

THE CHRONICLES

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What are your favorite Bible verses? What are the verses that come into your mind when something bad or something good happens? Each of us has a handful of verses that sustain and shape our faith. I invite you to share one or more of these verses with another person and tell what experiences you have had with these verses. Talk about how has God comforted you with a verse in a time of grief? Share how has God calmed you in a time of fear? Here are a few ideas.

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. John 3:16

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life....nor anything else in all creation will separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

For we have this treasure in earthen vessels so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7-8

Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." Revelation 21:5-6

He has told you O people, what is good and what the Lord requires of you, but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you God. Micah 6:8

I know that my redeemer lives. Job 19:25a

As you dwell or live with a favorite verse look for those places that God is speaking to you or opening your eyes to a new understanding. Raising your awareness of God's presence in scripture and the world around you is a part of our spiritual call.

So what is your favorite Bible verse? Today mine is: **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:4-7

In Christ,
Pastor Becky Sogge

July Birthdays



- 1 Delayne Leonard
- 11 Allyson Sherwood
- 12 Ben Raska, Sr.
- 20 Ryan Durkin
- 23 Brandon Merkord
- 24 Lois Hickman
- 31 Whitlee Leonard

July Anniversaries



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- 10 Carrie & Jason Valentine
- 16 Londa & Autry Burns
- 27 Susan & Harvey Hohmann
- 31 Dianne & Travis Kilpatrick



Summer Activities

- Vacation Bible School was held on June 27 at the Durkin's home. Seven children attended with 3 young adult helpers and several adult helpers. The children learned that God Created everything and the Hip-Hip-Hippopotamus song. Future dates for VBS will be announced.
- The Fourth of July LCR float is "in progress." See the notice in the Luther500 section below.
- After the parade, the July 4th Hometown Patriotic Concert will be held at 1pm and again at 4pm at the First Baptist Church of Wimberley. Pastor Becky and Mikki Sogge will both be singing in the Wimberley Community Chorus. The Hill Country Community Band will be accompanying the chorus.
- The Book Group will meet on Weds. July 5th and July 19th at 5:30 at Ino'z. Book 3 – Judges of "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver will be discussed. All are welcome.
- Pastor Judith Spindt will again meet with all on Tues. July 25th from 7-9pm. She will be further addressing the recommendations from the Comprehensive Ministry Review. This is meant to be a conversation with parishioners to continue the church moving forward in redevelopment. Please plan to join the conversation.

LCR Financial Report

May and Year-To-Date Totals

	GENERAL FUND			BUILDING FUND		
	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
May	\$5,337	\$8,000	66.7%	\$1,430	\$1,445	99.0%
YTD	\$28,662	\$40,000	71.7%	\$6,545	\$7,225	90.6%



Luther500 News!

The Reformers – Did you enjoy learning a bit more about the Reformers during our Sunday morning dialogues? In June we featured Katharina von Bora Luther, Phillip Melancthon, James Bugenhagen and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. These key figures all influenced Martin Luther and helped shape the Reformation.

Thanks to the dialogue participants: Bella Raska, Blaine Nelson, Don Isler, Natalie Merkord, Autry Burns, Al Strobel, Benjamin Raska Jr., and Shirley Schliessmann.

July – Fourth of July Parade! LCR is building a float for Wimberley's 4th of July parade! Float volunteers will be handing out water bottles to the crowd, labeled with invitation to join us in worship. We will be wearing bright red "Catsup with Jesus" T-shirts, and we can order these cool shirts at church. We need helpers to work on constructing the float and walking/riding in the parade. Let Pastor Becky know if you would like to take part.

August – Our emphasis will be on Education, the Catechisms, the Back-to-School Drive and Back Pack Blessing. **Save the date – August 20th** we will have a potluck and view the PBS Special DVD about Luther.

September – In September we will participate in the ELCA "God's Work, Our Hand's" effort. Stay tuned for specifics.

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

10 Minutes a Day

Wonder and reflect on where you experienced the difference God made in your day and take a moment to pray giving thanks.

July Worship Helpers
Assistant Ministers

2 Autry Burns
9 Blaine Nelson
16 Lois Hickman
23 Shirley Schliessmann
30 Daryl Ready

Acolytes

2 Abigail Burttschell
9 Savannah Cargill
16 Abigail Burttschell
23 Benjamin Raska
30 Whitlee Leonard

Readers

2 Tamela Jarvis-Flores
9 Whitney Cargill
16 Kay McBrayer
23 Patti Gibson
30 Angie Rose

Ushers

2 Don Isler
9 Merkord Family
16 Autry Burns & Al Strobel
23 Raska Family
30 Merkord Family

Altar Guild

2 Pat Ehrhart
9 Ann Fox
16 Bella Raska
23 Shirley Schliessmann
30 Pat Ehrhart

Greeter

2 Lynn Raska
9 Enid Isler
16 Angie Rose
23 Al Strobel
30 Joan Mohr

Counters

2 Arturo & Tamela Flores
9 Don Isler
16 Brandon Merkord
23 Shirley Schliessmann
30 Don Isler

Bulletin Folders

2 Pat Ehrhart
9 Mary Rodgers
16 Bella Raska
23 Blaine Nelson
30 Enid Isler



NOTE FROM JOYCE BRADSHAW

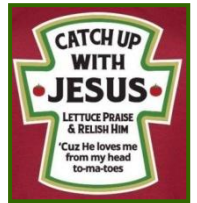
I thank the members of this church for their interest in my books. With the help of the indwelling Spirit, I have sought to present the truths in God's Word, and to our Lord Jesus' teachings.

Truth is that not all writers become wealthy. In my case, the many thousands of dollars required for publishing was supplied by my generous father. But after that, I had no money to make the books available to readers. The result was that the publishers place them on list by booksellers, without any share to the books' creator (many of my pieces can be found on the internet).

One thing I am certain! I do not write books for money. The opportunity to share the grace and truth of our creator is all that is important to me! Thank you,

Joyce Bradshaw

**“Catch-up” T-shirts Ready to Pick up
Sunday, July 2**



The “Catch up with Jesus” t-shirts have arrived and will be available for pick-up on Sunday, July 2. Shirts not picked up that Sunday will be placed in mailboxes (or on the shelf above the mailboxes) with an “amount due” form to submit to the church office with your payment (cash or check payable to LCR).

On **Sunday, July 2**, you may 1) give your payment to Shirley Schliessmann along with your order form, 2) place it in the offering plate along with your order form, or 3) leave it in the office along with your payment form.

All who plan to be part of LCR's float in the 4th of July parade on Tuesday, please wear your t-shirts. We'll make quite a statement with our attention-catching, bright-red shirts . . . and what could be more appropriate for sharing our faith and proclaiming LCR's presence in the community than a “catch-up” logo when hot dogs are a popular part of this holiday's traditions!

DONATION UPDATE

Soon you will receive a listing of your donations to LCR for the first half of 2017. Please look these forms over for errors and report any discrepancies to the office. Also, please compare this to your 2017 pledged amount so you can see where you stand vs. your pledged amount for the first half of the year.

Back-to-School Fiesta – July Mission of the Month

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.



Over the years, in addition to providing volunteers, LCR has also been a strong supporter through monetary gifts which help cover the following items for approximately 500 students: \$15 Payless Shoes gift card, backpack (valued at \$14-\$20), and all of the child's required school supplies (valued at about \$25). Checks payable to LCR (with *B2S Fiesta* in the memo line) may be placed in the offering plate or in a *B2S Fiesta* donation envelope on the *Fiesta* display table in the narthex no later than Monday, July 24. LCR will issue one check for all donations to the *Fiesta*.



Coming Soon! Luther500 Silent Auction - "One Fine Thing"



As part of our Luther500 Grand Finale celebration in October we will hold a Silent Auction entitled "One Fine Thing".

How will this work?

We are asking everyone to consider contributing one good thing to the auction. That way there will be a number of nice items for folks to bid on.

What are some examples of things to bring?

Oh goodness – there are many possibilities! Just a few ideas include gift cards to businesses or restaurants in town, hand made item i.e. a quilt or painting, certificate to bake cookies or do a chore, wine basket, plant, other items of art, jewelry, an antique you once treasured but want to pass on, etc. Use your imagination!

When will the auction begin?

We plan to have the items out at least a week prior to the Grand Finale, so that LCR members and others who come into the building will have a chance to view the selections.

Where will the proceeds from the auction go?

Your Luther500 team has agreed to designate the proceeds to Lutheran Disaster Relief

This is exciting!

Yes, start thinking about your fine item!

RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF CENTER



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

Did you know that LCR is the first private certified Red Cross Disaster Relief Center in Hays County? As part of that certification, the American Red Cross is anxious to offer classes in volunteering for a disaster relief center here at LCR; there would have to be a minimum number of people interested in attending the class for it to be held on-site. If anyone is interested in this, please let the office know and we'll see if we can get the minimum needed. The alternative is to go to their website at www.redcross.org where they offer on-line training. The training

needed to work at LCR would be the "Disaster Services: General Volunteer" training.

Thank you!

A big "Thank You" to the parishioners who keep LCR clean! There are people behind-the-scenes who are keeping the narthex, sanctuary and bathrooms clean and have been doing this for years! They either clean these areas themselves or they pay for cleaning from Claudia each week. Thank you to: Angie Rose, Doris King, Jan and Al Erlandson, Chris Weaver, Shirley Schliessmann, and Dianne Kilpatrick.

Thank you to Shirley Schliessmann for editing and reissuing the revised LCR Membership Directory. There is a lot of work that goes on unnoticed in editing and revising the directory. Thank you to Shirley for chasing down the many details and updating the photos and information that's contained in the directory that we all use!



Michael Thurman
Estelle Hill
Jon Miller
Robert Sherwood
Lill Grant
Carol Peregoy
Greg Myers
Kelly Sensat
Marvin Bowen
Karen Sugars
Father Wade Russell
Tracy Calamari
Richard Larson
Vincent Gordin

For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

- Romans 3:23-24