

The messenger

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MAY 2009

Grace and peace to you!

Did you catch the sale on Easter candy? It seems that the day came and went two weeks ago, and we've moved on to the next holiday: Mother's Day. Gone are the cards, the baskets, the colored eggs and special chocolate bunnies. Yet, the church holds on! We are still saying with confidence, "Alleluia! He is risen!"

These next days and weeks we will read and hear of Jesus' appearance. He is present in the breaking of bread, healing, and teaching. The epistles will witness to his resurrection. And we will be amazed!

Children of Easter, we carry a message that is greater than the world can offer, greater than the world can discredit! This Jesus who lived, loved, and taught was crucified. And after three days, his tomb was empty! He was raised from the dead! Sin and death no longer have the last word! Love and life do! We have been baptized into Christ's death, and so, too, into his resurrection. While the world languishes in despair we live in hope and promise! We are called to claim and proclaim, "He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

In Christ,

Pastor Barb

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Imagine, if you will, a nation in prayer ...
for peace, justice, wisdom for leaders,
healing for the sick ... for the well-being of the world.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 7, 2009

12:00 – 12:30 P.M.

A Service of Word and Prayer

Resurrection Lutheran Church

THANK YOU!

Dear people of God,

As of this writing, I have been here about seventy-two hours. The office is coming together, and I'm about 30% unpacked at home. I have been showered with blessings and I am deeply grateful!

You met and unloaded a truck, every inch of which was filled with "stuff." Some one, who has chosen to remain anonymous, brought in a box of food: milk, bread, eggs, juice, peanut butter, tuna... You provided meals for my daughter, grandson and me. You have given me the grace to get my home in order. Yvonne has been profoundly patient with me as I have begun to learn office procedures.

You have welcomed me with open arms and I am deeply blessed. Thank you is such a simple word, too light a one to express my profound gratitude. Please know that I am honored and humbled that you have called me to be among you to proclaim God's good news of Jesus Christ. I look forward to serving you, and I thank God for you!

Pastor Barb

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My sincere thanks to all of you for the kind notes and gifts and food(!) you blessed me with on my last Sunday with you. You know that my prayers will continue to be with you and Pastor Barbara as you move on to ever stronger witness and ministry. I cherish the fact that you have kept your enthusiasm for affirming your faith through all the ways you volunteer your time, talent and giving. Surely you are "God's People on the Move!" Take care!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Larry Miller

To the Ladies of the Church,

Our thanks to you all for all your help. You were all very special to our mother.

God bless you all,
Alida Lewis, Andy & Suk Vander Heide
Children of Helen Vander Heide

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

In the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life in Christ Jesus, we express our love and sympathy to:

Milton and Chris Kupfer in the loss of Milton's sister, Patricia "Patsy" Kupfer DeWitt of McDonough, GA on March 22, 2009.

Kathleen and Bob Ade in the loss of Kathleen's father, Roland Beethe of Colorado Springs, CO on

Alida and Don Lewis, Andy and Suk Vander Heide in the loss of Alida and Andy's mother, Helen Vander Heide in Fayetteville, GA on April 5, 2009.

To **Janie and Jim Lettie, Stacy and Kevin Swenney and Colin**, in the loss of Jacqueline Beny, mother of Janie and grandmother of Stacy in Union City, GA on April 12, 2009.

To **Mike and Kathy Hernandez, Emily and Evan**, in the loss of Mike's 13 year old cousin, Jonathan Hobbs, in McDonough, GA on April 23, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM

HELEN MARIE VANDER HEIDE
09/06/1923 ~ 04/05/2009

RESURRECTION'S PRACTICAL PANTRY is in need of replenishing. The Practical Pantry is to assist our own members with items such as shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, toilet tissue, deodorants, washing powder, dish detergent, etc., that cannot be purchased with food stamps. A box is located in the Fellowship Hall for these items, and your donations are *greatly appreciated*.

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Luminaria Ceremony at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Coweta County, Friday, May 1, 2009 at the Coweta County Fairgrounds. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 p.m. During the luminaria ceremony, candles are placed in luminaries bags, which are dedicated in *honor* of a cancer survivor or in *memory* of a loved one lost from cancer. When lit, hundreds of luminaries will brighten the way for Relay for Life walkers during the ceremonial lap and throughout the night.

The Raleigh Ringers in Concert Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Peachtree City United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from Karen Anderson (770.631.0348). The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally acclaimed, advanced community handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Since its founding in 1990, The Raleigh Ringers has been dazzling concert audiences with unique interpretations of sacred, secular and popular music, including famous rock 'n roll tunes arranged just for handbells.

Under the direction of David M. Harris, The Raleigh Ringers has released four CDs, and a DVD of a holiday concert. The group has performed in 34 states and in several cities in France during its tours, and plays two dates each year at a major venue in Raleigh. The Raleigh Ringers also sponsors a yearly festival for children who play handbells and a festival for advanced adult ringers.

The proceeds from this concert will go to send youth at Peachtree City United Methodist Church to music camp this summer.

The Ball Brothers in Concert

Sunday, May 17, 2009

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church
Peachtree City, GA. 30269

Where can you find the Gospel music styles of the 1940 combined with the modern music of today? Meet the Ball Brothers! These brothers – Andrew, Daniel, and Stephen – are young, exciting, and love to have a good time doing what God has called them to do. Their

youthful energy is apparent to all who meet them and enjoy their exciting live performances. The Ball brothers showcase a creative confidence and intuitive grasp of harmony that is rare in artists twice their age.

4th Annual Juried Art Show

June 4, 2009

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Center for Performing Arts
Lower Fayetteville Rd, Newnan



In the past more than 500 people have attended and if you have never been there ... it is an evening you DO NOT want to miss. This evening includes juried art, and a lovely reception with finger food and entertainment.

Contact person is Eunice Nichols (770.251.0020).

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

by Jill Dance, Council Secretary

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

A warm and joyous welcome to Pastor Barb! Council is sponsoring a reception for Pastor Barb following her installation service. Please join us here at the Church on Sunday, May 2nd at 3:00 for this beautiful service, and to fellowship with Pastor Barb afterwards. To God be the glory for leading us through the call process and to Pastor Barb! Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all on the Call Committee for your many months of hard work.

Topics at the April Council meeting included reports from Education, Shepherding, Outreach, Fellowship & Building ministries.

Minutes from Council meetings are available the third week of the month outside Pastor's office.

THE CHURCH GROUNDS are looking good ... thanks to many hours of labor from Jim Aldredge and Fred Buyarski!

YOUTH NEWS

by Pat Willis

This has been a busy spring for our youth members. We should be proud of them for their involvement in sports, school activities, and family events. They have been working with our church members on various projects with the "Rent A Youth" fundraisers and will continue to complete the remaining job requests.

The Easter Pancake Breakfast was a great success. Thank you to both the confirmation and senior high youth who were there to serve. The dedication of the parents, especially the Sorrells and the Reeses, added to the success by helping to coordinate a yummy breakfast for all.

This May 16th, Saturday, is the next Resurrection Lutheran work day at the Habitat for Humanity house in Grantville. The high school youth are encouraged to participate in this event. We will plan to meet at the church that morning (time to be announced) and travel together to the site. This will be the final service project of the school year and we would like a fantastic turnout from our group.

Following the work day at the Habitat house, the group will meet at the Willis home for dinner with a Mexican theme. Spend the day and evening with your church youth group friends before summer vacation begins! Parents are always welcome and encouraged to come to all gatherings.

Pat Willis and/or Sandy Thompson will be in touch with youth members to discuss exact times for the events of May 16th.

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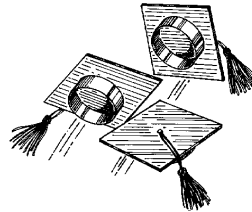


CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Please contact the church office (770.254.8833 / resluch@juno.com) to let us know you are graduating from high school or college. Resurrection Lutheran Church will honor our High School and College Graduates on Sunday May 17. Pastor Barb will have a prayer and blessing for the graduates during both services.

The Graduates will be honored at a reception at 10:15 on Sunday May 17 following the Sunday School lesson for the day. Please plan to come and support these young people on this very important day in their lives.

Graduates will be honored on Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 A.M. Worship.



Tyler Willis would like to invite his church family to an open house in honor of his graduation from East Coweta High School.

WHEN: Saturday, May 30, 2009 beginning at 1:00 PM until ???.

WHERE: The Willis home at 35 Meadow Green, Newnan, GA 30265

WHAT: Celebrate the day with loved ones, laughs, lots to eat, and the last of Tyler's high school days.

WHO: ALL our friends from Resurrection Lutheran Church who watched him grow up. (Tyler became a charter member as a one year old!)

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## COWETA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The shelves are almost empty at the local food bank and the number of people needing food grows larger with each passing day. Any non-perishable food items you can donate would be appreciated. Some suggestions are: canned meats, cereals, macaroni and cheese, rice, dried beans, canned or powdered milk, canned vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, crackers, soups, cool-aid, tea, coffee, sugar, etc.

A box is located in the Fellowship Hall for your donations, and we do our best to send the food to the food pantry quickly. *Our sincere thanks to Ken and Neva Allen who carry your donations to the food pantry.*

## Sunday School

The 200-2009 Sunday School Year is drawing to a close. We will have 3 lessons in May.

## PreK/K/ 1

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| May 3  | The Parable of the Mustard Seed |
| May 10 | Lazarus                         |
| May 17 | Feeding the 5000                |

## Elementary

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| May 3  | The Synagogue and the Upper Room      |
| May 10 | Gifts of the Spirit and Special Craft |
| May 17 | Feeding the 5000                      |

## Children and Youth Learning Team and VBS

The Children and Youth Learning Team met on April 22 to review the current year, review plans for our Summer Program and to begin to plan for the 2009-2010 Sunday School year. We are pleased to announce that we have sufficient adult response to offer a Vacation Bible School program this summer for the week of July 13-17 from 9AM to Noon. Pastor Barb will be working with the program, so here's your chance to work with her and get to know her better. Vivian Haren and JoVonne Thomas are co-directors of this year's School. Please contact Vivian Haren at 770-252-1901, or e-mail her at [vivian@distinctiveeventsonline.com](mailto:vivian@distinctiveeventsonline.com) if you are willing to help. We still have a few positions available. See the full-page announcement in this newsletter for details.

## Child Safety Policy and Training

Four members of our congregation (Peter Anderson, Jim and Diane Guthrie and Margaret Aldredge) attended a Child Safety Workshop sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Fayette to help us in preparing our own Child Safety Policy and Training. We hope that the Council will form a team to work on this project very soon.

## 2009-2010 Sunday School and Youth Group

We are also looking for a few good folks to share in our Learning program. We have openings for teachers for

all age groups for the Fall session. We are hoping to have 4 teachers for each group so that we will always have 2 teachers in the classroom at one time and each teacher serves only every other month. We have great materials and awesome kids. Please give a lot of thought and deep prayer to volunteering. Our kids need you.

We are also looking for a few good folks to help with the planning and implementing of our Middle School and High School Youth Group activities. We try to plan several servant opportunities and several fellowship activities for each of the Fall, Winter and Spring sessions. If you have a teen in one of these groups, your help is needed. If you happen to like teens and enjoy their enthusiasm and interest in life, you would be very welcome to join us.

We also have openings on the Childrens and Youth Learning Team for a few good folks to help with the planning and support of our learning ministries. We currently have four subteams: PreK/Elementary, Middle School, High School and VBS. If you are willing to serve on the team, please contact Margaret Aldredge at 770-969-8299 or [jmera4@comcast.net](mailto:jmera4@comcast.net). We meet once every quarter to review our program and to plan for upcoming events.

## INCOME AND EXPENSES MARCH 2009

|                                             | <i>Income</i>   |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Offerings                                   |                 | \$25,282.25 |
| Designated Offerings                        |                 | 208.50      |
| <i>Total Income</i>                         |                 | \$25,490.75 |
|                                             | <i>Expenses</i> |             |
| Administration                              |                 | 843.63      |
| Bank Charges                                |                 | 15.00       |
| Designated                                  |                 | 580.00      |
| Fun and Fellowship                          |                 | 98.79       |
| Payroll                                     |                 | 4,203.17    |
| Payroll expenses                            |                 | 20.82       |
| Property and Grounds<br>(includes Mortgage) |                 | 7,169.52    |
| Staff Benefits                              |                 | 3,677.57    |
| Support                                     |                 | 1,344.93    |
| Systems                                     |                 | 234.94      |
| Vision-Marketing                            |                 | 91.20       |
| Witness                                     |                 | 769.20      |
| Worship                                     |                 | 467.81      |
| <i>Total Expenses</i>                       |                 | 19,516.58   |
| <i>Net Income</i>                           |                 | 5,974.17    |



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY  
13 – 17, 2009**

**9:00 A.M. – NOON**

**KINDERGARTEN THRU 6<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE**

**CONFIRMATION**

Several of our youth will be Affirming their Baptism (formerly known as Confirmation) on Sunday May 17. Some will be confirmed at 8:30 and some at 11:00. They have completed a course of instruction in the Christian Faith including Luther's Small Catechism, Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Sacrament of Baptism, Sacrament of the Altar, Old and New Testament Studies, What is the Lutheran Church?

In addition to their studies, they have participated in Servant Events, Fellowship Events and have faithfully attended Church Services (completing sermon and worship notes) and Confirmation Classes.

The Confirmands will be honored at a reception at 10:15 on Sunday May 17 following the Sunday School lesson for the day. Please plan to come and support these young people on this very important day in their spiritual lives.

**REMEMBER THOSE IN NURSING HOMES**

Mr. Raymond Bruening – Room 701-B  
Rev. Paul Ruff – Room 509  
Lafayette Nursing and Rehab Center

110 Brandywine Blvd.  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Mr. Kevin Eliander  
Heritage Healthcare of Franklin  
360 S. River Road  
Franklin, GA 30217

**ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS**

|                               |                  |    |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----|
| James and Deborah Seeton      |                  | 1  |
| Jon and Karen Annderson       | 41 <sup>st</sup> | 11 |
| Gary and Connie Jones         | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 13 |
| Rich and Pat Fuerstenau       | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 18 |
| Glen and Sandy Thompson       | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 19 |
| John Thomas and Lisa Saunders | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 20 |
| Bo and Rita Lowery            | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 21 |
| James and Liz Finnesgard      | 33 <sup>rd</sup> | 28 |
| John and Pat Willis           | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 30 |
| Bill and Toni Loeber          | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 30 |

**MAY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Carolynn Pierce       | 1  |
| Jamie Finnesgard      | 3  |
| Betty Hudson          | 4  |
| Abigail Bryan         | 5  |
| Ian Watkins           | 6  |
| Megan Pearce          | 7  |
| Catherine Gay         | 8  |
| Toni Loeber           | 8  |
| Mildred Wohlers       | 9  |
| James Sonne           | 10 |
| Dan Jarvie            | 12 |
| Victoria Reece        | 13 |
| Paul Zimmermann       | 14 |
| Martin Krumins        | 16 |
| Homero Bolado         | 18 |
| Mike Hernandez        | 20 |
| Cassandra McCorkle    | 20 |
| Linda McLean          | 20 |
| Tyler Willis          | 21 |
| Zack Delgado          | 23 |
| Mike Wendel           | 23 |
| Torie Handschuh       | 24 |
| Brandi Shroyer        | 24 |
| Chris Ebersole        | 25 |
| Dirk Sorrells         | 25 |
| Rev. Paul Ruff        | 26 |
| Erica Lowery          | 27 |
| Rebecca McCorkle      | 28 |
| Nancy Twomey          | 28 |
| Christine Whittington | 29 |
| David Reece           | 30 |

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## Come Celebrate Life!

### OUR MISSION

*"Know Christ and Make Him Known"*

### CHURCH LOCATION

1250 Lora Smith Road at Hwy. 34  
Newnan, GA 30265

### 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.

### OFFICE HOURS

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

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You are Cordially Invited  
to attend the

Installation of  
Pastor Barbara Gibson  
Sunday, May 3, 2009

3:00 pm Installation Service  
4:00 pm Reception

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Clergy are invited  
to robe and process

