

THE CHRONICLES

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This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

I love this verse and share this verse often because I find both energy and challenge in it. Both energy and challenge because each day is a gift, a blessing and can be full of blips in the schedule. We are creatures of habit and most of us crave routine.

This is an exciting time of the year! School has begun and for many people new routines are finding their rhythm. This is also an exciting time for us at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Sunday school begins and everyone is encouraged and challenged to deepen their life of faith. Also, I ask you all to actively be engaged in our journey of renewal.

The Redevelopment Team has been talking about the difference between the words Redevelopment and Renewal. It seems that when we use the word Redevelopment we think of a program that has a clear beginning, steps of process and then identifiable outcomes. For me Renewal is our commitment to try new things, to dream big and embrace change.

I received a card a while back that says, "The world is a better place because of those who refuse to believe they can't fly." My parents were the first to instill that deep desire to dream and then put in place the courage and the drive to keep on going. I am deeply grateful that they believed that an important cornerstone of life is faith expressed and nurtured in worship as well as how they lived each day.

I believe there are times when it is easy to dream and there are plenty of times when it would be nice to hang on to the way we have always done something. Change can be predictable and change can be beautiful.

One of the gifts that we live with in this part of the world is the freedom to express our faith openly and to gather for worship. We have the freedom to read and study scripture, to engage in conversation and to express our own opinions. I invite and/or challenge you to do something different this fall. Change up your routine a bit. Join us in the book study *We Make the Road by Walking*.

Dare to dream big. Celebrate the changes that are taking place. And come, let us dream out loud and celebrate out loud in worship.

In Christ,
Pastor Becky Sogge

Council Corner

COUNCIL News at a Glance

Council met on August 24 - highlights of items discussed:

Stewardship – Council will meet with the Renewal Team and will take the lead on our upcoming Stewardship effort.

Constitution – Council members will review our Constitution to look at what serves our ministry well during our time of Renewal.

God's Work, Our Hands and Rally Day – Sept. 13. LCR will host a meal for those impacted by the flood; volunteers, service workers etc.

HCW #3 - LCR hosting on Sept. 26. See attachment to newsletter for more info.

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

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

God's Work our Hands is Sun., Sept. 13th. This is an ELCA Churchwide day of service.

This year LCR will host a dinner for those impacted by the Memorial Weekend Flooding and those who have served in responding and volunteering these past few months. We are building on the current lunch meals being served and inviting folks to come eat and gather for fellowship. Please watch for details and sign up to help.

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council Meeting will be held on Mon. Sept. 14th at 9:30am.

CHURCH CHOIR

We are looking for members to join the choir! Practice will resume regularly beginning in September. Please contact Jason or Pastor Becky if you would like to participate.

CRISIS BREAD BASKET

Our local food pantry, Crisis Bread Basket, is still in need of food, especially jelly and cereal. Cereal can be purchased in large bags (Costco-size okay) and the Weirs will divide it into smaller bags before delivery. Monetary donations can be made through LCR by noting the amount on your weekly offering envelope. Thank you for your help!

HANDY MAN/WOMAN

We're looking for a handy man/woman who can be on call to do minor repairs, etc. at LCR for an hourly rate, standard in the community. If anyone knows of a qualified handy person, please let Maureen know their name and contact information.

FLAT JESUS

Flat Jesus continues to travel. Follow the journeys on the LCR_Journeys with Flat Jesus page on Facebook. If you have pictures of your adventures you can email them to pastor@welcometnewlife.org or text them to Pastor Becky at 612-718-9151.

Renewal Team Next Steps

We have been working to identify our current 6 month plan. In the Fellowship Hall we have put up the beginning of our visual path and ask you to help us create a time line that tells our story as a congregation. We are looking to hear what brought you here to LCR, what keeps you here as well as sharing important congregational and community events.

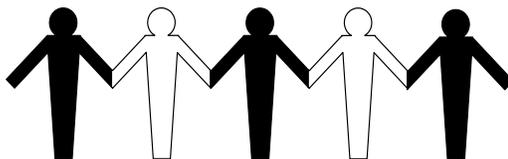
The next step of the process will involve hearing your visions for our future as a congregation. Another invitation is to actively take part in the book study *We Make the Road by Walking*. The journey of renewal is about deepening our faith and relationship with God, strengthening our relationship/fellowship with each other and connecting and living out our faith in the community.

Reading/Study Group

Starting in Sept., please join in the reading of *We Make The Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. It also puts tools in your hands to create a life-changing learning community in any home, restaurant, or other welcoming space.

The 52 (plus a few) weekly readings can each be read aloud in 10-12 minutes, and offer a simple curriculum of insightful reflections and transformative practices. Engage with discussion questions designed to challenge, stimulate, and encourage. Re-imagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity and peace.

Here at LCR there are two ways to take part in the discussion: 1) on Sun. mornings at 9:30 beginning Sept. 13 or 2) on Wed. evenings at 5pm beginning Sept. 9; we are calling this **Table Time** and invite you to come for supper, fellowship and conversation. You could also gather a small group together and decide to come weekly.



MISSION OF THE MONTH: OPERATION GOOD SHEPHERD

LCR refers requests for assistance to **Operation Good Shepherd** routinely so in Sept. we will be collecting funds for this much needed community resource. (OGS) is the financial assistance arm of the Wimberley Ministerial Alliance. The OGS fund helps local residents with utility, rent, medical, and transportation expenses. All funds collected stay in Wimberley to help residents who live in WISD boundaries. The OGS fund is administrated by the Barnabas Connection, a community outreach program at Wimberley United Methodist Church. People in need of assistance are to call the Barnabas Connection at 847-1664 for more information.



Volunteers Needed for Flood Relief Lunches

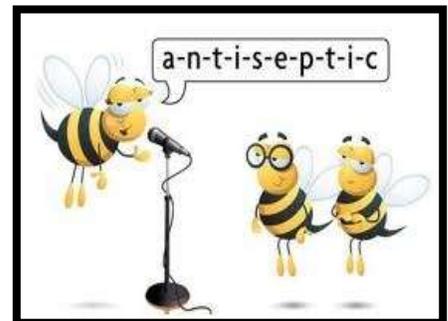
LCR is serving the flood relief lunches on a daily basis for the upcoming weeks. Six volunteers are needed each day: 1 coordinator, 3 kitchen helpers/servers from 9-11:30, and 2 drivers from 11-12. Workers are especially needed on Saturdays. If you can help, email the church office at office@welcometnewlife.org or Pastor Becky at pastor@welcometnewlife.org.

MEXICAN TRAIN TO RESUME SEPT. 17

This is open to all who wish to come and join the fun. Mexican Train is a dominoes game. Whether you are an expert or a beginner – you will fit right in with this crowd of LCR folks. We play on the 3rd Thursday of the month, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The next play date is **September 17th**. If you would like to be on the e-mail reminder list, please contact Shirley Schliessmann.

LCR TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY FUN!

When it comes to community activities, LCR's always ready and willing to join in. It's a great way to connect with others and showcase our talents, all while having fun and supporting a worthy cause. On October 16, 2015, LCR will sponsor a three-person team in the library's first-ever **ADULT SPELLING BEE FUNdraiser**. The event will be held at the Community Center and will begin at 11:30 a.m. Up to 20 teams are expected to participate, and the public is invited to attend the competition free of charge. The public is also invited to attend a catered luncheon for \$12 per person.



We're still looking for **one more good speller** to represent LCR—and to bring home the *Champion Spellers* trophy! A list of potential words is provided in advance. If you're interested, please contact Blaine Nelson. We'll also need all the cheerleaders we can get to be in the audience rooting for our team, so mark your calendars now and get ready for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun.

Thank You

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

Thank you to our frequent helpers with the volunteer luncheon program: Rebecca Heidt, Dianne Kilpatrick, Jo Anne Miller, Gayle & Ron Weir, Shirley Schliessmann, Blaine Nelson, Dene Burttschell, Madelyn and Hannah Raska, Linda Snyder, Joan Mohr, Chris & Jim Weaver, and especially Stacey!

Thank you to the August snack providers: Blaine, Londa, Gayle and Dianne.

Back-to-School Fiesta 2015

Thank you, LCR, for your support of this year's *Back to School Fiesta*, sponsored by Barnabas Connection. Your monetary gifts and your willingness to help work made it possible for almost 500 children and youth to receive backpacks filled with all their school supplies. In the photos below: 1) Thursday before Fiesta Shirley Schliessmann, Dene Burttschell and Blaine Nelson helped load the backpacks with supplies appropriate to each grade level. 2-3) Angie Rose and JoAnne Miller checked off names of registered recipients on Saturday, the day of the Fiesta.



Prayer List

We continue to pray for all who are ill and recovering and for: Doris King, Karen Hernandez (friend of Lynn Raska), Mitch Hill, Estelle Hill, Kerry Johnson (friend of Beverly Ladzinski), Bob Karpola, Beverly Ladzinski, Kaylee Carew, Tyler Proue, Gini Bouzard, Kay Ann Stenson, Melinda Pace, Molly Trebus (friend of Sogge family), Dan Claremon (dad of Holly Hickman's friend), Adalynn Rose Price (granddaughter of Dorcy), Caden Getty (granddaughter of Mary Rodgers).

Please be in prayer for our family and friends who are serving our country either stateside or overseas.

 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 				<i>Happy Anniversary</i>	
09-03	Josie Valentine	09-03	Madelyn Raska	09-04	Enid & Don Isler
09-10	Chris Leonard	09-20	Judy Dunn	09-15	Chris & Jim Weaver
09-20	Al Erlandson	09-25	Tamela Jarvis-Flores	09-15	Mary & Jim Rodgers
09-26	John Fox				
			CONGRATULATIONS !	Note: If we missed your special day or printed it incorrectly, please notify the church office...	

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	
Asst. Minister	Shirley Schliessmann	Lois Hickman	Chris Weaver	Blaine Nelson	
Acolytes	Abigail Burttschell	Ben Raska	Claire Valentine	Vincent Gordin	
Reader	Dianne Kilpatrick	Vincent Gordin	Lori Temoney	Tamela Jarvais-Flores	
Ushers	Travis/Colten Kilpatrick	Flores Family	Weirs	Merkord Family	
Altar Guild	Dianne Kilpatrick	Shirley Schliessmann	Chris Weaver	Pat Ehrhart	
Greeter	Joan Mohr	Lynn Raska	Autry Burns	Jo Anne Miller	
Counters	S. Schliessmann/J. Miller	Tamela/Arturo Flores	Jason Valentine	Tamela/Arturo Flores	

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 Lecturn (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

Sept. 2: Blaine Nelson

Sept. 9: Shirley Schliessmann

Sept. 16: Paula Johnson

Sept. 23: Pat Ehrhart

Sept. 30: Shirley Schliessmann