

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

## ✠ Family Devotion ✠

*He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.*

~Matthew 28:6a

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### Read It.

Begin your family time together by reading the Easter story found in Matthew 28:1-10.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Stone
- Angel
- Raised
- Message

**Fun Fact:** In Bible times, it was common for the stones used to close tombs to weigh *two tons*. That's like having two large elephants sit in front of the tomb and refuse to move!

### Pray It.

Say this prayer together:  
*Father, thank you for sending your Son,  
 For raising him up  
 Against death he won.  
 Father, thank you for sending your Word,  
 For raising us up,  
 Good news we have heard.  
 Amen.*

### Talk About It.

How did Jesus' followers know he was risen?

Who is someone in your life who really needs to hear the good news about Jesus? How can you help them to hear?

Some of the best known hymns are about Jesus' resurrection. What is your favorite song about the resurrection, and why?

Find a few favorite verses about Jesus. Tape the reference for each Bible verse to the bottom of clear dinner glasses, with the

words facing toward the top rim of the glass. After dinner, once everyone has finished their drink, they can look through the bottom to see the verse. Have everyone read their Bible verse and then talk about how each verse teaches us about Jesus.

### Live It.

Throw a "Jesus is Alive" party. Invite friends and family who love Jesus. Make banners with Bible verses about Jesus for decorations, and play a special game of Hide and Seek. Have everyone hide except one person who will play the part of 'Jesus'. Invite 'Jesus' to carry a basket of wrapped surprises (candy, small toys) as he or she hunts. When 'Jesus' finds each person, he or she can shout, "Surprise! I'm alive and I love you!" and give that person a surprise from the basket.

### For younger kids.

Make a card for someone you've never met. Ask your parents or pastor to help you find the name of someone you don't know, then send that person a card that tells them all about the good news of Jesus.

### For older kids.

Use a digital camera to take pictures throughout the week of things that remind you that Jesus is alive. Use the pictures to create a slideshow titled "Jesus Alive in My World." Share the slideshow with your family and friends!

*Adapted from Spark Sunday School Lectionary, The Empty Tomb Family Page, April 24, 2011.*

## Welcome Sharon!

In March, we welcomed Sharon Leon to our staff as Children's Ministry Coordinator! Sharon grew up in the Lutheran church, taught Sunday school and served as Superintendent of Sunday School at her prior congregation in New Jersey. She moved to East Cobb in 2007 along with her husband Richard and son Andre and joined Resurrection. With a background in early childhood development, Sharon used her gifts and talents to serve as vice president of the Wheeler High School Marching Band Booster Club as well as Band Camp Coordinator where she successfully recruited and led student and adult volunteers. Her friends jokingly refer to her as Mary Poppins and Martha Stewart with her bottomless pocketbook of supplies and her uncanny ability to fix or create anything in need.



## Sunday School Schedule

Can you believe the end of the school year is so close? Please remember there is NO Sunday school on Easter. We will resume our regular Sunday school schedule on May 1. All children age 2 - 6th grade should report directly to the Music room downstairs at 9:45 each Sunday. They will be dismissed to go to their classrooms no later than 10:00am. Our last day for Sunday school this year is May 22. Regular classes will resume in the Fall on September 11. More info about our fall kickoff will be in the next edition of Children & Youth News!

## Wednesdays After Easter

### *Confirmation*

Confirmation classes resume Wednesday, April 27. Activities begin with worship in the Youth Pavilion at 6:30pm in the Youth Pavilion and will continue with Bible instruction by Pastor Dave in the Middle School Youth Room. The final class will be held May 11.

### *High School*

Wednesday evening activities resume Wednesday, April 27. Activities begin in the Youth Pavilion with a brief time of worship at 6:30pm followed by a Bible study where we will explore how we can share our faith with others. The final Bible study will be held May 11.



## ✠ Teen Devotion ✠

*Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*

*~1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)*

We are taught that if we are going to be responsible adults, we must handle our business. We have to take care of the things that need to be taken care of. As a Christian, "taking care of business" means praying about our business. It means giving it to God and letting Him guide our actions. We give Him the control, and then we do what He tells us to do.

A couple of days ago, I woke up in the middle of the night with my mind racing about things going

on at work, in my various ministries, and at home. I spent the next two hours with those thoughts running through my head. I finally fell asleep about 20 minutes before the alarm went off and then spent the next hour trying to wake up. My night had been shot. Why? Because I was trying to figure out the best way to handle these issues myself, instead of giving them to God. Once I woke up and realized what I had done, I prayed about them. God once again proved to be faithful,

and He guided me through the things I had to deal with that day

There is a lot in this world that we are not in control of, but God is. The responsibilities of the world never stop coming in; they never stop hounding us. As Christians, the responsible way of handling them is by giving them to God in prayer, listening for His answer, then following His advice. I want to encourage you to make a habit of praying about the issues you are facing in

your life. Learn to cast these concerns on God and learn to listen to His guidance. As we do this, He guards our hearts and minds, which not only has a great effect on the quality of our spiritual and physical life, but also on the quality of our sleep.

Be responsible and sleep well, my friends.

*Adapted from "Giving it to God" by Steve, archived on Teen Daily Devotional Ministries, <http://tddm.org>*

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!  
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your  
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*~Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)*



## *Confirmation 2011*

This year we celebrate the Confirmation of Peyton Carroll, Eric Kelm, Brewer Kunnemann, Jenna Markle, Kristen O'Brien and Jillian Radcliffe. These six youth have had an incredible faith journey over the last two years, exploring Bible stories, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, Prayer, Baptism, Communion, Human Sexuality, outside youth events and much much more. We celebrate with them as they stand before the congregation and Affirm their Baptism publicly on Sunday, May 15, 2011.



### *Middle School Retreat*

Our final Confirmation experience of the year will be an overnight retreat April 29-30 at Lutheranch. This retreat is open to all middle school youth (6-8th grade)! We will meet at the church at 6pm then head to Lutheranch. While we are there, we will explore the power of storytelling while having a ton of fun! Confirmands, this retreat is mandatory unless you've made other arrangements with Crystal - so please get your forms in ASAP! There is no cost to participants.

### *Confirmation Banquet*

This year's banquet celebrating the six youth who are being confirmed will be Sunday, May 15 from 12:30-2:30pm in the Gathering Room. Invitations are available in the church office.

### *Affirmation of Baptism*

We will celebrate the confirmation of Brewer Kunnemann at the 8:30am worship service and the confirmation of Peyton Carroll, Eric Kelm, Jenna Markle, Kristen O'Brien, and Jillian Radcliffe at the 11:00am worship service. There will be a short reception for these youth and their families on the deck outside the Sanctuary from 9:45am-10:00am.

# Summer Opportunities for youth who have completed 1st - 12th grades!



## WIN OUR WORLD!

JUNE 5-10, 2011

We're headed to Knoxville this summer for WOW 2011. This summer youth who have completed **6th - 12th grade** can sign up for Win Our World (WOW). WOW is an urban ministry experience in the heart of downtown Knoxville. It's a mission trip - but so much more! It's 5 days of faith formation, leadership development activities, and lots of hands-on mission work with the homeless and less fortunate folks in Knoxville. This week will be an incredible opportunity for us to grow in our faith, our leadership, our service to others - and have a ton of fun while doing it! We still have **2 available spots**, but you need to sign up quick - all forms are due to the office by **May 5!**

## AFFIRM

JUNE 19-24, 2011

BERRY COLLEGE

If you are a youth who has completed **6th-12th grade**, this is one youth event you don't want to miss! Youth from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee come together for this five-day youth event of faith, fellowship, and leadership development sponsored by the ELCA Southeastern Synod. Grounded in Scripture, Affirm may be one of the most life-changing events around. You get to pick your unit - there are nine to choose from! Each unit has a different focus, but no matter which unit you choose you are sure to deepen your relationship with Jesus!

Registration is now open - go to [www.sesyouth.org](http://www.sesyouth.org) to register online or download forms! Cost is \$350/person if registration is mailed by May 1.



## EXPERIENCE LUTHERIDGE/LUTHEROCK THIS SUMMER!



YOUTH WHO HAVE COMPLETED 1ST GRADE - 12TH GRADE!!!!

Did you know that Lutheridge has camps for youth as early as 1st grade?! This is one of the few weeks all summer which has programs for youth of all ages. Prices and activities vary depending on the age group. We have youth of all ages going to Lutheridge from LCR! For more information contact the church office or check out [www.llmi.org](http://www.llmi.org).

### FAMILY CAMP AT LUTHERIDGE/LUTHEROCK

If you are interested in taking your whole family to camp together, Lutheridge and Lutherock have family camp weeks that have activities for the kids and the adults separately as well as activities for the whole family to enjoy together. For more info, visit [www.llmi.org](http://www.llmi.org).

# RENEW



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer as we invited kids to learn about Jesus, help build our community, and grow as they become caretakers of God's creation. At ReNew: The Green VBS™ kids will:

- Explore God's Word through Jesus' Parable of the Sower.
- Learn about God's creation and what we can do to care for it.
- Meet members of our community who are stewards of the environment.
- Make new friends and have a great time!

**PLACE:** Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

**DATE:** Monday June 27 – Thursday June 30

**TIME:** 1:00 – 4:00pm each day, with a family picnic and closing celebration from 6:00-8:00pm on Thursday, June 30

**COST:** \$20.00 for first child, \$15.00 for other children in the same family. To request confidential scholarship assistance, please contact Crystal Rowe at 770-953-3193, ext. 14 or [crystal@lcrmarietta.org](mailto:crystal@lcrmarietta.org).

All potty-trained children ages **3 years–5th grade** are invited to grow in faith as they play, learn, sing, and work to ReNew our congregation and community. All youth who have just **completed 6th–12th grade** are invited to serve in leadership positions.

For more information about how you can help with ReNew or how to register, check out the website: <http://lcryouth.org!>

*Lutheran Church of the Resurrection seeks to provide an environment where children and youth are safe from physical and sexual abuse. Pursuant to our Child Safety Policy, all volunteers age 18 and over will be subject to a background check.*



# We Need You!

We are doing some awesome things in Children & Youth Ministries at LCR, but we still need lots of help! There are many different ways that you can get involved, please consider serving in these roles so that we can keep pushing ahead with Children & Youth Ministries.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There are SO MANY ways to help with VBS 2011. Check out [lcyouth.org](http://lcyouth.org) and click on "How Can I Help?" For more information, contact Sharon Leon.

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team is the visionary team behind Youth & Family Ministry at Resurrection. We are always looking for new voices to join this team. If you would like more information, please contact Crystal Rowe.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Our Sunday school classes are growing! In the Fall, we will have at least one additional class for children, and maybe even more. This means we need even more teachers! If you are interested in possibly leading Sunday school, please contact Sharon Leon or Crystal Rowe. We would love to sit down and talk with you about the curriculum! We are looking for leaders for:

Ages 2-3 (2 leaders needed)

Ages 4-5 (2 leaders needed)

1st-2nd grade (4 leaders needed)

3rd-4th grade (4 leaders needed)

5th grade (2 leaders needed)

6th grade (2 leaders needed)

7th & 8th grade (2 leaders needed)

9th-12th grade (2-3 leaders needed)

## YOUTH SMALL GROUP LEADER

*Middle School & High School*

We need 6-8 faithful and dedicated adults to commit to hanging out with youth and serving as small group facilitators on Wednesday evenings! Wednesday evenings begin at 6:30pm in large group worship with both middle school and high school youth. After worship, we will break out into smaller groups for a variety of topics. You'll be headed home by 8:00pm. The curriculum for the fall is under development, but if you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of teenagers (and pre-teens) WE NEED YOU!

## WOW CHAPERONE!

We have over 20 youth who have signed up to participate in Win Our World this summer in Knoxville! We could use 1-2 more adults who can take a week out of their summer and travel to Knoxville with us for what we promise will be a life-changing experience. We leave June 5 and return June 10.

For more info about children & youth ministries at Resurrection, check out our homepage at <http://lcrmarietta.org>!

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