

The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

FAITH AND WRITING IN FEBRUARY

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the **LORD**:

I will put my law within them, and I will **WRITE** it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

- Jeremiah 31.33

Throughout history, people of faith have recorded their observations, experiences, struggles, and celebrations. In the Bible, the word "write" appears 90 times and "inscribe" shows up 17 times. Many of these occurrences have to do with God commanding prophets to write down what God speaks or with Paul talking about why he composes a letter.

In poetry, prose, and epistle, writers in both sacred and secular text have reflected on God's presence or seeming absence in their lives. We might think of those who wrote poems turned into hymns (Christina Rossetti's "In the Bleak Midwinter"), witnesses calling for justice (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), and pop music (Norman Greenbaum's "Spirit in the Sky" of Joan Osborne's "One of Us"), among others. Unpublished journal entries or prayers written on note paper surely remain hidden in drawers and homes across the world.

Here at Resurrection, we are blessed to have so many folks who write and use writing in ways that reflect their lives as faithful people!

- One example of this is our members of the Stewardship Team who write prayer petitions every week that we use in worship and then publish the following month in this newsletter.
- Another example is our Boomer Belles who often exchange books with one another, making recommendations of the well written works of others.
- During February, I am thankful that some other writers among us are going to present and engage with us during Adult Education. I hope you'll join us to hear from Lois Barliant, Allison Beebe, Erin Strybis, and David Thoele.

The Jeremiah passage above is one we hear every Reformation Sunday. As we reflect on writing and perhaps even write in the coming month, I pray we might know God's law and God's love written on our hearts. And, perhaps there is even a writing prompt here (if you would welcome one): **WHAT HAS GOD WRITTEN ON YOUR HEART THIS DAY?**

See you in worship!

Pastor Kelly



WE PRAY for a full and speedy recovery for **MICAH BALLEW** (left with fiancée Kate), former member, who gave part of his liver to his sister. Notes of encouragement can be sent to Micah c/o IMD Guest House, 1933 W. Polk Street #214, Chicago, IL 60612 (through February 14th) and thereafter to 4225 N. 92nd Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

WE CELEBRATE with **CHERYL PHILIP** (right in green) who was sworn in as a US Citizen on Thursday, January 24th. Allison Beebe, Kyle Leland, other colleagues and friends, and Pastor Kelly were present.



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group will be Saturday, February 9th, 10 a.m. at church. For more information, contact Rick Kline, rick1749@comcast.net.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY.

For more information, contact Kyle Leland, leland.kyle@gmail.com.

BOOMER BELLES

The Boomer Belles are meeting at Anne Roberts' home on Saturday, February 2nd for lunch. For more information, email Anne Roberts, acroberts123@outlook.com.

**KITCHEN
ESSENTIALS**
AND CHILDREN'S CAR SEATS

**REFUGEE ONE
WINTER/SPRING COLLECTION**

Please bring in items by Sunday, March 10th:

New/Gently Used:

- Car seats, especially rear-facing
- Booster seats

New:

- Steak knives (set of 4)
- Silverware divider
- Rice cooker
- Chef's & paring knives
- Stove-top tea kettle
- Large & small food containers
- Dish drying rack with tray
- Cutting board
- Colander
- Trashcan with lid (13 gallon/50L)
- Garbage bags

**February 2019
RLC Adult Education**
**& FAITH
& WRITING**

Come learn from and reflect with RLC members how faith and writing intersect in their lives.

February 3

David Thoele, medical doctor and creator of The 3 Minute Mental Makeover

February 10

Lois Barliant, retired teacher and author of *One Day's Tale*

February 17

Allison Beebe, marketing manager at the ELCA & Erin Strybis, content editor of *Living Lutheran*

**RESURRECTION PRESCHOOL APPLE BASH 2019**

Saturday, March 2nd, 7pm–10pm @ Big Star Wrigley

Visit www.applebash.org to purchase tickets to the event, purchase wine raffle tickets, purchase other items that will be in the pre-sale starting Feb 22, 2019, or to make a donation to Resurrection Preschool.

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.

December 30

Dear Lord, we thank you for your creation of the doves—a fitting symbol of peace and serenity. Likewise, we thank you for the creation of rivers—feeding the earth and humanity. The prophet Amos said, “Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream! And we thank you for the coming of your son Jesus—the Prince of Peace! We pray in his name for both justice and peace. Help us to “Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.” Isaiah prayed for this and we ask you for the strength to work for justice and ultimately, peace.

January 6

Drawn into a new year, we pray for them ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Guide as we discern, discuss, and live into where God is calling us.

January 13

O God of justice and peace, two days before the birthday anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr., we remember with gratitude the witness of this man of faith and we ask that we have the courage and determination to follow his example in battling injustice and living the Gospel of love. Help us to make ever more the community you want us to be

January 20

God of community, as we look forward to the annual congregational meeting next week, we thank you for each person in the RLC family. We give thanks for those who prepared reports and distributed the materials as well as all who will be present to participate in the meeting. We ask for your guidance as we meet together to review last year and put in place our plans for the coming year.

January 27

Almighty God, you have called us to labor in your vineyard, and without you we can do nothing. Grant us your presence in our meeting after worship, that what we do will help us be better servants of peace and justice, strengthen our congregation's ministry, and build up your whole church. Let your Holy Spirit govern and direct us that what we say and do is pleasing in your sight.

Financials

	Dec. 31, 2018	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	30,782.20	253,218.17	253,350.00
Other Income	6,589.45	74,051.21	72,585.26
Total Income	37,371.65	327,269.38	325,935.26
Total Expenses	26,252.04	326,270.82	337,343.21
Net Income	11,119.61	998.56	(11,407.95)

JANUARY 27, 2019 CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Phil Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:16.
MSP Minutes from January 28, 2018 Meeting

CELEBRATIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS FOR:

- sunny weather,
- new acolytes,
- the joyful noise made by children in worship,
- Ryan Hunt, Phil Thompson, and Ron Youngman for their work with/on property,
- Bill and Linda Chin for their work on Property Committee,
- Beth Fulkerson for her gardening,
- Staff (Maurice, Debbie, and Pastor Kelly), for the day-to-day activities at church,
- Melissa Miller Ferguson for her contract work with us, and
- Pastor Kelly for the extra work she's been doing in the office.

REPORTS

Phil Thompson directed people to look to the annual report.
No additional comments or questions.

New Business

Treasurer Clark Prickett presented the 2019 Budget.
MSP 2019 Budget as included in 2018 Annual report.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

MSP for elected positions.

1. Church Council

Serving a first term:

Heather Alaniz (Jan 2019 - Jan 2021)
Elizabeth Dirlam (Jan 2019 - Jan 2021)
Danie Muriello (Jan 2019 - Jan 2021)

Midterm (no vote needed on these)
Ryan Hunt (Feb. 2018 - Jan 2020)
Clark Prickett (Feb 2018 - Jan 2020)
Phil Thompson (Feb 2018 - Jan 2020)

2. 2019 Nominating Committee

Beth Fulkerson & Stephanie Youngman

3. Mission Endowment Fund Committee

New to Committee

Beth Fulkerson (Fall 2019-Fall 2021)
Eloise Thompson (Fall 2019-Fall 2021)
Council Member TBD

Midterm
Frank Patrick (Fall 2017 - Fall 2019)
Rick Kline (Fall 2018 - Fall 2020)

4. Synod Assembly Voting Members

Female: Danie Muriello & Male: Adam Sanders

ALMA METZLER JENSEN CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD

Presented to Jackie Grinvalds

CLOSING PRAYER

Led by Pastor Kelly

FEBRUARY MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Acolyte	Table Setters	Ushers
February 3	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Viktoria Erhardt		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45AM	Monica Reichert	Heather Alaniz		Allison Beebe	Kyle Leland and Allison Beebe
February 10	8:30 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Eloise Thompson		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45 AM	Frank Patrick	Ellie Whitlock	Margaret Dirlam	Megan Hunt	Eli Furguson, Eill DeCaigny, Houston Furgeson
February 17	8:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Tim Boslett		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Bill Chin	Carys Domin	Lily Rin-Laures	Bill Chin, Linda Chin, and Cheryl Philip
February 24	8:30 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Rick Kline		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45 AM	Laura Fosler	Bob Goldstein	Sara Hunt	Megan Hunt	Rob Youngman and Houston Furgeson

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](#)

February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 10 a.m. Preschool Open House
3 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Ed 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	4 Office Closed	5	6 7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	7 8:00 p.m NA Meeting	8 Office Closed	9 10 a.m. Men's Group
10 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Ed 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	11 Office Closed 6:45 p.m. Toastmasters	12	13 7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	14 8:00 p.m NA Meeting	15 Office Closed	16
17 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Ed 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	18 Office Closed No Preschool	19 7:00 p.m. Church Council	20 7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	21 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	21 Office Closed	23
24 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Ed 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Ministry in Context Committee 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	25 6:45 p.m. Toastmasters	26	27	28 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting		



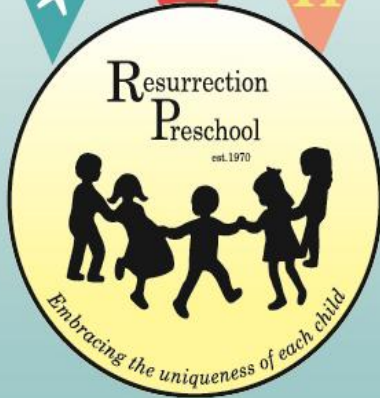
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| 1 | Victoria Kassis | 17 | Andy DeVooght |
| 9 | Keith Butala | 25 | Megan Fabian |
| 10 | Michael Kassis | 27 | Jenna Bosslet |
| 11 | André-Pierre Alaniz | 28 | Ryan Hunt |
| 14 | Karen Berhinig | | |

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

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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