

Resurrection Lutheran Church

"I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

November 2011

A Minute with Pr. Marilyn

What a wonderful and joyous beginning we have had! On October 30th, we met for worship for the very first time in the auditorium of the South Texas School of Christian Studies. Twenty-seven enthusiastic worshippers attended, and I must say that it was a joy to see my brothers and sisters in Christ so overjoyed to begin this journey of faith together. We enjoyed coffee and cookies before and after our worship service and talked excitedly about what God has in store for our future together as a new faith community.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your pastor, and I will do my utmost to shepherd and serve God's people at Resurrection and its mission field in Corpus Christi. Exciting times, indeed! And if you have a pastoral care need, wish to receive Eucharistic ministry, or know of someone who does, please do not hesitate to call me.

I am pleased to announce that Resurrection has now been received in the North American Lutheran Church as a mission congregation! As Luther might ask, "What does this mean?" It means that we will be part of a larger body that is there for us as a means of support and encouragement, a network of brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we may partner in ministry. More specifically, we have been paired with St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Portland, Texas, which has already contributed to our ministry. They hold us constantly in prayer and have contributed \$1,000 toward our startup costs and donated a memorial pouring chalice. A parishioner from St. Stephen's, whose daughter was a piano student of Mary Jo Williams, donated \$200, which was used to re-plate the memorial chalice in her memory. St. Stephen's also gives us access to office equipment, where we are able to copy our bulletins and newsletters.

We are now a member of the NALC South Texas Mission District, which consists of approximately twenty congregations. Pastor David Priem is the District Dean and Pastor of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. As your pastor, I will be attending meetings with other pastors in this district as well as mission development and discipleship conferences. Before Resurrection met for our first worship service, the District had already contributed to this mission through prayer, financial support, and gifts of hymnals and other worship items. As Pr. David Priem said at the Celebration and Information Meeting held on October 26, we are not alone!

If you have Internet access, be sure and visit our website:
www.resurrectionlutheranchurch.org I have posted photos from the October 26th meeting there, as well as other information, including directions to the location of our worship site.

Everyone who attended our first worship service was just thrilled with our location. The building was described best as “just the right size – small enough to feel cozy and warm, yet big enough to allow for growth.” There are classrooms available for rental when we are ready for Sunday school and adult Bible classes (which I anticipate will be quite soon), and a kitchen, too! We enjoyed the foyer area, which includes sofas, tables, and a serving area for coffee and cookies.

We meet each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., in the auditorium of the South Texas School of Christian Studies, at 7000 Ocean Drive, between Texas A&M - Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. To enter the auditorium, go through the glass doors facing the parking lot and walk straight back, through the lobby area. For those who missed our first worship service, we all look forward to seeing you soon!

Resurrection Lutheran has also been blessed with a wonderful musician, Mrs. Sooyeon Littell. Her resume is quite impressive, including experience as a church pianist and a bachelor’s degree in piano performance. She became available to play for us at just the right time. I have to believe this was a “God-thing”! Welcome to our family, Sooyeon!

Finally, I wish to thank all of you who were able to join us in celebrating my Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. This would not have been possible without the grace of God and your support over the past four years. I thank God every day for each and every one of you.

Truly, this is a Spirit-led adventure, and we have only just begun our journey together at Resurrection Lutheran Church!!!

+God Bless+
Pr. Marilyn

Calling All Women of the Word WOW!

If you are interested in forming a group for Bible study, food, fellowship, and fun, please let Pr. Marilyn know! And check out the website for Women of the NALC at www.WNALC.org for some great ideas! Jeanne Wallace is on the Women’s Council for the WNALC and has offered to be a resource for us. She can be reached at 830-998-2300 and by e-mail at jw@beecreek.net
Come on ladies, let’s get together!!

Polo and T-Shirt Orders!

If you missed it, there is a signup sheet for t-shirts and polo shirts if you are interested in ordering. It is on the table in the foyer near the door to the auditorium. Check out our logo!



Lectionary for November

November 6, 2011 All Saints Sunday

Matt. 25:1-13

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

November 13, 2011

Matt. 25:14-30

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

November 20, 2011 Christ the King

Matt. 25:31-46

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

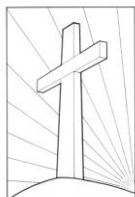
November 27, 2011 Advent 1

Mark 13:24-37

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Contributions for the Month of October:

Offering for October 30, 2011	\$2,200
Other contributions	
St. Stephen's, Portland	\$1,200
St. John, Boerne	\$500
Total for the Month of October	\$3,900



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November 2011 Ministries

	Ushers	Reader	Flowers	Tellers	Cookies
6	Ed Larsen Glenn Hagemann	Charlotte Ellingson	Mary Jones, in honor of Marilyn's Ordination	Dr. Jim and Marge Walker	June Hagemann
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Please do consider serving in one of these important ministries. The signup sheet is on the table just outside the door to the sanctuary.