

The Messenger

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Grace and peace to you!

God is good!
All the time!
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That's a chant that we used in Vacation Bible School this past July. We had close to 50 children attend, and we used that A-B-B-A pattern as a call / response to gather the children's attention.

God is good! Does that call garner our attention? At the early service on Sunday mornings, I ask for glories any one may have as a praise to lift up to God. "Where have you seen God in your life?" It is interesting to see the faces of the assembly. Some may not have recognized the presence of God, others folks may be too embarrassed to speak up. After all, in our prayers, it is more comfortable to ask God for favors, for mercy. But is an important question to ask. "Where have you seen the face of God in your life?"

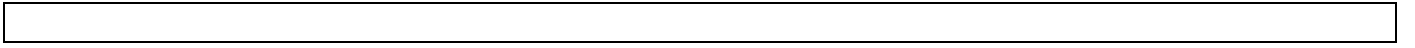
As summer vacation comes to a close and we gear up for Sunday school and fall events, we will be looking for God in both common and unusual places. Certainly, we will see the face of God in our children's eyes. God's face is present in our Communion, in the sharing of peace, in the essence of the liturgy. The trick is to see God's face in the ordinary places in our lives. The trick is to see the goodness of God amidst financial trials, marital stressors, the aging process, and the day-to-day grind of living.

"Seek me and you will find me," God says. Seek God's face, God's presence, in your lives. Look for God in the small every-day events...a driver letting you out at a busy intersection; someone telling you "have a nice day" and meaning it; finding that money you forgot you had stuck in the bottom of your pocket; getting a phone call from a friend just when you needed it.

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Have a blessed August! See you in church!

Pastor Barb



INCOME AND EXPENSES

June, 2009

by Adrienne Setzer, Church Treasurer

	<i>Income</i>	
Offerings		\$ 18,804.93
	<i>Expenses</i>	
Administration		1,014.96
Fun and Fellowship		430.78
Learning		1,283.15
Payroll		7,199.73
Payroll Expenses		20.82
Property & Grounds (Includes Mortgage)		6,778.72
Staff Benefits		5,395.49
Systems		431.10
Vision-Marketing		120.00
Witness (Benevolence to Synod)		911.17
Worship		170.87
<i>Total Expenses</i>		<i>\$ 23,756.79</i>
<i>Net Income</i>		<i>-- 4,951.86</i>

THANKS TO VBS VOLUNTEERS

A heartfelt thanks to Vivian Haren and all the "crew" that helped make VBS a huge success! To those of you who worked directly with the kids, those who worked behind the scene, those who helped decorate (and un-decorate), those who picked up gift cards and made donations, and those who participated in the Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A...you are a blessing! The children had a great time, and there were at least two families that said their kids liked Discovery Canyon more than they liked the program at their home congregation! Amazing stuff! God is good all the time! All the time, God is good!

SCRIPTURES TO GIVE YOU STRENGTH

Are you feeling inferior? Jeremiah 1:4-10; Galatians 1:10-24; Ephesians 4:1-16, 22-24; I Peter 2:4-10

Are you addicted to something? Psalm 40:1-5, 11-17; Psalm 116:1-7; Proverbs 23:29-35; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Ephesians 4:22-24; Psalm 19:12-14; Psalm 141; Luke 4:1-13; Hebrews 2:11-18; Hebrews 4:14-16; James 1:12-18

COUNCIL UPDATE

July 14, 2009

by Jill Dance, Council Secretary

Congregation Council meets second Tuesday of the month to discuss business and hear ministry reports.

Highlights from the July meeting:

- ❖ Eunice Nichols presented a beautiful design by Laura Parham for the stained glass windows above the front doors, which was approved by council. The creation and installation of the window are in memory of Eunice's husband, Ray.
- ❖ Approval was given for Jennifer Archer-Denton's girls scout troop meet at the church every other Wednesday.
- ❖ Council met with Rev. Joel Leyton and his wife Luzmarie, of Antioch United Ministries, which ministers to the Hispanic community. Approval was given for Rev. Leyton to use the facilities for bible study and worship, with details to be finalized in the near future.

The Council meeting agenda will be posted by the Tuesday of each month. Input is welcome through the first Friday if you would like Council to add to the agenda.

Minutes from Council meetings are available the third week of the month.

THANKS FROM OUR GRADUATES

Thank you all so much for the Bible and \$25. They are perfect for college! Thank you for everything. Your kindness is deeply appreciated, and God bless!

Love,
Amber Seguin

Dear RLC,

Thank you so much for the \$25 and the Bible. The Bible will help me get through things and problems. The money will be helpful in buying the school supplies needed.

Thanks,
Tyler Willis

MISSION TO MEXICO
by Pastor Barbara Gibson

If you have seen a growing pile of clothing sitting in the narthex and wondered what it is for, well, there is a friend of the congregation who is taking a mission trip to Mexico this fall and will be working with various orphanages that are in dire need of clothing for the children. So, if you have children (or grandchildren) who have outgrown their school clothes, think about donating their outgrown clothing for the sake of the kids who have no families and who are desperately poor. The clothing drive will continue through August.



MY CUP RUNS OVER
by Pastor Barbara Gibson

Our cup of blessings and kindness runs over here at Resurrection! We have a series of "Sunday Drives" for the sake of One Roof Ministry. Remember that One Roof is an ecumenical group that strives to serve Coweta County in ways that cannot be met by any one church. Our "drive" for July was to collect and donate as many bars of soap as we could. Are you ready for this news? You donated over 260 bars of soap for the needy in this area! What generosity!

Our drive will continue in August and we are asking that you consider picking up a toothbrush and small tube of toothpaste. Again, this drive is for the needy in our area.

Thank you for your continued evangelical work in God's kingdom!



CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

Benefitted Resurrection's Vacation Bible School \$211.00!

Thanks to all who enjoyed dinner at Chick-fil-A on Resurrection's Spirit Night.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
NOW

September 13 is Rally Day
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 10:00 A.M.

Followed by:

- Congregational Potluck Luncheon
- Volunteer Fair
- Games

NO Sunday School



PHONE CALL CAN ARRANGE VAN
RIDE IN COWETA

Coweta County's Dial-A-ride program is now transporting residents. The program provides transit services to business, commercial and activity centers in the county.

To schedule a trip, call 770-683-7433 at least 24 hours in advance. Trips are \$3 per one way trip. Trips must be within Coweta County and between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The van will come to any Coweta address to pick up or drop off.



!! WANTED -VINEYARD WORKERS !!
by Carole Hall

Our volunteer rosters for both the 8:30am and 11:00am worship services are in need of additional workers. Would you consider offering your talent as greeter, usher, reader, communion set-up, communion bread maker, worship assistant, nursery worker, etc? Not sure what these jobs entail? Written job descriptions are available in the church office for all of these areas of interest, as well as training for those jobs that require more than a job description offers. Please fill out one of the volunteer cards located on the table in the Narthex and drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Thank you in advance for your help in these volunteer areas.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
by Carole Hall

RLC's Worship Committee is seeking input from the congregation regarding Children's Church. In the past Children's Church (CC) was designed to dismiss children age 3 years through the 2nd grade to the Fellowship Hall during the sermon and then they return to their parents during the hymn following the sermon.

Following are some of the guidelines CC would be organized under:

- children age 3 years through 2nd grade (8 years old);
- learning experience; i.e., What are parents? Learning the Lord's Prayer or Apostles Creed, Bible stories, Bible songs, etc.
- will support Sunday School curriculum, not take the place of it;
- minimum of 2 adult volunteers per service;
- available for both the 8:30am and 11:00am services.

As parents, grandparents, or others with an interest in our young children, the Worship Committee needs your feedback in the following areas:

- Do you see a need for CC?
- Do you have a different view of how CC should be structured?
- Are you willing to work as a volunteer once a month, at the service you normally attend?

Your feedback is very important to the implementation of this program and responses may be sent via email to Carole Hall at W5WG@bellsouth.net. If you do not have access to email, written responses may be left with Yvonne in the church office. Thank you for taking the time to help with this important area of our worship services.

Blessing & Glory & Wisdom & Thanksgiving &
Honor & Power & Might
be to our GOD for ever and ever!
AMEN!

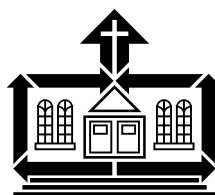


MUSIC NOTES FROM CHRIS

Chancel choir will begin practicing on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Handbells will begin on Wednesday September 9th at 6:30, and beginning then choir will move to 7:30 p.m.

No prior experience required for either, only a love for making music and praising God. Feel free to call Chris Scott at 770-251-1208 with any questions, or simply feel free to talk to a choir member or handbell choir member to learn what we're all about.



WELCOME TO OUR
CHURCH FAMILY

By Transfer of Letter
July 5, 2009

Kyle Morgan Ulmer
580-B Walton Road Newnan, GA 30263
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ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
AUGUST 17-23, 2009
IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Please be in prayer regarding the decisions
to be made at this Assembly.

Resurrection Lutheran Church is
A congregation of The Southeastern Synod
Comprised of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and
Tennessee
one of 65 synods of the ELCA, made up of 170
southeastern congregations and more than 54,000
baptized souls.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH: *WHAT IS THE CHURCH?*

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F D E V A S R D

Believer, Body, Bride, Chosen, Elect, Follower,
Holy, Priest, Redeemed, Saints, Saved



**AUGUST COLLECTION FOR THE
ONE ROOF ECUMENICAL ALLIANCE
IS TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE**

**Your donations of any brand / any size will be deeply appreciated.
A collection box is available in the Narthex for your donations.**

Did Noah Fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?”

“No,” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just two worms?”

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LEARNING TEAM

by Margaret Aldredge

God is looking for a few good folks to serve as teachers and assistant teachers for our Sunday Morning Learning Program this coming year. If 16 of our faithful members answer the call, our children will be served.

With only 16 people, we would have two teams for each age group. Each team would serve only 12-14 Sundays during the 9-month session from September through May. Only 8 of the positions require preparation before class. The other 8 require your presence on your appointed Sunday.

16 Faithful Members

12-14 Sunday commitments

8 positions require preparation and presence

8 positions require presence

Please contact Margaret Aldredge @ 770-969-8299 or Jim Guthrie @ 770-304-0336 to let us know of your willingness to serve.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Holy Communion Celebrated Every Sunday at
Both Services

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 - 10:30 A.M. ~ August - May

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday ~ Friday

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COFFEE HOUR

SPONSORED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS
SUNDAY
AUGUST 16, 2009
10:00 A.M.

Everyone has been affected by these changing economic times. Thrivent is offering a workshop to help us plot a course through these difficult waters. There is no obligation, so please plan on attending and learning about what you can do to maintain the course.

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### AFTER CHURCH GATHERING

[PASTOR BARB'S FIRST]

AUGUST 16, 2009

1:00 P.M.

Bring your favorite potluck dishes to share and enjoy good fellowship, music and games.

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to let us know you plan to attend. Questions: Contact Earl Tucker at 678.378.0564.