

THE CHRONICLES

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

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One of the passages that I learned early in life is from Philippians 4. *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.* And, a few verses later it says: *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

This is how Eugene Peterson paraphrases verse 4-7 in *The Message*:

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concern. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

What a wonderful way of thinking about each day. Whether it is celebrating or turning our concerns over to God. Shaping our worries into prayer and trusting that God's wholeness will come and settle us down. I must admit that some days are easier than others. This is especially true when the sun is shining but I have to be careful to not let blips in my schedule or other inconveniences interrupt or derail the whole day.

I'm wondering what are the things/activities that you do every day that celebrates God? Are you a thinker or more of a doer? I know that some of you love to read, some are writers. Some of you are gardeners, builders, sewers, bakers. Some of you are connectors and love to be involved in lots of activities while that is too tiring for others. I'm all about finding balance in life and connecting our worship together with the other 167 hours we have each week.

Yes, embrace the gift of each day and celebrate. And, when worries abound shape them into prayer. I wonder what it will be like when all of us sense God's wholeness and let God settle us down. Let's do it. Let's live it!

Peace,
Pastor Becky

Council Corner

COUNCIL News at a Glance

Council met on March 9, 2016

Highlights of items discussed:

Ministries, Time and Talent –

Council developed a Time and Talent survey that will be distributed to the Congregation in coming weeks, to assess interests and promote the ministries at LCR.

Members and Directory – voted to accept two families into leadership. Shirley is close to having the updated member directory completed.

Constitution/By-Laws – three members have worked to update these documents and final draft will be presented to Council.

Upcoming – next Council meeting will be April 13th at 5:30 with a lite supper.

President – Blaine Nelson

Vice President – Dianne Kilpatrick

Secretary – Chris Weaver

Treasurer – Patti Gibson

Members-at-Large – Shirley

Schliessmann, Danny Hickman, Don Isler

Pastor – Rebecca Sogge

IMPORTANT DATES

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be on Sat. April 2nd at the church at 9:30. Call Pat Ehrhart at 512-964-0800 with any questions.

TIME AND TALENT FORMS

The Time and Talent Forms will be distributed soon. See article below.

EMILY ANN BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

The EmilyAnn Butterfly festival will be held on Sat. April 16th from 9-5.



ANNIVERSARY

On Wed., April 20, Jan and Al Erlandson will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary !!

Please join in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

WIMBERLEY ARTS FEST

The annual Wimberley Arts Fest will be held at Blue Hole on Sat. April 23rd from 10-6 and Sun. April 24th from 11-5. There is a vintage car show on Sat. and continuous live music throughout.

CONCERTS AT BLUE HOLE

Every Friday during April, there will be a live concert from 6-8pm. Various artists and genres are presented.

COLTEN KILPATRICK'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Check out Colten Kilpatrick's completed Eagle Scout Project! His project was to beautify and enhance the outdoor worship area at LCR. The gorgeous arbor leads to a railroad-tied rock-based walkway with sturdy handrails.

Thanks so much to Colten and his crew for building this beautiful and long lasting project. His Eagle Scout "Court of Honor" is planned at LCR for Sunday, May 29th.



LCR Time and Talent Survey

Stewardship: Loving God with Our Time, Talent, and Treasure "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~Matthew 6:21.

During the first two Sunday's in April the new Time and Talent Survey will be distributed to LCR members at church and will also be sent out electronically. Through this survey you will have an opportunity to look at all the ministries at LCR and review the various projects, positions and duties under each area.

We encourage everyone to take time to prayerfully consider what talents you have to share with your church and check the areas you are interested in on the survey. Leaders for ministry areas are needed, and if you have a talent or interest that is not included in the survey, there is room to note on the form.

Surveys may be turned in and placed in the basket at the back of the church, sent in to Maureen, or given to Maureen or any member of Council.

Thank you,
LCR Council

SAD NEWS

On March 23rd, JoAnne Miller passed away. She was a lovely and gracious lady who served the church and the community in countless ways. She will be missed.

HAND & FOOT

It's a card game similar to Canasta and fun to play. The group has now decided to play every Monday at 1 p.m. If you'd like to come and join us please do so.

MEXICAN TRAIN

This is a domino game and is great fun. Join the group as they play each month on the third Thursday. In April we will play on the 21st. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please contact Shirley Schliessmann.

CHURCH EMAIL LIST

If you do not currently receive the newsletter by email and would like to – just send your request to the office. Also, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter please send that request as well. The email address is office@welcometnewlife.org.

PRINT CARTRIDGE AND CELL PHONE RECYCLE - GO GREEN!

Remember to save your print cartridges and recycle them at church. Place the used cartridge in a plastic bag and put it in the box displayed by the sanctuary. The church receives monies from this free-to-us program. Laser/toner cartridges are NOT recycled with this program. We're also participating in the cell phone recycle program as well. Just the cell phone is required – no accessories. The box for cell phones is right next to the cartridge box.

AUTOMATED DONATIONS – SIMPLY GIVING

There is a program in place here at LCR where your offering can be deducted from your checking account each month automatically. It is called Simply Giving. For more information or to sign up please talk to Maureen in the office.

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES: Contact Paula Johnson to add names to the prayer chain. She can be reached at 512-847-3631 or prj@austin.rr.com.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

There is a baggie on the bulletin board in the kitchen where you can bring those little box tops for education found on many food items. These will be donated to worthy schools. So check your containers for these box tops before putting them in the trash.



WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

Thank you to all who helped with the Lutheran World Relief program especially: Dianne Kilpatrick, Colleen Kaye, and Shirley Schliessmann.

Thank you to all those who prepared meals for the Lenten services prior to our Wednesday gatherings. They were appreciated by all who attended.

Thank you to all those who prepared food and served at the Easter brunch. Especially Dianne Kilpatrick for organizing the food and Shirley S. and Gayle Weir for decorating and prep work in the fellowship hall. Thank you to Shirley for ordering and delivering the Easter lilies which made the church so beautiful. Thank you to the Merkords and the Islers for decorating the sanctuary.

Thank you to Mike Schliessmann and Frank Bauer for their landscaping of the church grounds.



Thank you to the road clean-up crew of: Frank Bauer, David Johnson, Dianne Kilpatrick, Al Strobel, Blaine Nelson, Angie Rose, and Chris and Jim Weaver.

Thank you to the Deer Creek Devotional helpers: Angie Rose, Al Strobel, Paula Johnson and Blaine Nelson.

Prayer List 

We continue to pray for all who are ill, recovering, receiving treatments or testing; and for Joan Mohr, Doris King and her daughter Kerri Nawrocki, Mitch and Estelle Hill, Tyler Proue, Ginny Bouzard, Kay Ann Stenson and Lyla Miller (relatives of JoAnne Miller), Melinda Pace, Molly Trebus (friend of the Sogge family), Lynn Kimrey and Richard Polk (friend of Whitney Cargill with cancer), Dominic Larkin, Arturo Flores, Lee Buse, Ron Wernli, Andi Williams, Donna Curtis and Robert Sherman (bone cancer).

Please be in prayer for those who are serving our country either stateside or overseas. Pray for peace in our world and for all who suffer the consequences of war. We continue to pray for those who are hungry and for those who serve them. Please be in prayer for the Lord to replenish the earth as God sees fit. We also lift in prayer the families that are struggling with separation and divorce.

 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 				<i>Happy Anniversary</i>	
04-02	Mike Schliessmann	04-22	Joyce Bradshaw and Owen Durkin	04-20	Al & Jan Erlandson 60 Years !!!
04-04	Hannah Raska	04-24	Emily Merkord		
04-06	Travis Kilpatrick	04-28	Sally Sherwood		
04-07	James Hollinger				
04-13	Stephen Hohmann				
04-15	Paula Johnson				
			CONGRATULATIONS!	Note: If we missed your special day or printed it incorrectly, please notify the church office...	

1 Timothy 6:8-9 – But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

APRIL WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Asst. Minister	Shirley Schliessmann	Rebecca Heidt	Lois Hickman	Blaine Nelson
Acolyte	Abigail Burttschell	Claire Valentine	Ben Raska	Aiden Boger
Reader	Tamela Jarvais-Flores	Autry Burns	Vincent Gordin	Natalie Merkord
Ushers	Don Isler/Arturo Flores	Al Strobel/Mikki Sogge	Raska Family	Travis/Colten Kilpatrick
Altar Guild	Shirley Schliessmann	Ann Fox	Pat Ehrhart	Dianne Kilpatrick
Greeter	Enid Isler	Angie Rose	Lynn Raska	Gayle & Ron Weir
Counter	Tamela/Arturo Flores	Shirley Schliessman	Jason Valentine	Brandon Merkord

NOTE TO READERS: The **Scripture readings** for the week you serve **will be in your box** at the beginning of the month. **We encourage you to take them home and read through them prior to your Sunday to share your gift** with the congregation. **Pronunciation Guides are available** – one under the Lectern (where you read) and the other in the Church office.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: If you can't be present on the Sunday you are signed up to serve, please remember to **find your own replacement!!** This is **vital** to making sure all leadership roles are filled each week. Thanks! ☺

Schedule for bulletin folders

April 6 – Blaine Nelson

April 13 – Shirley Schliessmann

April 20 – Paula Johnson

April 27 – Pat Ehrhart