

THE CHRONICLES

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

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Council Corner

COUNCIL News at a Glance

Thanks to all who participated in the congregational meeting on December 14 in which we went over the proposed budget for 2015. If you have any additional thoughts on the budget, please let Mary or Blaine know.

Our next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13.

Pastor Sogge officially begins with us on January 1, which is a holiday. Blaine will meet with Pastor on January 2 to go over upcoming plans and welcome her to LCR.

President – Blaine Nelson
Vice President – Dirk Dierking
Secretary – Colleen Kaye
Treasurer – Mary Rodgers
Members at Large – Ron Weir,
Billie Navarro and Autry Burns
Pastor – Rebecca Sogge

**Inside: Potluck to welcome Pastor Becky-
Congregation Meeting- Gifts that warmed
the hearts!**

**Pastor Sogge's first
Sunday as our Pastor will
be January 4th!**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 18th following worship we will have our second year end Congregational Meeting. Topics on the agenda include: Mission Investment Plan for 2015 approval and election of new council members. The annual report will also be presented Please plan to attend this important meeting.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

New Life Lutheran Mission

In 2014, our sister congregation in Dripping Springs began to worship on their land. New Life celebrates God's love in the open cathedral of creation: hills, wildflowers, trees, birds, butterflies, blue skies and clouds.

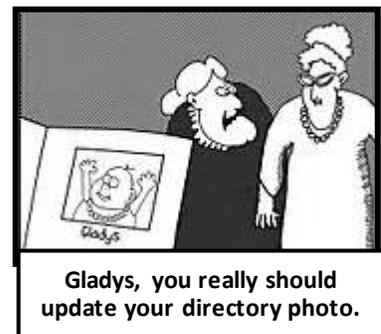
They had a need for tents and such and members, groups and congregations of area conferences helped them realize their goals. LCR was one of those.

In keeping with this effort, the council has designated January as New Life Lutheran Church as our Mission of the Month.

We look to continue to support our neighbors and friends in their worship and glory of God. If you would like to contribute, please use this insert and place your donation in the offering basket.

More on the 2015 Congregational Directory

A new congregational directory is being prepared for distribution the first week of February. If you haven't turned in updated information to the church office or had a new photo taken (if requested), **please do so by Sunday, January 11.** Including your cell telephone numbers (in addition to land line numbers) is optional but encouraged.



You will see that the 2015 directory will be unlike previous directories in many ways. It will include, for example, a **new section called "FRIENDS OF LCR."** This may include former members who want to stay connected, part-time residents (such as Winter Texans) and visitors who attend LCR regularly and who contribute financially or provide services.

As you know, both the directory—and the narthex photo display—are invaluable resources for all of us in the congregation, and **we greatly appreciate your help with this project!** If you have questions, please call LCR's Office Administrator, Linda Snyder, at 847-3386 or e-mail her at office@welcometnewlife.org.



We continue to pray for all who are ill and recovering and receiving treatments or testing and for Colleen Kaye, Marla Mills, Ken Ditty, Eric Strobel (Al's son), Al Strobel, Roger Wolfgram (Joan Mohr's brother), Kerry Johnson (friend of Beverly Ladzinski), Mitch Hill, Estelle Hill, Pete Foegelle (President of Blanco Lutheran Church Council), Beverly Ladzinski, Jon Miller (Jo Anne's son), Debi Moore (Sister-in-law of Patti Gibson), Bob Karpola, Danny Hickman, Leslie Navarro, Joe Anderson, Cindy Mooty (friend of Lois Hickman), Lena Raska (Ben's Mom), Grace Lesak, (Ben's cousin), Jim Holley, (Danny Hickman's Uncle) and all care givers that devote their time to care for those they love. Please be in prayer for our family and friends who are serving our country either stateside or overseas. Pray daily 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.

Thank You

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

December 7th we had a great turnout of Santa's elves to help with decorating the church for Christmas. Thanks goes out to Shirley Schliessmann, Jo Anne Miller, Joan Mohr, Doris King, Scott and Linda Snyder, Brandon, Emily, Natalie and Nick Merkord, Demi, Lynn, Dene and Abigail Burttschell and Angie Rose!



The children of LCR, Lois Hickman, Carrie Valentine and Lynn Raska for delighting us with a children's Christmas Program.

Thanks to all who attended the farewell celebration for Pastor Kay and shared their thoughts about her, especially to Lori Temoney for creating the beautiful cake!

During Advent all of our new members participated in the Advent candle lighting ceremony and we appreciate their participation. Thanks to Lynn, Dene, Abigail Burttschell, Chris and Jim Weaver, Don & Enid Isler and Arturo and Tamela Flores!

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

On Saturday, **January 10th**, the Prayer Shawl committee will meet at Lynn Raska's home at 1 p.m. Call Colleen Kaye at 847-5121 if you have any questions.

MEXICAN TRAIN

This is a domino game and is great fun. Join the group as they play each month on the third Thursday. In January we will play on the **15th**. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please contact Shirley Schliessmann.

HAND & FOOT

It's a card game similar to Canasta and fun to play. In January we will be playing on the **12th** and the **26th**. If you'd like to come and join us please do so. To be on the email reminder list, contact Colleen at 847-3386 or email the church office at office@welcometonewlife.org

Celebration! Let's Welcome Pastor Becky with a Potluck & a Pounding!



The arrival in January of Pastor Becky Sogge is an event that calls for joyful **CELEBRATION!** Celebrate we will and we hope the turnout is huge.

On Sunday, January 11, there will a potluck luncheon after worship. Please sign up at the welcome table in the narthex to bring a dish to share. After the meal, there will be a brief program to welcome Pastor Becky; and as a special gesture of LCR's hospitality, we also will "pound the pastor."

Be assured, this does not involve fists, hammers or wooden mallets: it's an age-old custom dating back to the Quakers where members of the congregation buy basic food items or household supplies to help stock the parsonage's pantry. As foodstuffs were originally purchased in one-pound sacks, it came to be known as a "pounding." Today "poundings" have become popular for housewarmings or newlyweds' showers, and gifts include anything that helps the honored persons get started in a new home. Gifts could include a pound of sugar, potatoes or pasta, any canned items, cereals, snack mixes, paper goods, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc. And the items do not have to be in pound quantities. A large table will be set up in the fellowship hall where all items will be piled up.

This will be a great time for us to get acquainted with Pastor Becky—and to show her a bit of the warm and welcoming Hill Country hospitality that LCR is known for. We hope everyone will join in the fun!

Gifts That Warm the Heart—and Body!

On December 6, about 50 of our Hispanic neighbors (mostly day laborers, plus some mothers and children) came to "shop" at the Amigos de Jesús Winter Distribution Event held at St. Mary Catholic Church. Thanks to the warm hearts and generous donations from members of our local churches—including LCR—there was an abundance of winter wear and blankets to choose from.



Monetary donations from several church groups and from individuals also made it possible again this year for Amigos to purchase food staples and fresh produce. Twenty-four bags of groceries (contents valued at about \$13 each) were available to shoppers for \$2 or \$3, if they were able to pay. Generous discounts from Ace Hardware also made it possible for Amigos to purchase and give out 12 small space heaters.



It goes without saying that these folks were deeply grateful for the bountiful and kindhearted gifts they received that morning. **Thank you, all, for reaching out with great love to these, your brothers and sisters in Christ.**

LCR's Spirit of Giving Continues: Christmas Bags and Breakfast for the Day Laborers

Shown in the photo with LCR members Blaine Nelson and Chris Weaver are several of the day laborers who received LCR's Christmas gift bags Saturday, December 20. The men's thankfulness and their friendly interaction with us made this a gratifying and heartwarming experience—despite the early morning hour and nippy weather!



Thank you to everyone who contributed items and/or helped assemble the Christmas bags! Your kindness and compassion yielded 24 gift bags, each containing daily essentials: work gloves, crew socks, hanky bandanas, band-aids, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razor, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo, pocket comb, a candy cane and a tag (in Spanish) saying, "We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a new year filled with God's blessings. From the members of the Lutheran Church."

That morning 13 bags were given out; the remaining 11 bags will be given Saturday, January 10, when LCR takes its turn among the six participating churches to serve breakfast to the men. If you'd like to help serve breakfast on the 10th, please just show up at the Catholic church parking lot around 7:30. Typically, three or four from LCR come to help serve breakfast tacos, fruit, a small pastry and coffee or juice. It'd be great to have more members join in this outreach effort and gesture of goodwill that is so appreciated by the recipients. If you have questions or want to know more, please contact Shirley Schliessmann (605-695-3168).

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

FLOWER CHART

The new flower chart is up for 2015. What a great way to remember family and friends with a gift of flowers for the altar. Look for the chart in the narthex.

FLU SEASON

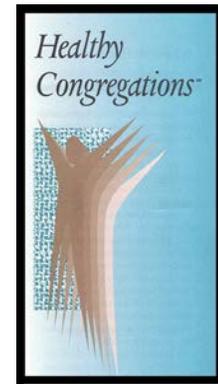
A container of hand sanitizer is at the back of the sanctuary on the usher's bookcase, available for all to use.

ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

Prayer Chain Updates – Contact Paula Johnson to add names to the prayer chain.

Cell Phone & Ink Cartridge Recycling – Not only do we continue to recycle empty ink cartridges, but you might have noticed we also have a box for recycling cell phones. LCR will receive anywhere from \$.50 to \$30 per phone. The recycling box is located outside the sanctuary.

Healthy Congregation Workshop – Sponsored by the ELCA
Saturday, January 31st 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Organized by Rev. Sue Briner



Good News!

Council applied for and received a \$600. grant from Synod to host three Healthy Congregation Workshops at LCR!

As we journey into a new year with our new pastor, these workshops will offer us an opportunity to participate, and grow together as a Congregation. Because of the grant, LCR members can attend the HCW's **free of charge**.

Who Should Attend:

All LCR members in a leadership position (any level) are **strongly encouraged** to attend. The workshop is **open to all LCR members** as well as to members of other congregations, and we hope that many members will attend.

NOTE: even if you have previously attended a HCW, please consider attending again, as we are beginning a new venture together.

Below is the synopsis of the event from ELCA:

**Where is your congregation headed?
Creating Healthy Congregations**

Workshop 1

- * Introduction to *Systems Thinking* as a way to view how a congregation functions.
- * Equipping leaders to value differences, focus on strengths and mission
- * Leaders will begin to develop/refine their mission and vision for the future

This workshop enables leaders to:

- * Gain a renewed sense of purpose and mission
- * Cultivate strong leadership capacities to challenge the congregations
- * Learn how to develop healthy patterns of living together in community
- * Learn to focus on strengths, resources and options for the future
- * Boost confidence in responding to challenges and opportunities
- * Learn how to lead with calm and thoughtfulness
- * Reflect theologically about relationships
- * Move the congregations toward healthier functioning

Cost: FREE for members of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection; **\$25** for all others

Registration Includes: Lunch, materials and snacks

How Do I Register?

To register email or call Linda to let her know you would like to attend. We will send in a group registration to ELCA. You can also register online at: <http://www.swtsynod.org> If you register online you will be required to pay by credit card. If you charge the fee, we can reimburse you.

If you have any questions, contact Blaine Nelson (512- 722-3148) or anyone on the Council.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Wimberley Senior Citizens Activities, Inc. a non-profit organization is launching CIRCLE OF FRIENDS-for Seniors with Moderate Memory Loss. This organization is designed to offer weekly opportunity for social engagement in a safe, supportive environment, while providing a break for their primary caregivers. There is more information on this program on the information table in the narthex.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

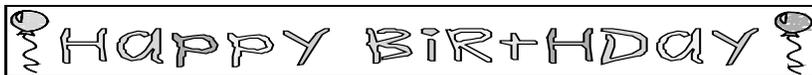
Wimberley Senior Center will be hosting a 7-Week Program for anyone who is suffering from sorrow and need to recover from grief. Space is limited to 12 people so if you are interested contact Carol Scheel, President Wimberley Senior Citizens Activities at 512-847-1781.

MARK THE DATE:

January 4th- Deadline for reports that need to be included in the Annual Report

January 18th – 2nd Congregation Meeting after worship service

January 31st- Healthy Congregation Workshop 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.



					<i>Happy Anniversary</i>
1-02	Shirley Schliessmann	1-16	Tara Blatt	1-29	Ron & Gayle Weir
1-03	Billie Navarro	1-17	Don Isler		
1-05	Brenda Tise	1-23	Steve Schiber		
1-09	Arturo Flores	1-25	Dorothy Tasian		
1-11	Evan Kaye	1-29	Joan Mohr		
			CONGRATULATIONS!	Note: If we missed your special day or printed it incorrectly, please notify the church office...	

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

		4	11	18	25
Readers	10:30	Blaine Nelson	Natalie Merkord	Dianne Kilpatrick	Billie Navarro
Worship Assistant	10:30	Doris King	Lois Hickman	Shirley Schliessmann	Colleen Kaye
Acolytes	10:30	Claire Valentine	Vincent Gordin	Bella Raska	Abigail Burttschell
Ushers	10:30	Mettenbrink/ Valentine	B. Merkord/ D. Isler	Travis/Colten Kilpatrick	T. Temoney/S.Snyder
Hospitality	10:30	Blaine Nelson	Jo Anne Miller	Autry Burns	Angie Rose
Altar Guild	10:30	Doris King	Beverly Ladzinski	Dianne Kilpatrick	Shirley Schliessmann
Counters		Mettenbrink/ Valentine	Brandon Merkord	S. Schliessmann/J. Miller	Colleen Kaye
Flowers					

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! 😊

Schedule for bulletin folders

January 7 - Blaine Nelson

January 14 – Shirley Schliessmann

January 21 – Paula Johnson

January 28- Colleen Kaye