

THE MESSENGER



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Grace and Peace to You!

Little Jess sat on the floor at the back of the sanctuary. His knees were pulled up close to his chest, his arms wrapped around his shins. Clearly not a happy camper, he was close to tears. My mom used to describe his expression as having “his bottom lip so far out that a bird could sit on it and peck off his nose.” Jess did not want to be at Vacation Bible School. He didn’t know anyone, didn’t know what to do, what to expect. His mom had dropped him off with a pat on his back. “Have a good time,” she encouraged him.

Lisa dropped her child off at VBS. Like Jess, Sam didn’t know anyone. Two kids, two families. Unlike Jess, Sam embraced the adventure. He quickly made friends, found his niche. He had a ball!

Given the situation, I suspect there is a little of Jess, and a little of Sam in us all. We can go into unknown situations with fear and trembling, or we can embrace the adventure. Being new in a church can be an uncomfortable situation, especially if we are unfamiliar with the worship service, or don’t know anyone there.

There were kids from a variety of ethnic groups at VBS. Some children were from single-parent families; some from families whose parents couldn’t afford the program fees; some kids we knew; some we didn’t. Many of the children were not from Lutheran families. It would have been easy to have had mass confusion, but just the opposite occurred.

I watched as members of this congregation worked with all of the kids. Most of

our confirmation class attended; and most of our high school youth came as well. They were wonderful young assistants! Our volunteers did an outstanding job of welcoming children from our community. We were the Church at our best! We were Resurrection Lutheran Church: the Welcome Place!

Being the Church at our best can happen on Sundays, too! When we have a visitor, we don’t know if they are a Jess or a Sam. It may be that they are unfamiliar with our liturgy, don’t have any friends here, don’t know what to expect. It may be that they will embrace the adventure. It may be they are a little uncomfortable. But, we are still the Welcome Place. Take time to greet our visitors. Let them see you complete the attendance register and ask them to make note of their name and address. Show them where we are as we follow the bulletin in our worship service. Invite them to the Lord’s table, and introduce them to others and to me! Pour them a cup of coffee and offer them a cookie after we worship! Involve them, make them feel at home.

Being made to feel at home is just what happened to Jess. The folks here embraced him, and before we knew it, Jess was having a great time. At the end of the day, he ran up to his mom, excited about what he had learned and done. “Do you want to come back?” “Yes!”

Let’s keep the VBS spirit going. Let’s live into being the Welcome Place!

See you in church!

Pastor Barb

YOUTH NEWS



John & Angela Sennett

are the proud grandparents

of a baby girl

Angelina Gabrielle Tate

born July 26, 2010

6lbs and 1 oz

Congratulations!

God bless
baby Angelina

ROCK HIS HOUSE

Rock HIS House!



Rock His House will be on vacation for the month of August.
We will resume on Sunday, September 12, 2010.

See you soon!

Vivian Haren
Youth Director



What a GREAT week! Vacation Bible School was a hit. From crafts with an African theme to music complete with bongo drums to crazy games, beautiful stories and yummy snacks. On our biggest day we had 40 registered kids and 25 volunteers. Many, many thanks to those who volunteered to make this year such a success. Please thank them when you see them at church. Their church nametags have a crystal shooting star attached. We ended the week with two celebrations. One was held on Friday at 11:30 with each age group performing a song for attending parents and then hot dogs for everyone. Sunday evening we held a special Rock HIS House "Sundae on Sunday". We had three Children from VBS attend and one family who is looking at joining our church now! WOW! Thanks again to everyone. It takes a village.....

Vivian Haren



Resurrection Lutheran Church and Habitat for Humanity are teaming up!!!

Resurrection Lutheran Church and Habitat for Humanity are teaming up again, through a Thrivent Financial Builds grant, to work on providing families with a home. We are excited to be doing something a little different this year and rather than building one home from the ground up, we will be refurbishing TWO existing homes and allowing 2 new families the opportunity to enjoy their own home. Two homes have been purchased near the downtown Newnan area, and refurbish work will begin on the first home on Saturday August 28th. We expect roughly 12 total Saturday's of work between the two homes. Actual scheduled dates for RLC's commitment to have workers & food provides have not been set yet, but please be watching for additional information and sign-up sheets to be posted SOON. We ask that you prayerfully consider being a part of this community service project as we get closer to the build dates.

We would also like to thank those who have supported our efforts so far this year with fund raising through our birdhouse & 2x4 projects. So far we have raised more than \$400 for this cause and we truly appreciate all of your kind contributions. We ask that you continue to pray for the success of this project, bless the folks who will be receiving these homes, consider hands-on work efforts at the build sites, and support us in additional fund-raising activities as they are rolled out.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information on activities please feel free to contact one of the TBH team members: Shana Kruminis, John Setzer or Linda Satter.

Watch for additional information to be posted in the Narthex in the next couple of weeks !



TONER RECYCLING PROGRAM

By recycling visibly undamaged HP, Dell, Lexmark, Brother, Epson, Samsung, Kodak, Sharp or Cannon ink or toner cartridges, the church can earn \$3 in reward points with Office Max for each ink or toner cartridge recycled. *This offer excludes ink tanks and remanufactured cartridges of any brand.* Please bring your donations and place in the designated box in the fellowship hall, and the staff will take care of the rest! Please do not throw items in the box, but place carefully so no donations are damaged.

The reward points will be used toward the purchase of office supply products. Thanks for helping us save money and for helping the environment!



Thanks to everyone who participated in our July Sunday Drive of School Supplies. We have well over 2 boxes of School Supplies to send to One Roof. What a remarkable response.

We will resume our Sunday Drive in the month of September.

Be on the lookout for September's Sunday Drive Item

2010 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

- Peter Anderson
- Rebecca Bryan
- Fred Buyarski
- Jill Dance
- Bill Gay
- Paul Haren
- Nick Pierce
- Glen Thompson



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

If there is anything you would like to add to the agenda for the next council meeting (August 10th, please contact Liz or any council member by Friday, August 6th Council minutes are available in the wall pocket outside Pastor's office.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>OPEN BUILDING</u>	<u>CLOSE BUILDING</u>
August	Peter Anderson	Bill Gay
September	Nick Pierce	Glen Thompson
October	Fred Buyarski	Paul Haren
November	Peter Anderson	Rebecca Bryan
December	Nick Pierce	Jill Dance

ANNOUNCEMENT:



Martin Krumins has graciously volunteered to be our temporary treasurer until we can have a congregational meeting and vote him into the office of treasurer.

THANK YOU MARTIN!!!



THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO OPEN AND CLOSE THE BUILDING!!! PLEASE REMEMBER STEWARDSHIP WHEN SETTING THE TEMPERATURE WHEN CLOSING. THANK YOU FOR GIVING OF YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!!!

THANKSGIVING BASKET CAMPAIGN

With the end of summer approaching, it is time once again to plan for our Thanksgiving Basket campaign. Carl and Debbie Gillings as well as Debbie and myself will be organizing the volunteer effort this year and have already contacted local grocery stores asking for support. With the recent passing of "The Big Kahuna", John Willis, a memorial fund was established in his name to collect donations for this campaign and many of you have given to that cause. We will be collecting funds for this campaign all the way through the distribution date of November 20th.

Each basket contains not only supplies for the Thanksgiving meal, but also basic staples based on the size of the family and runs about \$38.00 each to put together. If you wish to donate money to this cause, please designate your giving to either the Thanksgiving Basket Campaign or to the John Willis Memorial Fund.

We will continue to update you on the progress made regarding the campaign and will also notify you of any volunteer needs. Please pray that this campaign be as successful as in years past in supporting the needs of our community during this holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Bouchard



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LUTHERAN TOGETHER

REMINDER!!!

MEETINGS WILL START
UP AGAIN IN THE
MONTH OF AUGUST

NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2010
10:30 AM



Tour of Faith

11th Annual Century benefiting Wellspring Living

August 14, Saturday, 2010

Bicycles Unlimited invites you to ride in the 11th Annual Tour of Faith Century through Fayette County Georgia benefiting Wellspring Living. The ride begins at 8:00 a.m. at Bicycles Unlimited. There will be plenty of rest stops with food, water and friendly faces to keep you hydrated and cheer you on. We will also have SAG vehicles should you need assistance. Route options are 10,30, 40, 65 and 100 miles. There will be activities at the finish including a waterslide, food vendors, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle so plan to hang around for the fun!

PRE-REGISTRATION is open through August 13, 2010 and is \$35. A \$5 late fee will be added for day of registration. All pre-registration is online at www.active.com.

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To Know Christ and Make Him

**The fruit of silence is
prayer
the fruit of prayer is
faith
the fruit of faith is love
the fruit of love is ser-
vice
the fruit of service is
peace.**

Mother Teresa



“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

II Chronicle 7:14