

## RESURRECTION



## NEW LIFE NEWS

*Jesus is the Resurrection  
and the Life...*

*A Life He gives and a  
Life we share...*



## Jesus is...the Good Shepherd

*John 10:11*

*"I am the good shepherd.*

*The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

**Man Dies to Save Trapped Bunny** pops up as you scroll through your news app. You tap on the video. You see what reminds you of the furry little Cadbury Creme Egg mascot. A heroic rescue follows.

You're baffled. You're impressed! You think...*What inspired that guy to give his own life for a bunny? Come to think of it, I sometimes forget even to feed my own pet!*

Try another headline: **Man Dies to Save World**. That headline actually does pop up when you read the Bible. At first it may sound like it's from a too-predictable superhero movie. It seems too good to be true. But it is true! Jesus is that man. He died an agonizing, humiliating death on a Roman torture-pole to save the world. He wasn't saving it from global warming or hunger or war, but saving it from damnation. And despite what some speculate, Jesus didn't come to post the 10 commandments at every town hall and enforce them. No, the world *already* stood condemned by the law because of its sin. Instead, Jesus came to rescue the world. By the way, "world" means everyone in it. You too!

Look at the extraordinary heroism in Jesus, this world's Rescuer! Really, it was more than heroism. He, being true God, displayed God's love and God's plan to give forgiveness and eternal life to all! Jesus' life, death, and bodily resurrection show us the very heart of God. This is a headline worth your time. It is worth hearing and reading more about. Scroll on.

Here's a way to picture Jesus your God and Savior: Jesus is *The Good Shepherd*. He describes himself, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). We're the sheep. We've strayed and "bleated up" life because we're sinful. We are lost sheep needing rescue. Not just by a hired hand. Not just by any shepherd, but by *The Good Shepherd*. Not just a no-name hero, forgotten tomorrow. Jesus is the good shepherd who, being both God and man, laid down his life for you. He really did save the whole world. Your sins are forgiven.

Your life's headline reads: **Good Shepherd Dies to Save THIS Sheep**. It's a headline others need to hear about too! Share it!



# Resurrection Lutheran Church

## New Life News

### VICAR NEWS

By God's grace, we will once again have a vicar for 2014-2015. We will find out who that person is at a special service at the Seminary on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. The Seminary campus is 80 acres of beauty in Mequon, WI. It's truly a treat to see the campus and attend the call service. A group of members from Resurrection has attended the service each year to meet and vicar and welcome him to Resurrection. All are welcome to attend. Please speak with Pastor or Tom Schloesser if interested. The trip to the seminary is about two hours long. We would leave that afternoon and return in the evening.

Our vicar last year, Tim Rosenow, will also be receiving his first call into the ministry, God-willing on Thursday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. at another special service at the Seminary. You are invited to attend this service as well as see soon to be Pastor Rosenow and find out where he will be serving Jesus. We will leave early morning and return in the afternoon.

Alas, with all this good news there is less than good news. Vicar Jacob Haag's time with us will be coming to a close. His final Sunday and farewell are planned for Sunday, July 27. Please save the date and plan to attend.

### PASTOR BAUER ACCEPTS THE CALL TO GOOD NEWS!

God led Pastor Jonathan Bauer to accept the call to serve at Good News in Mt. Horeb. Pastor Bauer currently serves at Emmanuel in Tempe, AZ. So that his children can finish the school year and Pastor Bauer can tie up loose ends, he will arrive in Mt. Horeb around July 1. He and his wife plan to make a special house hunting trip in May and attend worship here at RLC on May 11. This will be your chance to meet Pastor Bauer and his wife Lindsay.

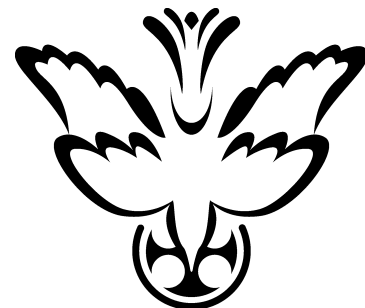
### APRIL 27TH - CONFIRMATION OF KAVEN ALEC DUMAS

His chosen verse: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



### APRIL 27TH - BAPTISM OF HUDSON RYAN STITLEY WITH PARENTS COREY AND MICHELLE



## RLC PREK NEWS - BY: DIRECTOR KATIE MIKULA

May is here and so is the warmth. After being cooped up for what seemed like an eternity, we're extremely thankful for these beautiful, warm and sunny days and for the time to enjoy them. It took a while, but hopefully the warmer weather will stay a little longer this year ☺ .

The children here at RLP have been busy learning about spring things, from plants to insects to baby animals. During the month of May, the children will be learning about birds, shapes, outer space, and the zoo. Matching games, charts, making our own rocket launcher, making paper bird houses and talking about our favorite zoo animals are just some of the activities we'll be doing this month. Our garden is also getting ready to be planted, and the children will be helping out and getting their hands dirty. Thanks again to Ken and Carrie Henderson for their help! We always enjoy getting to spend time with "Farmer Ken" as the kids like to call him ☺ .

Asha Gilmore, our student teacher, is finishing up her last few weeks with us here. She has been a wonderful blessing and addition to our staff and classroom and we will miss her! Best wishes to Asha as she continues on with her Early Childhood education!

Registration is off to a good start for the 2014-2015 school year. We have only 2 spots left for our 3 year old program, so if you or someone you know is looking for a preschool, contact our director right away! Four children are already enrolled for our afternoon wrap around program, and we'd love to enroll more! Times for wrap around are 11:00am-3pm. Wrap around includes lunch, short rest time, Bible story, and extra learning opportunities. There still is space available for our 4K program, so if you live in the Verona area and have not registered yet, please do!

Our next Education Support Committee meeting is planned for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The ESC is currently looking to get a committee together for the Hometown Days Parade on June 15<sup>th</sup>. This committee would be in charge of putting a float together, getting the float to the line-up site the day of, and finding people to help hand out items. Please speak with Katie if interested or have questions. RLP is also in need of a 3 year old teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. A job description is available on the PreK bulletin board or can be emailed to you. Again, please speak with Katie if interested.

One more note: our playground should be arriving soon and will need to be assembled by us! We're looking at putting it together the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in May, but there's a possibility we may need to put it together during the week. Please speak with Brian Kreutz if you are able to help either during the week or on that 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. Thank you!



### EASTER FOR KIDS!

We were so blessed this year to have the largest group ever attend our Easter for Kids event! We had 37 children attend, and a few families came to RLC for the first time. Everyone enjoyed crafts, snacks, an Easter egg hunt, along with hearing about Jesus' victory on Easter. Thank you again to all those that helped make the day a huge success!



# Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.

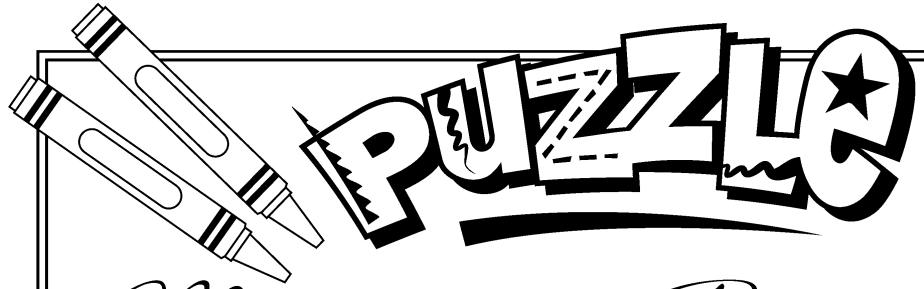


## What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

## What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!



# Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

**Directions:** First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

## MOTHERS

Eve<sup>31</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Sarah<sup>23</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Rebekah<sup>7</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Rachel<sup>13</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Leah<sup>12</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Zilpah<sup>44</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Bilhah<sup>34</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Jochebed<sup>19</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Naomi<sup>2</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Ruth<sup>14</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Hannah<sup>14</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Bathsheba<sup>26</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Elizabeth<sup>10</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Mary<sup>3</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Eunice<sup>6</sup> ..... bore .....

## CHILDREN

Cain, Abel and Seth<sup>11</sup>  
 Isaac<sup>18</sup>  
 Jacob and Esau<sup>15</sup>  
 Benjamin and Joseph<sup>41</sup>  
 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,  
 Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah<sup>33</sup>  
 Gad and Asher<sup>36</sup>  
 Dan and Naphtali<sup>38</sup>  
 Moses<sup>29</sup>  
 Mahlon and Kilion<sup>32</sup>  
 Obed<sup>5</sup>  
 Samuel<sup>7</sup>  
 Solomon<sup>21</sup>  
 John the Baptist<sup>37</sup>  
 Jesus<sup>9</sup>  
 Timothy<sup>4</sup>



“ ..... ”  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ..... 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV

### **THREE YEAR OLD TEACHER NEEDED HERE AT RESURRECTION PREK**

Resurrection Lutheran PreSchool is looking to hire a 3 year old teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. This class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:15-11:15am. A job description is available contact Katie Mikula at the PreK 608.848.4966.

### **SAVE THE DATE...NEW STAIN GLASS WINDOW!**

Sunday, May 11 we will be dedicating the new stain glass window above the pulpit in church. Please make plans to attend. The dedication will take place during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The Scripture readings, hymns and sermon will focus on the portion of the Scripture the window portrays, Jesus preaching from a boat.

### **GIVE MOM WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS**

Mom really wants to be in church with her whole family on Mother's Day. Mother's Day will be extra special this year for several reasons:

1. Through a generous donation, flowers will be given to all Mothers on Mother's Day.
2. We will be dedicating a new stain glass window above the pulpit in the sanctuary.
3. Other special, surprise events may be taking place.

Before you go out to eat on Mother's Day, be sure to feast on God's Word!

### **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Church council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15.

The church council consists of six men chosen by the congregation to serve as spiritual leaders and guide the congregation. These are the men who serve on the council. Tom Schloesser, Chairman. Ken Harwood, Secretary. Rick Hermanson, Treasurer. Steve Cate, Outreach Chairman. Ned Reimer, Inreach Chairman. Ken Henderson, Building and Property Chairman.

With Pastor Jon Bauer accepting the call to Good News and planning to arrive around July 1, Pastor Strutz will focus over the summer on conducting an every member visit to reconnect with members in a more personal way as well as hear input and introduce the next exciting steps for our congregation. Pastor also would like to follow up with our over 200 prospects. If you can assist in visiting, your help is greatly appreciated.

A big discussion point was the financial situation at Resurrection. Currently, offerings are not keeping up with the congregation's plan of ministry. The council is working to defer certain expenses until offerings can catch up. There is confidence that as offerings increase, these expenses can be restored. More detailed information will be shared at the congregational meeting on April 27.

All areas of ministry continue to move forward with plans for outreach, Bible study and maintaining our facilities to the glory of God. Thank these men who serve and keep them in your prayers.

### **PASTOR PLANS EVERY MEMBER AND EVERY PROSPECT VISITS**

With Pastor Bauer accepting the call to Good News, someone asked, "Pastor, what are you going to do with all your extra time?" After prayer and thought about this, Pastor would like to make a personal visit to each member over the summer. The purpose of the visit would be to stay in touch with God's people and share the next exciting steps for Resurrection. Visits will likely last about one hour and can be done at your home or church or wherever is most convenient for you. Keep your eyes open for a sign up sheet to schedule a time.

In going through our mailing list, we has discovered nearly 300 people with whom we have had contact. We would like to reconnect with these people over the summer. If you would be willing to make a phone call or personal visit, speak with Pastor. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Many members have joined our congregation through the phone call or personal visit of one of our members. We likely will schedule special dates when groups of people can make these visits and help people reconnect with Resurrection and more importantly, reconnect with Jesus.

### **NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING**

May 27at RLC 7:00 p.m. – "Empty Mansions" by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr

### **PSALM 27...NO FEAR**

Psalm 27...NO FEAR. That is the theme of this years WELS International Youth Rally. This event is for teens entering their freshman year in 2014 through graduating seniors of 2015. It is being held at the University of Tennessee from June 25-28. We had a large group of teens attend the rally in 2012 and had great time. If you are interested in sending your teen to the rally, please contact Pastor or Ned Reimer.

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## NEWS FROM GOOD NEWS!

BY: BARB SCHULZ

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

After months of prayer, and on the third try, we have a pastor for Good News Lutheran Church. Pastor Jon Bauer has accepted the call to serve in Mount Horeb! Pastor Bauer will tentatively arrive around July 1 to begin serving our congregation and community. He currently serves at Emmanuel in Tempe, Arizona. Please keep the congregation at Emmanuel in your prayers as they begin the calling process for a new pastor.

Pastor Bauer comes highly recommended from several sources and has impressed people with his gifts for outreach. Pray that his work will be blessed and more people will hear the good news and be brought to faith in Jesus.

Ten new members were welcomed on April 6. What a blessing! Most were transfers from Resurrection in Verona. One transfer was from Texas. She grew up in Mount Horeb and has moved back home. Our current membership at Good News is just over forty and worship attendance averages about the same number.

On a typical Sunday, about half of the congregation are children. We also have five to ten prospects in worship on average each Sunday.

We have a spring open house planned for April 26. The city wide garage sales are in Mount Horeb that weekend. We are partnering with our neighbors in the mini mall to serve as a rest station where people can relax for a while, get some free refreshments, use the restroom, let their children unwind with some kids' activities and see our facility. We thank Kwik Trip for donating brats for us to give away that day.

We thank Bob and Sharon Garbe, volunteers from Kingdom Workers, who have helped us canvass. They came to Mount Horeb on April 10-11 to assist with following up on prospects and handed out several copies of the DVD, "Come, Follow Me."

Our current Pastor, Nathan Strutz, will be speaking to an LWMS group on April 26 in Marshall about our congregation and our mission work. He will also be speaking at Good Shepherd in Holmen on May 4 as part of a mission festival. Please contact Pastor Strutz by phone at [608-515-4334](tel:608-515-4334) or by email at [pastorstrutz@rlcverona.com](mailto:pastorstrutz@rlcverona.com) with any questions about our mission work in the Mount Horeb area.

We thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to spread the good news of Jesus in Mount Horeb!

Blessed Easter! He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

Barb Schulz - Good News Lutheran Church



## GRAND OPENING OF PASTOR CALEB FREE'S CONGREGATION!

### Festival, Saturday April 12

The day was absolutely gorgeous. It was 80 and sunny with a nice breeze. We were blessed to have 150 (give or take) guests at the carnival. We had them fill out a registration sheet for the raffle drawings we were giving away, and had them answer two short questions: Do you have a church? Would you like any information about our church. I'd say about 75% of the people asked for more information about our church, which is really cool. We plan on following up with them this week.

Besides the 150 guests, we were very lucky to have a great group of volunteers. Alongside the members of Abiding Word, we had volunteers from Amazing Grace in Panama City, Faith in Tallahassee, and Our Savior in Birmingham. A huge thanks goes out to them, because without them, we couldn't have pulled this off!



### Grand Opening Worship Service, Sunday April 13

We had a good turnout for the Grand Opening Worship service. I forgot to count the number of people, but from what I was told, we had 30 guests who came, 20 of them being first time guests, and around 10 of them being guests from the Carnival. The total for the service was 64 people which is almost double our previous high! We are excited now to follow up with these worship guests this week.

God certainly blessed us this weekend, and we are excited to continue to carry out his work here in Dothan. If you have any questions, let me know. Blessings on your Holy Week! Caleb

*Resurrection Lutheran Church, Verona, Wisconsin*