



# The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church



ELCA World Hunger's  
**40 DAYS** of Giving

## THE SEASON OF LENT AND A CALL TO GIVE

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.  
– Matthew 25:35*

The second day of the polar vortex last month, I rejoiced to greet one of our regular guys at the office door. Not all of the folks who come to the church office to get a lunch are without housing, but I know a few of them are. "I found a spot in a warm doorway where I thought I could wait out the night," he told me, "But someone called me in, and the cops took me to the hospital where they let us spend the night. They were going to let us stay there until the afternoon, but I was hungry, and I knew I could come here."

It's moments like these that I give thanks for the work of the church, both locally and globally. Because of the generosity of members and friends of our congregation and because of the generosity of people who give across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), hungry people are fed and we live out God's call to serve our neighbors in need.

During the Season of Lent, the ELCA encourages us to consider how we might respond and give to the work they do so wonderfully across the world, "By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished" ([ELCA World Hunger website](#)).

On Ash Wednesday (March 6) and the First Sunday in Lent (March 10), devotional and educational materials will be available in the narthex (entryway). Throughout the season of Lent, we'll read stories of the work that ELCA World Hunger does across the country and world, and we'll continue to feed people in our neighborhood through the Office Sandwich Ministry. I encourage you to find a way and commit to participate in feeding the hungry this Lenten season. Here are some suggestions to get you started thinking:

- save a little each day and make a donation to ELCA World Hunger on Palm or Easter Sunday,
- donate items for the Office Sandwich Ministry (water, bread, lunch meat, cheese, chips, or granola bars),
- learn more about our local pantry, [www.lakeviewpantry.org](http://www.lakeviewpantry.org), or
- [sign-up for ELCA World Hunger Daily Devotionals](#).

May God who gives to us so lovingly and so generously help us to do the same this Lenten season.

See you in worship,

*Pastor Kelly*



### CALLING ALL RLC TEENS

Teenagers are invited to join our Ministry in Context student Robin during the faith formation period (9:45 -10:40 a.m) for an opportunity for us to explore together tough questions about God, faith, and Christian living every Sunday from March 17th to April 7th. This series offers an opportunity to bring up your own questions and doubts without fear of judgment; instead, we'll make a space where we air our doubts or fears and learn how different Christians have dealt with the perennial questions about our faith.

### FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Here at Resurrection, children are welcome to commune any time following their baptisms. We leave it up to parental/family discretion at what age this will begin. As children age, we try to fulfill the baptismal promises by providing for their instruction and faith formation. During the season of Lent, Pastor Kelly invites children ages 4 and older and their families to explore and learn about Holy Communion. We will gather on Sundays following the 10:45am service (roughly noon-1pm) on Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31. If you'd like to participate, please [email her](#) or write it on your yellow card by Sunday, March 3rd.

### MIDWEEK LENT GATHERINGS

If you are interested in meeting on Wednesday evenings during Lent for soup and study starting March 13, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the pulpit or let Pastor Kelly know [via email](#) or your yellow card. We're following the "Rule of 3" on this one. That is, if we have 3 people committed to coming every week, we'll make it happen.

## March 6 is Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. This is the day we are marked with an ashen cross, reminding us that we are wholly dependent on God's mercy in our lives and in our world.

We will gather for communal worship at **7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

The early service will last about a half hour and will be a mostly spoken liturgy. This service is aimed at early risers, commuters, families with kids heading into school, and anyone else who would like to come early.

The later service will last about an hour and include more sung music, readings, and what will feel more like our weekly celebration of Holy Communion.

If you cannot make it to worship but would like to receive ashes, please let Pastor Kelly know and she'll coordinate a time for you to stop by church or stop by your work or home.



*Thank you! Thank you!*

Church Council gives thanks for:

- New members of council (Heather Alaniz, Liz Dirlam, and Danie Muriello),
- David Thoele, Lois Barliant, Allison Beebe and Erin Strybis for leading adult education last month,
- Treasurer Clark Prickett for his work on the budget,
- Pastor Kelly for working toward getting a new fridge (parish house) and freezer (church kitchen),
- Custodian Maurice Morris for LOTS of snow removal,
- All the new lectors and acolytes, and
- Phil Thompson for leading council this year.



### **NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT AND NEW HOURS**

Our new office assistant Mary Kay Bourke is scheduled to start working on Tuesday, March 5. Look for a more formal introduction in the weekly email of In Our Community on March 7. She will also be present at worship on March 10.

The new office hours will be

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Pastor Kelly is also around on Fridays if you need to drop off or pick up something. Please call or schedule ahead and she'll be happy to arrange a time with you.

## **Grant Recipient Visits**



The RLC Mission Endowment Fund was set up with the hopes of supporting the long-term work and ministry here at RLC and by other community organizations and congregational ministries across the Chicagoland area and beyond. During Lent and Easter, we will hear from grant recipients during worship and/or between services during our adult education time. Please join us as we learn more or continue to be in relationship with these people and wonderful organizations.

### **March 3**

Frank Houser

*Good News Garage*

*Trinity Lutheran Church, Des Plaines*

### **March 10**

Korrey Kooistra and Bridget Purdome

*Alexian Brothers*

*Bonaventure House*

### **March 17**

Terri Gens

*Lutheran Social Services of Illinois*

*Inmates Helping Inmates*

### **March 24**

Rich Gage and Courtney Wrubel

*Lawrence Hall*

*Expressive Therapies Program*

### **In April and May**

*Northside Housing and Supportive Services*

*Concordia Place Teens*

*The Night Ministry*

*Holy Family Ministries*

# 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.*

**February 3**

God, we thank you for the bounty provided this past year from the Mission Endowment Funds. Bring blessings upon this year’s fund recipients as they put their gifts to use to fulfill their missions. Help us continue to share this thanksgiving with those in our community and the church body through the service of the Fund’s committee. Bestow unto all touched by this program fairness, compassion, and humility as they serve with their contributions in your name.

**February 10**

Lord, help us to remember how important love is to you. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus said, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.” As we celebrate Valentine’s Day with family and friends, give us the strength to live out our faith with love in daily life.

**February 17**

For our local community.  
We pray for our aldermen and mayor, for those who serve in county offices and those running for office. May all who serve in this city be driven by compassion and justice, that citizens from all neighborhoods might have access to life-giving resources and infrastructure.

**February 24**

God of compassion, your love for all humanity was revealed in Jesus whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable. We hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and awaken us to their plight with acts of shelter, food and friendship. Deliver us from frozen hearts and make us a people ready and able to share our warmth.

## Financials

	January 31, 2019	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	18,873.00	18,873.00	19,695.83
Other Income	5,907.91	5,907.91	5,865.47
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24,780.91</b>	<b>24,780.91</b>	<b>25,561.30</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>22,102.15</b>	<b>22,102.15</b>	<b>28,468.10</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,678.76</b>	<b>2,678.76</b>	<b>(2,906.80)</b>

**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



**March  
BIRTHDAYS**

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|----|-------------------------|
| 2  | Renee Butala            |
| 2  | Heather Alaniz          |
| 3  | Viktoria Erhardt        |
| 8  | Betsy Berhinig          |
| 9  | Graham DeVooght         |
| 11 | Brett Lee               |
| 13 | Gary Jensen             |
| 16 | Michael Harris          |
| 16 | Sage Furgeson           |
| 17 | Tiffany Fleury          |
| 19 | Simon Fulkerson Kellman |
| 21 | Lucy Bosslet            |
| 22 | Claire Barliant         |
| 26 | Harry Tingley           |
| 26 | Rick Kline              |
| 28 | Kim Beckmann            |
| 30 | Gina Muroi              |
| 31 | Nora Rombalski          |

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



**PRESCHOOL APPLE BASH 2019**  
Saturday, March 2nd,  
7pm–10pm @ Big Star Wrigley  
[www.applebash.org](http://www.applebash.org)

Our Preschool fundraiser is in full swing and we are now live with our pre-auction purchases of so many great items with all proceeds going to the Preschool and Toddler programs! Even if you can't join us in person you can now purchase items on line starting now! Thank you so much for your support! Thank you families for all of your hard work in making this event so successful! Here's to a great Apple Bash and a super pre-sale purchase event!

**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.**

All women in their 20's and 30's are invited to join the Young Women's Bible Study as they meet monthly for fellowship and faithful reflection and study. In March, we'll meet Wednesday, March 20th at 7 p.m. in the Parish House at 3309 N. Seminary. For more information, contact Kyle Leland, leland.kyle@gmail.com.



## HELPING CHILDREN MANAGE THEIR EMOTIONS AND SELF -REGULATE

Join Parenting Perspectives for this engaging workshop and learn more about why self- regulation and coping skills are more important than academics especially in young children and how to:

- Foster emotional intelligence
- Help your child handle BIG feelings
- Skills to help your child calm and regulate
- Prevent tantrums and meltdowns
- Develop coping skills
- Time for specific questions

Workshops are presented using Parenting Perspectives' signature style that includes demonstrations to show parents the dos and don'ts of parenting, as well as effective tools and strategies in action.

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

**6:30 pm – 8pm**

**RESURRECTION PRESCHOOL 1050 W. School**

**(parking available in the Hawthorne School parking lot north on Seminary)**

**Workshop is free! Light refreshments also provided.**

**Please RSVP to [teach773@yahoo.com](mailto:teach773@yahoo.com).**



**PARENTING PERSPECTIVES**

Promoting Healthy Development and  
Nurturing the Unique Potential in Every Child

Co-founders of **Parenting Perspectives**, **Karen Jacobson, MA, LMFT, LCPC** and **Lauren Bondy, LCSW**, help parents enhance their parenting tools to promote healthy development and nurture the unique potential of their children. As therapists and mothers, they provide counseling to parents, children, couples and families. They offer a one-of-a-kind online course, "Conscious Parenting" and regularly speak on a wide variety of parenting topics including power struggles, self-esteem, sibling rivalry, discipline, friendship and school issues. They have appeared on ABC-7's "Connect with Kids", as well as on WGN and Hay House Radio.

[www.parentingperspectives.com](http://www.parentingperspectives.com)

## MARCH MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Acolyte	Table Setters	Ushers
<b>March 3</b>	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Robin Lovett Owen		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45AM	Laura Fosler	Linda Chin	Margaret Dirlam	Megan Hunt	Bill and Linda Chin
<b>March 6</b> Ash Wednesday	7:30PM	Frank Patrick	Robin Lovett Owen		Pastor Kelly	
<b>March 10</b>	8:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Jenna Bosslet		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Clark Prickett	Reid Prickett	Lily Rin-Laures	Cheryl Philip and Houston Furgeson
<b>March 17</b>	8:30 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Rick Kline		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45 AM	Monica Reichert	Andy DeVooght	Sara Hunt	Megan Hunt	Kyle Leland and Stephanie Youngman
<b>March 24</b>	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson/Tim Bosslet	Viktoria Erhardt		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45 AM	Frank Patrick	Ann Marie Monson	Carys Domin	Allison Beebe	Allison Beebe and Rob Youngman
<b>March 31</b>	8:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Eloise Thompson		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	
	10:45 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Cady McKenzie	Leo Harris	Allison Beebe	Houston and Eli 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](#)

# March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>3</p> <p><b>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY</b>                      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</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 a.m.&amp; 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School</p>	7	8	9
<p>10</p> <p><b>1ST SUNDAY IN LENT</b>                      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                      First Communion Instruction</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Toastmasters</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>8:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	15	16
<p>17</p> <p><b>2ND SUNDAY IN LENT</b>                      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                      First Communion Instruction</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study</p>	21	21	23
<p>24</p> <p><b>3RD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>                      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                      First Communion Instruction</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Toastmasters</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>8:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	29	30
<p>31</p> <p><b>4TH SUNDAY IN LENT</b>                      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. Fellowship                      First Communion Instruction</p> <p>6:00 p.m. NA Meeting</p>	<p><b>Looking ahead to Holy Week</b></p> <p>Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday Festival Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.                      Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.                      Friday, April 19 Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.                      Saturday, April 20 Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.                      Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday Festival Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.</p>					