



The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

2018 Stewardship Fall Emphasis

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Beloved in Christ,

Thank you for the spiritual gifts, time, talents, and generous offerings you bring to the life and witness of Resurrection Lutheran Church!

As we prepare to gather at the table for Holy Communion, we hear an invitation spoken by the presider. It's not because the presider is the host of the meal, Jesus is the host. The invitation serves as a reminder of why and how we gather and changes seasonally to keep our ears and hearts alert. This fall, we'll hear the words, "The gifts of God for the people of God," to which we respond, "Thanks be to God."

"What are the gifts of God?" we might wonder.

- The bread and wine and all that God has given and shown through Jesus are gifts of God.
- The lovely sanctuary in which generations before us and we worship is a gift of God.
- Daily work and daily bread are gifts of God.
- Creation in its many different forms is a gift of God.
- All that you have and all that you are are gifts of God, too. Yes, you read that correctly, you, **beloved sibling in Christ, you are a gift of God!**

Stewardship is how we respond to God's gifts and how we care for the gifts of God. Every fall, our faithful Stewardship Team envisions what we might explore together as we prepare for today and tomorrow and the year to come. This year, we focus ourselves around the theme, "The gifts of God for the people of God."

I invite you to participate with us during this season of reflection and action:

- to join us during the Sunday School hour on October 7, 14, and 21 for exploration of what scripture teaches us on giving gifts and being gifts,
- to worship with us throughout October as we hear from members of our congregation speak about the gifts they've received and given,
- to complete your 2019 Contribution Card and return it during October or on Sunday, October 28 as we celebrate Reformation Sunday, and
- to join us for a celebratory potluck on Sunday, October 28th after the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

I give thanks to God for the many gifts you are, have, and have received. I pray that our ministry at Resurrection and in our daily lives as the people of God may lead us and others to experience and to embody God's generosity and love in the world.

In Christ,

Pastor Kelly



NIGHT MINISTRY PREPARE AND SERVE

Join us on Thursday, October 4th as we prepare and serve a meal with the night ministry! We will also need donated food items to prepare the meal. [Sign-up here](#) or check out the bulletin board in the hallway behind the pulpit.

PET BLESSING & WORK DAY

Join us on Saturday, October 6th at 10am for our annual Pet Blessing and treats to follow for all creatures. From 8:15-9:45 a.m. and 10:45 - noon, we will also be doing some fall cleaning and gardening. [Sign-up here](#) or the board in the hallway behind the pulpit.



Steward



OCTOBER ADULT EDUCATION SERIES: STEWARD

On October 7, 14, and 21, we gather in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School Hour (9:45 a.m. -10:40a.m.) to consider what it means to steward in the form of being a biblical giver. Pastor Kelly and members of the RLC Stewardship Team lead us and other RLC groups will provide refreshments.

REFORMATION POTLUCK & RAFFLE

It's been 501 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the church in Germany. We gather on October 28 at noon to celebrate the continued reformation of church and the gifts God has given us here at Resurrection. If you'd like to sponsor a raffle basket, they are available in the hallway behind the pulpit or contact Pastor Kelly and she'll make sure you get a basket to fill.



MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

We've inherited a generous legacy here at RLC and continue to be able to give away earnings from the Mission Endowment Fund. Our 2019 Grant Application [is now available](#) and due back on Friday, November 2nd to the office. As stated in the application, please submit electronically.



Birthdays of the Month

- 3 Bill Chin
- 3 Laura Miner
- 5 Betsy Shuman-Moore
- 5 Thea Fleury
- 6 Carys Domin
- 7 Kira Hunt
- 8 Elizabeth Miller
- 9 Marla Weeg
- 10 Madeline Kopa
- 12 William DeCaigny
- 14 Christy Domin
- 19 Clark Prickett
- 22 Katarina Katsma
- 23 Emily Francis
- 31 Zinnia Purtell

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

Thank you! Thank you!

- Anne Roberts for hosting Boomer Belles,
- Volunteers who served with trash pick-up on God's Work Our Hands Sunday,
- Young Women's group for their welcoming and compassion,
- Bob Woodward and Kathleen West for serving as substitute organists,
- Debbie Mytych for filling in teaching in the classroom at Preschool,
- New group(s) using space throughout the week,
- Babies' and little ones' presence and voices at church, and
- Robin - MIC student for her joy and energy.

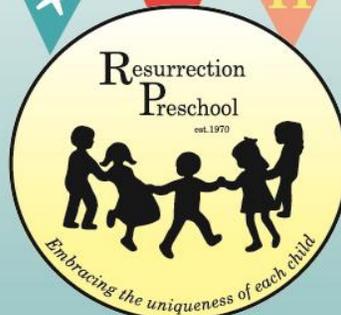
~ from Church Council

FAMILY OPEN HOUSES: 10AM - 12PM

• Saturday, November 10th, 2018 •

Saturday, January 12th, 2019 • Saturday, February 2nd, 2019

No RSVP needed and children are welcome to come!



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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.

September 2

O Lord, the source of all wisdom and purpose, and the blessing of those who labor; be with us in our work to guide and govern our world. Give to all people work that enhances human dignity and unites us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you.

September 9

God of wisdom, you provide us with opportunities to learn from one another. Guide our Sunday School teachers, Adult Education leaders, Confirmation volunteers, and all students as they begin a new year of faith formation here at Resurrection. God of might, you call us to serve our neighbors and to care for creation. Be with all who volunteer on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Give strength and joy, that the Spirit may be evident in all we do.

September 16

God of glory, we are truly grateful for our music director, choir members and instrumentalists. May the talent you have bestowed on them be used to serve you. Bless this music so that it glorifies your name and reminds us that you are here and listening. May your presence be found in each note, and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people. Through your Spirit, guide these musicians through every measure so that they may be the instruments of joy and peace.

September 23

Dear Lord, Bless the journey of this new school year at the Resurrection Preschool. Refresh the souls and renew the spirits of the teachers that they may create thoughtful learning opportunities and imaginative experiences. Help them to share their wonderful gifts of teaching. Guide the young children as they return to school, that they will have open hearts and minds that are eager to learn. Welcome those who are new to this community and continue to bestow your compassion, understanding and grace upon all of those involved with the preschool. We thank you for this unique blessing for families in the Lakeview community.

September 30

Eternal God, Creator of the universe, there is no God but you. Great and wonderful are your works, wondrous are your ways. Thank you for the splendored variety of your creation. Thank you for the many ways we affirm your presence and purpose, and the freedom to do so. We stand in awe and gratitude for your persistent love for each and all of your children: Christian, Jew, Muslim, as well as those with other faiths. Grant to all and especially our leaders mutual respect in words and deeds, restraint in the exercise of power, and the will for peace with justice, for all.

Financials

	August 31, 2018 Actual YTD		Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	19,953.00	161,111.13	164,367.22
Other Income	5,589.57	50,166.87	48,390.16
Total Income	25,542.57	211,278.00	212,757.38
Total Expenses	28,167.11	220,517.75	224,661.92
Net Income	(2,624.54)	(9,239.75)	(11,904.54)

OCTOBER MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Table Setters	Ushers
October 7 Pentecost 20	8:30 AM	Tom Welch	Eloise Thompson	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Bill and Linda Chin
	10:45AM	Monica Reichert	Bob Goldstein	Megan Hunt	
October 14 Pentecost 21	8:30 AM	Robin Lovett-Owen	Danie Muriello	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Jackie Grinvalds and Stephanie Youngman
	10:45 AM	Frank Patrick	Cady McKenzie	Megan Hunt	
October 21 Pentecost 22	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Viktoria Erhardt	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Kyle Leland and Allison Beebe
	10:45 AM	Laura Fosler	Anne Roberts	Allison Beebe	
October 28 Pentecost 23	8:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Rick Kline	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Houston and Eli Furgeson
	10:45 AM	Robin Lovett-Owen	Bill Chin	Lily Rin-Laures	

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: [Megan Hunt](#)
 Assisting Ministers, Lectors & Acolytes: [Frank Patrick](#)
 Ushers: [Houston Furgeson](#)



WOMEN'S 20/30S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a special Young Women's Bible Study fusing movement and spiritual meditation on Thursday, October 18 at 6:45pm in the fellowship hall. Erin Strybis, a 200 hr RYT, will lead a power yoga flow, followed by devotion and prayer. Please dress comfortably, bring your yoga mat, and invite your friends. All levels are welcome. Contact Erin in advance for questions or if you need to borrow a mat (Erin.Strybis@gmail.com).

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 6:30 p.m. Night Ministry	5 Office Closed	6 10:00 a.m. Blessing of Animals 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Fall Work Day
7 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Education 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour 12:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	8 Office Closed 6:45 p.m. Toastmasters	9 7:15 p.m. NA Meeting	10 7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School 3	11 8:00 p.m NA Meeting	12 Office Closed	
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28 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Reformation Potluck! 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	29	30 7:15 p.m. NA Meeting	31 7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School			



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