

The Messenger

"Know Christ and Make Him Known"

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MARCH 2009

Pastor Larry Writes ...

What a joy to be a part of a caring, committed gathering of Brothers and Sisters of Christ known as Resurrection! It's especially meaningful for me to be with you during the most moving portion of the church year which we call Lent.

Are you aware that the word "Lent" comes from an old English word for, not winter or darkness, but "Springtime?" This is the season in the church liturgical year that emphasizes renewal and re-birth. It is, from a spiritual point of view, a time to slow down and listen; "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Let your lives be transformed as you listen, ask questions, seek answers, and walk with your Lord and Savior.

We will begin the journey of 47 days with Ash Wednesday followed by a series of Wednesday night gatherings that will begin with soup and sandwiches at 6 p.m. followed by uplifting worship at 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal will follow at 7:45 p.m. The theme of our Wednesdays in Lent is *The Questions of Jesus*. You should have recently received a special pocket devotional booklet with that title. As Jesus taught, he frequently used questions as a way to get his listeners to think carefully about their relationships to God and neighbor.

We should not be afraid or hesitant to ask questions when it comes to our searching for a more meaningful, strengthened faith; hopefully, through our time together during this Lenten season we will feel a sense of renewal, or maybe even rebirth! Please use this Lenten time to also invite inactive members, unchurched friends and neighbors to Wednesday / Sunday worship and learning experiences. Remember, the only way for this wonderful fellowship to grow is for you to do your part in helping it grow.

Remember, questions can transform us as they help us re-examine our faith, our lives, our biases, and even our relationships with God and one another.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Larry

*Render your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God....
Joel 2:13*



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Addison Watkins	2
Ann Thurston	3
Vince Tyler	5
Carole Malhoit	7
Janie Lettie	8
Chyna Manning	8
Bob Holbrook	9
Saundra Wise	9
Debbie Bouchard	10
Drew Kupfer	10
Ashley Delgado	11
Nate Thomas	11
Jacob Jackson	12
Ed Deck	13
Jim Lettie	13
Shannon McCorkle	14
Krystopher Thompson	14
James Finnesgard	16
Jim Williams	16
Pat Willis	17
Jane Benedict	18
Adam Pierce	18
Grayson Porras	20
Kyle Loeber	21
Robert Ade	22
John Sennett	22
Richard Boehm	23
Nancy Hand	23
Courtney Wallace	25
Shana Krumins	26
Lisaann Pauli	26
Kevin Swenney	26
Mike Manning	27
Caroline Connolly	29
Mike Twomey	29
Lin Pahl	30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Jennifer Hendricks	21 st	2
Jim & Diane Guthrie	26 th	5
Bill & Marie Gay	31 st	11
Robert & Felicia Williams	4 th	19
John & Angela Sennett	31 st	25

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

by Adrienne Setzer, Church Treasurer

I have been doing some spring cleaning recently. I find that this is an excellent time to review what we hold dear to us and to discard what is old and meaningless. In addition to my household cleaning, I have been reviewing my budget for this and next year, just to make sure I am on track in my giving, and to see what I can change. After making some adjustments, I found I can go on vacation and I can increase my donations. As I reflect on this renewal of myself and my house, I remember a portion of the Psalm for today, Ash Wednesday. Psalm 51 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." I like to remember the verse from this Psalm not just for today, but for every day that I live on this earth. The Psalm says so much about God's mercy and deliverance from sin, a great cleansing by the spirit. Not only is this a great time for spring cleaning, but for Spirit cleaning as well.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT?

Our Southeastern Synod has linked up with the ELCA Foundation which provides a great stewardship resource to provide assistance to our congregations. The Foundation supports current and deferred gifts for over 13,000 ELCA related ministries including our synod and its various ministries. Regional Gift Planners are available to meet with individuals and congregations to discuss gifting opportunities that support ministries here at home and throughout the world. Visit: www.elca.org/fo. or contact The Rev. Paul Summer: 386-852-0511.

INCOME AND EXPENSES

JANUARY 2009

Income

General Offerings	\$ 16,869.00
Designated Income	539.76
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$17,408.76</i>

Expenses

Administration	\$1,002.83
Designated Expenses	539.88
Learning	25.55
Payroll	7,739.85
Payroll Expenses	25.77
Property and Grounds (Includes Mortgage)	6,317.19
Staff Benefits	1,796.93
Support	219.00
Systems	218.95
Vision-Marketing	91.20
Witness	769.20
Worship	399.86
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>19,146.21</i>

Net Income -1,737.45

ON-GOING MINISTRIES OF RLC

One Roof Ecumenical Alliance which provides a variety of assistance to people such as help with rent and utilities.

Coweta County Food Pantry - we have baskets in the Fellowship Hall for donations of any non-perishable food items.

The Community Welcome House for battered women and children - we have baskets in the Fellowship Hall for donations of personal hygiene items, non-perishable food items, cleaning products, etc.

Another way to give to these ministries is through monetary donations or gift cards. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

8:30 GREETERS

1 Jon Wendel / JiGuthrie
 8 Homero & Mary LynBolado
 15 David Reece / Owen Reece
 22 Peter Anderson / Jon Wendel
 29 Jim & Linda Satter

8:30 USHERS

1 Jon Wendel / Jim Guthrie
 8 Homero Bolado
 Bolado Dan
 Kendzierski
 15 Jim Aldredge / Jim Guthrie
 22 Homero Bolado / Jim Aldredge
 29 Fred Buyarski
 Buyarski Dan
 Kendzierski

8:30 LESSON READERS

1 Diane Guthrie
 8 Margaret Aldredge
 15 David Reece
 22 Peter Anderson
 29 Homero Bolado

8:30 COMMUNION SET-UP

1 Victoria Reece
 8 Carolynn Pierce
 15 Victoria Reece
 22 Fred Buyarski
 29 Linda Satter

8:30 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

1 Linda Satter / Aidan Reece
 8 Peter Anderson / Amy Pierce
 15 Peter Anderson / Aidan Reece
 22 Pat Dasenbrock-Fuerstenau
 Carolynn Pierce
 29 Jolyn Owens / Brandi Shroyer

11:00 GREETERS

1 Paul Haren / Mary Lou Tucker
 8 Bill Gay / Richard Lindquist
 15 Rodney Hudson
 Martin Krumins
 22 Carl & Debbie Gillings
 29 John Willis / Tyler Willis

11:00 USHERS

1 Mary Lou Tucker / Paul Haren
 Glen Thompson
 Krystopher Thompson
 8 Bill Gay / Larry Gray
 David Whittington
 Richard Lindquist
 15 John Setzer / Martin Krumins
 Rodney Hudson / Eric Thomas
 22 Carl & Debbie Gillings
 Bob & Jimmy Holbrook
 29 Mike / Jazmin Manning
 John Willis / Tyler Willis

11:00 LESSON READERS

1 Kate Desatta
 8 Robert Ade
 15 Carole Hall
 22 Mary Filipowski
 29 Richard Lindquist

11:00 ACOLYTES

1 Adam Pierce
 8 Thomas Hudson
 15 Ashley Delgado
 22 Brittney Seguin
 29 Megan Pearce

11:00 CRUCIFERS

1 Amy Pierce
 8 Brittney Sequin
 15 Zack Delgado
 22 Davy Scott
 29 Thomas Hudson

11:00 COMMUNION SET-UP

1 Bill Gay
 8 Darlene Lindquist
 15 Carole Hall
 22 Debbie Bouchard
 29 Ron Hall

11:00 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

1 Fred Buyarski
 8 Rodney Hudson
 15 Ron Hall
 22 Richard Lindquist
 29 Larry Gray

11:00 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

1 Ron Hall
 8 Chris Scott
 15 Bill Gay
 22 Fred Buyarski
 29 Chris Scott

11:00 CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER

Kate Desatta

11:00 NURSERY

1 Julie Pearce / Laura Hudson
 8 Shana Krumins
 Jazmin Manning
 15 Jovonne Thomas / Maren Sonne
 22 Diane / Chyna Manning
 29 Sandy / Krystopher Thompson

ALTAR GUILD

Ron Hall

COMMUNION BREAD MAKER

Darlene Lindquist

OPEN BUILDING

Peter Anderson

CLOSE BUILDING

Kathleen Ade

Thank You

How can we ever thank EVERYONE for joining us for the CELEBRATION OF RAY'S LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE? We are still in awe of the wonderful attendance, prayers, concerns, cards, and all the delicious food that was brought to church and home. We also know that it would be impossible for us to thank everybody personally so I hope you will accept this note as a thank you to each and everyone of you. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. Ray was a quiet and humble man, and know he might have said "WHAT IS THIS ALL FOR? ---....I have fought a good fight and now am with the Lord at PEACE."

Love and sincerest thanks from
THE FAMILY OF RAYMOND NICHOLS

To the Congregation:

Thank you for your prayers and support you gave to our Mom, Alma Belben, over the last several years. She appreciated all your love, however this past year she was not able to attend.

You are most welcome to attend a memorial service to honor her life at Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. (our home church).

Sincerely,
Nancy and Ernest Broadwell
Carol and Tim Cooper and our Families

To Resurrection Lutheran Church Congregation,

Community Welcome House was blessed to receive the gift baskets for Thanksgiving. What a bountiful Thanksgiving meal was shared because of your remembering our ministry. You provided for a wonderful memory for the women and children who have been harmed by domestic violence.

We understand to facilitate change there must be something to believe in, God and self. Traumatized by life, not understood, they make the call that brings them to Community Welcome House. Because of your gift and understanding we continue to offer hope that allows them to believe in themselves and create success to reach self-reliance.

Sincerely,
Linda Kirkpatrick, Executive Director
Dear Friends,

I want to thank you again. I want to be sure that each of you know how very grateful I am for your generosity and warm send off. I think of you often and continue to pray for you. May God continue to bless you as you so richly bless others.

Pastor Mary

Mentors Needed

Do you have 30 minutes a week to make a difference in the life of a child? Arnall Middle School needs mentors for their students. To participate you will need to attend an hour long Mentor Orientation Session on March 11, or March 25 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Central Education Center 160 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Newnan, Ga. Room #102. For additional information call Dawn Jerrell, or Sara Dupree, Counselors at Arnall Middle School 770 254-2765. They will be looking for you!

NEWBERRY COLLEGE MUSIC TOUR COMES TO GEORGIA

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, GA

SOUTHERN CRESCENT CHORALE CONCERT CHOIR

Saturday, March 28 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Peachtree City, GA

Now in its seventh season, the Southern Crescent Choral has established a reputation for excellence and achievement in the arts community of south Atlanta. Under the direction of Janice Folsom, this 65-voice auditioned community chorus dedicates many hours to making music and has performed before thousands of people throughout the Southern crescent.

A free-will offering will be taken; childcare will be provided for ages 4 and younger.



Celebrate Remember Fight Back

YOU ARE INVITED!

**Cancer Survivors and Caregivers are Invited
to Celebrate Survivorship with
The American Cancer Society!
May 1 and 2, 2009
All cancer Survivors and Caregivers are
invited to attend!**

The Survivor Celebration to kick off the 2009 Relay For Life will take place at the Coweta County Fairgrounds on May 1. Survivors will begin arriving at 4:30 p.m. Parking will be right in front of the large Conference Center Building where the Celebration will be held.

The Survivor Lap will begin at 7:30 p.m. Cancer Survivors and their Caregivers take the track and are honored by the community as they kick off this overnight event. We hope you can join us and spread the word to other cancer Survivors and Caregivers!

Survivorship Celebration:

Friday, May 1, 2009
Survivor Check-in begins 4:30 p.m.
Celebration begins 5:30 p.m.
Fairgrounds Conference Center
Parking area in front of Center

Relay for Life Events:

7:15 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
7:30 p.m. Survivor / Caregiver Lap
Silent Auction / Stage Entertainment
Relax and enjoy the Survivor Tent
9:00 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony

Call Samantha Wood at 770.251.5282 or Annie Berkowitz at 770.252.0894 with questions, or visit [www.RelayForLife.org/Coweta County](http://www.RelayForLife.org/CowetaCounty).

DO YOU HEAR GOD CALLING?

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia South Carolina invites you to join them for the Spring 2009 Seminary Days, March 22-24, 2009.

Southern Seminary invites you and all of those discerning God's call to join their community and experience how they teach, form, and nurture their students for a prayerful and active life in ministry.

For more information contact Jenny Tomalka, Director of Admissions, at 803.461.3297 or jtomalka@ltss.edu.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 10, 2009

Congregation Council meets second Tuesday of the month to discuss business and hear ministry reports. Highlights from the February meeting:

- Call Committee has completed initial telephone interviews with all candidates
- Adrienne Setzer is updating RLC's website – take a look!
- Outreach Evangelism Committee has plans in the works for the annual Hunger Walk and an exciting Habitat for Humanity building project this spring
- Wednesday night Soup 'n Sandwich Suppers (6 PM) will be offered for the five Wednesday of Lent, beginning March 4th – followed by a short worship service at 7:00. Choir practice will follow the service.
- Minutes from the Council meeting will be available outside the Pastor's office the last week of the month.

COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2009

Paul Haren – President
Kathleen Ade – Vice President
Jill Dance – Secretary
Peter Anderson
Fred Buyarski
Bill Gay
Jim Guthrie
Nick Pierce

YOUTH NEWS

by Pat Willis

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING APPRECIATION

A special note of thanks to all who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. There was a marvelous selection of soups and chili provided by our members. Our senior high and confirmation youth did a wonderful job of assisting with setup, serving, and cleanup that day. A total collection of \$142.00 was donated and the full amount will be sent to One Roof Ecumenical Ministries of Newnan.

Even though it was Pastor Mary's last Sunday with us, everyone enjoyed the luncheon as we bid farewell and thanked her for a job well done. Good job ye servants of the Lord!

Rent-A-Youth in March

As Spring approaches we all know what that means!

It's cleaning time! There are yards to get ready for planting, windows to wash, garages to organize, and who know what else! Guess who would love to help you take care of those chores? ? Yes, our very own senior high youth group.

March brings warmer weather and the youth are offering their services, as a fund raiser, to assist where they are able. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in arranging a time for a youth member to help. The youth member will be matched with the job and will accept a free-will donation for their work. The donation will be placed in the general youth fund to be used for River of Life projects this summer.

Watch for the sign-up sheet starting on March 1. This is a great way to get to know some of our wonderful youth members. They will do the best they can to make your Spring cleaning a lot easier.

For specific questions contact Pat Willis (770.254.8506) or Sandy Thompson (770.463.5401).

MARDI GRAS FUN

What a festive evening of fun for Senior High youth members and their parents at the home of John and Tori Sorrells! Decorations, a delicious meal, games, and the "throwing of the beads" were carried out in true Louisiana style! There was a game of Jeopardy where we all learned more about Lent. A King Cake graced the table of purple, green, and yellow motif. The evening ended with a Marfi Gras parade with plenty of beads for all!

Thank you Sorrells family for hosting a wonderful Mardi Gras experience.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

by Margaret Aldredge

In the PreK/Elementary Sunday School Classes we will be learning about the life of Jesus during the first part of the month of March and the structure of our Liturgy during the latter part of the month. One of our highlights will be a tour of the chancel and sacristies conducted by the Altar Guild. On March 29 we will study the Holy Week story including foot washing.

There is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday April 5 and 12. Our children are invited to participate with the choir in the Easter musical program *Once Upon a Tree*.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

by Kate Desatta

New Children's Church Schedule

Beginning March, Children's Church will be held during the 11:00 sermon on the First and Third Sundays of the month. All children aged 3 years to 8 years are eligible to attend. Older children who would like to help are urged to contact Kate Desatta.



ATLANTA HUNGER

WALK 2009

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March 1, 2009

Turner Field 2:30 p.m.

We would like youth, church members, family and friends to join us for the Hunger Walk March 1st. We would leave the church between 12:30 and 12:45 pm. You may wish to bring sandwiches from home or stop at Subway or Kroger to pick up some subs. Bring a few waters or Gatorade but both will be provided at the walk. The walk is 5K (3.1 miles). There is a booth for Lutheran Social Services where you would take your entry fee and any money you have collected. With your entry fee you will get a free T-Shirt. You do not have to pay the \$25, just what you can donate or collect to walk. The must on the \$25 is for the run and if you want a shirt. Strollers and other buggies to pull kids or items are permitted. There are also a lot of fun activities for all before the walk starts. Hope to see you all there.

IN MEMORIAM

Raymond W. Nichols

July 9, 1931 – January 30, 2009

WOULD YOU LIKE PASTOR LARRY TO VISIT WITH YOU?

If so, all you have to do is mention it to him on Sunday, or call the office to let him know (Tuesdays and Wednesdays are best) or leave a message with Yvonne; and, if you or a loved one have to enter the hospital, please make sure to let us know!

INTERESTED IN CUTTING FOOD COSTS?

Visit: www.angelfoodministries.com

CHOIR NOTES

by Chris Scott, Music Director

This Easter, the Choir will be staging Pepper Choplin's musical telling of the Easter Story, "Once Upon a Tree." Not only are voices needed,



but there are many roles to fill to help staging the musical both in the presentation and behind the scenes. There are many roles to fill from Jesus, his disciples, Roman guards, to the townspeople of Jerusalem. Talent is also needed to stage the production, including props, costuming, and lighting. We hope to involve our children, younger and older, in this production, as well as adults. Look for upcoming sign-up sheets, and listen for the call to join the fun. If you have any questions, contact Chris Scott at 770-251-1208 or cscottswslaw@aol.com.



DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA DOLLAR, FOUR QUARTERS WILL DO

The Synod treasurer reported at a recent meeting that our Synod ended the year 2008 with a budget deficit of \$63,600.00. It was suggested that if each member of each of the congregations within the Synod donate one dollar (\$1.00), enough would be collected to make up the deficit. You are asked and encouraged to make this donation on behalf of the Synod. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, clearly marked *For Synod Deficit*.

REMEMBER THOSE IN THE NURSING HOMES

Raymond Bruening
Jack Fowler
Rev. Paul Ruff
Mrs. Helen VanderHeide

All currently reside at LaFayette Nursing and Rehab Center, 110 Brandywine Blvd., Fayetteville, GA 30214.

During the Lenten Season

Soup 'n Sandwich Supper 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Devotional 7:00 p.m.

Beginning Wednesday, March 4 and running five Wednesdays, we will offer Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by Lenten Devotional Worship at 7:00 p.m. led by Pastor Larry Miller. The following ministries will be responsible for the soup 'n sandwich meals:

March 4 – Fellowship
March 11 – Education and Grounds
March 18 Shepherding and Staff Support
March 25 – Stewardship
April 1 – Worship



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER AND FUN

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009
1:00 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Bring your favorite covered dish – a touch of green would be nice, but not necessary. Questions: Contact Earl Tucker at 770.304.2065.



Don't forget - Helping hands needed for Thrivent Lutherans Habitat build. Thanks to all who have already signed up to help in this great community outreach. We are still in need of volunteers to help with food preparation and delivery, as well as helping hands to assist with the build dates assigned to RLC. Dates assistance is needed are April 18th and May 16th. Please see sign-up sheets on table in Narthex. Directions to the build site (in Grantville) as well as waiver forms that need to be signed are with sign-up sheets.

We are also asking for your monetary assistance in raising funds for this Lutheran build. Any pledges and/or donations can be placed in the special envelopes market Thrivent Builds (on table in Narthex), or can be placed in regular offering envelopes, with Designated Funds market as Thrivent Builds Homes. Our goal is to raise 10% of total funds needed (roughly \$700) and it would be great to see us reach/exceed this. Please contact Linda Satter with any questions you might have.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 8, 2009

**MOVE YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR ON
SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 7**

