

THE CHRONICLES

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

Psalm 136 is a liturgy of praise. Beginning with this initial call to praise, the Psalm methodically calls to memory, God's word of creation, deliverance of Israel out of Egypt, the time in the wilderness, and to the conquest. The end of the Psalm again a worship service, a cemetery association meeting, and together they tell lots of stories.

As a community of faith we share a common heritage, a common story. We gather weekly to hear the story of faith proclaimed and to sing our songs of praise. Our life in the family of faith goes well beyond our time together in worship. We speak our story of faith as we reach out to help others; as we visit the sick, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We speak our story of faith as we support one another in our daily lives. We speak our story of faith as we step beyond our comfort zones and take in new experiences.

Paul, in his letter to the Galatians speaks of the fruit of the Spirit being love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He goes on to talk about the specific use of Christian liberty and the common direction in the community of faith. In 6:9-10 he 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.”

In the church, in the family of faith, we need to hear and read the stories and we need to be telling our story of faith. Not once a year or even for just an hour a week but, every day so that others will hear and experience the fullness of God's grace in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Pastor Becky

Council Corner

COUNCIL News at a Glance

Council met on June 22 - highlights of items discussed:

Redevelopment update and plans, including a Q & A article, mini meetings to discuss w. the congregation etc.

Reaching Out to members who have not been attending and/or have concerns

Hunger Grant to apply to ELCA for funds.

All staff have had employee conferences, reviewed their Position Descriptions, and have updated Employee Agreements in the past two months.

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

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

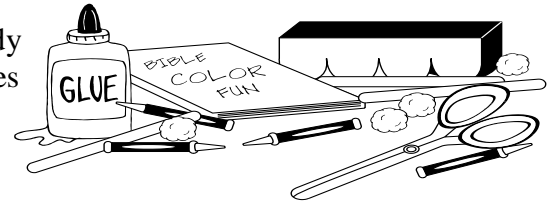
The ELCA Youth Gathering is happening on July 15 – 19th and 4 of our members will be attending; Bella Raska, Colten Kilpatrick, Natalie Merkord will be there with Ben Raska escorting and attending. They will be meeting with others from the Dripping Springs and Buda area and then on to the national gathering. The gathering will be held in Detroit, Michigan.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Mon. July 6th for the holiday.

JULY'S MISSION OF THE MONTH: BACK-TO-SCHOOL

We are saying congratulations to our graduates and already looking ahead to the start of a new school year. LCR does fundraising for the Back-to-School Fiesta in July so that the funds are available to the BTSF group to purchase their supplies before the fiesta.



Back-to-School Fiesta – The Back-to-School Fiesta is an annual event with many community partners providing Wimberley ISD students with free school supplies, back-to-school haircuts, immunizations from the Hays County Health Department, dental and vision screenings and more. The majority of the students served by the Fiesta are on the free and reduced lunch program at WISD.

The need is great in our community.

To make a contribution, complete the bulletin insert and place it with your donation in the offering plate or indicate on your offering envelope or check that it is designated for BTSF: Back-to-School Fiesta. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Fiesta, please contact Shirley Schliessmann. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 9am -12 pm. Volunteers will be needed on that day as well as the Thurs. 8/13 and Fri. 8/14.



LCR Helper's!

Are you willing to help another with a small project – changing difficult to reach light bulbs, moving a piece of furniture, cutting branches that are encroaching on wires, etc. Or run to the store for someone who is ill or can't drive?

If so, please consider joining the LCR Helpers. There are jobs for both men and women.

There will be a Sign up Sheet in the Narthex. Members who need assistance will then be able to contact members from the Helper's List.

REDEVELOPMENT Q & A

Redevelopment is a process of biblical and spiritual renewal for individual members of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection as well as the congregation as a whole. Congregational redevelopment involves re-rooting in the good news of Jesus Christ and getting God's dream for this ministry in focus.

1. What is the Redevelopment Team, and what is their charge?

Be a positive and visionary group guiding a process of bible study and discernment for our life and work as a community of faith.

Create a 3-5 year vision and plan for outreach, increase worship attendance and making of disciples.

2. What is the role of Council now?

Continue to provide leadership and oversight to the basic running of the congregation as well as take part in the process of bible study and discernment as led by the Redevelopment Team.

3. What is our role as members of the congregation?

Pray regularly, study scripture, and listen to God's voice to discern God's dream for the congregation.

Participate in the process of bible study and discernment as led for our life and work as a community of faith.

More Q & A's will come in future newsletter....

HAND & FOOT

Hand & Foot is a card game similar to Canasta and fun to play. We play every Monday at 1 pm. We will no longer be sending an email reminder since this will be occurring weekly!

MEXICAN TRAIN

Mexican Train is on hiatus for the summer and will reconvene on Thurs. Sept. 17th at 1pm.



We continue to pray for all who are ill and recovering and receiving treatments or testing and for the victims of recent flooding especially John and Ann Fox. Please pray for: Mitch Hill, Estelle Hill, Kerry Johnson (friend of Beverly Ladzinski), Bob Karpola, Beverly Ladzinski, Debi Moore (sister-in-law of Patti Gibson), Grace Lesak (Ben Raska's cousin), Kaylee Carew, Tyler Proue, Gini Bouzard, Kay Ann Stenson, Melinda Pace (Pastor Becky's cousin), Carol Dierking, Molly Trebus (friend of Sogge family), John Bradshaw, Delayne Leonard (daughter of Dianne and Travis Kilpatrick, Phyllis Moore (cousin of Angie Rose), Dan Claremoat (Dad of Holly Hickman's friend injured in bike accident), Ron Detling, Adalynn Rose Price (granddaughter of Dorcy), family of Tom Menger (brother of Lois Hickman), and the people of Charleston, SC. 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.

Thank You

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

Thank you to all the worship helpers for continuing to assist with our worship each Sunday; a special thank you goes out to Vincent Gordin for helping so often with the acolyte duties.

LCR prepared over 200 meals for flood relief volunteers! A big thank you to Dianne Kilpatrick for organizing this and for all those who donated and made the meals including: Gayle, Jo Anne, Patty and Vincent, Lois, Blaine, Carrie and Claire and Josie, Lynn and Bella, Colten, Joyce Platt (Dianne's Mom), Missy Herrera, Shirley and Mike, Blaine, and Angie.

HAPPY GRADUATION DAY

Congratulations to Nicolas Merkord and Annika Sogge on their graduation from High School. Nicolas will attend Texas State in the Fall and Annika is still deciding what her future plans will be.

🎉 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎉

Happy Anniversary

07-01	Delayne Leonard	07-21	Casey McGar	07-10	Carrie & Jason Valentine
07-05	Ethan Ellisor	07-23	Brandon Merkord	07-12	Jenny & Matthew Kyle
07-11	Allyson Sherwood	07-24	Lois Hickman	07-16	Londa & Autry Burns
07-12	Ben Raska, Sr.	07-27	Beth Alexander	07-27	Susan & Harvey Hohmann
07-13	Robert Navarro	07-27	Lori Temoney	07-31	Dianne & Travis Kilpatrick
07-13	Pam Longoria	07-29	Jo Anne Miller		
07-20	Ryan Durkin	07-29	Max Nichols		
		07-31	Whitlee Walker-Leonard		
			<i>Congratulations !!</i>		Note: If we missed your special day or have the date incorrect, please notify the church office.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE *

	JULY 5	JULY 12	JULY 19	JULY 26	
Asst. Minister	Blaine Nelson	Shirley Schliessmann	Chris Weaver	Doris King	
Acolyte:	Vincent Gordin	Abigail Burttschell	Claire Valentine	Bella Ruska	
Reader:	Lois Hickman	Angie Rose	Lori Temoney	Billie Navarro	
Ushers:	Merkord Family	Autry Burns/Linda Snyder	H. Mettenbrink/J. Valentine	Raskas	
Altar Guild:	Doris King	Shirley Schliessmann	Beverly Ladzinski	Shirley Schliessmann	
Greeter:	Shirley Schliessmann	Angie Rose	Linda Snyder	Billie Navarro	
Counters:	Tamela/Arturo Flores	Jo Anne Miller	Jason Valentine	Brandon Merkord	

*Note – The order of the rows has been changed.

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 for July

July 5: Blaine Nelson

July 12: Shirley Schliessmann

July 19: Paula Johnson

July 26: Pat Ehrhart