

THE CHRONICLES

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There is something wonderful when you are drawn into a story that you hear told. This is true around the family table while sharing a meal. Listening to another person is a great way to learn their story and get to know them.

I always enjoy remembering back laughing and crying as my brother, sister and I share favorite memories. We would head up to our favorite campground and sleep in the pop-up camper and fish in a small boat. All of us neatly arranged in the boat, dad in the back, mom in the front and all of the fishing poles sticking out in the assigned direction. Now that I think about it, my parents should be nominated for sainthood. We traveled most summers. The six of us piled into our station wagon and pop-up camper making our way. These trips often took us to Tennessee but one took past the Grand Canyon and on to visit family in California.

As a community of faith we share a common heritage, a common story. We gather weekly to hear the story of faith. To be reminded of our connection and our part of the story. Summer allows for a different pace in our lives both at home and at church.

I wonder if you would be willing to share a story with us in worship some Sunday. It doesn't need to be long, but another way for us to gather in the family of faith. Our faith is not just about remembering what has happened in the past but also about seeing God in the present. As you go about your work being the hands and feet of Christ spend some time looking for places you see God creating hope, God is at work, and God is infiltrating the world around us.

Paul, in his letter to the Galatians says, *“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”* And, share the story.

Pastor Becky Sogge

Happy 80th Birthday to Autry Burns on Friday, August 18th!!

August Birthdays



- 2 Pastor Becky
- 10 Jan Erlandson
- 12 Carrie Valentine
- 13 Lynn Raska
- 14 Jerry Tasian
- 18 Autry Burns
-80 Years Young!!
- 19 Daryl Ready
- 30 Doris King



Summer Activities

- The Book Group will meet on Weds. Aug. 2nd and Aug. 16th at 5:30. The meeting on Aug. 2nd will be held at the Hickman home at 320 Camino Ashley. This meeting will be a “Healthy Potluck” in celebration of Pastor Becky’s birthday. The meeting on Aug. 16th will be at Ino’z. “*The Poisonwood Bible*” by Barbara Kingsolver will be discussed and if time permits, the next book will be begun. The next book is also by Barbara Kingsolver, “*Animal, Vegetable, Miracle.*” All are welcome.
- On Sunday, Aug. 6th Deer Creek Devotions will be at 3:30 at the Deer Creek Rehabilitation Center. Please join Pastor Becky and the residents in singing and prayer.
- On Sunday, Aug. 13th, bring your backpacks and school supplies to Worship. There will be a special blessing for teachers, students, and administrators for the beginning of the new school year.
- On Sunday, Aug. 20th after worship there will be a potluck and movie viewing. See the article below for more information.
- **On Sunday, Sept. 3rd during worship, Vincent Gordin will be receiving his Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation.**

August Anniversaries



- 5 Shirley & Mike
Schliessmann
- 12 Emily & Brandon
Merkord
- 24 Lois & Danny
Hickman

LCR Financial Report

June and Year-To-Date Totals – Budget numbers have been changed from prior months to reflect a more updated budget.

	GENERAL FUND			BUILDING FUND		
	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
June	\$5,737	\$6,975	82.3%	\$1,370	\$1,445	94.8%
YTD	\$34,399	\$41,850		\$7,915	\$8,670	91.3%



Luther500 News!

July – Fourth of July Parade –LCR came out like a “Bang” on the Fourth of July! We had a great looking float constructed by Daryl Ready, a number of LCR members dressed in the festive red “Catsup with Jesus” T-Shirts, and LOTS of enthusiasm. LCR volunteers walked behind the float giving out water bottles labeled with information about our church, and fans for “Save the Date” advertising our Grand Finale in October. We got many compliments on the float, the handouts and especially the T-Shirts. Note that we can still order T-shirts at church – sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

August – Our emphasis will be on Education, with special attention given to the Back-to-School Fiesta and the Back Pack Blessing on the 13th. **Luther DVD Viewing and Potluck are August 20th** after service. Do plan to come! See separate article in this newsletter for details.

September – In September will participate in the nation-wide ELCA “God’s Work, Our Hand’s” effort. Stay tuned for specifics. Luther’s Small Catechism will be featured with displays and bulletin inserts as our “learning more about Luther” and Reformation Celebration near an end.

October - Grand Finale on October 29th! Plans are shaping up for our Grand Finale celebration. This will be a fun event, open to the community. Some of the activities planned include a 5K run/walk, silent auction, games for all ages, music and food.

Stay tuned for news of the future activities!

Your Luther500 Team: Blaine Nelson, Shirley Schliessmann, Pastor Becky, Lynn Raska, Chris Weaver, Dianne Kilpatrick

Quoting Luther- From Shirley

I have held many things in my hands and I lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands that I still possess.

August Worship Helpers
Assistant Ministers

6 Autry Burns
13 Lois Hickman
20 Shirley Schliessmann
27 Daryl Ready

Acolytes

6 Bella Raska
13 Aiden Boger
20 Claire Valentine
27 Savannah Cargill

Readers

6 Danny Hickman
13 Daryl Ready
20 Mary Rodgers
27 Whitney Cargill

Ushers

6 Al Strobel
13 Danny Hickman
20 Claire and Jason Valentine
27 Al Strobel/Danny Hickman

Altar Guild

6 Ann Fox
13 Bella Raska
20 Shirley Schliessmann
27 Dianne Kilpatrick

Greeter

6 Benjamin Raska
13 Don & Enid Isler
20 Joan Mohr
27 Autry Burns

Counters

6 Arturo & Tamela Flores
13 Brandon Merkord
20 Jason Valentine
27 Don Isler

Bulletin Folders

6 Angie Rose
13 Bella Raska
20 Shirley Schliessmann
27 Enid Isler

Luther DVD and Potluck!

August 20th 11:30

A special treat is in store on Sunday, August 20th! Plan to stay after church to view the PBS DVD by Rick Steves, "Luther and the Reformation". This is a one-hour public television special commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The DVD is very well done and we should all gain a lot from watching it together.

To add to the festivity, your Luther500 Team is hosting a potluck so we can share a meal prior to viewing the DVD.

What Might I Bring for the Pot Luck?

We thought it would be fun to ask folks to bring something that, 1) was a favorite growing up, 2) a family dish or something that has special meaning to you, or 3) a dish from the LCR cookbook. When you bring your dish, there will be blank cards you can use to make a note about the dish so we can see the variety of dishes and their significance.

Mark your calendars and plan to join the fun!



Back-to-School Fiesta

Wimberley schools start early this year (Aug. 17), so this year Barnabas Connection's **Back-to-School Fiesta** will be earlier too.

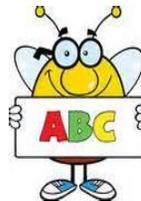
Date change - it now takes place on Sat., Aug. 12, from 9am to noon at the

Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the bags and set up on Thurs, Aug. 10, 2:30-6, and to help with the distribution process on the 12th. Young people are encouraged to help on the 10th but are not allowed to help on the 12th. If you are willing to provide assistance, please contact Shirley at 605-695-3168 or shirleyschliess8572@gmail.com.



Thank you to all who contributed monetarily to this year's Back-to-School Fiesta. A check will be presented to Barnabus with these contributions soon.

SPELLING BEE



Even though it's only August, plans for the Wimberley Library Spelling Bee have already begun. This year's Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, Sept. 22nd. We have a member willing to sponsor an LCR team so anyone who is interested in participating, please contact the office ASAP. A list of potential spelling words is provided and the contest is all for fun to help the library with its numerous programs.

Coming Soon! Luther500 Silent Auction - "One Fine Thing" – Details coming soon or refer to July Newsletter



Next Steps in Redevelopment

The two meetings with Pastor Judith Spindt have begun with Dwelling in the Word. This is a time of listening to scripture in both a male and female voice and intentionally listening with a couple of questions in mind. The reading for the first meeting was Acts 2:1-18 where we were listening for what was changing, what were the people doing and what was God doing. The reading for the second meeting was Acts 11:1-18 where we listened for what held the people back and what pushed them forward.

The purpose of the meetings was to reflect on the Ministry Review Report and make some plans as how we will journey through this next step of redevelopment. There is a renewed sense that God intends that we gather to go out and create new gathering, visions and dreams. We spent time talking about the holy intentions and gatherings that invite everyone to join participate. LCR in the 4th of July parade, the VBS in the Neighborhood, and the congregation taking a more active part in the Prayers of the Church in worship are all examples of the living into this part of LCR's story.

One of the clear messages that came out of the Ministry Review Report is the urgency of getting **everyone** at LCR **on board** with Redevelopment. This involves everyone taking ownership and responsibility for the work of Redevelopment and the path forward. LCR is too small for anyone to sit back and watch from the sidelines or only to critique the work being done. This is about spiritual and structural transformation to engage in effective ministry in our community.

If you have an idea or specific area that you wish to actively be a part of, please talk to Pastor Becky. The next conversation with Pastor Spindt is Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00PM. Copies of the Ministry Review Report are available on the shelf above the mailboxes.

Stewardship

ENOUGH: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton



From the back cover: Money has great power in our lives and when used wisely, helps us meet our goals, provide for our needs, and fulfill our life purpose. But in recent years, many of us ignored this when managing and spending our money. We found ourselves spending tomorrow's money today. The result of all of this was not greater happiness and satisfaction, but greater stress and anxiety. *Enough* is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom on prudent financial practices. Find the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life by changing your relationship with money.

Please take time to get a hold of a copy of this book and read it. Your input in planning the budget and the planning for the future of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is vital. The question is always what is God calling us to do as a community of faith and how do we embrace the simplicity and generosity as individuals and congregation. How do we move from the fear of financial scarcity and avoid senseless or reckless abandon in spending. Your thoughts, experience, hopes and fears are welcome to the conversation. Watch for dates and times of meetings in September.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the LCR float in the 4th of July parade. A special thanks to Daryl and Jill Ready for converting the bed of your pick-up into a church. Thank you to all who put labels on the water bottles and folded the fans, and those who walked along connecting with parade goers. The new red t-shirts were a hit, as well. It was wonderful.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the VBS in the Neighborhood. We talked about God Creating Everything: God Created Me – God Created Elephants – God Created Fish. The first two mornings were at the home of Jenny and Ryan Durkin and the third morning was at the home of Carrie and Jason Valentine. Others involved in our fun filled mornings were Bella Raska, Mikki Sogge, Claire Valentine, Dorothy Tasian, Lois Hickman and other parents/grandparents ready to help out. A special thanks to Londa Burns for thinking through the crafts with Pastor Becky and providing the funds for the craft supplies.



*Quoting Luther - From Shirley
I have so much to do that I will
have to spend the first three
hours in prayer.*