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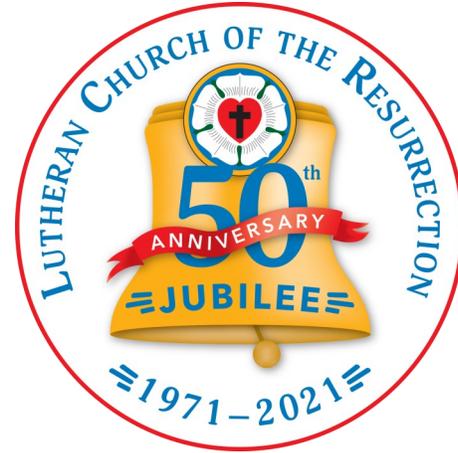
RAMBLINGS

OUR VISION STATEMENT

To become a vibrant, benevolent congregation that serves God's creation both locally and globally.

A congregation that offers meaningful and inspirational ministries and worship for all ages that honor and praise God while maintaining the feel of an intimate family in Christ.

Also, a congregation that provides opportunities for all to be involved in ministries and programs that foster the development of gifts in all people needed to sustain and expand God's mission.



THE JUBILEE YEAR

“And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you...”
– Leviticus 25:10

As our nation and the world feel stuck in place as a result of mandated shutdowns caused by the Coronavirus it is, perhaps, hard to envision the future. But there will be a future. Life will go on; perhaps a new normal. As an offering of optimism and hope, let me remind you that we continue to move toward the 50th anniversary of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection and a year of celebration events from November 2020 through November 2021.

Our Long Range Planning Team is developing an exciting year of events that will include a congregational cookbook (which has already been introduced during Lent), musical offerings, a congregational art project, special speakers (our synodical bishop is already lined up and we have a commitment for a visit from Pastor Erv Streng and Marie), a time capsule, outdoor worship and a tree planting, a historical display in the Narthex, and the composition of a congregational history (this will not be straight, dry history, but a story infused with a lot of spirit).

Thanks to the creative gifts of Doris Jancha, Martha Newfield, Brent Vogel and the professional (pro bono) assistance of Photonics Graphics (Alan Brown and staff), we have a 50th anniversary logo that focuses on our Jubilee theme.

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of planning for the Jubilee year will be organizing a celebration dinner in November 2021. We want to invite all LCR alumni to participate in the 50th year celebration events, but especially attend the dinner. We are currently assembling an alumni mailing list. We have reviewed 48 years of LCR membership directories and developed three lists. Our initial 50th anniversary mailing will go out in September of this year. We will ask all alumni to give us an idea of whether they will attend the dinner. Knowledge of expected attendance will enable us to begin planning the dinner.

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THE JUBILEE YEAR - Continued

The list of alumni from 1971-1980 is composed of 103 families. That list is being circulated to people that we know who were members in our first decade. The list of alumni from 1980-1997 is composed of 140 families. That list has been distributed to 25 LCR families who were members in 1997 and are still members now. The final list of alumni is from 1998 to the present and consists of 114 families. This is where your help comes in. Karen Leupen will be sending this list out to all of our current members in the week ahead. While we are on shutdown and you have time, please review this list and provide contact information for those alumni families that you know to Karen as quickly as possible. After congregational review, Emily Mengel has agreed to lead an effort to locate all of the families for whom we do not have contact information. If this is something that you might like to work on, please contact Emily.

As I think about what currently is and what will be, I am reminded of the faithful words of the Psalmist, "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." As we near the beginning of our Jubilee celebration and start to reflect on fifty years of LCR history, I am quite certain that we will realize just how abundantly God has blessed this church, its families, and its mission. It will surely take a whole year to offer our thanks and praise to God for these blessings!

Peace,

Pastor Zorn

BLESSING OF THE PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

"Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Palm Sunday is April 5, 2020. Our palms were ordered long before we had heard the word Coronavirus! Our Palm Sunday worship service will be live streamed at 9:30 a.m. To help make this worship more interactive and personal we are going to make the palms available to the congregation in advance. The palms, along with the blessing litany will be placed in the vestibule (entryway between the outer and inner front doors) on Friday morning, April 3. LCR families are invited to come to church to pick up your palms and a litany. (The outer doors are always unlocked.) To assure safety, we will sanitize our hands before handling these items. We will also have hand sanitizer in the vestibule. Please sanitize your hands before picking up your palms and litany. Cars can line up in the driveway circle and take turns to assure that we maintain safe social distancing while picking up the palms. The litany will be spoken and the palms blessed during our worship on Sunday morning. *Hosanna to the Son of David!*

*Thank
you!*

A big thanks to the LCR congregation for being "Good Stewards of God's Grace" in these trying days. In this era of social distancing, there is an even greater need for spiritual closeness and the work of our ministries.

- Thanks for your generous \$5,000 in offerings to the Pastors' Discretionary Funds. The current needs have more than been met.

- Thanks for your continued offering to the Building and Operating Funds. We are roughly in line with 2019 giving and slightly below 2020 expectations as of March 23rd.

As Congress moves closer to providing financial relief for business and families, please give prayerful consideration to donating your check if your salary has continued during this period.

Please remember that your offerings can be mailed to the church office or for greater convenience, you can give online through the LCR website.

-Dan Tandy, Stewardship Chair

What's New in the ELCA?

By Julie Pahutski, Mission Interpreter

In her message to this church about the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), said that even though "this is a time of disruption. It is also a time to live and act as faithful people of God."

"Circumstances now are forcing a change in our behavior," said Eaton. "But let's see this as an opportunity for us to pause and reflect, to breathe, and to think about what it means to be the body of Christ. How do we stay connected when gathering is discouraged? How do we care for our neighbor?"

Presiding Bishop Eaton's words echo those of our own pastors. We are all called to act as people of God. Even staying home to avoid contagion is an act of service to others.

Guatemala Coronavirus Update

As we are all aware, the Coronavirus has spread worldwide and is affecting all aspects of daily life.

As the first case of the virus was confirmed in Guatemala, as of March 11th, I would like to update everyone on the situation with our missionaries, the Doppenbergs.

The virus is of course very serious here in the United States, but in poor countries, like Guatemala, which do not share our robust and wide-scale health care network, the ramifications can be much worse.

Upon notification of the outbreak, the Doppenbergs immediately closed the *Centre of Hope* and cancelled all school classes and activities. Many if not most of the indigenous people that the Centre serves have compromised immune system issues and lack access to modern health care. A wide-spread outbreak in these communities could be far more devastating than in communities in the U.S.

Geoff has reported that the airport was effectively closed – no visitors allowed in – as of March 15th. Since then, the Guatemala government has closed the borders, leaving the Doppenberg family trapped and isolated in Guatemala. At this time the status of the LCR trip to Guatemala in July, is unknown.

The Doppenbergs are all healthy at this time but are concerned about the effects of this on the financial health of the Centre and their family. The lack of mission groups coming in means a steep drop in revenue along with losses from things like the Lenten offering from LCR - sources of income the Doppenbergs rely on.

Please keep the Doppenberg family and the Centre of Hope in your prayers as they are very isolated, cut off from family, friends and church and very uncertain about the future. Please also, do all you are able, to support them financially and spiritually during this time of crisis.

Thank you,

Mark Wegmeyer – GTF Chair

Postscript: We are aware that the Doppenberg family, along with other LCR families who have relocated, joined us for the live stream worship on March 22. We are gratified for that “silver lining” in these uncertain times.

Hello, LCR! Although I am not able to provide live music for you at this time, I wanted to offer a suggested hymn list for the month of April. Here are 30 hymns - one for each day of the month - that you can either pull out in your hymnals at home or search for on YouTube.

-Matt Mauro

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| 4/1: Abide with Me - ELW 629 | 4/16: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds - ELW 367 |
| 4/2: Go to Dark Gethsemane - ELW 347, LBW 109 | 4/17: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! - ELW 369 |
| 4/3: Ah, Holy Jesus - ELW 349 | 4/18: Thine Is the Glory - ELW 376 |
| 4/4: All Glory, Laud, and Honor - ELW 344 | 4/19: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness - ELW 378 |
| 4/5: Hosanna to the Living Lord! - LBW 258 | 4/20: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! - ELW 385 |
| 4/6: Come to the Table - ELW 481, W&P 33 | 4/21: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing - ELW 389 |
| 4/7: Jesus Shall Reign - ELW 434, LBW 530 | 4/22: Crown Him with Many Crowns - LBW 170 |
| 4/8: For All the Faithful Women - ELW 419 | 4/23: As We Gather at Your Table - ELW 522 |
| 4/9: Beneath the Cross of Jesus - ELW 338, LBW 107 | 4/24: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds - LBW 143 |
| 4/10: Were You There - ELW 353 | 4/25: Abide, O Dearest Jesus - ELW 539 |
| 4/11: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - ELW 351 | 4/26: Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! - ELW 383 |
| 4/12: Jesus Christ is Risen Today - ELW 365 | 4/27: Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth - ELW 735 |
| 4/13: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia - ELW 382 | 4/28: Baptized in Water - ELW 456 |
| 4/14: The Day of Resurrection - ELW 361 | 4/29: Let All Things Now Living - ELW 881 |
| 4/15: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done - ELW 366 | 4/30: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - LBW 551 |



The Endowment Fund

The endowment fund received a gift from Sandy and Chuck Farmer in memory of Sandra Michaelis (Jim's sister) and Philip Lambert (Connie's cousin).

Have you remembered
Lutheran Church
of the Resurrection
in your will?

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

UPDATE



We are planning educational sessions at LCR in the next few months (this depends on how long we are asked to practice social distancing). Topics will include:
Introduction to RIC – we're already welcoming! why are

we doing this? What are ELCA policies/social statements regarding LGBTQ+? Terms education, what to say or not to say. What are Ohio and Northern Kentucky policies regarding the LGBTQ+ community.

We are planning a few activities such as movies about LGBTQ+ experience and church inclusion and also a guest speaker from RIC or the LGBTQ+ community.

Once we are able to be together again, dates will be provided for the above educational sessions and activities. If you have ideas you would like to share with us, please reach out to us. We are Teresa Ahrenholz, Jay Guenther, Craig Miller, Amy Morris, Tara Rammel, John Schwamberger.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection strives to be:
A COVENANT based congregation, NURTURING spiritual growth and WELCOMING all into Christ's community through Word, sacrament and love.



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