be over. After we type and edit, print and collate the newsletter, it goes to the post office, where it's mailed "standard mail" for 11 cents rather than 41 cents each.

What that means is that it's about two weeks from editing to delivery. So come to church for the latest information on the topic.

T-Shirt Evangelism

By Bill Grace

I am done with great things and big things, great institutions and big success, and I am for those tiny invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual, creeping through the crannies of the world like so many rootlets or like the capillary oozing of water, yet which, if you give them time, will rend the hardest monuments of man's pride.

--William James, 1842-1910

How strongly do you feel that this is a great church? Are you willing, when socially appropriate and personally comfortable, to go so far as to wear a T-shirt to help advertise LCR in the greater community? Our Board Vice President, Bernie Schraude, likes his so well that on quite a few Sundays, especially when the Giants are not playing, he can be seen wearing his as he operates our sound system during Sunday worship services. I try to wear mine at least once a week.

Evangelism is a one on one process. If my understanding of the church experts is correct, the building of Resurrection's membership and vitality is much more dependent on those of us in the pews than the leadership up front.


This brings me to a word - investment. For LCR to grow we have to be invested in that process and we have to grow if this church is to have the future that most of us want for it.

To do this, we need both credibility and visibility in the

greater community from which we draw our membership.

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection T-shirt that we presently have in stock is a beautifully designed product, courtesy of Tom Robinson, Jr. It also exists because of the work that Reta Gochee invested in making it happen. It is a reality because our Board understood its power and liked it well enough to see that it was published in a full color process. It has served as the cover for interim projects for the church. I suspect it is a wonderful logo that can serve LCR for a long time.

Why could this T-shirt thing be important? To grow we have to get folks through the door. From a marketing standpoint, folks need to see us-- seven times before they will even try us. If we can become the 'kneeling angel church' visually to those who do not know us, they might be more willing to give us a try. If they try us, they might come back for a second look. This is the process of how we came to be with you. Wearing our T-shirt can be a quiet but tasteful way of supporting LCR's growth process. It represents what is always the ultimate advertisement, a personal endorsement.

This is not a magic formula that is being suggested. We will continue to have our struggles in this area of growth. But we are blessed to live in a climate that gives us some opportunities not everyone has. If we take advantage of these opportunities in a dogged sort of way, God seems to  have a way of blessing them.

Website Remodel



The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection has a newly remodeled website. Not only does it have a new look, but it also has been completely reorganized.

This is thanks to one of LCR's creative and willing new members, Soris Cox. Soris was kind enough to take over the website when our previous webmaster, Jerry McCarty, was gone on a long Japanese vacation. Jerry gave her free rein to do whatever she liked, and so Soris used her talents to bless us with this new website.

Soris is now LCR's new webmaster, and we are very grateful for her service. So is Jerry. (Jerry had done a fantastic job on the website for years, by the way, yay Jerry!)

So check out the whole new "look and feel" at:

lutheran-church-san-antonio.org

Sean McM. in Seminary

LCR's own Sean McMaughan is currently a full-time student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was able to transfer three courses that he had previously taken at the SMU Perkins' School of Theology in San Antonio extension, that unfortunately closed last spring.

Sean says, "The Austin Seminary was the best choice to transfer to, since I am able to commute. Other seminary choices required moving, which Marie and I didn't want to do. So I am driving to and from Austin five days a week this semester."

Many of us know that Sean is a member of the National Guard - his wife Marie joined LCR while Sean was serving in Iraq. Now, Sean has been approved by the National Guard by the National Guard Bureau to become a Chaplain Candidate in the Texas Army National Guard. This means that he will become a 2nd Lieutenant while he is attending seminary.

Sean will conduct his normal weekend Guard drills by working with a current National Guard Chaplain. As a Chaplain Candidate, he is non-deployable until he graduates seminary and becomes ordained.

Congratulations on your Guard promotion and new career, Sean, and God bless you as you study to become a Chaplain.

LCR Member: Tom Robinson



Occasionally, we feature various LCR members in the newsletter. We hope you enjoy getting to know them. - Editor

Tom was born July 28, 1958 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has lived San Antonio since 1983, and works at the Air Force Information Operations Center at Lackland AFB.

Tom has been a member of LCR for almost a year now, and has been attending services for about a year before becoming a member. What he likes about LCR includes the music program, the small congregation, friendly people, the Posadas, the "Walk Through Jerusalem", and the visit from Dr. Martin Luther on Reformation Sunday 2005.

Tom sings in the choir and recently signed up for ushering. He says he's trying to pick up bass guitar - he now plays it in the church orchestra. He also enjoys cooking something for pot-luck luncheons.

Tom's background includes a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at San Antonio (1997), and an Associate's Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Pennco Tech Institutes, Bristol, Pennsylvania (1982).

Baby Update

By Jennifer Arulanandam

From time to time during the service we are fortunate to hear from the youngest members of our congregation. We have witnessed their baptisms and have heard their coos. Many of us are wondering how they are doing and what they are up to...

Joseph Autobee is 3 months old and is kept smiling by mom (Donna), dad (George), and by big sister Mia. Joseph had to have emergency surgery over a month ago to correct some digestive issues. He is doing well and everyone is excited that he is gaining weight. He loves to smile and giggle for sister...

Mia Autobee, who is 15 months old. Just a few weeks ago Mia began to show her independence by walking. Now, you have to run to keep up with her. The Autobee's have a relatively quiet fall planned as the last few months have had enough unexpected excitement.

Adessa Wiesehan is now 5 ½ months old and her proud parents are Mark and Amanda. Currently, Adessa is in the drool phase with teething. Exploring a bit more has been keeping Amanda and Mark chasing as Adessa has become a proficient crawler and absolutely loves to roll around. This month, she will be going on a driving trip to Illinois with her mom and grandparents. There, she will be able to show off her

newly acquired skills for her paternal grandparents and great-grandparents.

Emily McMaughan is our senior youngster at 9 months old. Proud parents are Sean and Marie. She has been crawling all over and will pull herself up to a standing position as long as she has anything to hold on to. You can take her for a stroll as long as you hold on to her hands too. She is growing fast and has had her happy paternal grandparents living close to help out.

Thanks be to God!

By Ken Doxtad

Summer vacations are things of the recent past, and Vacation Bible School was a resounding success.

Kids are back in school. Sunday school is in full swing. It is great to see so many children in our midst. Church attendance continues to rise.

New members were recently received and welcomed into our fellowship. Thanks be to God for these new faces. In celebration of receiving the new members, a wonderful spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by all.

Let us give thanks for all the volunteers that serve our Lord and Savior each and every week, who make worship more meaningful at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. There are

Sunday School teachers, choir directors, musicians and choir members, confirmation instructors, youth leaders and youth participation, altar guild, bulletin preparers, sound technicians, grounds keepers, church cleaners, those who serve on various committees, and more.

All of this is done by the **faithful** members who work and give of their time to the Glory of God.

"The fruit of the spirit (Holy Spirit) is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, FAITHFULNESS, gentleness, self control; against such there is no law".

The spirit produces these character traits that are found in the nature of Christ. They are by products of Christ's control. If we want the fruit of the Spirit to grow in us, we must join our lives to his.

Gal. 5:22-23

"Remain in me and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; Apart from me you can do nothing". We must know him, love him, remember him and imitate him.

John 15: 4,5

Thanks be to God!

Ladies Night Out

Monday, Oct. 22, 6:30 pm

19 ladies gathered for an evening of fellowship and dining in September. We had a great time, and missed you if you weren't there!

During the dinner, it was decided that our next meeting place will be **The Cracker Barrel** (the one at 11030 IH 10 West). See you there on October 22. November will see us at Sea Island, near Ingram Park Mall.

You do NOT have to be a church member to join us, and please bring friends. See you at 6:30 pm each time!

For questions, recommendations, suggestions, etc. please call Joyce at 623-2288.

THANK YOU

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls during my recent illness.

A special thanks to Pastor Jeff who spent several hours with me and my wife and daughters one "early" morning at the hospital. He visited with us and offered a special prayer.

Sincerely,
Bill Nobiling



Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You, we may glorify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Joshua Baker
- 5 - Brian Fitzgerald
- 6 - Robin McFall
Bess Teschendorf
- 8 - Gregory Rupert
- 9 - Jan Schoonover
- 10 - Marge Perales
Dorris Curtis
- 11 - Kattia Teas
- 13 - Bonnie Howells
- 16 - Ken Doxtad
- 21 - Marie McMaughan
Edith Montgomery
- 22 - Ryan Escamilla
Bill Grace
Addie Whitaker
- 28 - Bob Schoonover

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 - Tony & Bess
Teschendorf

Please tell Sue (below) if you know of any additions or corrections to these lists.

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Date	Deacon	Lector	Communion Assistants	Basket Carriers
Oct. 7	Tonia Faile	Mary Ranney	Erik & Ellen Nystrom	Susy & Grace
Oct. 14	Sean McMaughan	Jane Martinez	Tonia Faile Mark Laneman	Laila & Kayla
Oct. 21	Carly Montgomery	Molly Cude	Sean & Marie McMaughan	Elena & Kattia
Oct. 28	Dean Winter	Jenny Winter	Bob Schoonover Carly Montgomery	Beverly & Susy
Nov. 4	Bob Schoonover	Jim Baker	Tonia Faile Mark Laneman	TBA
Nov. 11	Erik Nystrom	Joyce Swartz	Bob Schoonover Carly Montgomery	TBA

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sunday Church Cleaners	Saturday Church Cleaners
Oct. 7	Roy Ronnfeldt Ted Berquam	Edith & Shirley Montgomery	Jeanette Smith Janie Saenz	1st Sunday Pat Jenkins	1st Sat. Oct 6 Bob Schoonover
Oct. 14	Kathy & John Schwab	Bill & Jan Nobiling	Margie Perales Jane Martinez	2nd Sunday Ophelia Talamantes	2nd Sat. Oct 13 Confirmation Class
Oct. 21	Ken & Janice Doxtad	Mary Ranney & Mary Tate	Tony & Bess Teschendorf	3rd Sunday Ken & Janice Doxtad	3rd Sat. Oct 20 Tonia & Joyce
Oct. 28	The Jenkins Family	Erik & Ellen Nystrom	Lorena G. Juanita T.	4th Sunday Jane Martinez	4th Sat. Oct. 27 Eric Nystrom
Nov. 4	Tony & Bess Teschendorf		Jeanette Smith Janie Saenz	1st Sunday Margie Perales	1st Sat. Nov 3 Bob Burhardt

HOW TO PRAY

Ten Simple Rules

By Bob Schoonover

I.

Pray where you are, God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

II.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is well to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

III.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell Him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

IV.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Reckon up your blessings from time to time, and give thanks for them.

V.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things that you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

VI.

Pray for the things you need, especially those that will make your life finer and more Christlike.

VII.

Pray for the world in its need, asking God to bring better things and offering your help to them.

IX.

Pray above everything else that God's will may be done in you and in the world. His purposes are deeper and wiser than anything we can imagine.

X.

Pray, and then let God use you in answering your prayer.

A Prayer for all at Resurrection

GUIDANCE

Jesus, I'm confused. I have a decision to make and I don't know what to do.

I need Your help and wisdom. I know You have a plan for my life. I want to follow that plan even in little decisions I make.

But today I just don't know which way to go. Please show me Your will for this issue.

I really want to do what will please and honor You. Somehow close the doors to the paths you don't want me to follow and help me see which door You have left open for me. Then give me the courage to move ahead in that direction You have opened up.

And let Your wonderful peace wash over my heart and mind to assure me that I have chosen the path You wanted me to take. I want You to be honored, Lord Jesus, in all that I do, so I pray this prayer in Your precious name. Amen
