



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Newsletter May 2010

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It's Still Easter

The Easter season is fifty days of rejoicing – and an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christ's resurrection for our lives. So this month we're still singing Easter hymns, along with some other uplifting songs.

May 9 – Picnic & Worship at 10 am O. P. Schnabel Park

The annual picnic is a highlight of spring at Resurrection. Our worship service including communion at the picnic, will begin **one hour earlier, at 10 a.m.** We are changing location this year and expect this to offer more convenient amenities for everyone. By next year we will not be required to hold it on Mothers' Day. It will be held at O.P Schnabel City Park on Bandera Road. We will begin the worship service at 10 am, to include communion. Meal to follow. This year the Council is providing the meat, and we ask everyone to just bring puro-potluck for the remainder of the meal. That means, we will not pass clipboards. Drinks are also being provided. A playground is right next to the pavilion so parents can observe their children from the shade of the pavilion. Bathrooms are also attached. Parking is just a few yards from the pavilion. We would like to request all members to bring play equipment they might share, such as horseshoes, badminton, etc. All members are invited to help with transporting equipment; e.g. chairs, four tables, altar, and ice chests to the picnic. Meet at the church at 7:30 am. Trucks are needed. If you can help, notify Bill Craig, Property Chairman at cell 861-4932 or e-mail CapnBilly@aol.com. To

get to the park from LCR go north from Grissom Rd on Bandera for 3.3 miles to Braun Rd. Turn right into park. Follow main road, keep veering to the Left, until you reach Graf Pavilion. Parking is on right just prior to Pavilion, with handicap spaces closest to the Pavilion. Walkway is flat and level. If coming South on Bandera, turn Left into Park, at Braun Rd and Bandera. If lost, call Carol Reaves at 867-4869.

May 16 – Christ's Ascension The First of Three Festivals

May 16 begins the three weeks of festivals with Christ's Ascension into heaven. St. Luke thought that this event was so important that he ended his gospel and began his book of Acts with Jesus' ascension. Jesus hands over his ministry to his disciples and promises them they will be empowered by His Spirit. It is a new age – and we are part of it.

May 16 - To Our Visitors Let's Get Acquainted

We are so pleased that you have been worshipping with us. On **May 16** following worship we would love to give you the opportunity to get to know more about this church and its members. We will bring the coffee and cookies- you bring your questions.

May 23 - Pentecost

It's the fiftieth day of the Easter season - or Pentecost. In Acts, chapter 2, the promise Jesus made – that His disciples would receive the Spirit – is fulfilled in a dramatic way. It marks the beginning of a new age - when the gift of the spirit was no longer just for the prophets but for all believers - including us. Join us for this "*red letter day*", which is also the birthday of the Christian church.

May 30 - Holy Trinity

The third festival brings it all together by honoring Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We ponder the way in which we, as Christians, know and experience the one God.

Thank You All

From Pastor Jeff

Holy Week and Easter were really busy at your church and many of our members pitched in to help. *We couldn't have done it without you.* On **Palm Sunday** we read the gospel in parts, with costumes and limited staging, so that those attending could get into the story. Then came **Walk Through Jerusalem**, which not only involved the efforts of actors and guides, but the serving of meals for the cast and others. Lots of volunteers. On **Good Friday** at noon the youth led our worship. **Holy Saturday** we had a good turnout for the *Egg Hunt*, and the *Flower Cross*. On **Easter Sunday** the men again provided a well attended *Easter breakfast*, the musicians gave us beautiful music for the *worship services* and the church was decorated with Easter lilies.. We appreciate the donations of food for the cast meals and the breakfast, and the flowers for the cross and the *Easter lilies* for the church. We especially thank those who stayed to clean up after the events.

We really appreciate all your efforts.

First Quarter Financial Report

All things considered, it was a pretty good first quarter – we spent less than we took in, and finished in the black. In large part this was accomplished by controlling expenses. They were a little less than budget and significantly less than last year. Offerings were about the same as last year, and total income was down, mostly due to a delay in booking income from the Day Care. Here's a comparison of the first three months of 2009 and 2010.

Category	2009	2010
General Offerings	\$30,374	\$30,149
Total Income	\$38,277	\$35,805
Expenses	\$42,370	\$35,329
Balance	- 4,093	+ 1,278

This favorable result was made possible by the generosity and faithfulness of our members. Thank you all.

Fiesta Ole' April 18, 2010

From Carol Reaves

The Fellowship ministry is pleased to report a good time was had by all, and judging by the amount of food that was not left, everyone must have also liked the food. There was a fajita feast

with all the usual trimmings (with homemade salsas provided by Bob Hayden), a Taco Table, and a Chalupa/Nacho table, again with all the special ingredients necessary. Each table was a "build it yourself" feast. The dessert was exceptionally well received, and we promise that again: crispy bunelo chips with vanilla ice cream. We especially want to express thanks and appreciation to the youth of the church who came in on Saturday to set up and decorate and again helped on Sunday with all duties entailed in presenting an event. They wanted to thank the congregation for their support of youth activities. If anyone has a good remedy for dishpan hands, pass them on to Collin Faile.

What Are Your Favorite Hymns?

For weeks we've been singing Easter hymns, and before that Lenten hymns. But the summer services and readings don't have an overriding focus or theme, so almost any hymn (other than a Christmas Carol) would fit into one for the summer services. So it's a good time to sing those hymns we know and love.

Just one problem: *What are the hymns we know and love?* I know what I like, but I don't know if you like them too. So please tell us what your favorite hymns are. If you'd like to borrow a hymnal or two, just ask the pastor on Sunday. We've got lots of extra copies of the ones we use most frequently.

Page through a hymnal, ponder your favorites, and write them down. Or you can email them to pastor-jeff@lutheran-church-san-antonio.org

Lawn Mowing and Gardening Schedule

The following members of the congregation have volunteered to mow the church lawn on the following Saturday of each month from Apr through Oct.

1st Sat: John Craig & Jon Skinner

2nd Sat: Darren Corbiere & the Nystroms

3rd Sat: Dana Oldfield

4th Sat: Jerry McCarty & John Schwab

If you would like to join one of the teams, please contact Bill Craig at cell 861-4932 or e-mail CapnBilly@aol.com.

Our gardeners select the garden and the day and time they can work. We need a few more volunteers to assist Iain Craig, Sheryl Corbiere, Lisa Oldfield and Vanya Andrews. If you could help, please get in touch with Laura Craig – cell 845-3626 or email LMDCraig@aol.com.

Invitation to Membership

If you have been worshipping with us, but haven't joined our congregation, we hope you'll think about joining our fellowship. It's a visible expression of what you already are – a child of God and member of His family. Membership simply identifies you with this particular little part of Christ's Church. Pastor Jeff would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss membership in our church at any time. Call him at 723-4280 or email pastor-jeff@lutheran-church-san-antonio.org

Have You Noticed What's New? Improvements at Your Church.

In the last newsletter, we reported on the new drinking fountain, new coffee bar, replacement of the metal pod with a new Daily Bread Shed, and a new dedicated power line from the breaker box to the burglar alarm system. Since then we added six more improvements to those four.

The **tile floor** in the narthex had a number of cracked tiles and twenty were replaced, giving a much better appearance.

A **new mail box** was installed on the driveway to replace the old leaning one.

The **lighting** in the parking lot and on the church sign was repaired.

The **cross on the lawn** (between the street and the playground) was reset.

Ventilation fans in both bathrooms were replaced.

Finally, both **riding mowers** were overhauled before the lawn mowing season.

Of course, other areas – like the gardens and the lawn – also required attention.

What's next? While many of the improvements listed above required modest expenditures, we have a list of more expensive projects. At the top of the list is the deterioration of the parking lot. The church council is prioritizing the list of needed projects – and then will come up with a plan. Stay tuned.

The Church Council has decided to remove the **paper recycling dumpster** from our property. Initially, the hope was that we would collect enough paper to generate income for the church, but in the past year we have not met the minimum weight requirement to receive any payment. Additionally, the constant traffic of the dumpster truck is beginning to damage the parking lot pavement. For those members who use the recycling dumpster regularly there are two nearby options. There are paper recycling

dumpsters just west of the church between Driggers Elementary and the Northside ISD offices and east of the church at the old Mackey School (Grissom and Bandera).

Ladies Night Out

Our April dinner was held April 26 at Mina & Dimi's Greek House on Hwy 90. That night we decided to have our next dinner at Zio's Italian Kitchen at 12858 I-10 by DeZavala on May 24th @ 6:30 pm. Hope to see you all there! Suggestions or questions? Call Joyce at 623-2288.

Coming Events:

Mission Trip in June

Our youth will be traveling to Florida for their mission trip in the week of June 13. A report on their fund raising activities is included on the "youth & family" page of this newsletter.

VBS Is Coming

Our annual Vacation Bible School will be held on July 26-30

June 6 Bake Sale

Two months ago a questionnaire was passed out to members, and included in the monthly newsletter, soliciting donations of baked items, such as cookies, brownies, cakes, cupcakes, pies and breakfast breads. Several of the ladies indicated they would donate. This is an event to supplement the Fellowship budget so that some of the burden for providing food for our events can be limited. Please notify me if you plan to donate and what type of pastry you plan to bake. We will need all food brought to the church Fellowship Hall by 10:00 am Saturday morning, June 5. The Committee members will wrap (if necessary), price, and have available for sale by 9:00 am on Sunday morning. Please bring the items in disposable containers. So empty that piggy bank and give some change to your kiddos, as they are the first to circle the tables to pick out their favorite treats.

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God Wants Your Car Keys

Mark 10:17-31

From Bob Schoonover

A rich young man ran up to Jesus and wanted to put in an application to be a follower of Christ. He asked, "What do I need to do to have eternal life?" Jesus answered, "You know." The rich young man recited the commandments, plus, "Love the Lord your God with all you heart, all your soul and with your entire mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus says, "Good answer. Do that."

The rich young man retorts, "I think I have done that ever since I was a kid. I give 10 percent of my gross income. I worship regularly. I study the Bible and pray often." Jesus doesn't put him down but says, "Good job!" Then, with a smile, Jesus adds, "Just one more thing. Go sell everything you have, and give the money away."

That was more than the rich young man could take because, the Bible says, he had "many possessions" or "much goods." That is a way of saying he had a good income, a nice house, stock portfolio, retirement plan, maybe even a pension. What happened? The rich young man went away! He felt that was asking too much. As far as we know, he never came back to Jesus the rest of his life. His "stuff" got in the way.

Now, if I had experienced what that rich young man did, I might have responded something like this: "Jesus, I heard what you said to that rich young man about selling what I have and giving it to the poor." As I pull out my checkbook and ballpoint pen, I ask Jesus, "To whom should I make out the check?"

Jesus says, "that won't be necessary. Just give me your checkbook."

"You want my whole checkbook?"

With a deep love in his eyes, Jesus responds, "I care about how you use all your money, not just the 10 percent, more or less, that you put in the offering plate." Then Jesus asks, "Do you have anything else in your pocket?"

"I've got some cash," I nervously fish around. Jesus holds out his hand

I lay the cash on him, and Jesus asks, "What's that plastic?"

I say, "That's a credit card."

Jesus asks in mock surprise, "You've got a credit card?"

I explain, "That's what I depend on when someone just got my cash and checkbook."

Jesus looks again and asks, "what's that card with your picture on it?"

"That's my drivers' license."

Jesus asks in mock surprise again, "You've got a driver's license?"

I say, "Yes, it's required if I am going to drive my car."

Jesus asks with more enthusiasm, "You have a car?"

I get my keys from my pocket and begin to take one off. "I guess I won't need this anymore."

Jesus asks, "What's that other key?"

Now I know I'm in trouble. I say, "That's my house key."

Jesus asks enthusiastically, "You've got a house?"

I say, "Wait until my wife finds out about this!"

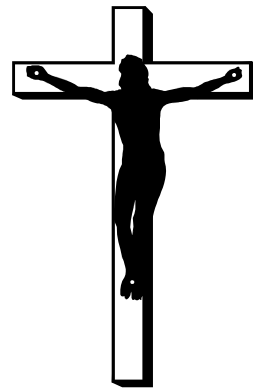
You can guess what Jesus asks. That's right. "You've got a wife?"

I say to Jesus, "you win. I'm yours, with all my heart. What else do you want?"

Then an amazing thing happens.

Jesus says, "That's all I wanted all along: your heart. So take your house key back. Just let me live there with you. Treat your wife like she belongs to me instead of to you. Here is your car key. Just drive with me in the passenger seat...and please slow down. Here is your money and credit card. I have a whole lot more of all this to give you. I want to bless you even more. All I want is for you to use it all to my Father's glory and to build up my body, the church."

I finally start to get it. Everything I have is God's. It's all on loan to give glory to God and to build up the body of Christ. And I realize one other thing: Even if I gave all my stuff to God, it wouldn't be nearly as much as Jesus gave me when he laid down his life for my sins and give me new life in all its fullness and even everlasting life. What else can I do but live in gratitude for all God gives me and grow all my life in giving generously as God had given to me? Adapted from Ed Kruse.



Apr Birthdays		Anniversaries		May Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2	Sean McMaughan	2		3	Jack Hammond	3	
3	Laila Arnorsdottir Adessa Wiesehan	3		4	Maxine Rinaldi Whitney Faile	4	
4	Janice Doxtad	4		5		5	Robin & Dennis Attard
8	Dayton Corbiere Desiree Corbiere Dana Oldfield	8		9	Jeanette Smith	9	
9		9	Dexter & Rebekah Ludwig	11		11	Jim & Suanne Oliver
11	Jane Martinez	11		12	Robin Attard Anne Wilson	12	
15	Bonnie Petersen	15		14	Gary Faile	14	
18	Joseph Balencia Matthew Craig	18		18	Lauryn Hyde	18	
19	Klaus Weinelt Rose McNiel Lindsay Krauland	19		20	Rachel Baker John Craig Mark Laneman	20	
20	Laura Contie	20		21	Ted Berquam	21	
21	Quinton Teas Belinda McKeighan	21		22	Tracey Martinez	22	
22	Valda Towles Nickolas Nystrom	22		23		23	Steve & Tracey Martinez
23	Pat Hemenway	23		24	Mike Miller	24	Andy & Kim Brei
25		25	Shirley & Ramon DeLaRosa	27	Rebekah Ludwig	27	
26	Michael Pena	26					
27	Kifagio "Kif" Mlachake	27					
29	Sheryl Corbiere	29					



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Worship Assistant Schedule May 2 - Jun 6



*Please note that because May has five Sundays and the Picnic is on the second Sunday, there are changes in both the Sunday and Saturday cleaners. **A volunteer is needed** to clean the church after worship on the first Sunday of odd-numbered months e.g. May*

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sunday Church Cleaner	Saturday Church Cleaner
May 2	Jim & Suanne Oliver	The Bakers	Margie Porter Karen Woodruff	1 st Sunday Margie Porter	1st Sat. 5/1 Jerry McCarty
May 9 Picnic	Bill & John Craig	Ken & Janice Doxtad	Janie Saenz Lorena Guerrero	<i>Picnic</i>	2nd Sat. 5/8 <i>Picnic</i>
May 16	Bob Schoonover Tom Robinson	Janie Saenz Valda Towles	Joyce Swartz Sonia Guerrero	3 rd Sunday Mark Lane- man	3rd Sat . 5/15 Tonia Faile & Joyce Swartz
May 23	Bernie & B. W. Schurade	John Craig. Monica Ramsower	Diane & Juanita Talamantes	4 th Sunday Lorena Guerrero	4th Sat . 5/22 the Schwab's
May 30	Mark Laneman Jerry McCarty		Lorena Guerrero	5 th Sunday Juanita Talamantes	5th Sat. 5/29 Bill & Laurie Grace
June 6	Roy Ronnfeldt Mark Laneman	Margie Perales Joyce Swartz	Margie Perales Karen Woodruff	1 st Sunday <i>Volunteer needed</i>	1st Sat. 6/5 Bob Schoonover

Date	Deacon	Lector	Communion Assistants
May 2	Tonia Faile	Dorris Curtis	Erik and Ellen Nystrom
May 9	Erik Nystrom	Joyce Swartz	Tonia Faile Mark Laneman
May 16	Dean Winter	Robin Attard	Erik and Ellen Nystrom
May 23	Bob Schoonover	Lindsay Krauland	Dean Winter Ken Doxtad
May 30	Tom Robinson	Lisa Oldfield	Bob Schoonover Tonia Faile
June 6	Erik Nystrom	Bill Grace	Ken Doxtad Ellen Nystrom

***If you can not serve when you are scheduled, please find a replacement;
for example, trade with the person serving the following week;
OR call the church office and leave a message.
Thank you.***