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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.*

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## ORANGE FEST '19 THE ORANGIEST FEST YET!

Grab your orange and join us **Sunday, August 25** for our annual OrangeFest with Pig Roast as we kick-off a new ministry year! 9:30am worship will be followed by games, inflatables, activities, pinata, and cornhole tournament with pig roast deliciousness. Activities, games, and inflatables begin immediately after worship, pinatas at 11:45am, and pig roast at noon.

## FAITH

New this year, will be an opportunity to learn more about the 2019-2020 ministry year focus on "The Faith 5." What is the "Faith 5?" I'm glad you asked! The "Faith

5" is a simple program every family, couple, and group of friends can use to deepen their relationships with one another and with God. The "Faith 5" includes setting aside 10-15 minutes each day to check in with one another by sharing highs and lows from the day. Next, a single verse of scripture is read. Then, everyone considers how the verse relates to the highs and lows that were shared. Prayers are offered for one another's highs and lows, and the time closes with a blessing. The "Faith 5" has been taught as a way to bring faith meaningfully into daily life for a number of years now and it has been transforming families and relationships. I'm excited for LCR to dive into the "Faith 5" this year!

Come learn more at Orangefest and get this new year off to the "orangiest" start ever!!

<><Pr. Nicole

PS-Orangefest is a GREAT event to invite a friend or neighbor to! Check out the information table for flyers you can share with an invitation:)

*The week before the Fourth Anniversary Commemorating the Emanuel Nine, Pastor Zorn and I were discussing race relations. I related my story of my experience as a child growing up in different states as the nation struggled with desegregation. Pastor Zorn used part of my story in his sermon at Allen Temple and asked me to write it down. I submit it to you.*

## **Brothers**

When I was in first grade, Ben Wells was my best friend. His family and mine lived in identical duplexes next to each other on an Air Force base in Plattsburgh, New York. At the northern end of the state, Plattsburgh had long, cool summer evenings and loads of snow in the winter. I thought it was heaven. Ben and I liked the same things. We climbed trees in our yards and played with his cat. We liked playing with our Hot Wheels cars and GI Joes. I also liked his sister. She was beautiful, but she was older and out of my league. She was a third grader.

I liked the smell of Ben's house. Mrs. Wells burned incense, which I had never seen before. Mrs. Wells also made grilled cheese sandwiches that rivalled my Mom's. I kept this secret to myself.

In 1970, my family moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where the Air Force had formal training schools. Dad attended Air Command and Staff College. I attended third grade. Montgomery was very different than Plattsburgh. The weather was hot and humid. No snow. People spoke with a different accent than mine. One of my neighbors was Mark, a boy my age, and his older brother, Bubba. They used words that I had never heard before. One of them was "n...," which sounded like a bad thing. When I asked Mark what that was, he said it was a black person. I knew about black people. Ben, my best friend, was black. And I told him so. Bubba said, "You should be ashamed of yourself for having a n... as a friend."

As a kid, I had a short temper. And at that moment, I saw red. I yelled back at Bubba, "No! You should be ashamed of yourself." Bubba shoved me to the ground and stood over me. He was bigger and scared me. I got up and ran home. I was crying, and they were laughing.

It was a rough year. In fact, it was a rough year for the whole state of Alabama. It was the first year of desegregation under Governor George Wallace. I was relieved when Dad's school ended, and we moved. We went to South Carolina for the summer and then to Kansas and Nebraska. And then in 1976, we returned to Montgomery where Dad attended Air War College. I didn't have a good feeling about returning, but when the Air Force tells you to go, you go.

Shortly after moving back, I was in a barbershop, and I recognized my former neighbors, Mark and his dad. I smiled at Mark and then looked at a couple of black men in the barbershop. I was trying to say, "See, I was right. Black people are not bad." But I said nothing out loud. I feared his dad, and had heard him say the "N" word before.

That year, I attended ninth grade at Goodwyn Junior High, which had both black and white students. It seemed okay to have interracial friends. But I saw that many white adults – and even teachers – were just faking it. My PE teacher was the worst. The state allowed corporal punishment, and when my black schoolmates failed to bring gym shorts, he spanked them hard with half a baseball bat that was split down the middle. He almost never hit white boys. And he smiled when he did it. I hated him.

After graduating, Dad got orders to command a B-52 squadron at Loring Air Force Base in northern Maine. I was delighted. The local community had a small high school, and I made the junior varsity basketball team. I had no talent, but I was tall. And I quickly made friends with the most flashy and popular kid on our team, Ernie. He was fun, athletic, and good-looking. His big afro reached across his wide shoulders. He showed me how to jump and then to dunk a basketball. We shared three sports – soccer, basketball, and track. Ernie was a phenomenal sprinter. I threw javelin and discus. We liked the same funky R&B music – not hard rock and roll. Ernie organized weekend dances as a DJ at the base youth center, which soon became the most popular teen scene around.

In my final semester of high school, the Air Force ordered us back to Nebraska. At my last school dance, Ernie dedicated a rap to me. He rapped, "He's white on the outside and black in the middle. Does he like rock and roll? He says very little." He also said that I threw a spear and jumped like a brother. "This is the truth, and this is the fact -- that leads to the conclusion that my man is half black."

Though I lost contact with Ben, Ernie and I remain the best of friends. I'm proud of our brotherhood. I'm proud that our friendship has lasted through decades and across miles. And I'm proud to say that in this small corner, love conquered hate. I hope it catches on.

Blessings,  
Steve Ray  
LCR Congregation President



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The liturgies and services for August will be:

- August 3/4: Pentecost 8, LBW II Liturgy
- 10/11: Pentecost 9, Haas Liturgy
- 13: Enter the Silence, 7:00 p.m.
- 17/18: Pentecost 10, OLS Liturgy
- 24/25: Pentecost 11, NTF Liturgy  
OrangeFest

This life that we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism is one we live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

**Volunteers welcomed:** The Adult Choir is on break for the summer. If you are interested in providing special music, please contact Matt Mauro, (matthew.mauro19@gmail.com).

### *We thank our special musicians for August!*

- 8/4: Joyful Noise; Ted Jancha (voice)
- 8/11: Amy Cheney (flute)
- 8/17: Dan Altenau (guitar)
- 8/18: Joyful Noise; Eleanor Mengel (viola)
- 8/24: Jan Carter (guitar)
- 9/1: Pam Allen (voice)

Special thanks to Faye Crawford for accompanying worship on 8/3 and 8/4 while Matt is on vacation.



The next Enter the Silence, Awaken the Spirit contemplative service will be on **Tuesday, August 13** at 7:00 p.m.



### The Endowment Fund

## **ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS**

### • Planning Your Estate?

Please consider a gift from your estate to the LCR Endowment Fund.

Use this language to make a gift (bequest):

"I give and bequeath to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, an Ohio nonprofit corporation (located at 1950 Nagel Road; Cincinnati, OH 45255; FEIN 31-0810197) [a sum of money, percentage of my estate or description of the gift]. I request that the gift be added to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Endowment Fund."

The Endowment Committee can help you with any questions.

- Do you have ideas for outreach to the community or a way to enhance LCR's mission in the community? The LCR Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the availability of \$1,400 to make grants for these purposes. The committee intends to make more than one grant with this current year's amount.

Examples of projects or efforts the Endowment Fund has supported in the past include: Habitat for Humanity, First Lutheran church in OTR, Guatemala outreach, hospitality benches in the narthex, the columbarium towers, IPM's mobile food pantry, the hand bells, Memorial Garden benches and the Outreach freezer.

A simple application form is available from the church office and will be due no later than **September 1** to the church office. Contact Jim Michaelis, Michelle Ewing, Kay Luccasen, Manny Nordone or Eileen Wegner with questions.

- The endowment fund has recently received a gift from former members, Jim & Carol Bublitz. We thank them for their continued support of LCR, even from Tennessee!

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THE RESURRECTION  
GROWS WHEN YOU  
BRING A FRIEND!**

## Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt to Visit LCR!

Our Southern Ohio Synod bishop, Suzanne Dillahunt, will be participating in the Festival of Faiths event on **September 8** (see below). Since she will be in Cincinnati, she has informed us that she plans to worship with us on that Sunday. Bishop Dillahunt will share a greeting at the end of the 8:00 a.m. worship service and at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. worship service. She will also be available between services and after the 9:30 a.m. worship service for conversation. It is not often that a bishop visits us, so this is an exciting opportunity to meet her and hear from her. Please make a special effort to be in worship on September 8.

## THE HIVE

The Christian Mindfulness Community at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is super excited to share the news that we will be partnering with The Hive ([cincyhive.org](http://cincyhive.org) -- if you haven't heard of The Hive, definitely check out the amazing ministry they are doing in Cincinnati's northside neighborhood) to bring new opportunities for growth in faith and spiritual practice to the greater Anderson area. The Hive "exists to develop creative, compassionate, and mindfully-engaged citizens in the Cincinnati region through small group classes, events and workshops." This fall, The Hive, will partner with us to bring some of their classes and incredible facilitators to LCR. The first course, "Experiencing the Relevance of Christian Contemplative Practice," will be taught by The Hive's founder, Troy Bronsink Tuesdays in September from 7-8:30. If you've ever wondered about Christian contemplative practice and want to learn more or if you are looking for a new way to relate to your own life and faith, this course is for you. Save the dates and watch your church mailbox and bulletin boards for registration information! This is not to be missed!!



## CELEBRATE INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING AND COLLABORATION.

The festival will feature more than 90 faith based exhibits, music, interfaith dialogues and workshops. **Synodical Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt will be participating in the Interfaith Devotion Service at 12:30 p.m.**

Sign up to staff the booth in the Gathering Space this weekend or on our website. [www.lcresurrection.org/interfaith](http://www.lcresurrection.org/interfaith)

**Questions?** Email Ben Morris, Inviting & Welcoming Chair at [wellwithmysoul@live.com](mailto:wellwithmysoul@live.com)



# Save the Date

SUN., Sept 8, 2019  
12:30pm–5:00pm  
X.U. Cintas Center

[cincifestivaloffaiths.org](http://cincifestivaloffaiths.org)



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection has made a significant contribution to the Festival of Faiths as a "Patron Level" supporter and Pastor Zorn is on the steering committee. Last year's first annual event was a huge success and this year will be even bigger and better. Please plan to attend, support our efforts, and learn more about our neighbors who practice religions different than ours.



## Christ Renews His Parish – Men's Retreat

### October 26/27

*I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. - John 15:5 NSRV*

The Christ Renews His Parish (CHRP) retreat will be presented to the men of LCR on October 26/ 27. The CRHP weekend is all about renewal. All of us are under the constant wear and tear of life's demands. In our lives at work, home, with our family or church family, we can feel more like The Giving Tree described by Shel Silverstein than the fruit bearing branch of Jesus' vine.

During the weekend you will hear men share their stories about how they have been renewed in their own lives. Some will speak about family, others faith, brotherhood, and church, some will speak about careers, and others their own spiritual renewal; the same things that we all struggle with. We will pray and worship, but there is also music, fun, and a genuine camaraderie we will all enjoy. We will listen, and we will talk, and together we will leave the weekend renewed in a way unique to each man attending. The retreat will provide those that attend new growth, fertilizer and water for the vine to thrive.

The retreat will be at St. Anne Retreat Center in Northern Kentucky, just across the river. Food and lodging will be provided, with most of the cost being covered by past weekend participants who want others to experience this wonderful event.

The retreat is open to all men and friends of LCR. The team of men working to provide the retreat (the Giving Team) will be reaching out to the men of LCR inviting them to join in this weekend of renewal and discovery. If you have questions about what happens during the retreat and expectations for attending, please reach out the team. We are happy to talk about our experiences on past retreats.

You will not want to miss this weekend -- we are looking forward to sharing this retreat with you!

Invitation Coordinator: Matt Wehrman

Other Giving Team Members: Steve Ahrenholz, Charlie Best, Dick Durtsche, Mark Ewing, Michael Everett, Michael Goldberg, Tom Habig, Brian Mette, George Parker



### YOUNG ADULT & YOUNG FAMILY SUMMER BBQ:

Pastor Nicole and Jay will once again be hosting the annual BBQ at their home on **Sunday, August 18** from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



### Lutheranism 101

#### NEW MEMBER CLASS AND REFRESHER FOR EXISTING MEMBERS

-Pastor Zorn

I will be leading Lutheranism 101 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning on **August 14 and ending on October 23.** The classes cover topics including the Bible, Church and Lutheran history, Lutheran doctrine, Lutheran worship and the church year, and the history of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Child care will be provided if needed. New and current members are encouraged to join the classes. They are an excellent refresher and an opportunity to meet new Christians. If you are interested in joining the classes please notify the church office so that material can be procured for you.

## Update from the Land of Trees

So these two mealworms crawl into a bar, and the first one says... - ok, so now that I have your attention, let's catch up with the adventures of the Doppenbergs in Guatemala.

So why did I start with the mealworm bit? Well, because that's the first piece of news I want to share with you. Along with all the other things they do, the Doppenbergs are now mealworm farmers. (*how many of those do you know?*) Have you heard about these little guys? Their very nutritious and packed with protein. They can be ground and added to the nutrient void tortillas that Guatemalans survive on. They taste like a mild nut or sunflower seed. The Doppenbergs have established a mealworm farm in the village of El Salitrillo and have even held cooking classes to teach the locals how to use these in their daily diet.

And that's not the only new project for the Doppenbergs. As you may recall, the Doppenbergs have been suppling smokeless stove to the villagers as part of the village empowerment program. These stoves are vital to improving the living conditions in these remote villages, however, they are heavy (concrete!) and can only be acquired from a supplier several hours drive away, greatly increasing their cost. If only there was a better way? Enter, Geoff.

So, you know that story about Mohmand "going to the mountain?" Well Geoff Doppenberg sort of did the reverse. Instead of going to the stove factory, he brought the stove factory to El Progreso. Problem solved! The Doppenbergs are just completing construction of a small manufacturing site where they will now produce their own smokeless stoves. Not only will this save time and expense in obtaining the stoves, but the site will also provide work for some of the locals.



In other local news, Luke Doppenbergs fiancée, Kate – who is attending nursing school in Canada – is presently in Guatemala for six weeks to work as an intern. Kate is a wonderful young lady that many people met during the Doppenbergs visit in May. I'm sure Luke and Kate will enjoy this time together as their relationship is defiantly a long-distance one!

So once again, the only thing constant in the life of our missionaries – is change! Please continue to pray for them and support them, as the work they are doing is so vital and life-giving.

We look forward to their next visit in October.

Mark Wegmeyer  
GTF Chair

***A new member does not join  
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection;  
They are adopted into our family!***



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you so much for all your kind wishes and special thoughts you sent us: the beautiful cards with the pink tree showing all your names - like the cherry tree we planted together in our parish garden; it is blossoming every spring-time lavishly.

Thank you for the special make "velums" that will symbolize your presence when we celebrate the Holy Communion.

We were so happy to have at least a few sisters and brothers here to talk to, to exchange views, to laugh and communicate.

God be with you and bless you all. Kind greetings and heartfelt love.

Your sisters and brothers in Zarrentin

Sincere appreciation for the prayers, cards, calls and visits while Ace was in the hospital and rehab. Our LCR family is truly a blessing.

Love Ace and Renie Hamilton

My heartfelt THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, calls, and words of encouragement. They meant a great deal to me.

Hugs Betty Langley

LCR Friends,

I am very grateful for the love our LCR family shares in so many ways. You are wonderful!

A huge thank you for all the prayers, visits, rides and lovely cards. Surely brings smiles to a heart and are spirit lifting.

It was a long, but successful recovery. Many hands, little work; many prayers, hope and strength as we wait.

Love in Christ, grant us peace,

Diane Ross



With Sympathy: We mourn with former member, **Comie Weber**, at the death of his wife, **June Weber** on June 27. A memorial service will be held at LCR on August 17 at 11:00 a.m.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR DONATING STOCKS TO LCR

### Morgan Stanley DTC Instructions for The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Morgan Stanley LLC

DTC #0015

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Account Number: 816-022106-348

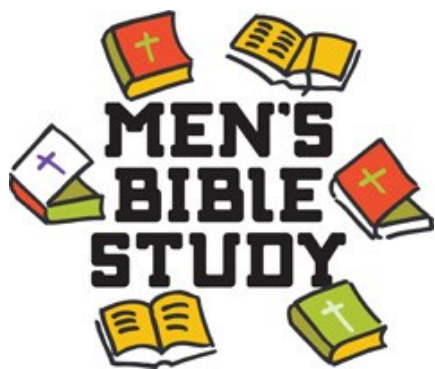
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[Stephen.Ashworth@Morganstanley.com](mailto:Stephen.Ashworth@Morganstanley.com)







## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Men's Group will begin the Fall study session on **Monday, September 9**. We will be studying The LETTER of JAMES, 1st and 2nd PETER, and The LETTER of JUDE, from the Collegeville Bible Commentary Series. Ted Jancha is the Spiritual Leader and lector. Please contact Steve Crawford [smcrawfam@gmail.com](mailto:smcrawfam@gmail.com) if you are interested and want to order a study book. The meeting schedule and study guide will be forwarded to all participants prior to September meeting dates.

## DONATE IF YOU CAN...

Summer often brings a decline in blood donations. In order to help more patients, Hoxworth needs your help.

Each day the Tri State relies on approximately 350 volunteer donors to meet patient needs for red blood cells, platelets and plasma. These blood products are transfused at 30-area hospitals. Please encourage your friends, family and other connections to roll up sleeves and donate as soon as possible.

For more information, visit [www.hoxworth.org](http://www.hoxworth.org)



## IPM UPDATE



and is capped off with a picnic supplied by the church.

With Thrivent's grant and parishioners' connections, LCR donated nearly \$1000 worth of brand-new backpacks, binders, and other school supplies. Thank you to all who helped make this donation a reality!

The donations were dropped off Friday, July 19.

LCR's Outreach Committee works diligently and creatively for the many ministries that we support. This month, the Committee used a Thrivent grant to support IPM's annual Back-To-School event, which will be held in conjunction with its' monthly Mobile Food Pantry. The event will be held on **Friday, August 2**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Mt. Caramel Christian Church on Bach-Buxton Rd. IPM volunteers will assist the kids in selecting backpacks and grade-appropriate school supplies while their parents shop for nutritious food for their families. The event is a very fun-filled, uplifting day



Mackenzie Sweeney, one of LCR's eighth graders, helped unload the supplies at IPM's Amelia store.





## SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Help stock the shelves of IPM this summer.  
For the month of August we will be  
collecting dinner food items. There is a  
donation bin in the narthex.

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### 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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