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Newsletter of Resurrection Lutheran Church



WHAT'S NEW AT RESURRECTION:

JUSTMOVE Worship
with AGAPE and Joe
Davis

October 15

Affirmation of Baptism

October 29

Worship Hours

Fall Hours

Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 am
8:15 am - Live Stream

FROM PASTOR BETH

Dear Resurrection People,

During the first four weeks of October, we're all about abundant life. Well, honestly, we probably ought to be about abundant life all year round, but this month we have a special focus on the abundant life that God gives us, and the way we are called to share that abundance with the world.

Each week will have a theme: community, compassion, and justice: all possible because of the abundant life we receive from Jesus Christ. Throughout this series, you are invited to ponder two things: how does God's abundance show in your life? and how does that abundance reflect in your generosity toward others?

I invite you into reflection, worship, prayer, and sharing as we move together into the abundant life we have in Jesus.

See you in worship,
Pastor Beth

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At August's meeting, the RLC Congregational Council reflected on the culture RLC has now and dreamed about the culture we can work to become, and discussed financial plans for 2024.

No August council meeting was held

GDM HABITAT IS BUILDING IN ANKENY!

RLC members and friends are invited to help with the Ankeny build. You can volunteer on Saturday, October 14 from 8am-1pm. This is a prep day to get ready for the blitz week, Monday, October 16-Friday, October 20. The link will be in Facebook and upcoming emails. During blitz week the shifts at 8am-4pm. If you are at all interested in helping build affordable housing in Ankeny, this is your chance. There are 4 duplexes going up at 56th & NE Delaware. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference in our community. Questions, ask Nancy Carlson. Phone: 515-779-3547 or email kndcarlson@mchsi.com.

ONLINE DIRECTORY & GIVING HISTORY ACCESS

This month, we're continuing to launch online access to RLC's director hosted by Tithe.ly/Elvanto. Each member will receive an email with personal log in information. That unique username (your email address) and password will allow you to access the RLC directory online and view your giving history. You can also upload a photo and edit your contact information if there are any corrections. We are sure there are some wrinkles still to iron out, so please let Janice or Pastor know if you have trouble accessing the online portal or if you notice an error in your or another person's profile. This was possible after a lot of hard work by Office Manager Janice Stocker, RLC Financial Secretary Andi Donaghy, and E-team. Thank you!

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL AND BOARD CHAIRS, 2023-2024

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WELCA

On September 10, we had 15 kids and 12 adults to participate on Rally Sunday & "God's Works, Our Hands". The project was to fill Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We were able to fill 65 bags. We had already received supplies & bags filled for 36 more school kits. We still have some supplies, and if anyone still has supplies or a filled school bag you may drop them off in the tote in the entryway anytime up to October 15. If you don't want purchase supplies, you may donate money for the shipping of these kits in the container also in the entryway. Thank you to all who have donated supplies or filled school bags for Lutheran World Relief.

We are still collecting t-shirts, sizes large and larger, we use these to make cloth diapers for the Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Just leave them on the cupboard counter in the WELCA room.

You may drop off any double, queen, or king size cotton sheets; we use the colored ones for the backs of quilts, & with the white ones we make pillowcases for comfort pillows.

I just received news from the Southeaster Iowa Synodical Women's Organization that the Churchwide Women of the Church have selected Des Moines, Iowa as the next location for the Triennial Convention & Gathering to be held in 2026. That is a wonderful privilege to be selected, so I am sure we will be asked to help with a variety of jobs in the future.

The fall Gathering for Cluster 10/11 will be held on November 4, 2023 at New Life Lutheran Church in Norwalk, Iowa. More details will be coming soon.

Our next Bible Study with Pastor Beth will be on October 12, at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. All women of the church and their friends are invited to attend.

Up Coming Events:

October 2 - Lutheran World Relief Pick-up in Windsor Heights

October 12 - Bible Study with Pastor Beth

November 4 - Cluster 10/11 Fall Gathering New Life Norwalk, Iowa

Wanda Miller, WELCA, rep.



AUGUST BUDGET INFORMATION

| | Aug. Actual | Aug. Budget | Aug. Variance | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | YTD Variance |
|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Income | \$31,357 | \$26,565 | \$4,793 | \$235,701 | \$212,517 | \$23,185 |
| Expense | \$29,171 | \$26,565 | \$2,606 | \$209,439 | \$212,518 | (\$3,079) |
| Net Income | \$2,187 | \$ | \$2,187 | \$26,263 | \$ | \$26,264 |

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.

OCTOBER ADULT EDUCATION

Book Talk: Guest Presenter Rev. Emmy Kegler, author of *One Coin Found*, will join us on October 1 for a virtual conversation about her book and LGBTQ+ acceptance in the church. You can read her full bio in the weekly e-news.

Bible Study: Come with your Bibles and your questions on October 8 as we discuss Hospitality, with special focus on the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. Wait, that story is about hospitality? It is– and there are other parts of Scripture that say so! Dig together into a passage that has been taken for granted too long, so we can see what it might really mean for us.

JUSTMOVE: In worship on October 15, Lutheran hip-hop artist AGAPE* (Dave Scherer) and poet Joe Davis will join us for “JUSTMOVE Liturgy,” an interactive worship experience that seeks to build bridges across our many cultural differences by honoring traditional liturgy and infusing new imagination into the work of the people. Joe and Dave will invite us into a time of reflection and conversation about the service between services. You can read their full bios in the weekly e-news.

Field Trip: On October 22, we’re headed to the Ankeny Service Center! Ever wondered what kind of resources are available for neighbors in need of support? We’ll learn more about the range of services available at the ASC from 9:30-10:30. Note: you’ll want to drive yourself; if you’re coming to the late service after adult ed, just meet us at the ASC, 641 S Ankeny Blvd.

Corazon de Esperanza: Hear from Robyn Hanson, CEO and President of Corazon de Esperanza about the work CDE is doing in Peru, supported in part by RLC gifts and volunteers. CDE provides housing, support, vocational training, and education for orphaned children, at-risk teens, and impoverished women in northern Peru.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to bring treats and serve fellowship - it is greatly appreciated!

- Please see the article regarding the October 15 Chili contest with proceeds to benefit Christian Ed activities! We hope to see you there!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Judy Aronsen
1 - Cameron Gellings
2 - James Hilchen
4 - Anneliese Barton
4 - Tom Yancy
6 - Kelly Ahrens
7 - Sarah Nelson
9 - Jerry Tonneson
10 - Angela Allen
10 - Sandy Barton
11 - Clarlee Stevens
14 - CC Muehr
20 - Chris Allen
21 - Kelly Allbee
21 - Marti Furst
22 - Matt Ahrens
24 - Karen Wignes
26 - Kara Califf
26 - Karen Lincicum
28 - Robert Allbee
29 - Renata Eustice-Cleveland
29 - Marcus Kirstein
30 - Zach Lincicum
30 - Mike Smith



Children's

Sermon

October 1 - Pastor Beth
October 8 - Pastor Beth
October 15 - Sandy Barton
October 22 - Maggie Evans
October 29 - Jen Christy

Mowing

October 2 - Al Lehman
October 9 - Lee Patten
October 16 - Sean Presnall
October 23 - Jerry Tonneson
October 30 - Matt Ahrens

Community Meal

On Wednesday, October 18, 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!

Book Club

The RLC Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 19, at 1:30 P.M. at the Church. We will discuss the book *Sooley* by John Grisham. Join us, and...let's read!

Pub Theology

We will meet on Thursday, October 19 at 7 pm at Fire Trucker Brewing.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

On Rally Sunday/God's work, our hands we made school kits for Lutheran Work Relief, did a Sunday sing-a-long, had baby goats



SUNDAY SING-A-LONGS

On Sundays, July 23 and September 10, a group of gifted RLC members with amazing voices, traveled to Rock Creek and Mill Pond respectively for sing-a-longs!

Each was a fun afternoon of song and laughter, under the leadership of Rex, Sean, and Diane R., along with enjoying time with Denny, Karen, Roger, Lucy, Helen and Lois!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in these glorious events! God's Work, Our Hands in motion!



CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY HAPPENINGS

Halloween Costume Party – You're invited!

Wednesday, October 25th, 6 to 7:30 PM at RLC

There will be spooky fun at RLC's Halloween party! We need lots of help from members to hand out candy and prizes at the many game stations! Can you help?

Please look for the sign-up to be available at church in October, and sign up to hand out prizes and to provide food items when able. We will also have a bin at church to collect donations of candy and small prizes.

- Please invite friends and let them know that costumes are encouraged!
- There will be lots of game stations for kids with candy and prizes!
- A spooky haunted house (hosted by RLC youth) will open at 6:30!

Pizza and drinks will be provided, in addition to the food items that volunteers provide (the sign-up at church will include items for walking tacos, snacks, desserts, and some items needed for prizes such as juice pouches).

Hope to see you then!

Last Call for 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering Registration!

Please register before October 31st so we can reserve our spots on the bus!

RLC will be traveling with other metro churches by bus to New Orleans next summer for the 2024 Gathering. There will be a stop in Memphis as well! All current 8th - 12th grade students are welcome to join us. Registration cost is \$150. We will depart on Sunday July 14th and we will return on Sunday July 21st. For more information on the Gathering please contact Maggie or visit the Gathering website. <https://www.elca.church/gathering>

AGAPE!

All Middle School and High School students are invited to attend the AGAPE concert on October 14th at RLC . Dinner and discussion will begin at 5:00 and the concert begins at 6:45. We will wrap up around 8:00. Students from a variety of central Iowa churches will be coming together to enjoy this fantastic event.

Please take a moment to check out this great band at <http://www.hiphopoutreach.com/>



CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, October 15,

5:30pm at RLC

YOU'RE INVITED

**Make a crockpot full
of chili to share!**

OR come taste test and vote!

You are invited to come
eat/vote on chili. There
will be two winners -
one by most votes
and one by most
money raised.

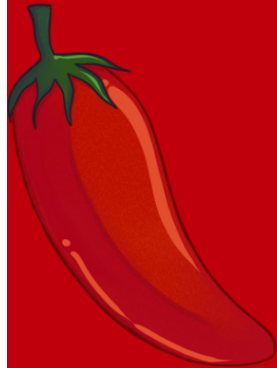
Hot dogs will also
be available

Sign up to provide chili,
dessert, crackers, breads

There will be an activity
table for kids!

**All proceeds go towards
Christian Ed activities!**

If you have any questions please contact
Susan at snkirstein87@gmail.com



Worship Schedule and Assistants

| OCTOBER | USHERS | GREETER | COUNTERS | READER | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | ACOLYTE | ALTAR GUILD |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1- 8:15 am | S. Barton | J.W. & Junia | | R.E. Cleveland | Open | T. Varangkounh | Gwen Luloff |
| 1 - 10:45 am | B. Frazier | M.J. Frazier | A. Donaghy G. Luloff | G. Stevens | K. Petersburg | J. Montgomery | Gwen Luloff |
| 8 8:15 am | B. Cleveland | D. Rivers | | D. Foster | Open | S. Califf | Joyce Lehman |
| 8 10:45 am | J. Tonneson | Tangman/Thomas | A. Lehman B. Muehr | Open | C. Stevens | A. Paulsen | |
| 15 8:15 am | D. Keifer | J. Keifer | | K. Wignes | S. Barton | M. Lincicum | Cathy Califf |
| 15 10:45 am | Open | M. Patten | N. Carlson A. Lehman | M. Van Gorder | C. Stevens | M. Hilchen | |
| 22 8:15 am | A. Lehman | K. Bolles | | D. Foster | A. Donaghy | P. Nelton | Joan Keifer |
| 22 10:45 am | B. Frazier | M.J. Frazier | A. Donaghy D. Foster | G. Stevens | S. Miller | J. Miller | |
| 29 8:15 am | L. Hart | C. Darnielle | | L. Baker | G. Johnson | T. Vanrangounh | Renata Eustice |
| 29 10:45 am | M. Rupert | M. Rupert | B. Muehr G. Luloff | C. Tonneson | J. Tonneson | J. Montgomery | |

| NOVEMBER | USHERS | GREETER | COUNTERS | READER | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | ACOLYTE | ALTAR GUILD |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 5- 8:15 am | B. Cleveland | D. Rivers | | R.E. Cleveland | C. Montgomery | L. Montgomery | W. Miller |
| 5- 10:45 am | B. Frazier | M.J. Frazier | B. Muehr D. Foster | M.A. Behrens | J. Tonneson | E. Van Gorder | |
| 12 - 8:15 am | D. Keifer | J. Keifer | | N. Carlson | J. Strand | M. Lincicum | M. Patten |
| 12 - 10:45 am | K. Petersburg | T. Parks | A. Donaghy G. Luloff | Open | C. Stevens | CC Muehr | |
| 19 - 8:15 am | A. Lehman | J. Lehman | | J.W. Wartick | K. Bolles | P. Nelton | B. Hilleson |
| 19- 10:45 am | M. Rupert | M. Rupert | A. Lehman N. Carlson | D. Simonsom | S. Miller | J. Miller | |
| 26 - 8:15 | J. Strand | T. Lincicum | | L. Baker | G. Johnson | J. Montgomery | L. Baker |
| 26 - 10:45 | J. Tonneson | L. Hart | D. Foster A. Donaghy | C. Tonneson | K. Petersburg | C. Maxwell | |