

THE CHRONICLES

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“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:8

Nicodemus was in a tough situation. He was caught between a rock and a hard place. He was drawn toward Jesus. He was intrigued by what Jesus taught, by what Jesus did and by who Jesus was. But, Nicodemus was a Pharisee. It was his responsibility to make sure that the religious laws and practices were followed without exception and with no changes. So, knowing that it would not be wise or safe, Nicodemus went to talk to Jesus at night when he would not be easily seen.

Nicodemus had many questions for Jesus but his main concern was, “How can these things be? How can a person be born of water and spirit? How can a person be born from above? How does the Holy Spirit work?” So, what is God doing? God seems to be changing ‘the rules’. Yes and no. Yes, God opened the door to many more than the chosen people but this was motivated by his great love for all that he created.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

Out of God’s great love for us, we have been given the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be as mysterious as the wind. You can see and hear the impact of the wind. You know that it’s there, but you cannot see where it comes from or where it is going. The wind can be a cooling breeze but can also be alarming and troublesome. The Holy Spirit can be calming and comforting. The Holy Spirit can jolt us out of complacency, guiding us to the true source of hope and light in our life.

“But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” John 3:21

How has the Holy Spirit been working in your life lately? Has it been the source of comfort for you in times of trouble? Are you looking for guidance from the Holy Spirit in your decisions? Is the Holy Spirit calling you to fix something in your life – or try something new – or simply calling you to be more involved in the world around you?

I hope that you live with the constant awareness of God’s great love for you and the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in your life as well as the life of our congregation. As you feel the gentle breeze or strong wind, give thanks to God for all that you have received and ask what God is calling you to do next.

In Christ,
Pastor Becky Sogge

Council Corner

COUNCIL News at a Glance

Council met on April 13, 2016
Highlights of items discussed:

Ministries, Time and Talent –The Time and Talent surveys are being distributed and are due back April 18. The surveys will be compiled and results available for ministry leaders.

Directory Update – Shirley has completed the update and copies are being distributed to members.

Music – worship team will meet to work on hiring a part time musician. Chimes have arrived and practice is scheduled.

Missional River – We voted to participate in this special project offered by Synod. Details forthcoming

The next Council Meeting will be at 12:00 on May 22nd.

President – Blaine Nelson
Vice President – Dianne Kilpatrick
Secretary – Chris Weaver
Treasurer – Patti Gibson
Members at Large – Shirley Schliessmann, Danny Hickman, Don Isler
Pastor – Rebecca Sogge

IMPORTANT DATES

BLUE HOLE CONCERT

Following worship on this Sun. May 1st, a group will be headed to Blue Hole for the celebration of their 5th anniversary of hosting guests. Bring your sunscreen, chairs and a cooler with food and drinks. Tickets are \$5. We will sit together as we enjoy the entertainment. If it rains, there will be a covered area to sit in. Please join us. Call Ron Weir with any questions.

PRAAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be on Sat. May 7th at the church at 9:30. We are currently making adult and children's prayer shawls. Come join us to learn how to crochet or knit. Call Pat Ehrhart at 512-964-0800 with any questions.

FIG TREE

Fig tree is a program providing food for low income families for when school is not in session. LCR is participating in this program. There will be 2 backpack filling days in May. The dates are Thurs. May 12th and Thurs. May 26th, both at 11am at the Presbyterian church.

DEER CREEK DEVOTIONS

Join us on Sunday, May 22nd at 3:30 at Deer Creek Rehabilitation Center at 555 Ranch Road 3237 as we join the residents in singing gospel songs to Pastor Becky's guitar playing.

FLOOD COMMEMORATION

On Sat. May 21st, there will be a 1-year commemoration of the Memorial Day floods. This event will be from 10-2 at Blue Hole. A brief program will be held at 11, there will also be live music and food.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Pentecost Sunday is May 15th. It's the day we celebrate the birthday of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Come wearing red and see what the Holy Spirit is up to.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Beginning on Sunday, May 22nd, our summer schedule will begin. The Children's and Adult's regular Sunday school will be on hiatus for the summer and we will be having our fellowship coffee and snacks (and maybe the occasional taco) at 9:45, instead of after worship. On some Sundays, we will be having an intergenerational activity at 9:45 along with our fellowship. Worship will still be held at 10:30.



Beginning May 22nd, we are going to spend 5 Sundays exploring how and why we do what we do in worship. What is the Kyrie and how does it relate to scripture? Why do we begin with confession? Who decides the Bible readings and hymns? What is a creed? Why do we take an offering? Is there any connection between worship and the other 167 hours of our week?



LCR Geo-Caches

Have you heard about the hobby of Geo-caching? It is a fun activity to locate hidden caches of various types and sizes with a Smart Phone or GPS. Two Geo-Caches have been placed on LCR grounds (approved by Council).

One cache is "Lutheran Church of the Resurrection – The Story" which talks about the history of LCR, and the other is "Lutheran Church of the Resurrection – Outdoor Chapel" recognizing the Eagle Scout project. This is hidden down below and encouraging cachers to come down to the chapel to experience the solitude of the woods.

Interested? You can sign up to begin Geo-caching at Geocaching.com. There is no fee for the basic membership. Since the caches were placed on April 17 we have had six persons come out to visit LCR and find the caches, and all have logged a positive experience.

CHURCH PICNIC IS COMING!



Save the date of **June 12th** for the church picnic. It will begin right after worship. A picnic is being planned at Blue Hole. Join us for a little food, fun, swimming, singing and games. More information will be coming soon.

LCR FOURTH OF JULY FLOAT

LCR is entering a float in the Fourth of July parade. To create and man the float we will need: an organizer, carpenters to help build the float, decorators to adorn the float, a driver and riders who wave and walkers to throw out candy. Contact Pastor



Becky to be part of the team. July parade this year! To create organizer, carpenters to help build driver and riders who wave and Becky to be part of the team.

STEWARDSHIP

Regular and faithful giving of offering is an important part of our life of faith. Many of us have grown up putting our offering in the offering plate during worship which is a wonderful practice. The challenge comes when you are away from worship. Simply Giving offers you an opportunity to give online in much the same way you make other regular payments to the electric company or other financial commitments. It also offers a steady flow and reliable source of income for LCR. For more information or to sign up please talk to Maureen in the office.

HAND & FOOT

It's a card game similar to Canasta and fun to play. The group has now decided to play every Monday at 1 pm, even Memorial Day. If you'd like to come and join us please do so.

MEXICAN TRAIN



This is a domino game and is great fun. This will probably be the last time we play before our summer hiatus. In May we will play on the **21stth**. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please contact Shirley Schliessmann.

Thank You

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

Thank you to all who helped with the Lutheran World Relief program especially Dianne Kilpatrick.

Thank you to Shirley for updating the Time and Talent forms; it is a time-consuming and painstaking job. Thanks to all who completed the Time and Talent forms and for volunteering to serve.

Thank you to Pat Ehrhart for faithfully leading our Prayer Shawl group.



We continue to pray for all who are ill, recovering, receiving treatments or testing; and for: Joan Mohr, Doris King and her daughter Kerri Nawrocki, Eric Strobel, Mitch and Estelle Hill, Tyler Proue, Ginny Bouzard, Melinda Pace, Lynn Kimrey, Richard Polk (friend of Whitney Cargill with cancer), Dominic Larkin, Lee Buse, Ron Wernli, Andi Williams, Donna Curtis, Robert Sherman (bone cancer), Kameron Bowles, Wanda Harman, and Bob Peterson.

Please be in prayer for those who are serving our country either stateside or overseas. Pray 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY				Happy Anniversary	
05-06	Blaine Nelson	05-24	Colten Kilpatrick	05-24	Rebecca & Corey Heidt
05-08	Mikki Sogge	05-24	Al Strobel		
05-11	Danny Hickman	05-30	Ann Fox		
			CONGRATULATIONS!	Note: If we missed your special day or printed it incorrectly, please notify the church office...	

MAY WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULE

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Asst. Minister	Lois Hickman	Shirley Schliessmann	Chris Weaver	Rebecca Heidt	Blaine Nelson
Acolyte	Bella Raska	Aiden Boger	Abigail Burttschell	Vincent Gordin	Claire Valentine
Reader	Tamela Jarvis-Flores	Chris Weaver	Mikki Sogge	Corey Heidt	Autry Burns
Ushers	Arturo Flores	Don Isler	Merkord Family	Al Strobel/Mikki Sogge	Don Isler
Altar Guild	Shirley Schliessmann	Pat Ehrhart	Ann Fox	Dianne Kilpatrick	Chris Weaver
Greeter	Lynn Raska	Enid Isler	Shirley Schliessmann	Angie Rose	Enid Isler
Counter	Tamela/Arturo Flores	Jason Valentine	Brandon Merkord	Shirley Schliessmann	Jason Valentine

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.

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

- May 4 – Blaine Nelson
- May 11 – Shirley Schliessmann
- May 18 – Paula Johnson
- May 25 – Pat Ehrhart