

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Thank-you to everyone who gave their contact information to Marion when she called earlier in the year. In the process of updating our records, the computer programs at the church have also been updated. As this happened recently, the information you gave us has not yet been imputed into the system. This newsletter is going out by email to those who gave us their email addresses and copies will be available at the back of the church. Thank-you for your patience as we update the church system.

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled that we are returning to publishing a newsletter. It has been missed. Our church is made up of a diverse group of people and as your Council President I am please to say I did not appreciate how diverse we truly are. It is my hope that these newsletters become a way to feel connected.

During my term on council I have grown so much in my relationship with God and my connection to you. I thank you for that. I feel more connected each time I have been invited to attend an event or met with a group.

I encourage you to seek out this experience. It can be a little intimidating when we come together after a Sunday service. It is noisy hall and you may not know the person's name. I assure you your effort will be rewarded by a warm smile.

Thank you,

David Winfield
President, Church Council



AN INVITATION

Some of you may have heard of “Back to Church Sunday”. This Sunday began in England and over the past few years has been practiced by Anglican Churches in North America.

The idea is that congregation members are invited to come back to church. One way is by considering this newsletter announcement your personal invitation to come back. As a community we miss you and would love to see you again.

This newsletter is also an invitation for you to invite someone whom you have not seen in church lately. Churches who participated in “Back to Church Sunday” found that the personal invitation to come back, made it much easier to return.

Finally this invitation also invites those of you who know someone who attended Peace, Lower Sackville to invite them to come to Resurrection for a Sunday Service.

ARE YOU A TEAM PLAYER?

If the answer is yes, please consider joining our team!

Who are we? Members of the Church Council.

What is our mandate?

According to the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection :

~ the Congregational Council shall be the trustees of the congregation and shall have general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation and in particular of its' public worship, ensuring that everything is done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

~ the Congregational Council shall consist of not less than six nor more than twenty-four members for a maximum of two terms of three years each with approximately one-third of the terms expiring annually.

Where are meetings conducted?

Meetings are held once a month at the church hall.

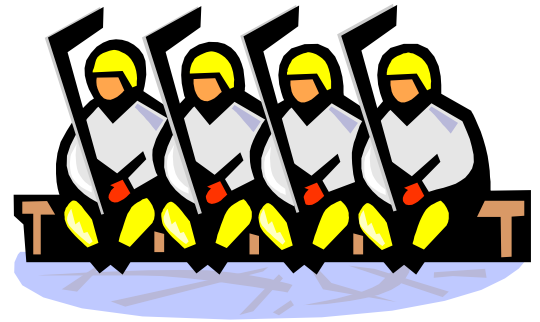
Why are you needed?

Your home requires diligence in the maintenance and general upkeep. Consider that your church home requires the same due diligence. As the bulletin states each Sunday, our Pastor is the Worship Leader but the ministers are the people of Resurrection.

When are you needed?

At the A.G.M. in January 2011, our current President of Church Council, David Winfield will complete his second term on Council. We are a very small team working on your behalf. Please prayerfully consider joining our team.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion MacLaine



ENCOUNTERING GOD LEADS TO ENGAGED SPIRITED DISCIPLESHIP SERMON SCHEDULE

Advent: Engaging in Expectant Waiting and Watching to Encounter God

Christmas: Encountering God by Engaging in the Incarnate

Epiphany: Encountering God on the Mountain, means Engaging in Moving Mountains

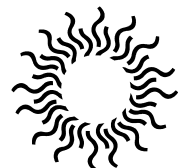
Lent: Encountering God Means Engaging the Tensions of Life

Holy Week, Three Days: Encountering God means Engaging Celebration and Sorrow

Easter: Naming Encounters with God and Sharing the Encounter

Pentecost: Engaging in Spirited Discipleship means Encountering God in Unlikely Places

End of Church year: Engaging in Spirited Discipleship Brings the Kingdom of God



As a result of this year's preaching, I want my listeners/congregation to encounter God and be given opportunity to engage in spirited discipleship by sharing their encounters with each other.

As a result of ministry in the 2010-2011 church year, I want God's congregation to engage in spirited discipleship by naming God in their lives (God experiences) and then sharing their experiences within the church community. —exert from D.Min. Preaching Course assignment handed in by Pr.Kimber



"SENSING ADVENT"

Sat. Dec. 11, 9am –noon, in the church sanctuary.

Pastor Kimber led a day of reflection and prayer for the Fall Conference gathering in November. The day of prayer and reflection is going on a road trip to an Anglican cluster event in Bridgetown, NS. You are invited to participate in this day of prayer and reflection as it comes to Resurrection on Saturday Dec. 11., 9am-noon in the Sanctuary.

Pr.Kimber will act as host for the morning, leading participants through four periods of scripture/direction, quiet reflection, and sharing. Each period will focus attention on senses used during the season of Advent. The day will be marked by the lighting of the candles on an Advent wreath.

- Candle One: SEE -Matthew 11: 2-11
- Candle Two: SMELL – Isaiah 11: 1-10
- Candle Three: TASTE –Matthew 3: 1-12
- Candle Four: TOUCH –Isaiah 35: 1-10
- Opening /Closing: HEAR

Please bring a Bible with you.

Following the event those wishing to have lunch together are invited to “George and Lito’s”, up from the church on Windsor St.

Note:
each person is responsible for their bill



ADVENT EVENTS

Fri.Dec.17 -7pm

- Carolling in the neighbourhood, followed by hot chocolate at the church
Meet at the church.

Sun.Dec.19 -10am

- Christmas Pageant: “Telling the Whole Story through the Jesse Tree”
- 11:30am Potluck lunch



CHRISTmas SERVICES

Fri.Dec.24

- 6pm –Live Nativity and communion
- 8pm –Candle Light and communion

Sun.Dec.26 10am

–Christmas Carol and communion service



AMNESTY
LETTER WRITING
CAMPAIGN

Join Atlantic Lutheran Campus Ministry in writing letters to governments seeking justice for fellow human beings, on Sun. Dec.12 during fellowship hour following worship.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Join us as we keep this house in order or so that ministry continues to happen
Reports for AGM are due Sun.Jan.9, 2011
Reports will be available Sun. Jan.23, 2011
Annual General Meeting Feb.6, 2011
Come and participate in fellowship and service. It takes a whole community to enact love in the neighbourhood.

PHOTO DIRECTORY INFO. SESSION:

On January 16th we welcome a representative who will be in the hall after Sunday service to provide information on publishing a Church directory. If a decision is made to do this project a possible date for the company to arrange photo-taking is the last week in February.



If you would like a visit or for Pastor Kimber to meet you for tea/coffee, please do not hesitate to give her a call. She awaits your call with great anticipation.

Kid's Corner: Bible Math

Some of the parts of the Christmas story are shepherds, kings, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, angel, Bethlehem, star, and Herod.

1. Of the above who had the shortest name?
2. Who had the longest name?
3. What guided the 3 kings to come see Jesus?
4. How many letters are in the name of the place where Jesus was born?

You can check your answers in the next newsletter.

Answers to the December, 2008, newsletter are:

1. and 2. your personal answers 3. Jesus

by Sandra Holloway

PROPERTY TO DO LIST



Our church home has been well used throughout the years and is currently meeting the needs of our community by offering much needed space. Our home is showing wear and tear and needs our love and attention.

The roof has been fixed. The big windows refurbished.

Other projects need doing.

It would be of great help if you see a project that needs doing, to offer your services, or take on the project offering to find skilled labour and paying for the job to be completed.

This is our home and everyone has a responsibility to keep it clean, fresh and inviting.



Financial Update – November 2010

Blessings and Peace be to you and your family during this Advent Season! As we get ready to celebrate Christmas and usher in another new year, the busiest time of the church's financial year descends upon the church Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Council!!

2011 payroll calculations and budget work will soon be in full swing, new offering envelopes and pledge cards for 2011 will soon be available for pick-up, 2010 Tax Receipts will be available before the end of February and preparations will begin for the year-end financial reports that will be presented at our Annual General Meeting on February 6, 2011. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend. We need, welcome and encourage your voice and your ideas!

As of October 31, 2010, our **Current Fund** was running a deficit of \$990, which is not good, but better than our budget originally predicted. The Current Fund is used to pay our day-to-day operating expenses. Please continue your support of the Current Fund so we can end the year in a non-deficit position.

Our **Regular Synod Benevolence** donations are lagging behind and as of October 31, 2010, our budgeted pledge of \$13,900 is still \$3,550 away. One possible reason for this may be that **Special Benevolence** donations (which includes many causes such as Canadian Lutheran World Relief (which includes Global Hunger & Development Appeal), Camp Mush-a-Mush, Parker Street Food Bank, Hospital Chaplaincy, etc.) have increased significantly due to many recent urgent appeals, namely, the earthquake in Haiti and the flooding in Haiti and Pakistan. It is possible that donations that would have normally been directed to **Regular** Synod Benevolence are being diverted to these **Special** Benevolence causes. Our Regular Synod Benevolence donations are very important as they go directly to help pay for the running of our national church offices and programs. If each offering envelope holder gave just \$36 to Regular Synod Benevolence between now and year-end, we would meet this very important pledge.

Thank you for your on-going support and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McQuade, Treasurer

'T Was A Few Days Before Christmas



'T Was a few days before Christmas, when all through
the church,
not a creature was stirring, the mice did not lurch.
All the stars they were hung on the tree will great care
in the hopes that baby Jesus soon would be there.
The children were nestled all snug in their pews,
while visions of bright angels made them amused.
Mama in prayer shawl and I in my best
had just settled down for a sermon with zest.
When out on the lawn, there arose such a clatter.
I sprang from my pew to see what was the matter.
Away to the window, I flew like a flash,
and it was there that I shuttered to see Gabriel dash.
With a true message from God, so lively, with favour,
and I knew in a moment, it must be a Saviour.
Most blessed among women, to Mary God came.
And she sang and she praised, as God caller her by
name.
Now Gabriel, now Jesus, now blessed be God.
Oh always rejoice; Oh rejoice, it's not odd.
From the font of the church to the grave and the pall,
now come with us, come with us, come with us all.
As the branches of the wreath before us bend
and the candles guide us our hearts to mend;
so up on the house tops with hope, love, peace, and
joy.
With hearts full of cheer and with our all to employ.
And then in a twinkle, I heard in the church,
the singing of carols from each little perch.
As I sang in my head and was turning around,
down the aisle was Mary, who came with a bound.
She was dressed all in cloth, from her head to her foot,

and her clothes weren't tarnished with dirt, or with
soot.
Her sweet little face was so shiny, so bright,
and she had great news of a man of great light.
"To me came an angel, who told me great news.
To me will be born a Saviour; You knew?
A bundle of joy I carry inside,
and he is salvation; in him I'll abide.
His mercy will twinkle. His power, how daring.
His love will continue -Jesus, our cross bearing."
At this time of year we wait for great things.
The first candle there holds the hope that we bring.
The second candle now reminds us to love:
The love for others, ourselves, and those things above.
A wink from me and a flicker of light
and candle three says, "May peace shine bright."
I spoke not a word but went straight to the wreath
and lit the last candle, joy glittered on my teeth.
And laying aside this Advent time,
it's now almost Christmas when the whole world will
rhyme.
Then Mary sprang to her feet and with Joseph she
Went,
and away they both flew to Bethlehem sent.
And I heard them exclaim as they moved out of sight
HAPPY ADVENT to all and to watch for Christ's light.

*Blessed Advent and Merry CHRISTMAS
from Pastor Kimber and her family.*