

THE CHRONICLES

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That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight..."
Acts 2:14 The Message //Remix by Eugene Peterson

Sunday, June 4 is the day we celebrate Pentecost. Hopefully we've piqued your curiosity to read the verses around this one verse. Start at Acts 2:1 and continue reading as you engage your thoughts of the beginning/the birthday of the church. Many of us learned in confirmation class that the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and preserves the whole Christian church on earth. And this truth continues today.

The weekend of May 19-20 Lutheran Church of the Resurrection was engaged in a Comprehensive Ministry Review. The process involved a team of pastors to deeply listen as those gathered from the congregation talked about who we are and what we are doing in this place as a congregation.

Relationship – Relationship – Relationship. Pastor Neil Harrison began both meetings with members of LCR with these three words. Our work as people of faith and in particular as a congregation in redevelopment is to live more deeply into our relationship to God, our relationship to one another and our relationship to our neighbors/community.

Another phrase that we heard is *holy urgency*. The word urgency can also be understood as importance, necessity, hurry or rush. Peter's bold urgency in Acts is about wanting everyone around to join their excitement and to understand and fully experience the power of God at work. One way that I understand our call to holy urgency here at LCR is about our deepening our relationship with God. One way would be to think about the day and night difference that God is making in your life and sharing/talking *out loud* about that to someone else.

Over the next couple of months you will continue to be invited into the journey of redevelopment as we develop and live into the next year of God's call as Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Wimberley.

God is at work in each of our lives. God is at work in our worship, in our learning, in our conversations. God is not done with Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Pentecost Sunday retells the story of the Holy Spirit – let's join Peter's voice with bold and holy urgency.

In Christ,

Pastor Becky Sogge

June Birthdays



- 2 Abigail Burttschell
- 2 Aiden Boger
- 5 Jeanette Nelson
- 10 Harvey Hohmann
- 14 Casey Hickman
- 19 Sarah Sherwood
- 22 Mary Rodgers
- 28 Angie Rose

June Anniversaries



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- 5 Patti & Greg Gibson
- 18 Robert & Sarah Sherwood
- 19 Jenny & Ryan Durkin



Summer Activities

- Religious education for adults and children has ended for the school year. Coffee fellowship will now begin at 9:30 instead of after worship.
- Vacation Bible School will be held this summer, dates to be announced later. The intention is to hold VBS at various dates throughout the summer. If you're interested in hosting a morning of activities at your home, contact Pastor Becky. VBS activities will include: Bible lessons, songs, crafts, and games.
- The Fourth of July LCR float is "in progress." Anyone who would like to help design and build the float should contact Pastor Becky.
- The ELCA Youth Gathering that occurs every 3 years is taking place in Houston from June 27-July 1, 2018. Registration for this will begin on Sept. 15, 2017 when you will qualify for the "Early Bird" reduced rate. Also, volunteers for this gathering are being recruited now. To be a Community Life volunteer or a Gathering Volunteer you must be out of high school for 1 year and ***you have to submit a completed application by July 15th of 2017.***
- The Book Group has begun reading "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver. The June 8th meeting will discuss Book One – Genesis and the June 22nd meeting (both at 6pm at the Buzzard Bar) will discuss Book Two – The Revelation.

LCR Financial Report

April 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>
April	\$7,212	\$8,000	90.2%	\$1,335	\$1,445	92.4%
YTD	\$23,325	\$32,000	72.9%	\$5,115	\$5,780	88.5%



Luther500 News!

Luther's Music - In May we emphasized Luther's connection to music, and included one of his hymns in the worship service each Sunday. Did you know that 36 of Luther's hymns survive today? Luther insisted that hymns be sung in every worship service, as it was, as he believed the vigorous singing of simple hymns that could open the hearts and minds of God's people to embrace the word of God.

June – On each Sunday in June we will learn more about other reformers who influenced Martin Luther and helped shape the Reformation. The Adult Ed class has prepared informative dialogues to share during worship for each Sunday's featured Reformer. You will enjoy these!

July – **Fourth of July Parade!** LCR will enter a Reformation-themed float in Wimberley's 4th of July parade.

August – Our emphasis will be on Education, the Catechisms, the Back-to-School Drive and Back Pack Blessing.

Stay tuned for news of the future activities, including our **Grand Finale on October 29th**.

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.

June Worship Helpers
Assistant Ministers

4 Daryl Ready
11 Autry Burns
18 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Chris Weaver

Acolytes

4 Bella Raska
11 Shirley Schliessmann
18 Whitlee Leonard
25 Savannah Cargill

Readers

4 Angie Rose
11 Tamela Jarvais-Flores
18 Vincent Gordin
25 Danny Hickman

Ushers

4 Al Strobel/Autry Burns
11 Jill & Daryl Ready
18 Brandon Merkord/Don Isler
25 Vincent Gordin/Danny Hickman

Altar Guild

4 Pat Ehrhart
11 Ann Fox
18 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Dianne Kilpatrick

Greeter

4 Angie Rose
11 Arturo Flores
18 Al Strobel
25 Joan Mohr

Counters

4 Shirley Schliessmann
11 Tamela & Arturo Flores
18 Brandon Merkord
25 Don Isler

Bulletin Folders

4 Angie Rose
11 Enid Isler
18 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Bella Raska

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The LCR Congregation Directory is being updated until June 4th. Please send any changes, such as address or phone numbers, to the church office. Shirley will be available on June 4th to take any remaining photos.



FIG TREE GRANT

On May 4th, LCR presented Fig Tree with a \$2,000 check from the ELCA as part of their Domestic Hunger Grants. Thank you to Pastor Becky for coordinating this grant for a local charity.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SYNOD

The Southwest Texas Synod Assembly was held in early May. To learn more about the 2 resolutions passed and their agenda items, see their website at www.swtsynod.org.

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

Wimberley schools start early this year (August 17), so this year Barnabas Connection's **Back-to-School Fiesta** will be earlier too. It takes place Sat., August 5, from 9 am to noon at the Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the bags and set up on Thurs., August 3, and to help with the

distribution process on the 5th. 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**.





WIMBERLEY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Wimberley Special Olympics would like to thank Pastor Becky for all her time and dedication to making the cycling and track seasons a success. Pastor Becky's commitment to the team was evident and her efforts made the cycling and track seasons possible. She was at every cycling and track practice, multiple competitions from The Circuit of the Americas to the Battlin' Billie Challenge in Fredericksburg. Pastor even helped in the stadium concession stand to the ACE Hardware Street Dance to help with fundraising. I would like to personally thank her for being such a dedicated member of WTX-13. Thank you Pastor...you did an incredible job! - Ryan Durkin

LCR NEWS:

Casey Hickman married Danielle "Dani" Domichel in March on a historic bridge in Central Park, NYC. Dani is a native of Salt Lake City, where her family still resides. She is very sweet and pretty, and talented in teaching yoga and interior design. She is also owner of Domichel Hickman Design Studio. And now she is pregnant, and as her mother-in-law I love to say that "Dani Hickman is pregnant". Our whole family is very excited, and will attend the gender reveal on June 7. Please keep us in your prayers for the new baby.

Danny & Lois "finally going to be a grandmother" Hickman

Congratulations to Danny Hickman on his recent retirement! Danny has taught 23 years, with his first Spanish class at Southwest Texas State in Fall 1976. He then went into woodworking and was the first custom cabinetmaker in Wimberley. He went back to teaching public school in 1998, and taught for Wimberley for 17 years. He plans to continue to teach one college Spanish course at WHS, and then piddle around the house. And as always, he'll travel all over.

Thank yous !

- To Jill and Daryl Ready for representing LCR at the Synod Assembly.
- To Harriet Powell for donating a communion cross for the cross wall.
- To all who participated in the Comprehensive Ministry Review: Lois, Dorothy, Jerry, Blaine, Shirley, Chris, Pat, Brandon, Paula and Dianne.



Mary & Jim Rodgers
 Michael Thurman
 Estelle Hill
 Jon Miller
 Annika Sogge
 Robert Sherwood
 Shane Whitaker
 Carol Peregoy
 Sarah
 Greg Myers
 Kelly Sensat
 Marvin Bowen
 Phyllis Moore
 Mark Prince

You make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

– Psalm 92:4