



# The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

## THANKSGIVING THEN SERVICE THEN THANKSGIVING THEN SERVICE THEN...

The presenter at a recent workshop I attended posed this question to a room of pastors, "Who ordained you?" She asked not in the literal sense as who was the bishop who laid hands on us or who was present on the date when we first received a stole around our shoulders, but rather in the sense of when were we first called upon to lead others, as in a moment of prayer or worship. I had never thought of the question in this way before, but my answer came immediately. The person who ordained me was my maternal grandmother on a Thanksgiving Day when I was just old enough to read.

My great-grandfather (the one who arrived at Ellis Island from Denmark at 6 months old) was usually the one who prayed, but one year he and my great-grandmother didn't travel from New Jersey to Wheaton, and the responsibility was given to the youngest at the table, me. I suspect Gram knew that, unlike my older sister, I would relish in a moment of attention and welcome the opportunity to show off my improving reading skills.

I remember her pulling me aside and handing me a newspaper clipping. It was from the Dear Abby column that ran in the Chicago Tribune. From that year on, whenever the great-grandparents didn't travel, I was given the same prayer to pray:

*O heavenly Father:  
We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.  
We thank thee for health and remember the sick.  
We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.  
We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.  
May these remembrances stir us to service  
That thy gifts to us may be used for others.  
Amen.*

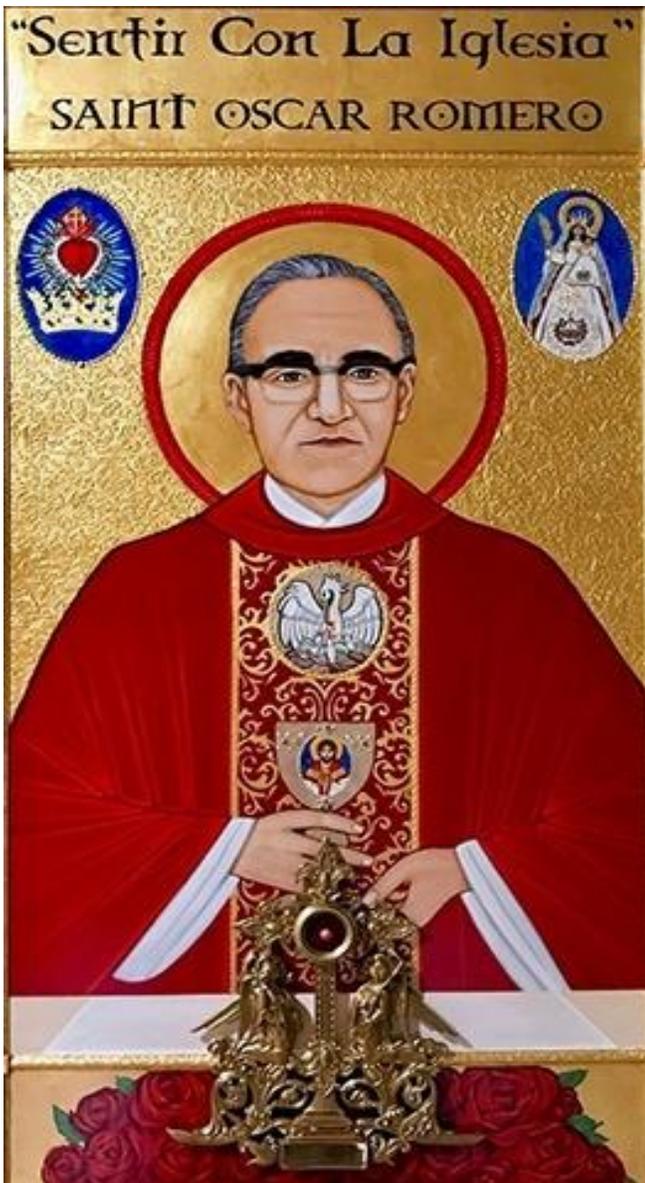
I hadn't looked at this prayer in years, but thanks be to Google, I was able to search and find. I appreciate the contents and think this might make a reappearance this year as my family gathers.

Wherever this November 1st finds us or November 6th (please go vote!) or wherever Thanksgiving Day finds us, I hope this prayer might provide some focus on God who provides and God who calls us to serve. It's a strange time in history (I'm sure others have said this before), but with all the hateful rhetoric that we hear too often and the oppressive actions against people of color, refugees and immigrants, the LGBTQI+ community, women and the elderly, this is a time indeed for prayer and then service. And then prayer. And then more service.

Blessings on your November, dear ones.

In Christ,

*Pastor Kelly*



## NOVEMBER ADULT EDUCATION: SAINT

Sunday, November 4th is All Saints Sunday, when we give thanks for *all* the saints, which in our tradition is all of the baptized. During this month, we'll have a special adult education series centered on the theme of "Saint." Please join us for all or one of the sessions.

Sunday, November 4

### **Funeral Planning**

*What are the goals of the funeral liturgy? How does a pastor plan the funeral with family and friends? What is a columbarium? How can planning ahead be a gift to those who come after us?*

Sunday, November 11

### **Advanced Planning**

*With a special presenter from Rush Hospital  
What are the plans we can make before the time comes when we can no longer plan on our own behalf? How can we encourage those we love to also plan ahead?*

Sunday, November 18

### **Commemorations and Canonization**

*How do we choose what commemorations we mark in the life of the church? Who gets included in our commemorations? What is canonization?*



### **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.

### **CONCORDIA PLACE WISHING STARS**

During this month, we'll receive our ornaments from Concordia Place and the opportunity to purchase gifts or gift cards for children, teens, and seniors. When received, they'll be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the pulpit.



# Thanksgiving Songfest

Hymns, Songs, Readings and Prayers

Sunday, November 18 + 4pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran, 1218 W. Addison

*(no neighborhood parking restrictions before 6pm)*

Joint service

with the ELCA Lutheran churches in Lakeview:

Church of St. Luke, LakeView, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity.



Followed by  
pie reception:

**dessert  
first!**



**CALLING ALL 20'S/30'S FOLKS!**

All 20/30s folks are invited to a potluck style Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 18 from 5-8pm in Fellowship Hall.

We'll gather around a meal and reflect on what we give thanks for this year.

We hope to bring together old and new faces to RLC. Partners, spouses, roommates, and friends are welcome! If you have questions or want to sign up to bring a dish, email Jackie ([jgrinvalds@gmail.com](mailto:jgrinvalds@gmail.com)).



- 2 Reid Prickett
- 3 Lily Furgeson
- 4 Zachary Dirlam
- 7 Carmelo Munoz
- 8 Megan Hunt
- 10 Carrie Weaver
- 11 Eli Furgeson
- 14 Phil Thompson
- 15 Kathleen West
- 18 Jessica Meier
- 19 Marithe Erhardt-Ohren
- 19 Blake Ohren-Erhardt
- 22 Molly Miner
- 27 Santana Munoz

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

**PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

This year, we'll gather at 5pm on Christmas Eve for a festive worship service with (hopefully) a Christmas Pageant. If you or your child would like to participate, please let Pastor Kelly know by November 18th. All ages are welcome! *You need not be a child to participate in the pageant!*

Our neighbor Lutheran congregations in Lakeview will also have worship services at a variety of other times on that day. Please double check as the date gets closer, but tentatively here are the times and locations:

*Christmas Eve*

- 4:30 p.m. Holy Trinity
- 5:00 p.m. Resurrection
- 7:00 p.m. Lakeview
- 10:30 p.m. Holy Trinity
- 11:00 p.m. St. Luke's

*Christmas Day*

- 10:30 a.m. St. Luke's



**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

In the month of November we reflect and realize what we're thankful for. As your council members, we recognize how much the RLC staff means to us as a congregation: from being our spiritual leader, to running a successful preschool program, to coordinating and delivering the great music we hear on Sundays, to the upkeep of our buildings, and to sandwich making and helping to run the office.

This month there will be baskets located on tables inside the sanctuary where you can give as you will towards Christmas gifts for our hardworking staff. You may also use a pew envelope and write "staff gifts" on it during the offering collection.

Thank you,  
Your Council



Resurrection Preschool Invites Your Family !

# Preschool Holiday Fair

Saturday December 8, 2018 from 10 am- 1pm

- \*Bake sale \*Kids' crafts \*Face painting \*Pictures with Santa\*
- \*Breakfast, lunch, snacks \*Balloon animals and props\*
- \*Children's concert with Mr. Singer and Kerry Appleberry\*

Bring a toy for our toy drive with a local community group

\$40 per family includes all activities.

Cash or checks accepted for food and bake sale.

Enter through the doors at 1050 W. School St.

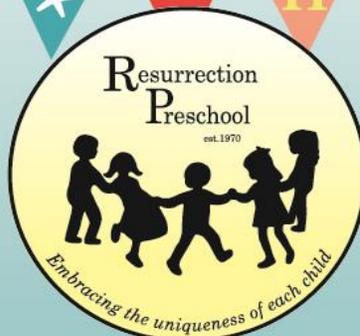


## FAMILY OPEN HOUSES: 10AM - 12PM

• 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.*

**October 7**

Dear Lord, We thank you for an abundant harvest produced from the earth. We are glad you provide a roadmap for us to reap that bountiful harvest. As Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” In years long gone by, churches celebrated Harvest Home, and members brought in canned goods wrapped in white paper to remind us of your blessings. Help us to gather the harvest, not only from the fields, but also for our spiritual life, as laborers in your kingdom.

**October 14**

Generous God and gracious Lord Jesus Christ, how great thou art! From your generosity and graciousness you shower us abundantly with gifts.. You provide for our every need and never leave us desolate. We humbly ask your blessing upon our Fall Stewardship Emphasis this month. Open our eyes, soften our hearts, and unclog our ears so that we may see, feel and hear the gifts you have bestowed upon us. Help us to display and use our gifts out of gratitude and in your service.

**October 21**

We thank you, Lord God, for brave and believing people who planted your message in this place. We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who works in all to gather and give order to this community, and who still sustains it. We pray for leaders of new faith communities and mission starts in the church today and ask you send your Spirit and guidance to them.

**October 28**

Blessed are you, God of the universe, for you create out of the cosmos this fragile earth and give life to it. You maintain our lives with the spark of our heartbeat and the growth of food from the earth. How can we do anything but respond by giving back a portion of our blessings to the life and ministry of this church, your body on earth? Help us to be less afraid of vulnerability and thereby to loosen our death-grip on our money. Help us to see clearly the inequality in our world and to respond by giving through your body, the church.

(Episcopal Diocese of Washington)

## Financials

	Sept. 30, 2018	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	21,049.50	182,160.63	182,338.22
Other Income	5,979.40	56,146.27	54,438.93
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>27,028.90</b>	<b>238,306.90</b>	<b>236,777.15</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>24,125.91</b>	<b>244,860.68</b>	<b>252,657.16</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,902.99</b>	<b>(6,553.78)</b>	<b>(15,880.01)</b>

## NOVEMBER MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Acolyte	Table Setters	Ushers
<b>Nov 4 All Saints</b>	8:30 AM	Robin Lovett-Owen	Eloise Thompson		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Jackie Grinvalds and Rob Youngman
	10:45AM	Frank Patrick	Heather Alaniz	Leo Harris	Megan Hunt	
<b>Nov 11 Pentecost 25</b>	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Viktoria Erhardt		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Allison Beebe and Kyle Leland
	10:45 AM	Monica Reichert	Cady McKenzie	Reid Prickett	Allison Beebe	
<b>Nov 18 Pentecost 26</b>	8:30 AM	Tom Welch	Eloise Thompson		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Houston and Eli Furgeson
	10:45 AM	Frank Patrick	Bob Goldstein	Carys Domin	Houston Furgeson	
<b>Nov 25 Christ the King</b>	8:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Rick Kline		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Bill and Linda Chin
	10:45 AM	Laura Fosler	Anne Roberts	Grady Prickett	TBD	

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](#)

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

- Ryan Hunt and Rick Kline for joining Mission Endowment Fund Committee
- Beth Fulkerson for editing of draft of Constitution and Bylaws amidst work travel.
- Appreciation for All Saints Day to remember those who passed.
- Beth Fulkerson and Strybis Family for bringing treats to the Pet Blessing.
- All who brought in food or contributed toward food, prepared, and served with Night Ministry on October 4 (Tom Welch, Patty Warning, Beth Fulkerson, Anne Roberts, Lauren Meier, Jeff Meier, Betsy Shuman-Moore, Laura Rombalski, Carrie Weaver, Kyle Leland, Opal Katsma, and the Youngmans.

# November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Thanks to all for a great Reformation Potluck!</p>				1  8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	2  Office Closed	3
4  <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 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. to 2:30 p.m. Confirmation  6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	5	6  7:15 p.m. NA Meeting	7  7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	8  12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	9  Office Closed	10
11  <b>25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 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  6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	12  6:45 p.m. Toastmasters	13  7:00 p.m. Church Council  7:15 p.m. NA Meeting	14  7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	15  8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	16  Office Closed	17
18  <b>26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 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  5:00 to 8:00 p.m. 20's/30's Friendsgiving  6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	19	20  7:15 p.m. NA Meeting	21  7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	22  Office Closed  8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	23  Office Closed	24
25  <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. <b>NO Sunday School</b> 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour Baptism Prep  6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	26  6:45 p.m. Toastmasters	27  7:15 p.m. NA Meeting	28  6:30p.m. Stewardship  7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	29  12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	30  Office Closed	