



THE REPORTER

November 2009

“Making Christ Known to All”

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” – John 8:12

It’s hard to miss our congregation’s mission statement. It is posted throughout our building and even on our front door as part of our logo. Our mission statement can be found on our Central Avenue sign and on just about every piece of paper we either hand out or mail. At Lutheran Church of the Resurrection we are gathered together by the Lord for the purpose of “Making Christ Known to All.” But what does it mean to be “Making Christ Known to All?”

It means being grounded in the Word of God which is our language of faith. It means being centered on Jesus Christ who brings us salvation through his cross. He opens our eyes to the realities of God’s truth and shepherds us to eternal life. Our mission statement means that our ministry is guided by God’s Holy Spirit: our inspiration and teacher as we witness lives of faith to our community. As instruments in God’s service we selflessly love others and go about the work of changing hearts.

As we are “Making Christ Known to All” we shine the light of the Gospel into the corners of darkness that surround us in the world. These dark corners attempt to lure us in through convincing and convenient lies like: “what you see is what you get” and “you better take care of *numero uno*.” Our hearts are tempted to remain in these tired and empty worldly fears; but as we are “Making Christ Known to All” hearts reject those lies and are changed by the truth. The Holy Spirit illumines the heart with Christ’s light revealing that greatness comes from service and that God is the source of all our blessings.

In November you will have opportunities to continue to grow in faith with your brothers and sisters here at Resurrection. On Sunday, November 15 at 9:45am we are having a Celebration Brunch for the whole congregation! Stay after the 8:30 service or come early to the 11:00 service because we will break bread together and lift up all the good things happening at Resurrection. You will be equipped with tools to help you grow in your faith and support. On November 22 we will conclude our “Thankful Giving” stewardship emphasis by giving you an opportunity to make a commitment to “Making Christ Known to All” in 2010. That very same day our Sunday Adult Bible study will begin a new series on Paul’s Letter to the Galatians. For those who would prefer to take in the same Galatians study on Tuesdays, we will begin on November 10 at 6:00.

Having your heart changed for Christ means allowing yourself to be snatched out of the darkness and brought into God’s glorious light through Christ. Basking in the Light we respond with living faith. Loving others, studying Scripture, worshiping weekly, praying for others, serving those in need, talking about your faith, and giving generously are the priorities we make while we live in light. The tools for living out your faith are right here among your friends at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Rejoice always!

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FROM PASTOR TONY...

New Adult Bible Study

Galatians

Tuesdays at 6:00 or Sundays at 9:45

Pastor Tony will be leading a new weekly Bible study on Paul's Letter to the Galatians beginning in November. Galatians is a letter that reveals a powerful message of grace to all followers of Jesus. In Christ we have been liberated from the power of sin forever, thanks be to God! But with that liberation comes a call to live according to Christ. "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is now longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:19b-20)."

In this class we will connect the some of the ethical issues we face in this world today with both the Christian freedom Christ grants us through his cross and the discipleship call to service given to all who believe. "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery (Galatians 5:1)."

This class is open to all people. No matter what your experience with the Bible you are welcome! If you have questions about the class and wonder if it is right for you, please shoot Pastor Tony an e-mail at tonyduso@gmail.com or give him a call at 519-0112. The same class will be offered twice: Tuesdays at 6:00pm or Sundays at 9:45am. The Tuesday class will begin November 10. The Sunday class will begin on November 22.

"What is Heaven?" Bible Study

For November: The Location of Heaven

In November, as we continue in our attempts to answer the question "What is Heaven?" we will ask the question: "Where is heaven?" We will unpack some of the images found in our culture about heaven being in the clouds and having pearly gates at its entrance. Is heaven found in space? Is heaven on another planet? Is heaven in another dimension? After looking at the ideas lifted up in popular media we will make a comparison to some of the images found in the Bible.

This study will be offered three times in November: at the Sarah Circle women's group meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 9:30am; at the 4S Peeps women's group meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00pm; and an open-to-everyone study on **Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30pm.**

CHURCH COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Evangelism, Parish Education, Social Concerns, Finance and Properties Committees meet on **Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30.** The night will begin with a devotion in the worship space. We will break up into our committees to do work and planning. We will regroup again at 8:30 to make any connections with other committees. Worship & Music, Stewardship, Fellowship Committees will meet on **Saturday, November 14 at 10:00am.** The time will begin at 10:00 with a devotion in the worship space. We will break up into our committees to do work and planning and regroup at 11:00 to make any necessary connections with others.

Come on out for either session and take an active part in your church.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Stan Sowa, chairperson

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE ~ Sunday, Nov. 1.

This year there will be a special moment in the church service where we will honor all the saints that have gone before us.

On this day there will also be a special prayer for all those who have gone to be with the Lord in the last year. If you would like the name of a love one who has passed away in the **last year (since last November)** please fill out the special form, which can be found in the weekly bulletins or call the church office (708)687-2170.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We gather before Thanksgiving on Tuesday, **Nov. 24 at 7pm** to give thanks for all our Lord has given us. Please join us.

ADVENT DECORATING will begin on **Saturday, Nov. 28th from 10 to 12pm** w/ lunch being provided. We will start the weeklong process and finish up on Sat., Dec. 5th at the Advent Dinner.

STEWARDSHIP

Lorin Kirksey, chairperson

Thankful Giving

2010 Stewardship Commitment Sunday
November 22

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Tania Downen, chairperson

CRAFT FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Fall Craft Fair. We could not have done it without you all. It was a huge success despite the weather! Thank you to Diane Gerhardt for organizing the food tent and Patti Tregoning for running the raffles. A special Thank You to Bob & Tania Downen, for organizing the entire event. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. We raised over \$2,400 & a portion of this will be matched by Thrivent Financial. Approximately \$1,200 will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

FOOD SUNDAY

Sunday, November 1 is Food Sunday. Please add a few items to your shopping cart and share them with the patrons of St. Stephen's Food Pantry. Your generosity is always appreciated and welcomed. Thanks again to Ed & Jean for seeing that the items get delivered to the pantry.



Below is a list of the items which they are always in need of.

Soup, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, pasta and sauce, macaroni and cheese, pancake mix and syrup.

Also items like **toilet paper, soap and tooth paste** are kept on hand at the pantry for those who ask.

HOLIDAY MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree will be going up around Thanksgiving. Take a Mitten, or 2, and purchase a gift for a needy child who may not otherwise get any Christmas presents. Last year we made Christmas happier for 80 children and their families.

MITTEN, HAT AND SCARF TREE

Once the Mitten Tags are gone the tree in the narthex will take on a different meaning. You can bring mittens, hats and scarves and hang them on the tree. They will then be donated to PADS and Together We Cope for their clients during these cold winter months.

EVANGELISM / OUTREACH

Gloria Thorne, chairperson

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations Mt. 23:19

NEW MEMBERS will be received on Sunday, November 15. We welcomed the following families: *Tom and Kathy Lake and Carol Lampe.*

Another New Member class will be offered after the first of the year. Please talk with Pastor Tony if you are interested.

AWARENESS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped with this year's Awareness Fair on October 17. The list is endless. A good time was had by all as we continued our mission to "Make Christ Known to All"

RMC ~ Resurrection Men's Club

Dave Rhoads

NOVEMBER MEETING ~ On *Saturday, Nov. 21st at 8:30am* the RMC will meet at the church and will be electing a new director. Don't miss this exciting meeting.

Two things the RMC and LCR have supported is the MAM program and PADS. I will continue to support both after I step down as director. These things are not limited to just men. Any one who would like to get involved please don't hesitate to contact me.

The MAM program helps out any member that needs help. Some of the things we have done thus far, snow removal, tree trimming, tree stump removal, dryer repair and installation, gutter cleaning and working with Diane Gerhardt in the care of other LCR members. Not to mention, dry walling, painting, window repair and numerous other fun jobs. Thank you to Dan & Bob. We transport people to church and church functions. We also transport people to appointments. Thank you Larry & Jerry. If you need assistance with transportation or maintenance please give us a call.

The other program we actively support is PADS. I am happy to welcome the newest member of our team, Donna Aggen. Donna has joined the RMC December food team and has agreed to work the 5:30 until 7:30 shift on the first Saturday of each month. We welcome and thank her. I look forward to working with her and more importantly getting to know her thru this worthy cause.

The LCR is a food team. Once a month a different group from the LCR feeds between 20 and 35 people in need of assistance. If you would like to be a food team helper thru providing food or serving please contact me. The winter shelter runs from October thru April. It is located at Redeemer Church. The summer shelter runs from May thru September. It is located at Prince of Peace Church on 200th Western. The shelter can always use donations of hats, gloves socks or personal care items like soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, cereal, oatmeal, cookies and hot chocolate. I would to thank every one at the LCR for your generous donations. Larry delivered a whole basket of things in October. The other important part of helping is working shifts. We need volunteers for the 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM or 3:00 AM to 7:00 AM shifts. They also have a 5:30 AM to 7:30 AM shift. If you can find 4 hours in your busy life to reach out and help the less

fortunate please contact me. Larry & I have been working the 11 until 3 shift every 3rd Friday all summer. We are now on the 3 until 7:30 shift the first Sunday morning of each month. Again thank you to all who help out these programs.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every man who attended the meetings the past 2-years. We have done some good things. None of them could have happened with out your help. My special thanks to Larry Parvin for his record keeping, assistance and support. I hope this will continue in the future. ~Dave

MEN'S BREAKFAST

In November all men are welcome to gather for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel on **Thursday, November 19 @ 8am**. The monthly men's breakfast is moved up a week because of Thanksgiving.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Cathy Kush

The PSALMS — will meet on **Saturday, November 6 @ 9:30 am** in the conference room. Bring your “work in progress” as well as any completed projects. Also bring your prayer concerns so we may include all in our prayers. All are welcome to join the group as we knit, crochet, or use looms to create prayer shawls and prayer cloths.

Look for the Prayer Shawl Tree in the narthex. If you need or want a prayer shawl, please take one from the tree (or see Michelle in the church office or one of the members of the group). There will also be a basket of Prayer Cloths in the narthex. A prayer cloth is a small, portable version of a prayer shawl. As each is made, prayers are offered for the future recipient. You are invited to take a prayer cloth.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY STUDY AND THE TUESDAY EVENING STUDY ~ These groups are being led in study by Pastor Tony. Sunday between services and on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. Currently we are studying the book of John,

4S PEEPS (*Thursday Evening Women's group*) meets **Thursday, November 5 @ 7 pm**. Join the group for snacks, conversation and the Bible Study led by Pastor Tony. Pastor Tony continues his study “What is Heaven?” All women are welcome to join. Ruth Millis is hostess; please bring your own beverage.

SARAH CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Thursday, November 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room at church. Diane Morehouse is hostess. Pastor's study will continue on “What Is Heaven?” Plans will be made for the Christmas meeting. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Also, thanks to all those who helped with the table Sarah Circle had for the craft fair. Whether it was your donations, preparing and set up, what you bought, or your presence at the table, thank you, thank you. The table brought in \$65.45 which was given to the general fund of the church.

Ladies Breakfast ~ Thursday, November 19 at 9:00 am. Join the ladies for breakfast at Mimi's Café in Orland Park. Mimi's is located at 16154 LaGrange Rd. Come for food & fellowship.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

All those on the prayer list ... and those who you know in need of prayer.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Come and join **Elsie Burk, Micheline Pfeiffer, Ruth Millis, Gloria Thorne Sr., Jean Bowser, Alvina Tymuse, Fran Hofbauer, Cindy Rodriguez, Valerie**

Dusso, Norma Campbell and Anna McCoy. Become a PRAYER PARTNER by participating in our “PRAYER CONNECTION”.

There are no meetings to attend. We simply ask that you include in your daily prayers each name and the needs listed in the weekly prayer list. If interested please contact Anna McCoy.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

- 3rd Tim Plutz
- 5th Ruth Millis
Danielle Rodriguez
Lisa Gelfo
- 7th Larry Parvin
- 8th Dan Tregoning
- 10th Chloe Okon
- 12th Dianne Bogard
Aaron Duzinskas
- 14th Sandy Erb
- 17th Arturo Vergara
- 18th Christopher Mitchell
- 19th Lora Tryon
- 21st Karin Franklin
- 22nd Myrna Legreid
- 25th Diane Andrasco
- 28th Joan Pechtold



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES 2010 BOOKS

Golden Opportunities books for 2010 are still available for \$25.-- \$7 from each book goes to benefit Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which is used to benefit personal emergency needs in our area. For more information see Gail Bell or call the church office.

A LOOK AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

Christmas Services

A rich and wonderful variety of worship services will be celebrated this Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Services

Thursday, December 24

5:30 pm & 11:00 pm



HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:



- 2nd Jerry and Sue Centner
- 7th Chuck and Fran Hofbauer
- 30th Jim and Sandy Sneed

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25

10:00 am



ADVENT BEGINS... Sunday, November 29

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,
The Son n of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,' "

Mark 1: 1-3

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 1st (8:30am) Terry Baeder
(11 am) Sara Brown
8th (8:30am) Anna McCoy
(11 am) Patti Tregoning
15th (8:30am) Larry Parvin
(11am) Dan Tregoning
22nd (8:30am) Kathleen Domzalski
(11 am) Bob Harling
24th Elsie Burk
Thanksgiving Service
29th (8:30am) Paulette Fisher
(11am) Dave Lyon

LAY READERS

- 1st (8:30am) Terry Baeder
(11 am) Tina Rybolt
8th (8:30am) Anna McCoy
(11 am) Gigi Howard
15th (8:30am) Cathy Kush
(11am) Dan Tregoning
22nd (8:30am) Sue Centner
(11 am) Jami Harling
24th Elsie Burk
Thanksgiving Service
29th (8:30am) Lee Travis
(11am) Lynn Lyon

USHERS

- 1st (8:30am) Larry Parvin
(11 am) Sara Brown
8th (8:30am) Dave Rhoads
(11 am) Vic and Gail Bell
15th (8:30am) Kathleen Domzalski
(11am) Downen Family
22nd (8:30am) Flo Galante
(11 am) Harling Family
24th Bob and Ann Plutz
Thanksgiving Service
29th (8:30am) Ed and Jean Melbourn
(11am) Jean Bowser

ALTAR GUILD

- 1st Fran Hofbauer & Patti Tregoning
8th Cathy Kush & Ruth Millis
15th Claris Okon & Marietta Sullivan
22nd Anna McCoy
24th Claris Okon (*Thanksgiving Service*)
29th Claris Okon & Marietta Sullivan

COUNTERS

Stan Sowa and Lee Travis

ACOLYTES

- 1st (8:30am) Rachel Andrasco
(11 am) Jessica Harling
8th (8:30am) Justin Harling
(11 am) Manny Gelfo
15th (8:30am) Karlee Knudsen
(11am) David Rodriguez
22nd (8:30am) Jessica Harling
(11 am) Joseph Downen
24th Rachel Andrasco
Thanksgiving Service
29th (8:30am) Manny Gelfo
(11am) Justin Harling

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 1st Norma Campbell
Cathy Spiller; memory of Andrea and Keith
Kendal
8th Ruth Millis; her birthday
Fran Hofbauer; 45th anniversary
15th Elsie Burk, honor of her husband's birthday
22nd Vic Bell
Alvina Tymuse; grandson Kevin's birthday
29th Jim and Sandy Sneed; anniversary
Joan Tobbe; son Kevin's birthday

CLEANING CREW

- 31st Dave Rhoads, Carolyn Fabing, Larry Parvin,
Jerry Centner, Paulette Fisher
7th Pastor Tony, Bob and Tania Downen, Dianne
Bogard
14th Patti and Dan Tregoning, Bob and Ann Plutz,
Ron Scartozzi
21st Lorin Kirksey, Lee Travis, Jim and Sandy
Sneed, Vic and Gail Bell
28th Bob and Jami Harling, Jim Boland, Dianne
Bogard

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 1st Sharon Barta / Jennifer Topel / Rachel Andrasco
8th Patti Tregoning / Kristyn Larson / Manny
Gelfo
15th Lynn Lyon / Marietta Sullivan / Lillian Greyhair
22nd Sharon Barta / Valerie Dusso / Jessica Harling
29th Lynn Lyon / Kristyn Larson / Justin Harling

