

Resurrection Lutheran Church

THE MESSENGER

September
2009

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13
ONE WORSHIP
SERVICE
AT 10:00 A.M.
FOLLOWED BY
POTLUCK LUNCH
GAMES
SLIP-N-SLIDE
CLOWN**

PASTOR BARB WRITES

Grace and peace to you!

I was recently asked how the last three months have been and if I thought the church was a “keeper”. I smiled, and said, quite honestly, that this is a very easy congregation to love. It has been an amazing and blessed first quarter with you. I’ve learned a lot about you, as you have opened your hearts and lives to me. I have included a report of my activities from May through July (see page 2).

You called me into leadership, saying that there were changes that need to be made. I have met with the church council and we, through prayer and Bible study, have visioned a future for Resurrection. Remember the passage “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” (Proverbs 29:18 KJV) If you would like to read the scriptures we used as our Bible study, please check out Jeremiah 29:11-14, Isaiah 59:21-60:7, Mark 12:28-34 and Ezekiel 37:1-14. When you read these passages ask yourself what God is doing, what the passages means for you at this time and place in your life, and what you and the church can learn from these readings.

We also read the book *Dancing with Dinosaurs* by William Easum. It is a text written to discuss the differences between missional churches and institutional churches.

MISSIONS

Inspire change
Look to the future
Are dynamic
Focus on people

INSTITUTIONS

Resist change
Look to the past
Are static
Focus on tradition

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Where is Resurrection in the above? This began as a missional church. What / where are we now as we celebrate our 16th year of existence?

We need to look at things differently. Which of these numbers doesn't belong?

1. One
2. Thirteen
3. Thirty-one

Ask me or a council member for the answer.

Dear people of God, we are moving into a time of mission. I'll leave you with another point I gave the council: If you aren't living on the edge, you're probably taking up too much room. (Anonymous)

Where God is leading us is not a secret. Your council will be spearheading the communication process. You have called them into leadership positions and we are blessed to have them!

In Christ,

Pr. Barb

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OTHERS



SUNDAY DRIVES AT RESURRECTION

You all did another great job with the August Sunday Drive of toothbrushes and toothpaste. At the writing of this article we have collected 87 tubes of toothpaste and 92 toothbrushes.

September Sunday Drive
Shampoo

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

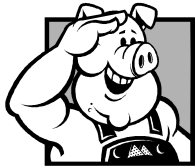
Make a difference in someone's life and in your community...
GET INVOLVED!

To volunteer contact Nicole at
770.252.9049, ext. 14

Store is open Tuesday—Saturday
9 am—5:00 pm

Donations are accepted Tuesday—
Saturday 9:00 am—4:30 pm

THANKS ~ I would like to thank the anonymous kind person(s) from my church family who so graciously provided me with a monthly gift subscription for the outdoor magazine. Between professional reading, and sustained academic reading, writing, and research I had found I had scarce time and grown accustomed to little inclination to read anything besides my Bible. These are additional "articles and volumes" I look forward to monthly—strictly for enjoyment! Many thanks!
David Whittington



Resurrection Roast

Sunday, October 25,
2009

Fun begins at 4 p.m.
Tickets on sale soon!

FREE HEALTH SCREENING INFORMATION AND MUSIC NOTES

KROGER OFFERS FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

- Lipid Cholesterol Test
- Diabetes Test (Blood Glucose)
- Body Mass Index
- Blood Pressure

9/9/09 Kroger—48 Bullsboro Dr.
Newnan (770.251.5188)

9/12/09 Kroger—1751 Newnan-
Crossing Blvd. E (678.423.5845)

All screenings are from 9:00 am—
1:00 pm

No appointment necessary—walk-ins
accepted.

Children under 18 must have parent or
guardian present

Six hour fasting is recommended but
not required.



MUSIC REMINDERS FROM CHRIS SCOTT

Handbell Choir begins September
9 at 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir begins at 7:30 p.m.
beginning September 9.

Anyone interested in the music
ministry is invited to join us.

Bible Study, Christian Movie and Fellowship



PASTOR OFFERS BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Barb will begin a six-week study of *God's Extraordinary Church* based on readings from Ephesians. The study will be offered on Thursday, twice each on the same day, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. beginning September 10.

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE WENDEL HOME

We'll see a movie and discuss the Christian implications in it. Come September 19, 6:00—9:00 p.m. to see the *Da Vinci Code*. Jon and Barbara live at 215 O'Tara Woods Dr., Newnan 30263. Bring finger foods to share.

A summary of Pastor Barb's
Activities from May 3 to July 31

Worship Services / Communion	20 / 21
Meetings	50
Home / hospital visits	15
New members	3
Baptisms	1
Synod Assembly	
Vacation	1 week

STEWARDSHIP NEWS by Adrienne Setzer, Church Treasurer

Some members of the stewardship committee met in August to begin planning for the stewardship program for this year. After receiving recommendations from a number of people, the committee decided to go with the *New Consecration Sunday* stewardship program. *New Consecration Sunday* approaches financing the ministries of our congregation by teaching stewardship from a spiritual perspective rather than a fundraising perspective. It focuses on the question, "What is God calling me to do?" rather than, "What does the church need in order to pay its bills?" We also determined some dates for the Fall stewardship program:

- September 6: Proposed Budgets vs. YTD Expenses for the different ministries to the council liaisons to use when meeting with their committees
- September 20: Stewardship committee working lunch meeting at Mama Lucia's restaurant after the 11:00 a.m. service.
- October 4: Kickoff Fall program
- October 4 through November 8: Temple talks, with one being done by a guest speaker
- November 8: Consecration Sunday—Congregation members turn in pledge cards at the altar
- November 10: Council to approve the Budget for 2010

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Income and Expense ~ July 2009	
<u>Income</u>	
Offerings	\$ 19,237.10
<u>Expense</u>	
Administration	603.98
Designated Expense	152.43
Learning	5.30
Payroll	8,292.73
Payroll Expense	24.78
Property and Grounds (Includes Mortgage)	6,537.16
Staff Benefits	3,638.18
Support	1,367.20
Systems	1,122.03
Vision-Marketing	96.00
Witness	961.50
Worship	203.22
<i>Total Expense</i>	\$23,004.51
<i>Net Income</i>	— \$3,767.41



The family of Gary Malhoit has given the church two communion sets, in memory of Gary, which can be used in taking the Sacraments to those who are hospitalized or recovering from illness at home.

FAREWELL

We have said goodbye to Mike & Kathy Hernandez, Emily and Evan, as they left Newnan and Resurrection to move to Chicago to work and be near family. We send blessings as they go. Their new contact information is:
461 Cumberland Lane
Bolingbrook, IL 60440
kathyhernandez0921@yahoo.com

Employment Opportunity in Child Care

RLC members, Bill and Toni Lober are in need of someone to come into their home and care for their 2-1/2 year old daughter. If interested, call Bill or Toni at 770.252.8676.

First Communion Class will be offered on Saturday October 17 and 24 by Pastor Barbara. Mark your calendar for the 10:00 a.m. class. Sign-up at resluch@juno.com or call 770.254.8833 to let us know you or your child plan to attend.

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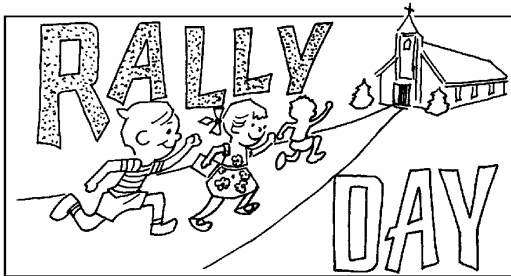
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**SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 ~ ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.
POTLUCK LUNCH, GAMES AND FUN**



RALLY DAY'S COMING

What's a Rally Day? Well, in our case, it is a time to rally 'round the Cross of Christ. We earmark the day as a time of beginning...

- *Sunday school* for all ages! Come and meet your teachers!
- *Fall programs:* Bible studies, Movie nights, Reformation Roast (formerly known as the "Pig Roast") and
- Confirmation
- *New bulletin* formats

There's much in the wind here at Resurrection, and in the midst of it all, there is Jesus!

On September 13th, we'll have just one worship service at 10:00. We'll follow setting 10 from the ELW and have contemporary hymns. After our service, we'll have a pot-luck. Sign up in the narthex!

We'll have water balloons, a slip-n-slide, and a clown who will paint faces and make balloon creatures!

So remember:

Rally Day
September 13, 2009
Worship at 10:00
Potluck at 11:00
Fun and Games for all!

