



THE REPORTER

September 2009

“Making Christ Known to All”

[Jesus said:] For in the resurrection [people who die] neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. – Matthew 22:30

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is a “Book of Faith” congregation. A year ago our leaders made a commitment to the Book of Faith Initiative that was approved by the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. By making such a commitment we acknowledge that the Word of God found in the Bible is the language of faith. The Bible reveals God to us and it is at the heart of our call to equip others to grow in faith through the study of Scripture.

In this past year we have had excellent Bible education programs for children of all ages. In our SonDay Ed we taught stories from the Bible and gave away many Bibles to both third graders and visitors. In our confirmation program a whole year was devoted to Bible and each student was given a study Bible when they entered. In our record setting VBS this summer, each day centered on a Bible verse that the children learned. In adult education we studied Revelation, Amos, Hosea, and John. In our women’s groups we looked at various women from the Bible: from the Medium of Endor to the seven Marys. We provided devotional materials for at-home use and we gave away 47 or 48 Bibles that were purchased last fall. Look for more of the same in the coming education year.

But can we do more? You know how I would answer that question: Of course we can! Beginning this month I am offering a new opportunity for you to dig into God’s Word: A new monthly Bible study investigating the Biblical images of life-after-death called: “What is Heaven: A Biblical Vision of Life-After-Death.”

Each month in the “What is Heaven?” Bible study we will explore topics from angels to ghosts... from paradise to hell. Each discussion will also look at popular culture, including poetry, movies, and those “forwards” that often fill our e-mail inboxes. We will look at messages found in our own neighborhood. And, of course, we will compare these messages with what is found in Scripture. Surprisingly, the images of our culture and the witness of Scripture often conflict, with the Biblical witness being the more comforting and hope-filled of the two.

I want to lead three groups in this nine-session monthly Bible study. The first two of the three will be our two women’s groups. “What is Heaven?” will form the basis for both the Sarah Circle and the 4S Peeps groups which meet on the first Thursday of the month (September 3, this month). When the third group will meet is up to you. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who is interested in taking part in this study. This is open to men and women, young and old. Everyone is welcome. Please put your name down and some days of the week that would work for you. I’ll do the best I can to schedule a time that will work for most of those who have signed up. We will meet for the first time in the end of September. Hope to see you there.

Rejoice always!

Pastor Tony Dusso

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RALLY DAY

RESURRECTION CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 13th



This year's church picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 13th** at Central Park (behind the Park District Building) starting at 12 pm with a special service. There is a large pavilion with tables, grassy area for games, washrooms and especially a play yard for the kids. Lunch will be served at 1:30 pm with the church supplying hamburgers and hotdogs. Everyone is asked to bring something to share, i.e., salad, fruit, dessert etc. A sign up sheet is on the board in the narthex. Mark your calendars and join us. Don't forget to ask your families to join us.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Church Council

L.C.R. Committee Meetings



The schedule for September is as follows:

Parish Ed, Properties, Evangelism, Stewardship and Finance will meet on **Tuesdays, Sept. 1 at 7:30 pm.**

Worship & Music, Youth, Social Concerns and Fellowship will meet on **Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10 am.**

Committee Meetings begin and end with all committees meeting together in the worship space for devotion and prayer and then the committees break out to do their business. If you see a committee that interests you please come on out and join us. Everyone is welcome and your ideas are appreciated.

Church Council will meet on **Sunday, Sept. 20 at 12 pm.**

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Council Members 2009

President	Sara Brown
Vice President	Stan Sowa
Treasurer	Sue DeGregorio
Finance	Dave Rhoads
Secretary	Kathleen Domzalski
Worship	Stan Sowa
Evangelism	
Properties	Bob Harling
Stewardship	Lorin Kirksey
Parish Ed.	James Boland
Fellowship	Lee Travis

What is Heaven?

A Biblical Vision of Life-After-Death

For Sarah Circle (September 3 at 9:30am)

For 4S Peeps (September 3 at 7:00)

And a time to be determined.

A child commonly learns that people go to heaven after they die. A more rambunctious child will also learn about how "bad people" go to hell after they die. The images of heaven and hell that come to mind include white clouds, harps, angels, golden gates, fire, red devils, pitchforks, and screams of terror. But are these images of life-after-death the whole story about the eternal life God has promised us through faith in Christ? Do these images from childhood match the images of found in the Bible?

"What is Heaven: A Biblical Vision of Life-After-Death" is a monthly Bible study Pastor Tony will begin leading in September. Once-a-month participants will meet to look at some of the images of heaven we receive from our culture: including poems, songs, television shows, movies, jokes, and e-mail forwards. We will talk about some of the images we learned as a child and compare these images with what actually is found in the Bible.

We will meet a total of nine times for about an hour each time. Topics will include: angels, heaven, ghosts, sleep, hell, and paradise.

Pastor Tony will lead the women's groups in this Bible study on the first Thursday of the month... but all others are welcome to take part in a third group that will meet in the end of the month. If you are interested in being part of this third group please sign up on the bulletin board and indicate which days of the week might work for you.

So have you heard this one?

Two old men had been best friends for years, and they both live to their early 90's, when one of them suddenly falls deathly ill. His friend comes to visit him on his deathbed, and they're reminiscing about their long friendship, when the dying man's friend asks, "Listen, when you die, do me a favor. I want to know if there's baseball in heaven."

The dying man said, "We've been friends for years, this I'll do for you." And then he dies.

A couple days later, his surviving friend is sleeping when he hears his friend's voice. The voice says, "I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there's baseball in heaven."

"What's the bad news?"

"You're pitching on Wednesday."

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Stan Sowa, chairperson

COMMUNION WINE ~ Donations of Mogan David Concord Grape Wine would be appreciated.

LCR CHOIR REHEARSALS...

HANDBELL PRE-REHEARSAL on **Wednesday, Sept. 9 @ 6:30 pm.** This will be a review session for current ringers as well as an introduction for new ringers. Anyone interested in joining one of our bell choirs please talk w/ Myrna.

SENIOR CHOIR meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm beginning September 16th

HANDBELL CHOIRS rehearse on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning Sept. 14th & Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm beginning Sept. 16th.

COME AND BE AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE MUSICAL MINISTRY @ RESURRECTION.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Tania Downen, chairperson

THANK YOU to Gigi Howard for doing a great job in organizing the volunteers for this year's Oak Fest. Thank you also, to everyone who gave time out of their busy schedules to help with this fundraising event. In a month or so we should have the final figures.

HEALTH DAY FAIR

Join us on **Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10-3pm.** There will be "vendors" who will be passing out info on products and services. No services, tests, or screenings involved. A Blood Drive through Life Source will be going on too, so don't forget to sign up and **tell your friends.** Walk-ins are welcomed. There will also be "healthy food" available for sale and more. Stop on by and check it out.

OUR FALL CRAFT SHOW is rapidly approaching on **Saturday, October 3** and along with it come a great need for volunteers. We would like to thank Tania and Bob Downen for once again chairing this event with the help of many

Volunteers are needed, as are crafters and vendors. There are all sorts of jobs available so please be generous with your time and talents by signing up on the bulletin board or by contacting, Tania Downen.

Thrivent Financial will also match some of these funds through its Caring Congregation Program and half of our profits will go to support "The Year of the Child" - International

FOOD SUNDAY

September 6 is Food Sunday.

This is the day you can bring in the items needed and place them in the baskets at the back of the church.

These items are then taken to St.

Stephen's Food Pantry in Midlothian.

Thank you to everyone who remembered food during the summer months. A thank you from St. Stephen's was received and they are eternally grateful and continually in need. Special thank you to Jean and Ed for coordinating this event and making the deliveries each month.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Vitamin and School Supply Drives this month.

Don't forget those old eye glasses!

FELLOWSHIP

Lee Travis, chairperson

LCR "FAMILY" BOWLING LEAGUE



The Resurrection Family Bowling League will enter another season this September. We will continue the nine pin no tap. If you are interested in being a part of this good time please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or see Steve Legreid. This is a great way to spend time with the family, grand children, etc. while having a good time. When making the commitment to join us please remember that this is a full season commitment (September - April). We bowl every other Sunday and the cost per week is \$13.



The LCR Book Club will meet on **Fri., Aug. 28** to discuss the book and movie "My Sister's Keeper". At this meeting they will also be picking books for future reading. Please watch the weekly bulletins to see what they are. If you want to be a part of this discussion and decisions please join them on Aug. 28.

LCR "Fall/Halloween" CAMP OUT

Join us **Friday thru Sunday, October 9-11** at Hi Tide Campground in Leland, IL. The cost is \$37 per night (\$74 for the weekend). Bring the children...bring the grandchildren...come alone, but just come! A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. **Make your reservations today. Please make a deposit of \$37 to the church as soon as possible.** There will be pumpkin carving, crafts, bon-fire, movie, haunted house and trick-or-treating. Costumes are optional but decorations a must! Please bring trick-or-treat candy to pass out.



Please sign up as soon as possible as reservations have to be confirmed three weeks before the event.

THANK YOU

~LADIES' NIGHT OUT ~

Friday, September 18, 2008,

5pm – 10pm

Come when you can and leave when you must. This is always a great opportunity to work on our hobbies, while enjoying the company of others. Bring your scrapbooking, stamping, card making, knitting, crocheting, etc.

Ladies' Night Out" is open to the entire community - so bring a friend and a snack to share for this night of fun and fellowship. Look forward to seeing you!



CROP for the CURE 8-hour Scrapbooking Event

We invite you to join us in a day of memory keeping and celebration. Crop for a Cure is a fund-raising even, co-hosted by Valerie Dusso and Lynn Lyon; your efforts will help to raise money for the American Cancer Society, including our local chapter in Tinley Park who provides services for our residents. The proceeds from the event will be used for cancer research, education, advocacy and services. The event will be held here from **1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 24**. The cost is \$30 which will include dinner, beverages, snacks, goodie bags and door prizes. Thrivent will match a portion of the funds raised! For more information call Valerie at 897-0906. Registration forms will be on the tables in the narthex.



EVANGELISM / OUTREACH

Sandy Sneed, chairperson

"BASKETS" NEEDED!

The Fall Craft Fair on October 3rd is quickly approaching and you know what that means! It's "basket" time. We will once again be holding our "Basket Raffle" to help our Evangelism efforts to Make Christ Known to All. This has become a very popular part of the Craft Fair. We are once again asking our creative congregation for basket donations.

It is just as much fun making the baskets as it is trying to win them! These baskets can have specific themes or be Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas baskets for children, teens, adults or even the pets. Use your imagination or ask a few friends to help in creating a basket filled with fun things to attract our Craft Fair visitors. You can donate items for a basket or make and donate the completed basket.

Don't let "Baskets" fool you! They can be a big *bowl* filled with snacks, pasta or popcorn and a movie... a *serving tray* with tea, coffee, cookies and cups... a *storage bin* with towels, soaps, bubble bath and a relaxing CD... a *bucket* with car wash, sponges and

with office supplies or stationary. Think knitting, scrap booking, cooking, games, tools, music, toys, sports... Bears, White Sox, Bulls, etc. The possibilities are endless and your donation will add to the fun of the Craft Fair and benefit the community that Resurrection serves.

We will meet the week before the Craft Fair to assemble the baskets with the donated items. Your help is greatly appreciated. We need everyone's help to make this another successful community event! Please contact Patti Tregoning if you have any questions or if you would like to help.

Thank you in advance for your help.

New Member Class ~ Sunday's at noon Beginning September 27

Would you like to become part of a family of faith who support one another, pray and play together, and worship the Lord with thankful hearts? Then become a member of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Pastor Tony is forming a new class for potential new members. The first session will be at noon on September 27. More conversation than class, these meetings will give you the chance to learn more about the Lutheran Church and what it means to be a Christian in our world today.

Childcare is available for families and lunch will be served. Please talk to Pastor Tony if you have any questions or if you are interested.

PARISH EDUCATION

Jim Boland, chairperson

SonDay Youth Education

RALLY DAY is September 13th!

Classes will begin on this Sunday. We'll meet during the Sunday School hour and plan our activities for the Rally Day/Church Picnic. Be ready to have some fun as we begin a great new school year.

Are you the SonDay School Leader we've been waiting for? We are still looking for a Sunday School Superintendent to coordinate our activities and lead our openings on Sunday morning. There are also opportunities for teachers to bring the "good news" to the children of our church family. Call Jim Boland 597-1078 or see him for more details.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation program will begin in early September. Our program is designed to prepare young people to publicly affirm their baptism after two years of study of both the Bible and Lutheran theology. This program begins for students when they start seventh grade. Pastor will be holding a meeting for parents and

students on **Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6pm**. This meeting is for all students 7th & 8th grades and those being confirmed this fall. We will go over the program requirements, which include weekly classes with pastor on Wednesdays and curriculum. If you have any questions please talk with Pastor Tony at tonyduso@gmail.com or at 519-0112.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP THANKS ~

First of all thank you to everyone who made this trip possible through their generous support with all of our fundraisers. It was a meaningful week for everyone.

A special thank you to our two adult chaperones, Gigi Howard and Karin Franklin for taking time out of their schedules to make this possible for our 6 young adults to attend; Kendra, Allison, Lillian, Jarred, Rachel and Karlee. Many lives were touched during this week.

Thank you to Patti Tregoning for organizing the trip and also to Sara Brown who made the arrangements for the van which transported the LCR Team to Steubenville, Ohio.

With God's help we can do great things!

PRESCHOOL NEWS



As this summer comes to a close we begin our preparation for another year of preschool. There are still several openings in our program. If you know of anyone of preschool age please let them know about our program. Word of mouth is the best advertising.

RMC Resurrection Men

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST TOUR continues this month at the *Mimi's Café on LaGrange* on **Thursday, Sept. 24th at 7:15am**.

PSALMS ~ PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Cathy Kush, chairperson

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Saturday, September 5 at 9:30 am**. All are invited to join the group—newcomers are always welcome!! At each meeting we share projects, ideas, and pray. We pray for those who will be receiving shawls, we pray for those we have given shawls to previously. We always pray that our fingers remain nimble to do this work. Two things to think about — one, you are always welcome to join us. Two, if you need a prayer shawl for someone please ask!! The easiest way is to ask Michelle in the church office (or any of our group). We are blessed to have dedicated yarn artists!! We are grateful for the support of LCR.

There will be no meeting in October because of the craft fair. Hope to see you at the September meeting!!

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 6 pm.

Calling all Women!!

SARAH CIRCLE

Thursday, September 3rd, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room at church. All ladies are invited to join in for an enjoyable morning of food, chit chat, and Bible study led by Pastor Dusso. This month's hostess will be Claris Okon. The schedule for hostesses for the year will be decided and plans will be made to help with the Health Fair on September 19th. Bring your ideas for activities for the coming year. It would be nice to see some new faces as we begin the new season. See you there! SARAH CIRCLE is again collecting old jewelry. Your donation may be left in the basket in the narthex.

4S Peeps Study Group

4S Peeps (or the Thursday Evening Woman's Group) meets on the first Thursday of each month in the evening. Anyone is invited to join our group. The group gathers for prayer, to share, to chat, to discuss, to snack. Pastor Tony leads the group in a Bible Study. No homework!! No stress!! First meeting will be **Thursday, September 3 @ 7 pm**. Bring a friend!! Cathy Kush will be the hostess for September!!

Both women's groups will be doing the study, ***What is Heaven? A Biblical Vision of Life-After-Death*** led by Pastor Tony. More information about this study can be found on the first page of this newsletter.

LADIES BREAKFAST The "Church Ladies" will meet at **Kingsberry Pancake House on 159th on Thursday, September 17 at 9:00 am**. All women of the church are invited to meet at the restaurant. Start your day off with good food and fellowship.

Put the rest of the dates on your calendar:
October 15th — Cracker Barrel, November 19th — Mimi's Café, December 17th — Cracker Barrel

PEOPLE NEWS

September Birthdays



- 1st David Okon
2nd Nicole Rademaker
Daniel Rodriguez
5th Joseph Rodriguez
Diane Gerhardt
Tim Ehrhardt
6th Bob Plutz
7th Bailey and Grant Dusso
Tom Topel
9th Landon Kirksey
11th Christopher Sikoris
12th Kathleen Domzalski
14th Andrew Boland
16th Judy Walnoha
Tyler Suchy
19th Rocco Wisneski
22nd Alex Naselli
23rd Scott Shellberg
Paul (Scott) Downen
26th Todd Bromley
29th Anita Mitchell



September Anniversaries



- 2nd Pastor Tony and Valerie Dusso
8th Randy and Beth DeYoung
30th Dan and Cindy Rodriguez

Baptism

On Sunday, August 23 we welcomed into the family of God, through Holy Baptism **Nathan Matthew Scholp**. Nathan is the son of Kim and Matt Scholp and the grandson of Sharon and Ed Barta.

Wedding Bells will be ringing on Saturday, September 26 for **Tina Haak and Keith Rybolt**. We wish them all the happiness as they begin their new lives together as husband and wife.

PRAYER MINISTRY



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

diakonia™

In September, diakonia™ will begin its 11th year of classes in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. During these 10 years, 109 laypeople have completed this two-year theological program. Perhaps you or someone you know is ready to be empowered for ministry in today's world. diakonia™ is a two-year formation program for laity. diakonia™ emphasizes the vocation of all Christians to serve as Christ has served us. There that a group that meets near by at Zion and Tinley Park. Pastor Tony led one of the sessions last year. If anyone would like more information or has any questions please talk with Pastor Tony. Brochures are available on the table in the narthex for more information or go to www.thediakoniaprogram.org.

LOOKING AHEAD...



On *Saturday, October 31 from 3-7pm* we invite you to join with us in this special event being sponsored by Resurrection Church and Preschool.

Individuals / families come to the parking lot of the church and decorate their trunks however they wish. You are limited only by your imagination. The community, as well as our preschool families, will be invited to come and go from trunk to trunk "trick-or-treating".

This event will offer children of all ages a safe place to trick or treat for Halloween. Besides "trick-or-treating" we will also offer hot dogs, popcorn, apple juice and more.

This year Halloween falls on a Saturday so hopefully more folks will be able to join in on the fun and help to make this event even bigger. We are always interested in some new ideas so please share them with us.

Start a new Halloween tradition!

Please let us know if you would like to participate in this event by signing up. If you have any questions please talk with Michelle Sowa.

A Hole in the Roof

Evangelism for Congregations Workshop



with the
Rev. Stephen Bouman

With faith that something really could happen, the friends of a paralyzed man ripped a hole in the roof of a house to get their friend together with Jesus. What would it take to rip a hole in the roofs of our assemblies to clear the way for people to come to Jesus?

Explore this question with the Rev. Stephen Bouman, executive director of Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission for the ELCA, at a challenging and inspirational Evangelism for Congregations workshop in the fall of 2009.

This Evangelism for Congregations workshop is being offered twice. If you would like to take part in this workshop please talk with Pastor Tony.

Saturday, September 19, 2009, 8:30-noon, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 667 W 8th St., Chicago Heights, IL 60411

– or –

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 8:30-noon, at the Celebration! Community Life Center of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 919 S. Washington St., Naperville, IL 60540 (two blocks south of the north campus).

September Worship Assistant Schedule

Communion Assistants

6 th	(8:30 am)	Ann Plutz
	(11 am)	Michelle Sowa
13 th	(8:30 am)	Kathleen Domzaski
	(11 am)	Sara Brown
20 th	(8:30 am)	Elsie Burk
	(11 am)	Jami Harling
27 th	(8:30am)	Anna McCoy
	(11 am)	Dave Rhoads

Lay Readers

6 th	(8:30 am)	Lee Travis
	(11 am)	Stan Sowa
13 th	(8:30 am)	Kathleen Domzalski
	(11 am)	Jean Bowser
20 th	(8:30 am)	Elsie Burk
	(11 am)	Bob Harling
27 th	(8:30am)	Lee Travis
	(11 am)	Gigi Howard

Ushers

6 th	(8:30 am)	Ann and Bob Plutz
	(11 am)	Sara Brown
13 th	(8:30 am)	David Rhoads
	(11 am)	Cindy Rodriguez
20 th	(8:30 am)	Jackie and Larry Parvin
	(11 am)	Gail and Vic Bell
27 th	(8:30am)	Barb and Frank Dougan
	(11 am)	Jean Bowser

Altar Guild

6 th	Patti Tregoning
13 th	Cathy Kush / Ruth Millis
20 th	Claris Okon / Marietta Sullivan
27 th	Anna McCoy

Acolytes

6 th	Justin Harling
13 th	8:30 Jarred Medernach
	11 Karlee Knudsen
20 th	8:30 David Rodriguez
	11 Joseph Collins
27 th	8:30 Jacob Pechtold
	11 Jessica Harling

Altar Flowers

6 th	Cathy and Lorin Kirksey; Landon's Birthday
	Joan Tobbe; memory of dad's birthday
13 th	Gerhardts; Diane and son's birthday
	Alvina Tymuse; memory of husband, Michael's Birthday
20 th	Phyllis Cibert; Christopher Sikokis 14 th Birthday
27 th	Dee Poleski; celebration of grandson, Sean and Ashley's wedding on Oct. 10 th . Keith and Tina Rybolt; celebration of their marriage on Sept. 26.

Cleaning Crews

Sept 5 th	Dan, Patti and Allison Tregoning, Bob and Ann Plutz, Ron Scartozzi
Sept 12 th	Lorin Kirksey, Lee Travis, Jim and Sandy Sneed, Vic and Gail Bell (<i>wedding 1pm</i>)
Sept 19 th	Bob and Jami Harling, Jim Boland, Claris Okon (<i>Health Fair</i>)
Sept 26 th	Dave Rhoads, Carolyn Fabing, Larry Parvin, Jerry Centner, Paulette Fisher (<i>Thorne Hall Rental</i>)

Nursery Attendants

6 th	Kristyn Larson and Sharon Barta Helper: Rachel Andrasco
13 th	Valerie Dusso and Tania Downen Helper: Joseph Collins
20 th	Sandy Sneed and Jami Harling Helper: Manny Gelfo
27 th	Sharon Barta and Marietta Sullivan Helper: Kendra Sowa
30 th	Cathy Kirksey and Patti Tregoning Helper: Lillian Greyhair

Counters

Jim Boland and Sara Brown