

The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

Rally Day

September 9th @ 9:45a.m.



Everyone is invited to join us as we kick off another great year of Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Education!

Adults and teens (including Confirmation Students) can find out about ways to serve and continue learning and living out your faith as part of the Resurrection community.

Sunday School children (ages 3-10) and families can meet teachers and volunteer for events throughout the year.

Snacks and crafts and service and fun for all!

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Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

Join us from **12-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 9th** as we take to the streets around church to pick up trash and greet our neighbors. Wear your RLC t-shirt (we’ll have some on hand as well!) and walking shoes. We’ll have gloves and bags and snacks!

RLC Mission Statement

Resurrection Lutheran Church invites and welcomes all people to hear God's word, share our faith, and celebrate the sacraments. Through music, liturgy, and fellowship, we embrace diversity, nurture children, advocate justice, and praise God. This is our response to the Gospel.

WELCOME TO RESURRECTION!

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*
- Hebrews 13:2

This summer, my husband Justin and I made our way to as many baseball parks as we could. It started back in April when we went to New York for my birthday and caught a super cold and slightly rainy game at Yankee Stadium. We managed to visit four more parks this summer that neither of us had previously experienced, caught many games on the south side, and headed to Wrigley a time or two as well. Each ballpark has its amazing features and leaves others to be improved, but all in all, we enjoyed exploring new cities together, meeting fans, and reflecting on what we wish our friends at Guaranteed Rate Field would adapt.

PNC Park in Pittsburgh stands out as my favorite. It has a gorgeous view of the city and all its bridges. The fans were friendly. The food was tasty. But the thing that made this ballpark my favorite was its ushers. I've since been told that ushers used to be like this at all ballparks, but this is the only place I've experienced the friendly face on the usher who walks you to your seat, wipes it off with a towel, checks on anyone who catches a fly ball, stops traffic while the ball is in play, and delivers coupons mid-game. Their attention hospitality was amazing.

I wonder how people would describe our hospitality here at Resurrection. We may not wipe down the pews right before someone sits, but how do we welcome people whether it's their first or four-hundredth time here for worship? Our ushers welcome at the door. We welcome one another throughout the service with smiles and the passing of the peace. After worship, we engage in conversation and invite people to return or to join us for coffee hour or other events. I wonder how we might improve our welcoming of people and how we help people deepen their faith and engage in the life of our congregation. Here are a few suggestions we might try out this fall.

- **Come to worship.**

A fuller house can be more inviting to first-time visitors! And a fuller house at the time worship is scheduled to start is even better! I know it's part of our quirky RLC charm, but I often wonder what our visitors are thinking when our worship service begins and there's only a few of us present. Maybe you can come help us welcome folks before the service begins.

- **Volunteer to Usher.**

Email Houston Furgeson if you attend the 10:45 a.m. service or the office for the 8:30 a.m. service.

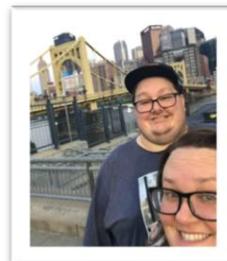
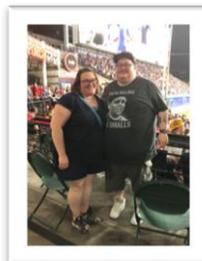
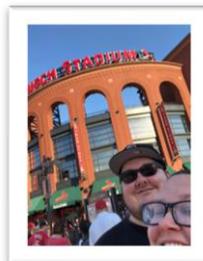
- **Host a coffee hour.**

A couple individuals and groups hosted coffee hours this summer as one way to share/show hospitality. You can do this too! It can be as simple as coffee and coffee cake or as complex as you'd like. Maybe you could host one to celebrate your birthday or an anniversary. Or you could host with a friend or another family. You provide the goodies and clean up after. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway behind the pulpit. Or you can email the office.

Together, we can create a hospitable place for worship and service in the name of Jesus!

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Kelly





Adult Education Fall 2018

Serve, Steward, Saint

Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

September 16, 23, & 30

Serve

Each week, we'll connect the gospel reading with service opportunities in our daily lives and community.

October 7, 14, & 21

Steward

Pastor Kelly and the Stewardship Team will lead us in conversations about being stewards of all God has given us.

November 4, 11, & 18

Saint

We'll consider the many questions that arise when someone dies. What does it mean to be a saint? How do funerals get planned? How can we plan ahead and encourage our loved ones to do the same?

MINISTRY IN CONTEXT

Resurrection has served as a Ministry in Context site for the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) for many years. We are thankful for the opportunity to provide hospitality and a welcoming learning space to students studying theology and pursuing ministry in the church.



Robin Lovett Owen, Resurrection's 2018-2019 MIC Student

Robin (pictured above) writes, "I am entering my second year of my Master of Divinity program at LSTC, where I enjoy being a part of the environmental group and having long conversations about theology. I'm originally from Tennessee, where I loved to go hiking in the Smoky Mountains and partaking in the joys of warm weather and bluegrass music. When I'm not doing school or church activities, I love to be outside, walking my dog, cooking, having coffee with friends, or spending time with my spouse, Lee. I can't wait to get to know you and to learn from Resurrection community. I never say no to good espresso, so let me know if you'd like to get coffee sometime!"

Kari Olsen, 2016-2017 MIC Student

Kari's consecration as deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is set for Saturday, October 6th at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran on Capitol Hill. Kari has been called by Christ Lutheran Church, and she also works as the Mission Explorer for Shobi's Table, a food truck ministry that operated as a congregation on the streets of St Paul. Send your congratulations or prayers to Deacon Kari A. Olsen, c/o Christ Lutheran, 105 University Avenue West, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103.



RLC MEN'S GROUP

The next RLC Men's Bible Study group will be meeting Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Sherman's home. For more information, email Rick rick1749@comcast.net.

WOMEN'S 20/30S BIBLE STUDY

Our September Bible Study will be Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00pm. It will be hosted by Jackie Grinvalds. Location tbd. For more information, email jgrinvalds@gmail.com.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to **Betsy Shuman Moore** for scraping and painting the bench on School Street side. When she is not painting, she and Steve and Nora have been teaching the Mukamana kids how to ride bikes and play badminton. Steve has repaired the RLC donated bikes after minor collisions several times. Betsy and Steve also took charge of a weekend in Michigan with “Manu” and “FuFu.” HUGE waves one day forced Betsy and Steve to put down beach reading material to keep eyes on the kids. The next day the waves were much gentler so the noodles and boogie boards were fun. The family will be moving to a new apartment in Logan Square before school starts. They are anxious about changing schools and moving away from Living Water Church which is so important to them. Pray for their comfort in their new surroundings.

(submitted by *Anne Roberts*)

Thank you to **Maurice Morris**, our custodian, for coming in (when he was supposed to be on vacation) to clean up water in the basement from summer storms.

Thank you to **all who participated in the Backyard Bible Studies** on Thursday evenings in June and August! We had adults, children, and even a dog participate!

Thank you to **the Young Women Bible Study** group for hosting Coffee Hour on July 29th!

Thank you to **Beth Fulkerson** for hosting a great Coffee Hour on the front steps on August 26th!

Thank you **all who contributed to the Office Sandwich Ministry!** We continue to see up to 20 people some days - every donation helps!

LITTLE DRESSES FOR LITTLE GIRLS

A big thank you to Anne Roberts, Betsy Shuman-Moore, and all who donate, sew, and transport the little dresses for little girls! The most recent place they were taken was Guatemala, for those recovering from the recent earthquake.





FALL 2018 DIRECTORY

Pick up your new directory this Sunday or during the month of September on the window in the kitchen in Fellowship Hall. Please initial on the "I got it!" sheet when you receive yours. Thanks!



- 2 May Sundberg
- 7 Kristine Bergman
- 9 Melissa Miller Furgeson
- 11 Jeffrey Meier
- 15 Russell AuBuchon
- 16 Rocky Milutinovic
- 22 Robert Youngman
- 25 Elliott AuBuchon
- 29 Jay Weaver

If we missed anyone or included someone accidentally, please let the church office know.

prayer

These prayers are written or selected by members of our Stewardship Team for use in Sunday worship and for personal prayer in the month after they have been prayed in worship.

August 5

Gracious God, Guide and protect our ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission. This year over 90 volunteers are serving in a yearlong journey in communities around the world. We know you are their constant presence as they walk alongside their host communities, as they engage in relationships of mutuality, interdependence, solidarity and trust. Help to inform and transform them as they work to address sustainable development, social justice, peace and reconciliation.

(Excerpted from ELCA Global Church Sponsorship Directory)

August 12

Heavenly Father, we pray for your help. Help to protect us from and prevent the violence so prevalent in our city today. Help us put down our weapons and open our hearts to the suffering of our neighbor. Help us to trust in you as you are the safety and refuge we yearn for. Only with you can peace and love prevail in our community.

August 19

O God, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Today we pray for justice in our country for people of all races. We ask for fair opportunities in housing, employment and education. We also ask for continued scrutiny and improvement in policing, judicial and prison policies and systems.

August 26

Gracious God, bless our students returning to school. Help them to grow into capable and confident learners. Provide motivation so they take ownership of school responsibilities. Give parents the support they need to promote positive self-esteem and learning styles which best suit the students. Guide student transitions for success in new classroom settings.

Financials

	July 31, 2018	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	18,869.00	141,158.13	145,398.43
Other Income	5,904.91	44,577.30	42,341.39
Total Income	24,773.91	185,735.43	187,739.82
Total Expenses	23,301.34	192,119.63	196,666.68
Net Income	1,472.57	(6,384.20)	(8,926.86)

REFLECTIONS FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

*When you have eaten your fill
and have built fine houses
and live in them,
and when your herds and flocks
have multiplied,
and your silver and gold
is multiplied,
and all that you have
is multiplied...*

*Do not say to yourself,
“My power and the might
of my own hand
have gotten me this wealth.”*

*But remember the Lord your God,
for it is he
who gives you
power to get wealth*
- Deuteronomy 18:12-14, 17-18.

As beloved children of God, we live gracefully and gratefully in response to that love.

Graceful living means viewing all of life as a gift and living as people who have been transformed by God’s grace.

Grateful living means sharing our gifts generously with our church and the world God loves in thanksgiving.

God calls us to be generous in all areas of our lives, and invites us to explore the opportunities at Resurrection to share ourselves through our regular offerings of money, time and talents.

*How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things
God has done for me?*
- Psalm 116: 12

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

If you play an instrument or sing and would like to play in worship or sing in the choir, please contact our Music Director Gary Jensen. Choir rehearsals will be starting up soon, and it's always nice to have the musical offerings of different folks! You can email Gary at gjjensen@eiu.edu.



PARKING PASSES

If you live in the 383 and would consider donating a sheet or two of passes, we would be most appreciative!

Sunday, Sept 9th from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Join us for the
**Welcome to Resurrection
Preschool Family Picnic**



**At Hawthorne Park and Playground
(across the street from Resurrection!)**
Church families and friends, come on over after services!

Please bring blankets or chairs to sit on, a lunch for your family, and fruit or a dessert to share! We will have face painting too!

If you can come earlier and help set- up, please email Debbie Mytych at teach773@yahoo.com or you can call her at (773) 525-0605.

SEPTEMBER MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Table Setters	Ushers
September 2 Pentecost 15	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Eloise Thompson	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Rob Youngman and Kyle Leland
	10:00AM	Monica Reichert	Robert Goldstein	Allison Beebe	
September 9 Pentecost 16	8:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Viktoria Erhardt	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Jackie Grinvalds and Stephanie Youngman
	10:45 AM	Laura Fosler	Robin Lovett Owen	Megan Hunt	
September 16 Pentecost 17	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Robin Lovett Owen	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Eli and Houston Furgeson
	10:45 AM	Frank Patrick	Heather Alaniz	Houston Furgeson	
September 23 Pentecost 18	8:30 AM	Tom Welch	Eloise Thompson	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Bill and Linda Chin
	10:45 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Linda Chin	Lily Rin-Laures	
September 30 Pentecost 19	8:30 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Rick Kline	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Allison Beebe and Houston Furgeson
	10:45 AM	Frank Patrick	Anne Roberts	Allison Beebe	

We are grateful for your service in this vital area of Resurrection's parish life!
**Please arrange for a substitute if you are unavailable on the days you are scheduled to participate
and notify the Church Office of your substitution at 773/525-0605.**

CONTACTS

Table Setters:

Assisting Ministers, Lectors & Acolytes:

Ushers:

[Megan Hunt](#)

[Frank Patrick](#)

[Houston Furgeson](#)

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:15 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST RALLY DAY! GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS! 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. God's Work, Our Hands Service & Refreshments until 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Toastmasters</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:15 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:15 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Church Council</p> <p>8:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Toastmasters</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Men's Group</p> <p>7:15 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>					<p><i>Confirmation Classes resume Sunday, October 7th from noon-2:30 p.m.</i></p>	



REFUGEE ONE WINTER COAT DRIVE

Now through Sunday, October 14th we're collecting new and gently used items!

Boots Coats Hats Gloves Scarves Mittens Winter Socks