



RAMBLINGS

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the Resurrection

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

*To become a vibrant,
benevolent congregation that
serves God's creation both
locally and globally.*

*A congregation that offers
meaningful and inspirational
ministries and worship for all
ages that honor and praise
God while maintaining the
feel of an intimate family in
Christ.*

*Also, a congregation that
provides opportunities for all
to be involved in ministries
and programs that foster the
development of gifts in all
people needed to sustain and
expand God's mission.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Mark your calendar and join us for fun, fellowship, study, and worship in the coming weeks! Details for many of these events are listed in this issue.

- Children's Garden: August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
- Children's Story Time: August 4 & 18
- Shalom Sisters: August 4
- Young Adult Group: August 5
- Crafting Friends: August 8 & 28
- Saturday Evening Gathering Group: August 8
- Past 50 Breakfast: August 10
- Resurrection Ringers: August 10, 17, 24, & 31
- National Youth Gathering Sharing: August 15 & 16
- Church Picnic: August 16
- Lutheranism 101: begins August 27
- Friendship Weekend: August 29 & 30
- Sunday School Rally Day: September 13

-- Rich Weyhrich, Chair
Worship & Music

The liturgies and/or services for August will be:

- August 1/2:** 9th Week after Pentecost, *With One Voice* liturgy
- 8/9:** 10th Week after Pentecost, *David Hass* liturgy
- 15/16:** 11th Week after Pentecost, *LBW II* liturgy
- 22/23:** 12th Week after Pentecost, *Now the Feast* liturgy
- 29/30:** 13th Week after Pentecost, *Ylvisaker* liturgy

The time after Pentecost continues as summer begins to wind down. Many of us take vacations and visit other congregations on our trips and at the same time we also receive visitors. Remember that the best adornment of our worship space are smiles, handshakes and eye contact on the part of the congregation. Make all visitors feel noticed and welcomed. Hospitality to strangers is a supreme virtue in scripture, and in no place should it be demonstrated more than in God's house.

Volunteers Welcomed:

- If your musical gifts are more instrumental, we still have need for additional members to play in the Joyful Noise Band. Contact John Snowden (553-6442)
- We always have need for people to be trained as a Sound Tech to operate the sound equipment for our worship services. Please contact Rick Carter (351-9480) or Jason Leupen (474-2933).



FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members of LCR,

During the weekend of June 20 & 21, we were honored and privileged, once again, to adopt several new members into our LCR family. If you haven't done so already, please take time to welcome these new members: Gary, Janet, and Nicholas Ackerman; William Ball; Roger Bussell; Pam Chidester; Fred, Amy, and Isabella Heise; Steve and Jocelyn Michaelis; Michelle, Alan, and Brian Phelps; and Ed Schrand. I want to thank the Fellowship Committee for the wonderful reception for these new members following the 9:15 a.m. service. The Lord continues to bless our congregation with continued growth! Even now, Pastor Zorn is sending invitations to begin another new member class! Summer seems to be a time when we see many new faces at our worship services. All of us need to make an effort to be inviting and welcoming to all visitors.

It was a joy to listen to the music of our "Resurrection Ringers" during the 9:15 a.m. service on June 28. Thanks to Judy Von Busch for her leadership with that group. I hope to hear them more often in the future. If you are interested in being part of that group, their rehearsals are on Monday evenings, beginning at 7, in the Fellowship Hall.

If you happened to be in our church building the week of July 6, you would have noticed the repair work being done on the ceiling in the Fellowship Hall. As you might recall, this repair was funded with the money left over from the window repair collection. I would like to thank Steve Crawford for coordinating the work and all of you for your contributions and continued support of LCR.

I attended the Summer Concert Series held at Anderson Hills Christian Church to benefit Inter Parish Ministry and thoroughly enjoyed the music provided by Michael Goldberg and the Joyful Noise band. Those of you not present missed a real treat. Please consider attending one of their events in the future. To hear the Joyful Noise band, simply attend the 11:15 a.m. service this Sunday!

As of this writing, we have collected \$10,303 towards the purchase of the new HVAC units. With these contributions, we are going to proceed to replace two of the units. We will replace the other two units as contributions to this HVAC fund continue to be collected. If you haven't done so already, please do your part and contribute to this fund. It is up to all of us, as members of this church family, to bring this project to fruition.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, step out boldly, in faith, as you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to contribute your time, talent, and treasures to the various ministries here at LCR. As Paul writes in his letter to the Hebrews 11: 32-34;

"And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight."

Phil Hudak,
Council President

LUTHERANISM 101

Thursday Evenings Beginning, August 27

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

--Pastor Zorn

Another session of Lutheranism 101 (a.k.a. - New Member Class) will begin in August. Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The first eight meetings will be on Thursdays (**August 27 through October 8**) and the last class will be on Wednesday, **October 14**.

The classes cover topics including the Bible, Church and Lutheran history, Lutheran doctrine, Lutheran worship and the church year, and the history of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Baby sitting is also available, if needed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection or would just like to learn more about the Lutheran faith and our congregation, I encourage you to join the classes. Lutheranism 101 is also an excellent refresher for existing members.

If you are planning to join the next session of Lutheranism 101, please notify the church office as soon as possible so that materials can be procured for you.



THE EARTHKEEPING RESOLUTION

-- Martha Newfield,
Earth Ministry

One of the resolutions passed at the Southern Synod Assembly in June was the resolution put forward by the Rev. Monte Stevens of the North Riverdale Lutheran Church in Dayton for attention to creation care. Building on the E.L.C.A. social statements of 1993 that linked caring for creation with hope and justice, and later Bishop's Mark Hanson's message in 2007 that expressed concern for the environment, Rev. Stevens translated these mandates into a specific course of action that churches could take. The resolution included the following things:

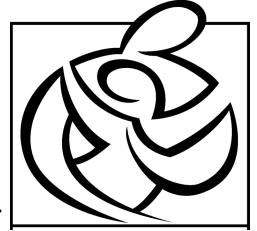
- Worshiping in ways that celebrate and foster care for creation
- Educating adults and children about ecological issues and energy conservation
- Reducing and improving energy use in church building and grounds
- Promoting earth friendly practices of members at home and at church
- Demonstrating care of creation in our communities, and
- Advocating for energy policies at the state and national levels that will foster cleaner, renewable, and more efficient energy use in all sectors of society.

I was interested in talking to Pastor Stevens to ask him how he was led to put forth this resolution and what he hoped it could accomplish. So I spoke to him recently by phone to ask him about these questions. I asked him first how his interest in the environment began. This was his reply:

He said in the 80's he went to the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago. There he learned about the writings of the great Lutheran Theologian, Joseph Sittler. Sittler maintained that 'nature was a realm of grace' so creation and the natural world should be included in theology. Sittler's writings and leadership influenced a generation of young seminarians, most particularly, David Rhodes who subsequently stayed at the LTSC to teach and direct another generation of young seminarians in which the writings of Sittler and ecology became a large part of their thinking. Rev. Monte Stevens came out of this background and through the years he has maintained his early understanding that creation is a part of God's great love for the world. God's out pouring of grace in creation is felt in its beauty, its splendor, and all of earth's bounty for the good of living things.

After striving for many years to help his congregation be more cognizant of the earth in their worship and in their actions in the world, Stevens felt a more concerted effort was needed among the churches to effect a change. Building on the leadership already given by the E.L.C.A., Bishop Hansen's directive and stewardship awareness is growing in many churches, Stevens drew up the resolution and submitted it to the Southern Synod Assembly in June. It passed with some amendments to the language while the spirit of the document stayed intact. One of the resolution's final recommendations was to convene an Earthkeeping Task Force in the future which would help churches find resources, encouragement and direction for living, praying and worshiping in greater awareness of God's presence in creation.

UPDATE ON THE CARING MINISTRY TEAM



-- Jill Guenther,
Chair

The Child Care Team is now being led by Amy Heise, a recent member of LCR.

A note from Amy:

I love children, and love to teach children. I spend time with my family and friends and am very excited about getting involved in LCR and making many new friends. I was born in Cincinnati and have lived here most of my life. I work in Newport, Kentucky as a paralegal and also love to be outdoors. I have been married to my husband, Fred, for three years, and we have a ten month old daughter, Isabella.

I know when we want to go out we have to rely on family to watch our little one, as we do not know many people in the community or feel comfortable having someone we don't know watching our daughter. Why not have a program set up within LCR? I know I would feel better knowing I knew something about our sitter.

Interested in babysitting?

Need a sitter?

Then the *Angels on Call Ministry Team* is for you!

We are expanding our Emergency Child Care Team to also include planned babysitting. The emergency babysitting will be free and we can discuss a small nominal fee for planned sitting.

Teenagers and adults interested in emergency babysitting and planned babysitting can contact Amy Heise at 474-2410 or amyheise@hotmail.com if you are interested in sitting or needing a sitter.

HELP NEEDED:

The Caring Ministry Team is still looking for a TRANSPORTATION TEAM Chair. If you are interested, please contact Jill Guenther at djguenther@cinci.rr.com.



Share God's Word

STORY TIME AT LCR!

Mark your calendar for Tuesdays:

July 28, and August 4, & 18.

Story time is open to all children ages 3 – 7 from 10:30 – 11 a.m. Tuesday mornings

Come and hear stories and sing songs all with a Christian focus.

Contact: Liza Purdy (513-388-0308) with questions.



JOIN US FOR EUCHRE

Come join the Fun!

Friday, August 14, from 7-9 p.m.

July Euchre night was a lot of fun. Congrats to Barb Schmidt who came in first place!

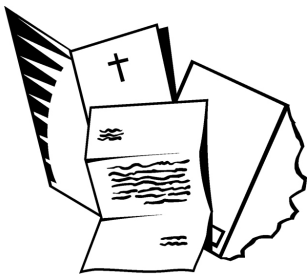
There was a 3 way tie for second place.

Please come out on Friday, **August 14**, for the next Euchre night.

Kay Luccassen makes the best dip and if you come, we just might share it with you!

Please call Jill and Dan Guenther (232-2985) with questions.

Babysitting available for \$4.



THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to thank the entire congregation of LCR for all of the cards, gifts, prayers and help that everyone has given us. We are truly blessed to have the support of such great people. May God bless all of you.

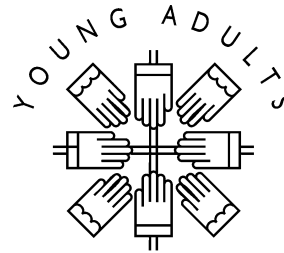
Wayne and Beth Cox

The *Ramblings* can be obtained via email.

Please contact Brenda Webb,

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to be added to the distribution list.



FELLOWSHIP

Next Gathering

Wednesday

August 5

6:30 p.m. at

Allyn's Café

(3538 Columbia Parkway)

Please join us for fun, fellowship, & food.

Feel free to contact John Fireovid (623-6126) with questions.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PIANO LESSONS?

Michelle Davidson, our Music Director, is currently accepting new piano students of all ages and levels.

Michelle holds a Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance and a Master's Degree in Music, plus twelve years teaching experience.

Weekday after-school hours are available to teach at LCR.

Please call Michelle at 513-284-0529 or email mm.davidson@gmail.com if interested.

NEW LIFE FURNITURE

We provide gently used furniture to families and individuals who have overcome homelessness or fled an abusive situation. We are based in Milford, but serve the Greater Cincinnati area. We could use your help – How?

1. Continue to donate your gently used furniture. Thanks for your past donations.
2. Continue to donate financially – checks to New Life Furniture, Inc. c/o MFUMC, 541 Main Street, Milford, Ohio 45150.

Continue to pray as this ministry grows and shares God's love with those in need.

Blessings! Holly Young

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LCR FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

Here is a snapshot of LCR's finances as of June 2009.

Cash Position as of June 30, 2009:

Endowment Fund	\$18,455
Building Fund	- **
Restricted Fund	45,605
Operating Fund	<u>5,069</u>
Total Cash	<u>\$69,129</u>

Giving through June 20, 2009:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Operating Fund	\$190,999	\$185,568	\$ 5,431
Building Fund	35,266	45,765	(10,499)
Restricted Fund	36,737	-	36,737

Operating & Budget Fund giving totaled \$226,187 for the six months ending June 30, 2009 is approximately \$13,800 more than giving received for the same period in 2008.

SYNOD BENEVOLENCE

As communicated in the year end financial summary, the Council has come to the consensus that we will defer making benevolence payments to the Synod until the second half of the year. This decision was based on forecasted cash shortfalls which occur in the summer as well as not being able to borrow funds from our restricted funds to cover those operating cash shortfalls. At June 30, 2009, amounts accrued for the Southern Ohio Synod benevolence totaled \$15,153.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A full set of the financial statements can be found posted in the Narthex.

SIMPLY GIVING

Giving is great way of making your contributions to LCR through an electronic funds transfer. Please contact Perry Owen, Treasurer, for questions regarding this program or if you would like to receive an authorization form. I can be reached at 231-1134 or perry.c.owen@us.pwc.com.

Remember, we control the program locally so enrollment and subsequent changes are made immediately upon request.

ELECTRONIC GIVING STATEMENTS

If you haven't already, please consider receiving your quarterly and annual giving statements electronically. All we need is your "thumbs up" to begin sending your paperless statement. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at 231-1134 or perry.c.owen@us.pwc.com

**HAVE YOU REMEMBERED LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE RESURRECTION IN YOUR WILL?**

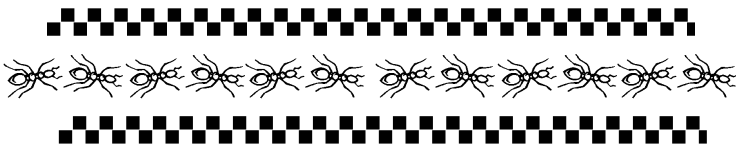


CHURCH PICNIC

Julif's Park
Sunday, **August 16**
noon - 4 p.m.

Come out for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun!
Please see the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex for food
and beverages items needed.

There is also a chance to win a cooler/picnic basket!
Just sign up for the LCR family Picnic and Show up!
The drawing will take place during lunch ...
you must be present to win!



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection strives to be:
A COVENANT based congregation, NURTURING spiritual growth and
WELCOMING all into Christ's community through
Word, sacrament and love.

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