

“Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”

Hebrews 2:17-18

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## PASTOR BARB WRITES

Beloved of God,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I've been having fits through the month of January trying to make sure my mother has insurance beyond her Medicare plan. It all started with a change of providers through the railroad company for which my dad worked. They cancelled their provider and moved to another insurance company. I had to go through an organization that acted as an intermediary to enroll my mom in the new insurance company. It was a mess. The information I gave intermediary was recorded incorrectly, so the new insurance company promptly rejected my mom's

application. I spent five hours one day trying to resolve the problem.



### High Priest Offering Incense

The intermediary kept shunting me to the insurance company, which, in turn, routed me back to the intermediary. It was a circular fiasco! I'm not sure with whom I was more frustrated: the insurance company or the intermediary.

Thank goodness that prayer is so much easier! We don't need an intermediary to go to God in prayer. There

is no hierarchy of saints who have gone before us, or biblical figures we need to petition on our behalf, or on the behalf of others. The biblical text is clear. We have one high priest and that is Jesus Christ. We can make our petitions and thanksgivings directly to any of the persons of the Trinity. We are free to pray, "Dear Jesus," "Dear Father," and even "Dear Spirit." Most of us begin our prayers to the Three in One, "Dear God..." What is wonderful is that our information is never garbled or misunderstood. God knows what is in our hearts and minds, even when we are unsure how or what to pray. And God never rejects our prayers! In fact, God encourages us, through the scripture, to pray at all times.

# COUNCIL NEWS



## 2011 COUNCIL OFFICERS

President:  
Jeff Bouchard

Vice President:  
Fred Buyarski

Secretary:  
Barbara Kelly

Please keep our officers in your prayers!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS! OUR VISITORS WILL APPRECIATE KNOWING WHO YOU ARE!

Your congregation council conducted their monthly meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> and I wanted to provide a summary of the some of the key items discussed.

The annual election of executive council was completed and the results are as follows:

President:  
Jeff Bouchard

Vice President:  
Fred Buyarski

Secretary:  
Barbara Kelly

A special thank-you goes out to Paul Haren and Jill Dance for their diligent work over the past two years as President and Secretary respectfully. We are in the process of selecting ministry liaisons and should have that list finalized in a few weeks.

The council reviewed approved several building usage requests from outside agencies and has taken the necessary steps to ensure that all of them were consistent with those made in the past. Several recommendations for changes to

the existing constitution were submitted by congregation members and were reviewed and recorded. The recommended changes do not impact the operations of the church this year so will be presented to the congregation for review and approval at the next congregational meeting. The first change will add a maximum, lifetime term of service of 4 terms or 8 years for those elected to council. The other is a change in the way we title/name our current ministries. Again, these items do not impact the operation of the church this year and will be submitted for review and approval later in the year.

We are in the process of converting two of the rooms located off of Fellowship Hall into a functioning meeting rooms and library. We should have that project complete in a few weeks.

The last item I would like to address requires assistance for you the congregation. We would like to organize an Audit Committee comprised of three

voting members of this congregation. The term of service is three years which a member being replaced each year. The Audit Committee is responsible for the oversight of the quality and integrity of the congregation's accounting and reporting practices, controls and financial statements and general compliance with our existing constitution and bylaws. If you are interested, please contact a council member for more information.

We are looking forward to serving you, the congregation, and ask for your prayers and support in our efforts to grow our church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Bouchard  
Council President

February Building  
Open & Close:

Open: Jeffrey Bouchard

Close: Pat Willis

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Officers were elected at the first meeting of the 2011 Council. Your new officers are:

- President – Jeff Bouchard
- Vice President – Fred Buyarski
- Secretary – Barbara Kelly

Many thanks to Paul Haren, outgoing president, for his gift of time and service to Resurrection Lutheran. His love of our church and the Lord, and his kindness, patience, and dedication to our ministry was evident at every meeting – thank you, Paul, for all your hard work!

Council heard ministry reports and approved several building usage requests, including those from the Fox Ridge Neighbor-

hood Association for their annual meeting on 2/17, and for an AA 12-Step program to be held weekly on Thursday evenings. A council retreat is in the planning stages for the near future

*If there is anything you would like to add to the agenda for the next council meeting (February 8th), please contact Liz or any council member by Friday, Feb. 4th.*

**Council minutes are available in the wall pocket outside Pastor's office**

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Income and Expense ~ December 2010

<u>Income</u>	
Offerings	\$20,317.19
<u>Expense</u>	
Administration	706.05
Fun & Fellowship	45.79
Payroll	7,641.40
Property & Grounds (Includes Mortgage)	5,855.96
Staff Benefits	2,782.54
Systems	159.00
Vision-Marketing	102.80
Witness	63.55
Worship	180.00
Total Expenses	\$17,537.09
Net Income	\$ 2,780.10

**COMING SOON!**

**LOOK FOR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATES ON THE FIRST BULLETIN BOARD (SAME BULLETIN BOARD AS THE FLOWER CHART) FOR UPCOMING NEWS**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon  
 Sunday, February 6, 2011

As part of the "end world hunger" campaign, we will be celebrating with a soup luncheon. There will be a love offering taken and canned foods are welcomed. All proceeds raised will be passed on for the benefit of the needy in our county (One Roof Food Pantry). Please sign up in the narthex. Thank you

Sunday, February 6th  
 Souper Bowl of Caring  
 Luncheon



## ***Favorite Hymn/Song Sunday 2/27/11***

*Do you have a favorite hymn or song? On Sunday February 27, 2011 we will celebrate with favorite hymns/songs from the congregation. Please help us with this endeavor by filing out the insert provided in your bulletin indicating the hymn/song number and the title, and put the slip in the offering plate or give to an usher. We will incorporate your favorite in the 8:30 and 11:00 worship service.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Fun & Fellowship  
 Presents  
 Sunday Sweetheart Luncheon  
 February 13, 2011*

*Time and place  
 to be announced*

*Stay tuned for more details*

## ***Game Night***

*Friday, February 18, 2011*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Come out for "Game Night"*

*Music provided by:*

*"KATU BUNCH"*

*SUNDAY FEBRUARY  
 DRIVE*



*LOTIONS  
 ANY BRAND OR SIZE*



## Welcome to Affirm 2011

Affirm is a six day, five night, youth event of faith, fellowship and friends. It is sponsored by our ELCA Southeastern Synod. The Affirm community worships every day and receives Holy Communion. Grounded in Scripture, Affirm offers youth the opportunity to develop discipleship and leadership skills.

Affirm will be held at Berry College in Rome, GA, beginning on Sunday, June 19 at 3 pm, and concluding on Friday, June 24 at 12 pm.

All cost includes lodging, all meals from Sunday supper through Friday breakfast, an event T-shirt, and all program costs.

The cost this year is \$350 per child.

We need your help! We have eight youth (Confirmands) who will be attending Affirm this summer. While the children will be doing a series of fund-raisers, there is need for sponsorship.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of our kids for this wonderful summer camp. You might want to "adopt" a child as part of your Resurrection small group, or partner with another member to donate funds for our Confirmands. You may make checks payable to Resurrection, marking the memo line "Affirm."

Thank you, thank you, thank you for supporting our youth! Pastor Barb

## YOUTH NEWS



Our cell phone drive continues. We thank all of you who have already turned in their old cell phone or have made contributions from your businesses. Please bring your used and dysfunctional phones to the church. We are turning them in for cash which will be used for the Youth. See Teresa Gibson if you have any questions.

Thank you

Cell Phone Drive

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The Great  
Commission

