

Resurrection Notes



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A short note, dear friends,

....to say thank you for providing a climate of encouragement and support for ministry here at Resurrection. I believe that our church and, indeed, the whole Christian church in our nation is at a watershed moment in our history that will require the prayers and commitment of us all. I am confident that God who has led us thus far, will continue to lead us to complete the work before us.

This month our first year confirmands, Genny Beavers, Ben Doughtie, Mercer Hogg, Ben Lindler, Ben Olmo-Nord, and Noah Stuckart will attend Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge. Lutheridge also provides the joyful experience of camping and Christian community for campers in grades 1-12 and for families. It is one of our family's favorite places.

And we have a special event this summer, 40 Days of Prayer – the beginning of our Congregational Vitality journey – a joint pilgrimage in which we will seek God's calling to our future. In the Gospels, the action really picks up after Jesus enters Jerusalem. This is also the part of the story where Jesus gives us our "marching orders" – the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We are to love and serve our God by serving the people He loves and we are to be making disciples – consistently reaching out to all people in Christ.

Our journey is to seek God's guidance as to how He is calling us to be a Great Commandment and a Great Commission congregation in our place.

One of the great things about the life and history of our church is that God has always provided what was needed and the great people to see that His mission and purpose is met at Resurrection, and I am convinced He is with us every step of the way and I urge and encourage your action and joy.

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

Your pastor and friend,



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Dear Believers and Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ!

First, I want to tell you how happy I am here at Resurrection! I love you; I love the church; and I love the community! I truly believe that I am right where God wants me! Thank you so much for your warm welcome to this place!

Also, we sold our house in Richmond Hill, GA! We bought a house in RiverNorth in North Augusta. Our closing date is June 14th! I can hardly wait to be here, and all settled into our new home!

We have started the women's Bible studies on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. It has been a wonderful time together and thank you so much for the women who are coming and are participating! Some of the discussions have been really amazing! If you have been thinking about coming, please know, it is never too late to come join us!

Also, I have started a Bible Study at St. John's Towers on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00pm. You do not have to be a resident to participate. We would love to have you – male or female. We always study the Gospel text for the upcoming Sunday and have had some good conversations and discussions as we walk along side with Jesus and the disciples. Feel free to join us!

My ministry for Jesus Christ is to help others develop and deepen their relationship with our Lord. I will do just about anything to do just that! Therefore, what I am most excited about at Resurrection is the embarking of our "Vitality" Conversation and 40-Days of Prayer! *Viability* is our ability as a community of faith to perform mission into the future, not just here in the church, but also into the community and the world!

In her book, *Unbinding Your Heart*, Martha Reese declares that prayer is the first step into listening and hearing what God is calling us to be and do in this place and beyond. She states, "*Prayer is more about receiving from God than it is about asking God for things or working hard at intercession. Prayer involves effort, habit, and focus; but it results in lightness and energy and excitement*" (p. 36). I cannot even imagine the possibilities and opportunities that God will lay on our hearts as we begin to pray and discern together what we are being called to be and do in our community and beyond!

Well, I know school is out and families are planning their vacations. My prayer is that all continue to live in the presence of our Lord, be in prayer, and keep safe in your travels.

May the peace of the Lord always be with you!

Pastor Terri



Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Lenten lunches a huge success including those who helped set up, clean up and coordinate the lunches each week. Everyone enjoyed the delicious soups, sandwiches, homemade cookies, brownies and

Thanks to Allison and Jimmy Buchanan for hosting our Women of Resurrection Annual Spring Lunch (WELCA), Saturday, April 27. The beautiful day, great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. If you missed it, our next event will be the Fall Luncheon on September 28 following the 32nd Annual SES Women of the ELCA Convention. There will be a speaker plus convention highlights. More information later.



Acolytes

6/2	(8:30)	Evan Shaffer	(11:00)	Tyler Hughes and Scarlett Oetting
6/9	(8:30)	Madison Walling	(11:00)	Noah Lindler and Banks Strickland
6/16	(8:30)	Jadon Mace	(11:00)	Jackson Beavers and Mercer Hogg
6/23	(8:30)	Ben Olmo-Nord	(11:00)	Ben Lindler and Shelby Folger
6/30	(8:30)	Noah Stuckart	(11:00)	Scarlett Oetting and Genny Beavers

Altar Guild

June 2nd Team 2
Frank Chandler, Becky Buchanan, Anne Spray, Monica Proctor

June 9th – June 16th Team 3
Pat Ward, Mandy Bryson, Ulrike Arntz

June 23rd – June 30th Team 4
Elvie Walling, Madison Walling, Paul and Robyn Walling, Brandi Green, Rachel Rhodes-Dyar

Ushers Head Usher:

6/2	Tara Spray, Jim Klein, Lisa Steinberg
6/9	Jim and Leigh Thouvenot, George Nelson
6/16	Ken, Dyar, Rachel Rhodes-Dyar, Harrison Warren
6/23	Joe Holley, Monica and Steve Proctor
6/30	Dennis Sodomka, George Nelson, Keith Dyer

Lay Assistants

	8:30 Worship	11:00 Worship	Readers	Assistant
6/2	Angie Chandler		Carolyn Gary	Kate Gary
6/9	Frank Chandler		Cindy Folger	Ken Dyar
6/16	David Harbeson		Barbara Green	Keith Dyer
6/23	Pam/Boyd Lien		Rachel Rhodes-Dyar	Brenda Lackman
6/30	Bill Rauscher		Dennis Sodomka	Anne Spray

Greeters

6/2	Ken Dyar and Rachel Rhodes-Dyar
6/9	Cindy Folger
6/16	Barbara Green
6/23	Kirby Holley
6/30	Linda Sack

Mini-Breakfast

Angie Chandler and Christine Rauscher
Kathryn Spears and Miriam Lang
Carolyn Gary and Kirby Holley
Kim Beavers and Pam Lein
Mandy Bryson and Cheryl Lindler

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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*on the
Book of Acts*

It's not too late to join us!

*The study will be offered on Monday evenings at 6:30 and
Wednesday mornings at 10:00.*

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



Please continue to pray for everyone working on the Habitat home!

“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established.”

Proverbs 24:3

Thought for the month....

**Follow
your heart
but take
your brain
with you**

Pain in the Resurrection Family

Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Bunny Garcia and family upon the death of her mother.

Advent Lutheran Church

3232 Washington Road
706-860-0439

Monday, June 10 – June 14

5:30 Dinner

6:00-8:00 VBS & Adult Bible Study

Register online at adventaugusta.org or
stop by the office and pick up a registration form



Congratulations
High School Graduates!!

Victoria Arrington
Ben Klein
Dan Klein
Julie Leopard
Clark Oetting
Sarah Ellen Strickland

Congratulations
College Graduate!!

Clayton Oetting
Michael Sodomka

Congratulations to
those receiving Master's Degree

Nicole Herring
David Young





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

After Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church was organized, the German Lutheran Church soon began holding some services in English. This seems to have been when it took the name St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church. Pastor Theodor Koeberle's closing remarks in 1885 when he left for California began: May the call of a German-English pastor to this congregation bring the hoped-for blessings. Late in 1885 a German-English pastor, Rev. David M. Martens arrived, and he set to work reorganizing the fractured congregation. With the help of some older members, he created the first membership roll of the congregation, and entered it into the records. He wins the prize for beautiful penmanship. But we will temporarily leave Pastor Martens to his tasks, and take a look at the new English congregation.

This was a difficult time for all of them, those who left and those who remained. Families and friendships were divided. But healing would come, and the congregations and their members would work co-operatively again. Throughout its history the Lutheran church has had a well-educated clergy. The German ministers had been trained in Germany, and many had held important and respected positions, both there and after they moved to America. Some had taught at colleges and seminaries.

Now it was time for home-grown ministers to play their role. Rev. Sheppard Seneca Rahn, the first Pastor called to Holy Trinity, was from a "Salzburger" family, one of those who began in the 1730s to settle Ebenezer in Georgia, and later New Ebenezer, location of the current New Ebenezer Retreat Center. Jerusalem Lutheran Church, built there in 1767 beside the Savannah River, is the oldest public building in Georgia that is still used for its original purpose, to minister to an active congregation.

Sheppard Rahn, born February 14, 1845, after serving in the Confederate Volunteer Cavalry began his education at Newberry College, then located in a small house at Walhalla SC. He was one of two graduates in 1872. With financial help from the men of Effingham County GA and the Lutheran Synod of Georgia he then went to Salem, VA, where he was one of six students attending the Seminary. It was housed in a basement at Roanoke College. Pastor Rahn was an advocate for English-speaking Lutheran services in the U.S., though he was also fluent in German. From the many years of German use at New Ebenezer he knew that it was a terrible mistake not to hold services in English. (He also advocated the use of a Common Service Book, to be used in all Synods. One was adopted in 1918, after he had died.)

Many details of the beginnings of Holy Trinity that are not available in the church's own records can be found in *The Lutheran Visitor*. This weekly newspaper, published in South Carolina, contained news and letters from pastors and churches. ["Networking" of that era! Archived copies are at the Seminary in Columbia, SC.] Throughout his life Shep Rahn recorded daily events in a series of Pocket Notebooks, later owned by his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Alice R. Loest. They were an excellent source some years ago when Rev. Raymond Earle Davis was asked by the Salzburger Society to do research on the life of Pastor Rahn. A video was made in 1986 (we own a copy). One notebook read: "I was ordained by the Lutheran synod of Georgia Nov. 1, 1874. I am the first full-blooded Salzburger in Georgia who has become a Lutheran pastor. "

Some of Pastor Rahn's descendants are current members of our congregation.
His great-granddaughter, Mrs. Alice Loest, has helped to fund a research library at New Ebenezer.

Part Four of a Series: The Beginning of Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church. V. B. S.