

THE CHRONICLES

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Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hunger, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
John 6:35

When I worked for a Bible camp in Northwestern Wisconsin, part of my weekly tasks involved baking bread. Lots and lots of bread. There is something about mixing and watching yeast come to life and then adding flour and whatever other ingredients the recipe calls for. Baking bread takes time mixing, kneading, resting/rising and the wonderful aroma of baking. Some of my baker friends talk about kneading the dough as therapeutic. Feeling the dough in your hands and anticipating the yield. I have bread on my mind and as we worship together for the next several weeks you will too. We spend five weeks in John 6 but don't worry there is plenty to feast on. I invite you to take time to read through the whole chapter and let your mind dwell on what catches your attention. Is it the Feeding of the 5000 or Jesus walking on Water? What does it mean to you that Jesus says, "I am the bread of life?" What jumps out for me will depend on what is happening around me. While I am writing this article I can hear the activity happening in the kitchen and fellowship hall here at church. Lunches are being put together to help provide a midday meal for those who are busy working on flood relief projects. Bread is one of the basic food items that help sustain life. For those of us who live with plenty we can take bread for granted but for those who wonder where their next meal will come from it can provide more than sustenance. It speaks hope.

I wonder what speaks that hope for you. What are you longing for? Is it meaningful worship? Is it fellowship? Are you longing for a deeper life of faith? The other question is what do you bring to the table of fellowship? Do you have gifts and talents that are untapped? We all benefit from our collective sharing of gifts, bringing our honest longings and giving praise together. The word liturgy means the work of the people in worship. It is what we do together singing, joining in the prayers of intercession, listening to the Word of God. Again, I invite you to read John chapter 6 and dwell in this passage with me. I love to hear what God is speaking to you and welcome the conversations.

Blessings!
Pastor Becky

Council Corner

COUNCIL News at a Glance

Council met on July 28 - highlights of items discussed:

Flood Relief Lunches have been well received. Council approved continuation of the lunch effort beyond our 30 day commitment. We will evaluate monthly.

Healthy Congregation Workshop #3 will be hosted by LCR Sept. 26 from 9 - 3. LCR members can attend at no charge. **See attachment to email for info.**

Hunger Grant application has been submitted to ELCA for funds.

God's Work, Our Hands and Rally Day – Sept. 13. We will host a meal for the community. More details to come.

Keep communications flowing. Your thoughts and ideas are important!

President – Blaine Nelson

Vice President – Autry Burns

Secretary – Chris Weaver

Treasurer – Mary Rodgers

Members at Large – Doris King and Billie Navarro

Pastor – Rebecca Sogge

Save the Dates!

REDEVELOPMENT CONVERSATION

A casual conversation to discuss the issue of redevelopment will be held on Sun. Aug. 2nd at 9:30, prior to the worship service. Any ideas and participation are welcome.

DEER CREEK DEVOTIONS

Devotions at Deer Creek Nursing Home will be held on Sunday, Aug. 9th at 3 p.m. Pastor Becky will be leading the devotion. You are encouraged to attend and participate.

AMAZON DONATION

If you like to shop online at Amazon.com please consider using the **AmazonSmile.com** website which allows you to select Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. The church receives a donation from Amazon on a quarterly basis that reflects 5% of the amount spent by those who have used this program.

FLAT JESUS

Flat Jesus continues to travel. Follow the journeys on the LCR Journeys with Flat Jesus page. If you are needing a Flat Jesus let Pastor Becky know and she will get one to you. If you have pictures of your adventures you can email them to pastor@welcometnewlife.org or text them to Pastor Becky at 612-718-9151.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

A service project for LCR will be Sunday, Sept 13th. Details about the event are forthcoming.

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council Meeting will be held on Mon. Aug. 24th at 1:30pm.

The Fellowship Hall Cross Wall has a new addition. Kelli Chance has given a cross in memory of her mother, Shirley Kopp.

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Greetings on behalf of the redevelopment team! First, we are excited to attend the ELCA Redeveloper Training in Portland, Oregon. This will be a great opportunity to share about LCR and learn strategies for success. I feel God has gifted LCR with love and talent. Second, please don't be afraid of the word "redevelopment" as we are not re-creating the wheel. This team is looking into ideas from past congregational conversations and acknowledging what we do well. Your continued gathering as a congregation will help us in this redevelopment process. Our next opportunity to brainstorm is August 2 at 9:30am. Thanks for being a light in my life, Lois



Volunteers Needed for Flood Relief Lunches

LCR is serving the flood relief lunches on a daily basis for the upcoming weeks. Six volunteers are needed each day: 4 helpers/servers from 9-1 to work in the kitchen and 2 drivers from 11-1. In addition, a volunteer coordinator is needed to replace Rebecca Heidt as she returns to work on Aug. 3rd. Volunteers are especially needed on Saturdays. If you can help, email the church office at office@welcometnewlife.org or Pastor Becky at pastor@welcometnewlife.org.

Volunteers Needed for Back-to-School Fiesta 2015

This year's *Back-to-School Fiesta*, sponsored by Barnabas Connection, will be Sat, Aug. 15, from 9am to noon at the Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the bags and set up on Thurs., Aug. 13, and to help with the distribution process on the 15th. A thank-you luncheon will be provided for all volunteers right after the *Fiesta* at 12:30 p.m. on the 15th. If you are willing to provide assistance, please let Shirley Schliessmann know as soon as possible (605-695-3168 or shirley_schliessmann@yahoo.com).



Fiesta 2014 helpers (L to R): Bev Ladzinski and her young assistant helped assemble about 500 bags of supplies before the event. The day of the Fiesta, Angie Rose and JoAnne Miller checked off applicants and handed out instruction packets. Shirley Schliessmann served as a translator.

Financial donations are also welcome to help cover the following items for approximately 500 students. Cash or checks payable to LCR and the green bulletin insert may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office no later than Mon., Aug. 3. LCR will issue one check for all donations to the *Fiesta*. Barnabas Connection hosts the *Back-to-School Fiesta* with multiple area partners, civic, corporate and faith. Over the years, LCR has been a strong supporter through monetary gifts and volunteers.

Food Outreach Ministry: Breakfast for the Day Laborers

LCR is one of six local churches who take turns serving breakfast two months each year to the day laborers who wait for work at the Catholic Church parking lot. Our church serves in August and December. About 20 men are usually served. The breakfasts we provide consist of a breakfast taco, a piece of fruit, a simple pastry, coffee and/or juice.



December 2014: Pastor Becky & Blaine Nelson serve breakfast to grateful day laborers.

LCR's turn is Sat., Aug. 15, and we serve from about 7:30 a.m. until about 8:30. If you'd like to help, please just show up that morning and be a part of this outreach effort and gesture of goodwill that is so appreciated by the recipients.

Reading/Study Group

Starting in Sept., please join in the reading of *We Make The Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. It also puts tools in your hands to create a life-changing learning community in any home, restaurant, or other welcoming space.

The 52 (plus a few) weekly readings can each be read aloud in 10-12 minutes, and offer a simple curriculum of insightful reflections and transformative practices. Engage with discussion questions designed to challenge, stimulate, and encourage. Re-imagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity and peace.

Here at LCR one of the ways you can take part in the small group conversations is on Wed. evenings beginning on Sept. 9 at 5pm. We are calling this **Table Time** and invite you to come for supper, fellowship and conversation. You could also gather a small group together and decide to come weekly.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

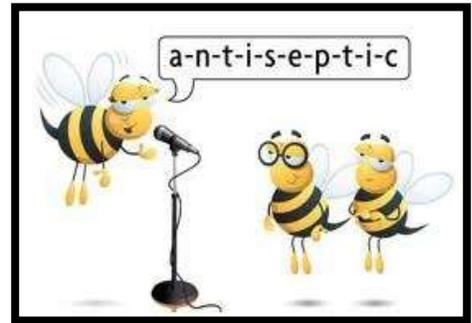
BACKPACK BLESSING - It is that time again when school starts and new life transitions begin in our lives as well as in those around us. On **Sun., Aug 23rd** we will honor this milestone in the lives of our young people. Those attending school are asked to bring their backpacks, lunch pails, binders, or whatever it is they carry to school each day.

We will ask God to use our supplies, our equipment, our hands and feet to help the world, and that we would keep God in the center in all that we do and learn.

LCR TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY FUN!

When it comes to community activities, LCR's always ready and willing to join in. It's a great way to connect with others and showcase our talents, all while having fun and supporting a worthy cause.

On October 16, 2015, LCR will sponsor a three-person team in the library's first-ever **ADULT SPELLING BEE FUNdraiser**. The event will be held at the Community Center and will begin at 11:30 a.m. Up to 20 teams are expected to participate, and the public is invited to attend the competition free of charge. The public is also invited to attend a catered luncheon for \$12 per person.



We're looking for **three good spellers** to represent LCR—and to bring home the *Champion Spellers* trophy! If you're interested, please contact Blaine Wilson. We'll also need all the cheerleaders we can get to be in the audience rooting for our team, so mark your calendars now and get ready for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun.

Thank You

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

A special thank you to the volunteers or donors who clean/finance cleaning of our sanctuary, narthex and restrooms each week, especially: Angie Rose, Joan Mohr, Jan & Al Erlandson, Gayle & Ron Weir, and Shirley & Mike Schliessmann. Thank you to all those who use the facilities and clean up after themselves ☺.

Thank you to: Frank Bauer, David Johnson and Annika Sogge for chopping up and hauling away the big tree on the front side of the property. And thank you to our worship snack helpers for July: Londa Burns, Shirley Schliessmann and Ann Fox.

Thank You and God Bless You!

As always, when a call for help went out this past Sunday, LCR responded beyond expectations. We learned that Claudia Carrillo, the woman who cleans our church three weeks every month, has had to temporarily give up some of her regular, larger jobs to stay home with her 3-year-old son, Alexis, while he heals after surgery (he had a tumor removed from his shoulder). Claudia has continued cleaning for us by coming in early Sunday mornings while her husband is home with the children.

This lack of income—and Alexis's medications—has put quite a financial



strain on the family. When asked how LCR might help, Claudia suggested that \$40-\$50 to help with Alexis's pre-school supplies would be very helpful. Thanks to the generous, kind-hearted people at LCR, we were able to give the family \$100.

A thank you from the Carrillos follows:

Thank you very much. We are very grateful to all of you. The kindness of friends like you is beyond measure, and we wish for you a thousand blessings.

José, Claudia, Brandon & Little Alexis Carrillo.

**We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.
Mother Teresa of Calcutta**



We continue to pray for all who are ill and recovering and receiving treatments or testing and for: Doris King, Karen Hernandez (friend of Lynn Raska), Alexis Carrillo, Mitch Hill, Estelle Hill, Kerry Johnson (friend of Beverly Ladzinski), Bob Karpola, Beverly Ladzinski, Grace Lesak (cousin of Ben Raska), Kaylee Carew, Tyler Proue, Gini Bouzard, Kay Ann Stenson, Melinda Pace, Molly Trebus (friend of Sogge family), John Bradshaw, , Dan Claremon (dad of Holly Hickman's friend), Adalynn Rose Price (granddaughter of Dorcy), Caden Getty (granddaughter of Mary Rodgers), Jim Zemper (Godfather of Patti Gibson).

Please be in prayer for our family and friends who are serving our country either stateside or overseas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY				<i>Happy Anniversary</i>	
08-02	Pastor Becky	08-09	Robin Ellerman	08-05	Mike & Shirley Schliessmann
08-10	Jan Erlandson	08-12	Carrie Valentine	08-12	Brandon & Emily Merkord
08-13	Lynn Raska	08-14	Jerry Tasian	08-18	Robert & Billie Navarro
08-18	Autry Burns	08-20	Tyler Turk	08-18	Scott & Linda Snyder
08-27	Michael Schiber	08-30	Doris King	08-22	Dene & Lynn Burttschell
				08-23	James & Victoria Hollinger
				08-24	Danny & Lois Hickman
			CONGRATULATIONS !	Note: If we missed your special day or printed it incorrectly, please notify the church office...	

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 30
Asst. Minister	Corey Heidt	Shirley Schliessmann	Blaine Nelson	Chris Weaver	Rebecca Heidt
Acolytes	Ben Raska	Vincent Gordin	Claire Valentine	Abigail Burttschell	Vincent Gordin
Reader	Hannah Raska	Jo Anne Miller	Billie Navarro	Lori Temoney	Natalie Merkord
Ushers	Merkords	A. Burns/A. Stroebel	Weirs	S. Snyder/ S. Schliessmann	Ellisor Family
Altar Guild	Chris Weaver	Shirley Schliessmann	Linda Snyder	Chris Weaver	Shirley Schliessmann
Greeter	Lynn Raska	Jo Anne Miller	Billie Navarro	Linda Snyder	Joan Mohr
Counters	S. Schliessmann/J. Miller	Brandon Merkord	Jason Valentine	Tamela/Arturo Flores	Brandon Merkord
Flowers	Schliessmann's			Burttschell's	

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. Feel free to take and use them whenever needed.

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! ☺

Bulletin Folders

August 5: Blaine Nelson
 August 12: Shirley Schliessmann
 August 19: Paula Johnson
 August 26: Pat Ehrhart