

Resurrection Lutheran Church

THE MESSENGER

**OCTOBER
2009**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4
IS FRIENDSHIP
DAY**

**ONE WORSHIP
SERVICE
AT 10:00 A.M.
FOLLOWED BY
POTLUCK LUNCH
MINISTRY FAIR**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 A.M.**

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PASTOR BARB WRITES

Grace and Peace to You,

It has been an interesting three weeks. First, thank you for the grace you have extended to me as I gathered my mother up from North Carolina and placed her in an assisted living facility in Fayetteville. Your words of encouragement, your patience and your prayers have bolstered me. I am blessed.

Thank you for your support of Rally Day! We had 113 people attend our combined worship service and most stayed for the pot-luck. Though I tried my best to “nail” Nick and Thomas with water balloons, the orbs bounced off the kids and broke harmlessly in the grass. Deep sigh...but, it was fun trying!

Thank you for hearing the Gospel on September 20, and responding to the need for Sunday school teachers. We still need a few more.

Thank you to the Wendel's for opening their home to four couples as we watched The Da Vinci Code. The premise of the film gave us food for thought as we superimposed our faith over the ideas in the movie. We'll see another movie this month and a sign-up sheet will be posted.

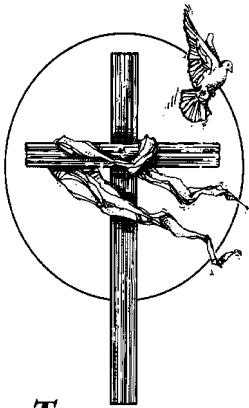
Thank you to those of you who have continued to pray for me and for the council as we met earlier this year asking God for a direction, a vision for the church. That vision will be shared with you over the next weeks and months.

We'll begin on Sunday, October 4th as we gather for Friendship Sunday, a pot-luck and a Ministry Fair. We're going to be talking quite openly about stewardship of time, talents and treasures. God gave us all 24 hours a day, and how we use those hours is up to us. The church needs you. This body of Christ needs nursery attendants, readers, greeters, bread bakers, communion assistants, ushers, Sunday school teachers, worker bees for fellowship events, grounds keeping, and building maintenance. We need people who will reach out with phone calls or gifts of food when tragedy strikes. We need folks to sing and ring. As we reach out to our neighbors who don't have a church home, we need to be ready to provide them an experience of what it means to give of ourselves in being the body of Christ.

I continue to be your servant in Christ,

Pr. Barb

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OTHERS



*The Lord lift up
His countenance
upon you
and give you peace.*
-Numbers 6:26

**SUNDAY DRIVES AT
RESURRECTION**

You all did a great job with the September Sunday Drive of shampoo. At the writing of this article we have collected 93 bottles of shampoo and a large number of sample size shampoos.

THANK YOU!

October Sunday Drive
Deodorant

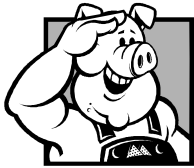


The Coweta County Food Pantry is in dire need of donations. We are approaching the time of year when needs are greater, and that coupled with the economic crisis, puts the pantry in great need right now.

Suggested items are: canned meats, canned vegetables, rice, instant potatoes, canned or powdered milk, macaroni and cheese, cereals, oatmeal, coffee, juices, sugar, flour, etc. Donation boxes are located in the fellowship hall. Ken and Neva Allen, Jolynn Owens, Brandi Shroyer, and Jim and Diane Guthrie do a wonderful job of getting the food delivered to the pantry in a timely manner.

THANKS FOR SHARING!

Resurrection Roast



October 25, 2009

Fun begins at 3 p.m.
Meal 4:30 p.m.

Tickets on sale now!

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Music Director, Chris Scott and members of the music ministry invite anyone interested in Hand Bell Choir or Chancel Choir to join them in either or both choirs. Both choirs meet each Wednesday with Hand Bell Choir being the first at 6:30 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.

With the holidays fast approach -

ing, the choirs will be preparing some wonderful Christmas music for the congregation. If you have questions about RLC's music ministry please contact Chris Scott at 770.251.1208 or by e-mail at cscottswslaw@aol.com.

A MADRIGAL DINNER



DECEMBER 12, 2009
5:30 P.M.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL
DETAILS COMING

BIBLE STUDY, FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

PASTOR OFFERS BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Barb invites you to the Bible study *God's Standard or Gold Standard*. The three-week study will be offered on Thursday, November 5, 12 and 19, twice each on the same day, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



**FIRST
COMMUNION
CLASS**

Pastor Barb will offer First Communion Classes on Saturday October 3 and 17 at 10:00 a.m. Sign-up at resluch@juno.com or

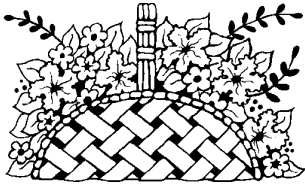
call 770.254.8833 to let us know your child will plan to attend.

First Communion will be celebrated on Reformation Sunday, October 25.



MISCELLANEOUS RLC ITEMS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



In the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life in Christ Jesus, we share our love and Christian sympathy with two of our families this month. **Nick and Carolynn Pierce, Amy and Adam** grieve the loss of Nick's sister, Susan Pierce of Bainbridge Island, WA, on September 1, 2009. Cards of condolence may be sent to Nick and family at 55 Bradley Court, Newnan, GA 30263.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

Pat and Rich Fuerstenau grieve the loss of Pat's brother, Ken MacMurrain who passed away September 13, 2009 in Columbus, GA. Cards of condolence may be sent to Pat and Rich at 517 Baker Road, Newnan, GA 30265.



Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? If so, the PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is looking for you.

The mission of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is the creation of loving prayer shawls for people needing the warm arms of concern wrapped around them.

To participate in this ministry, you can work at home at your own pace. There are no time restrictions, and you are free to create your own design. When shawls are completed, they are tied up in ribbon and a special message is attached so the recipient knows the shawl came from the congregation of Resurrection, sent with love and prayers. We also have ladies who can give lessons in knitting and crocheting.

You may also request a prayer shawl for anyone who is in need, such as the seriously ill, aged, etc..

Contact the church office with any questions.



THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone at Resurrection for their prayers, cards, and for the wonderful meal that you brought us one evening. We have felt great support from our church family during this time of sadness in the passing of my sister Susan. I am so thankful that I belong to such a caring, and compassionate church.

Nick Pierce

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Raymond Bruening—Room 701-B

Rev. Paul Ruff—Room 509

Lafayette Nursing and Rehab Center

110 Brandywine Blvd.

Fayetteville, GA 30214



OCTOBER 31, 2009

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 1

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

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OCTOBER BRINGS FRIENDSHIP DAY ~
~ REFORMATION SUNDAY WITH CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION ~
~ RESURRECTION ROAST AND A NEW VISION FOR OUR CHURCH ~

Catch the
Vision
of RLC
in October



GREAT NEWS—
IT'S FRIEND DAY
AT
RESURRECTION

You are cordially invited for a day of worship, good food and fellowship!

OCTOBER 4, 2009
Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Potluck Meal and Ministry Fair

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Please bring your favorite dishes to share in the potluck meal.



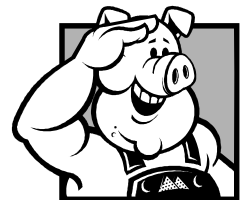
The Church will celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 25, commemorating a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg.

At Resurrection, we will celebrate the day by Confirming a young lady in her faith, and welcoming others

to the Lord's Table for First Communion.

The celebration will continue in the afternoon with a great time of fellowship at the "Resurrection Roast". Family games begin at 3:00 p.m. with the fellowship meal shared at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in the Narthex on Sundays.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

by Jill Dance, Council Secretary

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

- The Stewardship Committee is preparing for Consecration Sunday on Nov. 8th – stay tuned for more developments
- All committees should submit their 2010 budget needs to the Council prior to the next meeting (Oct. 13th)
- Diane Manning has agreed to chair the Education & Learning committee – thank you, Diane!
- Council heard ministry reports, set dates for fall events
- In the near future, Coweta County will be working on sewer problems within the easement on the Hwy. 34 East side of Church property
- Our insurance carrier has approved roof repair due to hail damage – all shingles will be replaced

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 in the wall pocket outside Pastor's office.



THE RESURRECTION LADIES READING CIRCLE IS "UNDER CONSTRUCTION" AND LOOKING FOR INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS

Francine Rivers, a famed author of Christian-based novels, has written a series of stories following the lives of five known women of the Bible. *Unveiled*, the first book in the Lineage of Grace series, highlights Tamar, the daughter-in-law of Judah from the book of Genesis. This book has been chosen as a starting point for this wonderful women's ministry at Resurrection.

If interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please sign up in the Narthex or contact either Blanche Jarvie (770.253.2392) or Pat Willis (770-254-8506) by October 4th. A copy of the book will be available in the Narthex for review.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER. Sunday school will meet at 9:00 and we will gather for worship at 10:00. God will speak to us from the letter to the Hebrews: "For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters." (Hebrews 2:11)

Family and friendship are important to God. How we come together as brothers and sisters, how we relate to God as Father is a gift from God. There are folks around us who have broken relationships with their families, who are longing for lasting relationships. October 4th is a good opportunity to share the story of God's saving love, through Christ, to a lost and longing world.

October 4th is also the day when we, as a church, will take time to look into our lives as children of God. The Council is sponsoring a Ministry Fair to share with you, and our guests, all the varied and wondrous ways God is working through Resurrection Lutheran Church. YOU are the church, the Spirit drives God's mission through you. Take time to visit the displays that are set up and listen to Christ as he calls you into participation in his mission: the church.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. [John 15:14-16](#)

Pastor Barb

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

by Adrienne Setzer, Church Treasurer

EMBRACING CHANGES

The stewardship committee met twice over the past month discussing how to start up the next year of stewardship activities. We have decided on a stewardship drive theme and are working on a long-range vision plan. We also talked about having stewardship themes each month throughout the year. I find it difficult to find a starting point when looking at the big picture, so I dusted off my Bible that sits on my desk to help me share a message with you this month. I was led to the book of John, Chapter 12, verses 1-8. These verses talk about the anointing of Jesus at Bethany, where Mary takes a bottle of expensive ointment to pour on Jesus' feet. One of the disciples reprimands Mary for her wastefulness of resources, until Jesus interrupts saying the poor will always be there, but he will not, and the purpose of the anointing was intended to occur, *affecting* an impactful change on his and others' lives.

Reality shows give the whole world a look into someone's private life where we also see aspects of our own lives. Some of these shows have someone helping someone else involving some kind of big, impacting, and lifelong change. The outcome is intentionally meant to be for the good of the recipient *of the change*. The stewardship theme for this month is to make sure we do not miss out on those big intentional impacts on our lives. Embrace those things that change around us or help to make changes happen for others for the good of others. If you are asked to do something big, grab hold of it. If you are not asked and you see a gap, motivate yourself to embrace it and make it happen, even if it makes a lasting impact on your life.

Income and Expense ~ August 2009

Income

Offerings \$ 17,577.32

Expense

Administration	561.88
Fun and Fellowship	103.76
Learning	454.39
Payroll	7,334.29
Payroll Expense	21.81
Property and Grounds (Includes Mortgage)	6,171.63
Staff Benefits	1,795.93
Systems	85.47
Vision-Marketing	96.50
Witness	784.20
Worship	236.22
<i>Total Expense</i>	17,646.08
<i>Net Income</i>	68.76



BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD



Kaley Alessa Matthews
Sydney Jayden Matthews
August 23, 2009

Daughters of Patricia Olivia Graves
and Shawn Lee Matthews

COMMUNITY NEWS

Joyce Meyer Ministries
Conference Tour 2009

October 1—3, 2009
Atlanta, GA

The Arena at Gwinnett Center
www.gwinnettcenter.com

Sharpsburg Art Show
Fine Arts Featuring Local Artists

Saturday, October 10, 2009
10 A.M.—5 P.M.

A & O Bridges Rec. Center
105 Main Street
Old Town Sharpsburg

There is a Time *Balancing Life's Demands*
Women's Retreat
October 16-18, 2009
Callaway Gardens

Revitalize Your Body, Refresh Your Soul
and Renew Your Spirit

Babbie Mason, Angela Williams, Thelma Wells, Jan Silvius, Esther Burroughs, and other great workshop leaders. For more information, call Pat Dasenbrock—Fuerstenau 770.252.9310.

Reformation Day at Emory 2009
Candler School of Theology
Tuesday, October 20
8:00 P.M.

Schwartz Center for Performing Arts

The Emory University Concert Choir, under the direction of Professor Eric Nelson, will perform Bach's *Cantata 126* ("Let us follow thy word, O Lord") and works by Buxtehude, Praetorius, Josquin, and organist Sarah Hawbecker will play works of Bach and Buxtehude in the Cherry Emerson Concert Hall. It is free and open to the public.

404.727.6352
www.pitts.emory.edu/rckessler/refdayindex.html

Saturday, October 24, 2009
7:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
206 Willow Bend Road
Peachtree City, GA 30269
770.487.7757

concerts@firstpresptc.com

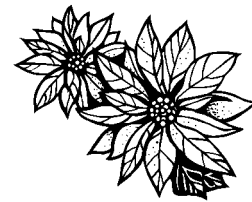
John Waller—While I'm Waiting

A talented singer, songwriter, and worship leader who was considered to be one of the best-kept secrets in Christian music, John Waller knows the power of prayer and the spoken word as both helped him through his multiple decade-long struggle with depression.

These days, John Waller has a clearer mission than ever before: to help give people a new legacy. He states, "God has called me to use my songs to help set people free, [whether it be] from depression or some other stronghold."

Ticket required. \$10 adult / \$5 under 12
\$8 with Student I.D.

Childcare will be provided for ages 4 and younger



NCAA Christmas Artist Market

November 6th through 8th, 2009
Friday 12 Noon—7:00 pm and
Saturday 10 am — 5:00 pm
Sunday Noon—5:00 pm

Located in the Historic Train Depot
in beautiful downtown Newnan

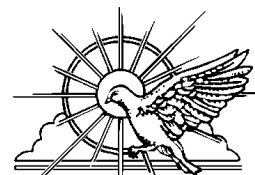
~ Fine Art, Craft and Gift Items ~
~ Refreshments ~

The St. Olaf Orchestra
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
2009 Fall Tour

Cobb County, Georgia
Saturday, October 24, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Allatoona High School Auditorium
3300 Dallas Acworth Hwy.

Acworth, GA
Ticket information:
Stolaftickets.com
1-800-363-5487



"My soul magnifies
the LORD,
& my spirit rejoices
in GOD my savior."
Luke 1:46-47

