

# THE MESSENGER



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## PASTOR BARB WRITES

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus, who is the Christ!

Summer is well underway, and we have begun a series of discussions based on Dave Daubert's book *Living Lutheran, Renewing Your Congregation* (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2007). It's a great study to begin the season of Pentecost and the celebration of the sending of the Holy Spirit. We've taken a temporary step away from our regular lectionary reading and are spending time in the book of Acts.

I hear folks commenting on the content of the sermons...some are a little put out, others are intrigued. This is a good thing! At least folks are talking. Thus far, we've discussed the changing world and the place of the church within that world, finding a Lutheran voice in our community, God's dream for the world and God's longing to be in partnership with us, Christ's body, the church. Even Ron Hall chipped in with his discussion about the Christian need to worship our living God! Amen.

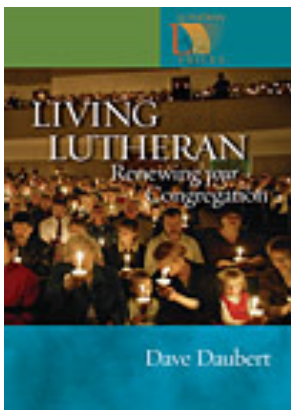
This month of July, we're going to be looking at our core values. What

makes up our basic DNA? What values lie behind our mission statement "To Know Christ and Make Him Known"? We need lots of input for this discussion. The council and pastor cannot dictate values for you. No one can do that. In fact, it may be that it will be somewhat difficult for us to articulate what those values are, but unless and until we do, we have nothing with which we can measure our goals of working in God's Kingdom, and moving toward congregational growth. What does Resurrection Lutheran Church stand for? What are the most important things for us as we consider being the body of Christ?

Sooo...check out the sign up sheet in the narthex. You are invited to coffee and discussion at my home. I'm calling our time "Tuesdays Together." We'll meet in small groups over three Tuesdays in July. I'll be at Bible Bites one Tuesday morning at 7 AM, and we'll have a Tuesday at church at 10:00 one day. And, I plan on meeting with SALT, if they continue to meet during July. I hope to see you at one of our meetings.

Be safe this summer! See you at church!

*Pastor Barb*



**"TUESDAYS TOGETHER"**

- July 6th—10:00 am Church
- July 6th—7:00 pm Pastor's Home
  
- July 13th—7:00 am at Bible Bites
  
- July 20th—7:00 pm Pastor's Home
  
- July 27th—7:00 pm Pastor's Home

## ROCK HIS HOUSE



### Rock HIS House!

June was a great month for our youth at Rock HIS House. We met three times for fun and fellowship as an entire group. First through 12<sup>th</sup> grade! We have worked on our Thrivent birdhouses, made Father's Day gifts, and as I write this, we plan to go swimming at the Manning's this coming Sunday.

Dates for July are the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin for details. If you have a pool and would be interested in hosting us for a "Pool Praise" Sunday, please let me know. You provide the pool, we will do the rest. The youth are eager to swim some more!

Parent Free Youth Activities begin at **6:00pm** and end at **7:30pm** for Bible Study, Fun and Fellowship. Pastor Barb holds an adult bible study during the youth activity time.

Vivian Haren  
Youth Director



At Thomas Crossroads

### SPIRIT NIGHT

Monday, July 12, 2010

5pm—8pm

15% goes to VBS Program

Support Resurrection Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School



## BAOBAB BLAST ~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Baobab Blast is an open invitation to be a part of God's great get-together! Set in the expansive African savannah, under the impressive baobab tree, this program offers kids the opportunity to listen to the Word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations and be a part of a community of believers. Vacation Bible School will be a life-changing experience for all involved as we gather together as a community and grow in our faith.

There is LOTS of work still to be done! Please visit our own Baobab Tree located in the Narthex. This is a great way to make a contribution to VBS. Simply take a critter from the wall, record it on the sign in sheet, make your purchase and return to the box under the tree.

Does anyone have access to a small, portable LCD projector that we could borrow for the week of VBS? The VBS kit comes with a PowerPoint with all the lyrics to the songs. This would be a much appreciated addition to the Madagascar Music area!

**We still have volunteer positions.** We are also in need of "silent workers". These workers would help in areas outside of the VBS times. For example gathering supplies, decorating, baking etc. Please call Vivian Haren if you are interested at (770) 252-1901.

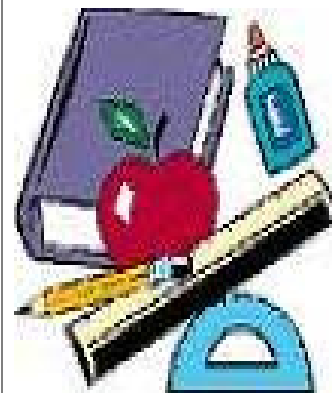
Baobab Blast – God's Great Get-Together!

### YOUTH NEWS



Vacation Bible School  
July 19-23, 2010  
9:00—12:00

### JULY SUNDAY DRIVE:





**July Opener:**  
**Fred Buyarski**

**July Closer:**  
**Rebecca Bryan**

***If there is anything you would like to add to the agenda for the next council meeting (July 13th), please contact Liz or any council member by Friday, July 9th.***

**2010 CONGREGATION  
COUNCIL**

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

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Income and Expense ~ May, 2010

<u>Income</u>	
Offerings	\$21,823.40
<u>Expense</u>	
Administration	943.49
Discretionary Expense	336.00
Fun and Fellowship	404.86
Learning	224.47
Payroll	8,683.70
Payroll Expenses	23.79
Property & Grounds (Includes Mortgage)	5,335.45
Staff Benefits	2,150.84
Systems	129.91
Vision-Marketing	72.00
Witness	769.20
Worship	161.18
Total Expenses	\$19,234.89
Net Income	<b>2,588.51</b>

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Council heard ministry reports from Outreach, Shepherding, Finance & Stewardship and Building & Property committees. *The Shepherding ministry is in need of volunteers and a chairperson.*

Adrienne Setzer spoke to council about the transition activities she is completing prior to her resignation as treasurer at the end of June. The council is very grateful to Adrienne for her many years of service to the church. Adrienne has been a cornerstone of professionalism, dedication and skilful execution of her duties during many years and transitions in our church history – truly a gift of the heart to our church. Throughout every phase, Adrienne has kept the financial aspect of church business flowing smoothly and consistently, a sometimes unnoticed and underappreciated aspect of operating a spiritually-based institution in a secular world. Thank you, Adrienne, for sharing your time and talents for so many years with Resurrection Lutheran.

**Please contact Liz in the front office if you would like any information on volunteer opportunities. She will get you in touch with the appropriate council or committee member.**

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NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE WILLIS' FAMILY

The Willis' do not know how to thank their church family enough for the outpouring of love shown to them during John's illness and passing.

The fish fry was amazing, the cards were heartfelt, the phone calls came when we needed them, the meals were delicious, and the visits from church friends lifted our spirits.

We all witnessed John bravely dealing with his cancer. He didn't complain and was the perfect patient when receiving his chemo treatments. We all knew the situation was serious but held the hope for healing. Thank you all for sharing that hope but yet excepting God's will when John was called home. We will hold the memories precious in our hearts and look forward to the day when we come together once again.

God bless Resurrection Lutheran church, Pastor Barb, and every one of it's faithful servants.

- Pat Willis
- Tara and Tracy Thom
- Kristina and Trevor Shubel
- Mitch Willis
- Tyler Willis
- Dorothy Jerve
- Clarice Willis
- Linda and Mike Edgington



SALT (SENIOR ADULT LUTHERAN TOGETHER

WILL NOT BE MEETING IN THE MONTH OF JULY

MEETINGS WILL START UP AGAIN IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 11, 2010 10:30 AM



Many Thanks to **Adrienne Setzer** For her many years of service as Church Treasurer



**Karen Anderson**  
**New Church Treasurer**

**We thank you Karen**



# Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 25, 2010 @ 9:45 am

Topics of discussion:

Worship settings September—December

Thanksgiving

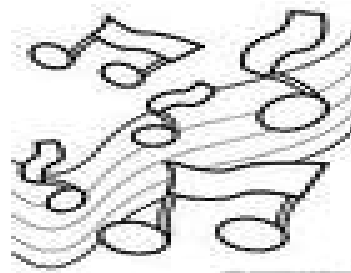
Possible Wednesday night Advent services

Any other special services this fall?

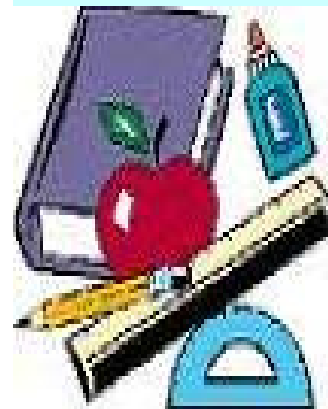
Repeat Madrigal Dinner

Budget status

Other topics? Questions? Email or call me at 770.251.3684



**JULY SUNDAY  
DRIVE:  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**



COWETA EAST GIDEONS  
PRAYED FOR YOU!  
Thank you for praying for  
Pastor Barb Gibson and  
Resurrection Lutheran  
Church

On Saturday, June 15, 2010  
God bless you



**Blake & Virginia Gibson**  
**706 Redwood Park**  
**Peachtree City, GA 30269**  
**770.631.7755**

**NICHOLAS JOHN BOUCHARD**

**WILL BE ARRIVING HOME SOON!!!**

**MID JULY**

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR  
NICHOLAS' SAFE ARRIVAL**

**WELCOME HOME**

**WE HONOR YOUR SERVICE**

### Important Notice!!!

Our main way of circulating information throughout the congregation is through email. On occasions, mass emails are sent throughout the congregation with important information. For those of you who do not have access to email, please contact the church so a phone tree can be set up. Additionally, if your email information has changed, please contact the church so your information can be updated. We want to ensure that everyone receives communication that is being circulated in a timely fashion. Your help is needed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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**RLC's Mission Statement:**  
*To Know Christ and Make Him*

## The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Night at the Braves Wednesday, August 4 at 7:10 p.m.

### TICKETING INFORMATION

Ticket Prices – Outfield Pavilion—\$19.00

**Payment Option I** – Pay [online](#) (cost will include an additional handling fee).

**Payment Option II** – Make your check payable to your congregation. Give check and a copy of your reservation to the Braves Coordinator in your congregation or group.

**Group Tickets for Congregations** – Payment must be made by **one single check** or money order from the congregation, payable to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

- We do not accept individual personal checks.
- Checks from congregations must be received by July 10.

**Seat Assignments** – Tickets for paid seats will be mailed via USPS by Thursday, July 22 for distribution at church on Sunday, July 25 or Sunday, August 1. Groups are seated by congregation/institution.

Mail check payable to:  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Attn: Gene Lewis  
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Stone Mountain, GA 30083