

Resurrection Notes



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A short note, dear friends,

...to say that I am grateful and inspired! I am grateful for your participation during Lent and Holy Week. And thank God for Easter! It is a day that gives us a lift – a lift to our hearts, to our hopes, and to our faith. Our celebration of Easter was magnificent. I want to thank all who made it possible...the persons who made our sanctuary so beautiful and who prepare our sanctuary for worship every week; the choir for their magnificent music; the ushers and greeters who handle the people with grace and good humor; all the people out of sight and behind the scenes who made the central day of our Christian faith very special.

If you missed Easter, I look forward to seeing you Sunday. And, truth be told, we entered Holy Week and Easter with some uncertainties. We did not know how our “construction in progress” would affect us and the answer came back clearly – not at all!

The question always comes up...“Why can’t every Sunday be like Easter?” In a sense it is because every Sunday we worship, we are celebrating Resurrection. One thing we know for sure, worship is the life blood of the Christian life. I am grateful for your fine participation in worship.

This Sunday is Music Sunday, the one time we celebrate together in one worship service. We have so many wonderful folks of all ages who so willingly share their talents with us so that our worship is always uplifting and inspiring. This is the special day we pause to express our gratitude and appreciation. This Sunday, I look forward to seeing you at 11:00.

May is also the celebration of Mother’s Day. There is no better way to “honor your Mother and your Father” than to join them at worship.

Our annual Synod Assembly begins this month – May 31-June 2.

Lastly, I want to briefly mention our Congregational Vitality process discussed in Vic Scarborough’s recent letter.

One image of that process is listening. We will listen to God through our shared 40 Days of Prayer and the study of *Unbinding Your Heart*; listening to each other through a Congregational Vitality survey and the discussion of *Unbinding Your Heart*; and listening to the community through a Community survey guided by our coach, Pastor John Mocko.

This is a process of discovering how Jesus plans to use us, Resurrection Church, in His future ministry in our community. I encourage each of you to join in this process of planning and discernment.

Please keep us in your prayers and remember that I love you,

Your pastor and friend,



Acolytes

5/5	(8:30)	Music Sunday	(11:00)	Banks Strickland and Genny Beavers
5/12	(8:30)	Sophia Olmo-Nord	(11:00)	Noah Lindler and Macey Hughes
5/19	(8:30)	Noah Stuckart	(11:00)	Shelby Folger and Ben Lindler
5/26	(8:30)	Jadon Mace	(11:00)	Sarah Ellen Strickland and Ben Doughtie

Altar Guild

April 28 – May 5 Team #4

Elvie Walling, Madison Walling, Robyn & Paul Walling, Brandi Green, Rachel Rhodes-Dyar

May 12 – May 19 Team #1

Tina Dunn, Allison Buchanan, Katiebeth Jennings, Pat King

May 26 – June 2 Team #2

Frank Chandler, Becky Buchanan, Anne Spray, Monica Proctor

Ushers *Head Usher: Cheryl Lindler*

5/5	Joe Holley, Bryan Hunter, Barbara Green
5/12	Dennis Sodomka, Michael Sodomka, Vic Scarborough
5/19	Jim Klein, Bill Buchanan, Frank Lackman
5/26	Chip Warren, Tom Momeier, Steve Proctor

Lay Assistants

	<i>8:30 Worship</i>	<i>11:00 Worship</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Assistant</i>
5/5	Music Sunday – One Service		Anne Spray	Bowe Strickland
5/12	Pam Lein		Leigh Thouvenot	Dennis Sodomka
5/19	Bill Rauscher		Barbara Green	Harrison Warren
5/26	Angie Chandler		Chip Warren	Rachel Rhodes-Dyar

Greeters

5/5	Anne Spray
5/12	Tara Spray
5/19	Kelly Knitter
5/26	Bill & Becky Buchanan

Mini-Breakfast

Julie & David Moretz

Church Council and Committee Chairs

President Vic Scarborough
Vice President Bowe Strickland
Treasurer Frank Chandler
Secretary John Leibach
Financial Secretaries Irene Frei, Pat Ward

Worship - Frank Chandler; Bowe Strickland
Christian Education – Christine Rauscher, Mary Meghan Olmo
Youth – Lynda Anguilla, Brandi Green, Cheryl Lindler
Witness –Andrea Stuckart
Service – Mandy Bryson, David Moretz
Stewardship – Kevin Knitter
Building and Property – John Leibach, Kevin Knitter
 Keith Dyer; Jim Thouvenot
Congregational Fellowship – Anne Spray; Lynda Anguilla
 Keith Dyer; Leigh Thouvenot
Communications – Heather Doughtie
Staff Support –
LutherLegends – Elvie Walling; Vic Scarborough

Sub-Committee Coordinators

Lay Assistants - Barbara Green
 Mini-Breakfast – Kim Beavers
 Activity Bags - Kirby Holley
 Lutheran Men - Jim Thouvenot
 WELCA - Anne Spray
 Wee Care – Kirby Holley
 Prayer Chain - Kathryn Spears

*Let us remember those who are, at this time, confined
to a nursing home or to their own home.*

A visit or a card would mean so much.



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Joy in the Resurrection Family

Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Jen Redman and family upon the death of her father, Joe Redd.

Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Kristi Rester and family upon the death of her husband, Keith, April 14th.

Thought for the month....

No act of kindness is too small. The gift of kindness may start as a small ripple that over time can turn into a tidal wave affecting



on the

Book of Acts

Beginning this month there will be two weekly opportunities for the women of our congregation to participate in a Bible Study!

The study will be offered on Monday evenings at 6:30 beginning May 13th and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 beginning May 15th.

All women are invited to attend. Please remember to bring your bibles and if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ferri.





May marks the start of the WELCA School Kit drive in support of Lutheran World Relief. The drive will continue through July. Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.

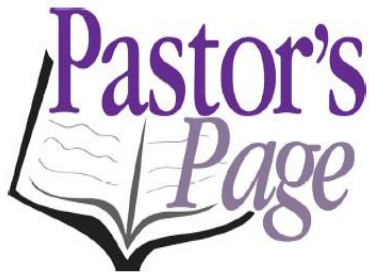
Beginning May 1, we will have the drawstring backpacks with the list of needed items inside hanging on the “trees” in both the Narthex and the hallway of the Education Building. As in the past, please take a bag and fill it with the needed items. Please do not add other items or leave out any of the listed items. Once filled, return them to the church and hang them on a “tree”.

Should you prefer to make donations that can be applied to purchase needed items, please contact Monica Proctor.

Below is a list of the needed items:

- Four (4) 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- One (1) 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One (1) pencil sharpener
- One (1) pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five (5) unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One (1) box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One (1) 2 ½" eraser
- One (1) sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag (provided by WELCA)

Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, our church name or any items decorated with a U. S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Dear New Friends and Family!

I can hardly believe I am really here with you! Already, in just my few short weeks of being here, I feel so at home! Your loving open arms of welcome and hospitality has truly been overwhelming, both for Bob and me. Thank you so much!

While coming here during the middle of Lent and Master's week was hectic, I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to experience Easter with you. The services on Easter Sunday were so beautiful! For me, the timing was perfect!

Prior to coming here, I got to hear about all the wonderful things that you do here at Resurrection. I am looking forward to tap dancing, playing the handbells, quilting, serving the homeless, and all the other wonderful activities and events that happen here! I know that everyone is super excited about the new fellowship hall and the ability to have 'church' the way you always did before. I am excited too! I want to get to know everyone! Please let me know if you would like to grab a cup of coffee, have some lunch, or just hang out at the office and talk for a while. I love to hear your stories and what Resurrection means to you!

Also, please know you can call, text or, email me anytime! I am looking forward to doing ministry with you and I am so excited to see what the Lord has in store for us here at Resurrection! Blessings on your day and may the peace of the Lord always be with you!

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The History Corner

The Lutheran Church --- 160 Years in Downtown Augusta 1859-2019

After the building of the German Lutheran Church in 1859-60 under the encouragement and guidance of Pastor A. B. Meister, the little congregation did not stop and rest. The following year a brick schoolhouse was completed, connected to the back of the church. Public schools in Augusta were still in the future, so the church operated a Day School in the German language, as well as using the rooms for Sunday School and meetings.

The second pastor, Rev. Carl Frederick Bansemer, served from 1863- 1866. During that time the congregation was admitted to the South Carolina Synod. After Rev. Diedrich. P. Camann, the third pastor, came in 1866 "the parsonage was built, and was occupied by him in 1875. A neat fence was built around the church property and the appearance was very good. It fittingly marked the completion of fifteen years of earnest church work. A photograph was taken, and the picture is well worth preserving as a treasure of the congregation." St. Matthew's History, page 26. [See the photo soon on our bulletin board. Tall windows are open to the church and the organ loft.]

The old parsonage was in the news several years ago as an abandoned property, and Resurrection was erroneously listed as the owner, though it had been sold many years ago. The building was offered free, to anyone who would move it. It is gone now. Many of the original Germans had come to Augusta in the 1840s and 1850s, and most had married other Germans. By the time Pastor Koeberle came in 1876, that Germanborn generation was beginning to die off, and many of their children were marrying non-Germans. Most families were speaking English. After free education in public schools was available there was less interest in the German Day School, and it closed.

In 1883 a group of mostly younger members requested having some church services in English. The Church Council voted "Nein!" It wanted to remain a strictly German congregation. The results were not surprising. The dissenting members withdrew to form an English-speaking congregation, named Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church.

After the schism over the choice of language, Rev. Theodor Koeberle resigned, but he asked to be allowed to remain in Augusta as Pastor long enough for him to complete the course he was pursuing at the Medical College. He left Augusta as a Doctor of Medicine and re-joined his wife and children, who had already moved to California. He began the practice of medicine there. His final entry in the German-language "Kirchenbuch" reads:

"May the call of a German-English pastor to this congregation bring the hoped for blessings, may the congregation grow and thrive, and may their children and their children's children hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen, in both languages far into the future."

Augusta Georgia, Holy Easter Eve, 4 April 1885 Theodor Koeberle, Pastor