

# THE CHRONICLES

*Lutheran Church of the Resurrection*

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June 2018



A congregational meeting of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection was held on Sunday, May 20, at 11:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Pastor John Fox. After the prayer, Lynn Raska introduced Pastor Jeff Thompson who is going to serve as LCR's interim pastor for at least the next 6 months. Pastor Thompson then introduced himself and stated he will be conducting two Sunday services a month, with Pastor Fox officiating at the other two (or three). Pastor Thompson will also be serving as LCR's link to the synod, as well as providing pastoral care to the ill and shut-ins as needed.

Next, Shirley Schliessmann provided an update as to the constitution. When the constitution was put aside during redevelopment, it was being updated. Shirley, along with Kay McBrayer, will be working on the constitution over the summer with the goal of transforming it into the format that ELCA now requires. This involves moving by-law items into the corresponding areas of the constitution itself. Discussion ensued with the outcome of the constitution committee focusing only on making the constitution compliant at this time. There was also a suggestion from Bishop Tiemann, through John Fox that the number of members on council should reflect the number of voting members. Once a constitution is in place and the church has a better idea of its mission and members, amendments can be made as needed. The committee will work to have the constitution ready to submit to the synod in August, if possible, so it can be reviewed during the September constitution review period.

Patti Gibson provided a review of the revised budget for the months of June through December of 2018. Items of particular note were:

1. Causes of Budget deficit of \$13,031
  - A. Air Conditioning repair (\$3,800)
  - B. Monies owed on behalf of Pastor Sogge's Portico Benefits (\$7,400)
  - C. Synod offering in arrears (\$1,754)
  - D. Disaster relief due (\$1,660)
  - E. Budget without items 1-4 is sustainable **only** with current interim supply pastor model. (Note: If we did not have air conditioning repairs needed

and our past due obligations, the budget would result in a positive balance of \$1,583.) Growth to part-time/shared pastor call will require increase in offerings and/or increased membership.

2. Solutions to current proposed budget deficit

F. Increased giving (Note: All budgeted general offerings are based on 2017 giving)

G. Additional gifts-in-kind by congregants for items such as cleaning, landscaping, supplies, etc.

H. Lowered mortgage payment for loan - scheduled by year end

I. Belt-tightening spending

J. Reimbursement for air conditioning repair to come from loan proceeds

Following the presentation, there was some discussion on the budget. It was also pointed out that Maureen Mele had not had a raise in two years, so a raise was included in the budget. The impact was small as she will be working fewer hours.

Other financial items discussed included an update on the loan for the capital projects around the church. The loan is still being pursued, and the expectation is that we will have the loan before year end.

After the financial discussions, Shirley Schliessmann made a motion to approve the budget through December 2018. Don Isler seconded the motion. All members voted to approve. Before closing, Pastor John Fox and his wife, Ann, placed a challenge to the members of the church to increase their giving. John and Ann are willing to increase their giving back, by matching percentage increases in congregational financial gifts.

Before the meeting ended, on a side note, the interim team agreed that Blaine Nelson should be removed from the checking account as a signer as she transferred her membership to a sister church. Chris Weaver agreed to stay on the account as an additional signer.

A closing prayer was led by Pastor Thompson. The meeting ended at approximately 12:15 p.m.

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  
19 Jenny & Ryan Durkin

LCR Financial Report  
April and Year-To-Date Totals

*These figures are subject to revision.*

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			<u>BUILDING FUND</u>		
	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
April	\$14,395	\$7,225	199%	\$1,030	\$1,450	71.0%
YTD	\$29,185	\$23,345	125%	\$4,270	\$5,800	73.6%

**A Message from LCR Pastor Jeff Thompson**

Dear Friends in Christ at LCR,

As your new transitional pastor, I am taking this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am a retired ELCA pastor living in Kyle. I have served congregations here in South Texas for 44 years including St. Paul in Nordheim, St. Paul in Runge, Bethany in Fredericksburg, St. John in Robstown, and as a transitional pastor at St. Mark's in Cuero.

Along with Pastor John Fox, I will be serving you for at least the next six months. My main tasks will be to:

ENGAGE you in conversation about your mission and ministry in the past, in the present and in the future. I will be asking challenging questions about where you believe the Holy Spirit is leading you;

ENCOURAGE you in your faith, in your life and in service to God. That will be through sermons, teaching, visits, and in any other ways I can.;

EQUIP (train) you so that you can live out your ministry as God has given you gifts and talents to do so.

I am looking forward to accompanying you in your next phase of ministry at LCR. I will be leading worship and preaching two times a month and will be available along with Pastor Fox for any pastoral care you may want and need. Pastor Fox and Lynn Raska will help to coordinate that pastoral care so please contact one of them if you want a visit at home, are hospitalized or have any other needs or concerns. God's peace and joy to you all.

Pastor Jeff Thompson

## June Worship Helpers

### Assistant Ministers

3 Doris King  
10 Autry Burns  
17 Shirley Schliessmann  
24 Lois Hickman

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### Acolytes

3 Benjamin Raska  
10 Whitlee Leonard  
17 Bella Raska  
24 Savannah Cargill

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### Readers

3 Danny Hickman  
10 Dianne Kilpatrick  
17 Patti Gibson  
24 Autry Burns

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### Ushers

3 Merkord Family  
10 Travis/Colten Kilpatrick  
17 Al Strobel  
24 Raska Family

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### Altar Guild

3 Bella Raska  
10 Shirley Schliessmann  
17 Shirley Schliessmann  
24 Bella Raska

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### Greeter

3 Lynn Raska  
10 Benjamin Raska  
17 Al Strobel  
24 Joan Mohr

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### Counters

3 Brandon Merkord  
10 Don Isler  
17 Shirley Schliessmann  
24 Don Isler

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### Bulletin Folders

3 Paula Johnson  
10 Paula Johnson  
17 Paula Johnson  
24 Paula Johnson

Congratulations to **Bella Raska** and **Colten Kilpatrick** for being selected to represent Wimberley High School at the **Texas Girls State and Texas Boys State** conventions!! This prestigious honor is only awarded through a very selective



process to students with high academics and also leadership skills. They will be attending state-wide conventions in the summer to expand their leadership skills and learn about and participate in government operations.

## Book Group aka Spine Crackers

Hello to all "Spine Crackers" or anyone who wants to join our book club for the night,



Spine Crackers is currently reading a new title called *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. Based on an actual historical event but told through fictional diaries, this is a remarkable story about a group of women who travel west in 1875 and marry members of the Cheyenne Tribes. These marriages were arranged as a trade between Indian's and President Grant. The entire novel is the journals of May Dodd. The challenges these woman endure is a remarkable journey.

Get that Spine-a-Crackin' and join us May 29th, 6:30 at Mima's. Future meeting dates to be announced.

Further gatherings for June are still to be determined.



## LCR CLEAN-UP

Tamela Jarvais-Flores is organizing volunteers to clear out some of the storage areas at the church. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tamela at [Jarvais@hotmail.com](mailto:Jarvais@hotmail.com) or 608-449-2485.

## Milestone Ministries

We're collecting information for Milestone Ministries. So if your child has received: a diploma, special honors, a driver's license, school recognition, teacher's award, community service plaque, art ribbon, Gold Award, ... we'd like to know about it! Contact the church office at [office@welcometoneewlife.org](mailto:office@welcometoneewlife.org) so we can celebrate it at worship. We'll try not to embarrass them too much but no promises.



## *Thank you*

*Thank you to **Dorothy and Jerry Tasian** for their beautiful restoration of the front door of the church. It was a 5-hour long process, that does not include the time spent collecting supplies and having to return several times.*

*Thank you to **David Johnson** for pressure-washing the outside walkways and for removing the weeds and pollen surrounding the church and parking lot. Also, thank you to David for cleaning the coffee makers.*

*Thank you to the **LCR Men** for the Mother's Day breakfast.*

*Thank you to **Ben Raska** for getting the air conditioning fixed. The congregation and tenants thank him.*

*Thank you to **Doris King and Kay McBrayer** for cleaning the church once a month throughout the year.*

*Special thanks to **Pastor John Fox** for guiding LCR through this difficult transition.*

*Thank you to the **Enid and Don Isler** for getting the trash out of the church on Sundays and into the parking lot every week. This is a time consuming and dirty job.*

*Thank you to **Enid Isler** for decorating the sanctuary for Pentecost.*

*A big thank you to **Tamela Jarvais-Flores** for cleaning the Pastor's office and especially the Pastor's bathroom.*

*Thank you to **Lynn Raska** for serving as LCR's Eucharistic Minister for May.*

*Thank you to **Dianne and Travis Kilpatrick** for taking on the job/expense of having the LCR lawn mowed and kept.*

*Thank you to Dianne K., Chris W., and Shirley S. for having Claudia clean during the month.*

*Thank you to the Interim Team for all their hard work during this transition.*

*Thank you to Al Strobel for his hug-a-thon in order to raise funds for LCR.*

Joyce Bradshaw  
Michael Thurman  
Estelle Hill  
Lill Grant  
Kelly Sensat  
Marvin Bowen  
Tracy Calamari  
Beverly Pugsley  
Judge Bert Cobb  
Vicki Bergstrom  
Keith Lauderdale  
Rob Schultz  
Melanie Bobrowski  
Andi Williams  
Carley Turk  
Gini Bouzzard  
Dave Bardashay  
Ginnie Groda



*And behold, I am with you always, until  
the very end of the ages.  
Matthew 28:20b*