

Chrysalis

Becoming in Christ

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“Bless
our God,
O
peoples,
let the
sound of
his praise
be heard

Psalm 66: 8

Youth-Led Worship May 21

Join us Sunday May 21 for a service led by the youth of Resurrection! RLC youth will read, share musical gifts and provide worship leadership. *See page 6 for additional details.*

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

The Christian Education board would like to recognize and thank our Sunday School teachers and confirmation mentors on May 14 during worship for their dedication this program year. Our Sunday School teachers and confirmation mentors included: Kelly Ahrens, Matt Ahrens, Keri Bolles, Sean Califf, Ken Carlson, Amanda Dougherty, Tessi Glaser, Jerry Kirstein, Deb Maxwell, Jim Maxwell, Carly Montgomery, Marit Patten, Jordan Presnall, George Stevens, and Melissa Varangkounh.



On Sunday, May 14, we will recognize our graduating high school seniors, Ben Christy and Benjamin Ollie, in worship.

Congregational Meeting May 21

Beginning about 9:30 a.m.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Please plan to attend the May 21 semi-annual congregational meeting. We will have reports from our boards, a report from our president, motions related to the building project and a slate of candidates for 2023-24. Congregational input is vital as we move forward together.



Here is the church, here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people.

Did you learn that rhyme when you were little? Or the hand motions that go along with it? It's a fun and memorable way to be reminded how much the people matter when it comes to church.

I have a children's book based on that rhyme. Of course, a book with only *"Here is the church, here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people,"* would be less a book and more a pamphlet. This book has more.

With colorful illustrations and cheerful rhymes, the book identifies all sorts of places the church can be found— in cathedrals, in homes, outdoors, in hiding, even on the bus! The church, the narrator reveals, is something different from what the old poem suggests: Here is a building; it may have a steeple. But where is the church? The church is the people!

In other words, when we talk about Resurrection Lutheran Church, we don't mean the building with the steeple on Ash Drive. We mean the people who call this church theirs. We mean the people gathered for worship in the building, and we mean the home-bound member who told me, "I just love online church because I know that I'm taking communion with my RLC family from my living room." Church means the kids who wander in for VBS and the kids

who listen to the livestream with their parents on the way to a soccer tournament on Sunday mornings. Church means the old friends sipping coffee or new friends gathering for dinner on account of this particular congregation's work.

There is nothing new about the idea that the church is not the building. In the original writing of the New Testament, in Greek, the word is *ekklesia* (ek-kley-SEE-uh), and it means "the assembly" or "the called ones." Nothing about a building there! It is good to be reminded that church can, and does, include those who are not physically present with us, whether because they are sick, traveling, unable to leave their home, or living far away. The church isn't the building. The church is the people!

And it is also true that the church is at its most church-like when the people are most connected to one another— which happens most easily when we gather together. One of my colleagues suggested that the ten most important minutes of any church service are the ten minutes before or after, when worshipers connect, not just with their friends, but with the church. Of course, we know that connection can happen in many ways aside from handshakes. We have to work at it, though!

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Resurrection Lutheran Church Council and Board Chairs, 2022-2023

President—Carly Montgomery
Vice President—Jerry Tonneson
Secretary—James Hilchen
Treasurer—Lee Patten
Council Members
David Foster
Cindy Tonneson
Thomas Nelson

Christian Education—Amanda Dougherty
Congregational Life—Sarah Nelson
Evangelism—Toni Black
Social Ministry—Mary Humke
Property—Marcus Kirstein
Stewardship—Cullen Stevens
Worship and Music—Kim Aarsvold
Youth—Jessica Humpfer

RLC COUNCIL

Summary April Council Meeting

Summary of April Council Meeting

Call to Order: by President Carly Montgomery at 6:32 pm

(Note: *Motions are shown in the meeting minutes in bold italics.*)

March Meeting Minutes: *Approved by Council*

March Financial Reports: Giving has been above what was anticipated so far this year. Looking into potentially using a credit card as opposed to current debit card. There is a dated bank account that is no longer used which has about \$5 in it. Need congregational approval to close account. Will be presented at May congregational meeting.

Bell Tower Requests: \$3,000 for Peru mission. Monies used to help repair damage from flooding.

Pastor's and Joint Ministries report: Pastor Beth will largely be out the first week of May due to First Call Retreat (April 30-May 2) and Luther Seminary Alumni Council (May 3-May 4). There are about a dozen new attendees to services. Hoping they will become members. Pastor will be taking vacation from June 8-June 20.

Board Highlights:

Social Ministry – E-Team:

Social Ministry – Did not meet

E-Team – Reviewed the Lenten Evangelism Video Training and thought it went well. April 23 is “invite a friend.” Postcards available to distribute. Synod Revival is May 20 at Grandview University.

Youth – Christian Ed:

New Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Maggie Evans, will be installed on Sunday, April 23. Final day of Sunday School is May 14. Youth-led service will be Sunday, May 21. Vacation Bible School will be June 25-29.

W&M – Congregational Life:

Worship and Music – Thought Holy Week went very well. Discussion of moving creation station to the back of the sanctuary. Looking into the possibility of continuing with one Sunday service in the fall. Final decision to be made this summer. Cost of tuning the organ (needed twice per year) is going up to \$400 per tuning.

Congregational Life - Soup suppers went well. Art show dates are April 30- May 21. Gallery opening on April 30 from 12pm-2pm. Outdoor service and picnic currently scheduled for Sunday, June 4.

Property – Stewardship & Finance:

Stewardship & Finance – Did not meet

Property - Egress window covers for needed windows will cost a total of around \$600. New basketball hoop will be going up in the parking lot. Spring cleanup on the outside of the building was completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Current and Next Term Board/Committee Positions: Committee positions are largely filled.

Prep for May Congressional Meeting: Meeting currently scheduled for May 21. Board chairs to submit reports to Janice by April 30. Agenda currently being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim Secretary: Have congregational vote at May meeting to approve Interim Secretary for remaining spring/summer months.

Next Meeting is set for Monday, May 8 at 6:30 pm

Meeting was closed after reciting the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Youth Happenings

I can't believe it is already May and another education year is coming to an end. May is packed with events and one event that I am very much looking forward to experiencing for the first time is Youth Sunday at RLC! This is such a wonderful opportunity for the RLC youth to share their gifts of leadership with the congregation! If you have not yet signed up to participate, please consider what you would like to do and then take a moment to fill out the Youth Sunday survey or email maggie@resurrectionlutheran.org with a few areas you are interested in. You all have something wonderful to share, and we would love to have all of the RLC youth participate on this wonderful day!



Graduates Open Houses

Please join us for the following graduation open house:

Ben Christy, Sunday, May 28, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm, at 5849 Brentwood Circle, Johnston, Iowa

Benjamin Ollie, Saturday, June 3, 1:30-4:30 pm at RLC in the fellowship area.



March Budget Information

	Mar. Actual	Mar. Budget	Mar. Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income	\$33,033	\$26,545	\$6,469	\$93,500	\$79,694	\$13,806
Expense	\$34,089	\$26,566	\$7,525	\$72,137	\$79,695	(\$7,558)
Net Income	(\$1,056)	\$	(\$1,056)	\$21,363	\$	\$21,364

Detailed financial results are available to any member of the church. You may contact the office at rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org or Lee Patten at lee@patten.com or call 515-975-6049.

A thank you to all donated items for Lutheran World Relief: to make up the Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, Fabric Kits, material for gifts and money for shipping. These items were all boxed and taken to LWR pickup at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church. Thank you to Doug and Joan Keifer for taking the boxes to the LWR pickup. We sent the following items: Quilts = 7; Fabric = 3; Baby Care Kits = 4; Personal Care Kits = 17.

We are still collecting flat cotton sheets, all sizes, twin, full, queen, or king size. These sheets are used for backing of the quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We can also use women's or men's tee shirts sizes large & larger. The shirts can have any printing on them since we turn them inside out to make diapers for the Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

If you are spring cleaning or going to any garage sales, we are always collecting items for the Baby Care Kits. Sizes 6 months to 24 months; new or slightly used lightweight cotton t-shirts, long or short sleeve gowns or pj's, no feet ones, sweatshirts with hoods, & light-weight jackets.

The annual Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA Gathering/Convention will be held on June 9-10, 2023. This is open to all confirmed women of the congregation, you don't need to belong or be active in a circle or group at the church. This year it will be held

at the Stoney Creek Hotel in Johnston, Iowa. The theme Bible verse: Joshua 24:15b - "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." There will a business meeting; speakers IMPACT-Terri Mork-Speirs, Hymnody Teaching & hymn sing; Circle of Freedom Women's Center-Kim Crawford; presentation by Pastor Trone-Garriott- Des Moines Area Religious Council - Iowa Senate. Plus we get to have our own Southeastern Iowa Synod Bishop Amy Current lead us in a Bible Study. There is more information in the WELCA room on the bulletin board, or you can contact Wanda Miller for more information or for the registration forms. A reminder, if you attend, you are eligible to be reimbursed from the Bell Tower Fund. So, let's have good representation from RLC, since it is very close by in Johnston, Iowa.

Wanda Miller
ELCA rep.

Upcoming Events

May 11, 2023 at 9:30 am- Bible Study with Pastor Beth, all RLC women & friends are invited.

June 9/10, 2023-Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA Gathering/Convention at Stoney Creek Hotel Johnston, Iowa.



The "It Shall Be Done" group meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The first Thursday of the month we have a Bible study with Pastor Beth. The rest of the month we have fun projects going with coffee on the side. Join Us!

RLC Community Garden

Do you like to play in dirt? Do you enjoy seeing things grow? Come help with the RLC community garden. The produce can be picked by our members and the extra produce is donated to IMPACT and the Ankeny Service Center. The busy times are spring and fall, other than that you may be assigned 2 or 3 weeks to weed and water through the growing sea-

son. Contact Ken or Nancy Carlson if you'd like to be involved or have questions. kndcarlson@mchsi.com.

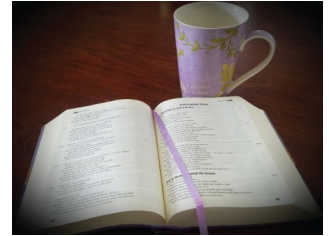


Youth Led Worship

Calling all kids! Our annual youth-led services will be on Sunday, May 21. Parents, Parents, please fill out the form in the weekly e-news with your child's interests. Remember, even if you can't be here that weekend, your child can still record a reading or prayer.

Saturday Morning Bible Study

We are meeting at 8:30 am on Saturdays at Resurrection Lutheran Church



Welcome to Maggie Evans, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Maggie has been working and volunteering in youth ministry for over 20 years. Most recently she served as Director of Youth Ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Des Moines. She has also worked with youth and family programming in both school and public libraries. Maggie is a graduate of Grand View University (Go Vikings) where her education focused on Sociology and Women's Studies. Maggie lives in Ames with her husband Ryan. They

have two children (Wyatt and Abbie) who are both now in college. Maggie enjoys gardening as a favorite hobby and is part of the Iowa State Master Gardener Discovery Garden team at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

You can reach Maggie by email: maggie@resurrectionlutheran.org. The old youth director emails will direct to Maggie's inbox, too.

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So how do we connect? If you're a person who is most often at the building for worship, reach out to someone you think might be worshiping online and ask them what they thought about the special music or sermon, or just talk with someone you don't usually talk to after worship— and I mean more than just saying hi and moving on to the people you usually talk to. If you're a person who more often worships via live streaming, take time during the passing of the peace to send a text message to someone, letting them know that you care about them, and so does God.

The more we connect to each other, the stronger the church becomes. When we draw near to one another, we also draw near to Jesus, who says that he is with us whenever we gather in his name.

God bless you,
Pastor Beth



SunnyView Car Show - May 27



Start those engines and join us at Sunny View for a Vintage car show. The need is for added help to wheel/ walk residents outside for the car show. This is also an opportunity to bring your vintage car to the SunnyView parking lot for the residents to appreciate. Please arrive at 1:45pm on May 27. The car show starts at 2pm.

Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

Ready to become superheroes that are called to serve God? We are excited to invite children ages 3 years old-5th grade to Hero Hotline VBS! Vacation Bible School is June 25-29 in the evenings.



Synod Revival

May 20, 10am-3pm @ Grand View University

A one-day event presented by the Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA designed to nourish and connect people and to reimagine our relationships in and with the church.

This event is free of charge and intended to be a joyful fun gathering for all ages full of inspiration, worship, food, and prayer. The Varied Ministries Building, Family Fun Zone, and Main Stage Speakers & Music will be open to come and go from 10-1, with

worship for all at 1:30. Bring your friends, neighbors, family, or anyone and watch what God does!



Summer Worship Schedule



Beginning May 28 through September 3,
our summer worship hours will be
5:00 pm on Saturdays and
9:00 am on Sundays

May Birthdays

1—Dara Cleveland	17—Joan Keifer	27—Derek Carlson
3—Katie Wilde	19—Ben Christy	27—Angie VanGorder
3—Beth Wartick	19—Brenda Hilleson	28—Ken Carlson
8—Lois Porth	20—Mike VanGorder	28—Mike Miller
8—Diane Rauser	22—Nicole Bellis	
10—Croix Paulsen	23—Rylie Connolly	
10—J.W. Wartick	23—Dennis Lincicum	
13—Shannon Simons	24—Trisha Lincicum	
16—Doug Keifer	24—Todd Christy	



Children's Sermon

May 7—Pastor Beth
May 14—Charlie Stevens
May 21—Maggie Evans
May 28—Keri Bolles

Mowing Schedule

May 8—Matt Ahrens
May 15—Ken Carlson
May 22—Doug Keifer
May 29—Terry Luloff

	Accompanists	Liturgist
May 6 5:00 pm	S. Petty	N/A
May 7 8:15 am	D. Vagts	L. Kern
May 7 10:45 am	D. Vagts	L. Kern
May 13 5:00 pm	S. Petty	N/A
May 14 8:15 am	D. Vagts	L. Kern
May 14 10:45 am	D. Vagts	L. Kern
May 20 5:00 pm	S. Califf	N/A
May 21 8:15 am	Praise Band	N/A
May 21 10:45 am	Praise Band	N/A
May 27 5:00 pm	Open	N/A
May 28 9:00 am	D. Rauser	Open

Pub Theology

On Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm we will have a gathering of Pub Theologians at Firetrucker Brewery, 716 SW 3rd Street, Ankeny, IA.

If you're just hearing about Pub Theology for the first time, we meet at 7 pm and discuss a current event through the lens of Christianity (material emailed prior to the meeting).

While that may sound daunting and potentially very intellectual, it is also (and perhaps, primarily) a time of fellowship and being in community with church

friends. If you are not particularly a "beer fan" they also have wine, seltzers, and soft drinks on the menu.

Whether you have joined in the past or want to give it a try this time, please make sure to send your current email address

to: srkirstein@gmail.com so we can make sure you receive the "homework"





Community Meal

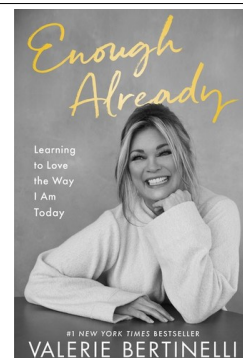
On Wednesday, May 17, RLC will host a free community meal from 5:15-6:45 pm. All are welcome. If you'd like a good meal or a friendly conversation, we've got you covered. See you there! Bring a friend!

New to RLC?

We're holding an info session for anyone who wants to learn more about RLC, our ministries, or becoming a member, on May 17, 6-7pm. Dinner will be provided.

Book Club

The RLC Book Club will meet on Thursday Afternoon, May 18, at 1:30 P.M. in the Church Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the book *Enough Already - Learning to Love the Way I Am Today* by Valerie Bertinelli. Bring your beverage and join us...and let's read!



Worship Assistants

If you find your assigned service time conflicts with your schedule, please contact another member to cover for you and then contact the office at 964-7392 or email rlc@resurrectionlutheran.org with the date, time and name of your replacement in order to make sure the bulletin is

accurate. Thank you! Please let Janice Stocker know if you have future plans to be out of town or on vacation so accommodations can be made, prior to the newsletter scheduling. **PLEASE KEEP THIS SCHEDULE AS YOUR REMINDER.** Thank you for sharing your talents with RLC!

May	Ushers	Greeter	Counters	Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Nursery	Altar Guild
6 5:00 pm	Open			A Allen	Open			
7 8:15 am	J & S Strand	D. Rivers		D. Foster	J. Strand	Open		
7 10:45 am	B. Frazier	M.J. Frazier	D. Foster B. Muehr	M. VanGorder	J. Tonneson	M. Hilchen	C. Locke K. Ahrens	M. Patten
13 5:00 pm	Open			K Wignes	Open			
14 8:15 am	B. Cleveland	L. Hart		R.E. Cleveland	K. Aarsvold	S. Califf		
14 10:45 am	K. Petersburg	T. Honadel	N. Carlson A. Donaghy	M. Stevens	C. Stevens	C. Maxwell	Open	B. Hilleson
20 5:00 pm	<div> <div>Youth Led Worship — TBD</div> <div>L. Baker</div> </div>							
21 8:15 am								
21 10:45 am								
27 5:00 pm	Open			C Montgomery	N/A			
28 9:00 am	D. Keifer	J. Keifer	A. Donaghy D. Foster	L. Baker	G. Johnson	P. Nelton		G. Luloff

May 21-Counters are — Gwen Luloff and Al Lehman

June	Ushers	Greeter	Counters	Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Nursery	Altar Guild
3 5:00 pm	Open			A. Allen	Open			
4 9:00 am	K. Petersburg	D. Rivers	G. Luloff B. Muehr	C. Darnielle	K. Bolles	J. Montgomery	N/A	M. Patten
10 5:00 pm	Open			Open	Open			
11 9:00 am	J & S Strand	J. Lehman	N. Carlson A. Lehman	G. Stevens	J. Strand	P. Nelton	N/A	B. Hilleson
17 5:00 pm	Open			K. Wignes	Open			
18 9:00 am	B. Frazier	M.J. Frazier	D. Foster B. Muejr	D. Foster	C. Stevens	M. Lincicum	N/A	L. Baker
24 5:00 pm	Open			C. Montgomery	Open			
25 9:00 am	M. Rupert	M. Rupert	A. Donaghy G. Luloff	V. Dunsbergen	A. Donaghy	A. Paulsen	N/A	G. Luloff





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Worship Hours
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 am
8:15 am—Live Stream

Summer Hours
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
9:00 am—Live Stream

May Highlights

May 7	Worship	Driver License Milestone
May 8	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
May 11	9:30 am	RLC Ladies Bible Study with Pastor Beth
May 14	Worship	Senior Sunday & Teacher Appreciation
May 17	5:15-6:30 pm	Community Meal
May 18	1:30 pm	Book Club
May 18	7:00 pm	Pub Theology
May 21	All Services	Youth Led Worship
May 21	9:30 am	Bi-Annual Congregation Meeting
May 29		Office Closed in Observation of Memorial Day
Tuesday	9:00 am	LIFT Ladies
Wednesday	8:30-9:30 am	Tai Chi Class
	9:00 am	ROG
Thursday	9:30 am	It Shall Be Done Ladies Grp.
Saturdays	8:30 am	Bible Study at RLC

Our Statement of Mission

Transformed by God's Grace to Love and Serve.