



The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

TABLE OF THANKSGIVING: HOW EUCHARIST FORMS US

This year, the theme of the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University was *Table of Thanksgiving, How Eucharist Forms Us*. I've missed a few years of this conference over the years but have been attending since 1997 when I was a student at Valpo. Spending time with colleagues and liturgical enthusiasts is always a fun and engaging time of worshipping together, learning, and reflecting on what we do as leaders in the church. Our own Padraig McGuire was in attendance as was former RLC member John Roberts, who did a fine job serving as lector at the opening Eucharist and sends his greetings.

"How does the Eucharist form us?" workshop leaders, preachers, and plenary speakers answered in a variety of ways. Thinking about my own journey and our life here at RLC, a few things stood out to me.

1. We are formed at the Eucharist as God's children of all ages. Recently celebrating Kira Hunt's First Communion on April 7th here at RLC and my husband Justin's at the Easter Vigil at St. Gertrude's, I am thankful that young and not-so-young gather together to be fed and to be sent. I also wish everyone could see little A.P.'s face as he stretches out his 2 year old hands to receive the bread. I pray we all come to the table and to life with such eagerness and earnestness.

2. We are formed at the Eucharist to feed others. Whether we host a dinner party in our home or treat someone to cinnamon rolls, bring in granola bars and cookies for the Office Sandwich Ministry or donate to the food pantry, we participate in the hospitality and provision we receive from God.

3. We are formed at the Eucharist in community. No one communes alone. The choir waits for their director to join them at the table. Worship assistants commune together. Ushers pause to make sure all who want to come forward do. This extends into Coffee Hour as the meal and sacredness of community continue.

I wonder how you would describe how the Eucharist forms you as you come forward and kneel or stand and hear the words, "Given for you," and "Shed for you." May all that God is and does and motivates in the meal on Sunday mornings make its way into our daily lives.

See you in worship!



BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES ON SUNDAY, MAY 19 DURING WORSHIP

Bring (or ride) your bicycle to church
(or a helmet or something to symbolize your bicycle) and have it blessed
during our Sunday morning worship services as the summer riding season begins!

CHURCH WORK DAY - MAY 19

Join us from ~12-2pm on Sunday, May 19th for inside and outside work around the church. Weather permitting, we'll work in the garden and inside cleaning windows and tidying. Please sign up in the hallway behind the pulpit or [email Pastor Kelly](#).

EVERY MEMBER VISIT

Next year Resurrection turns 50. In preparation for our anniversary, Pastor Kelly would like to visit with you to reflect on where our congregation has been and is and where God might be calling us in/into the future in meetings that aim to be 45 minutes to one hour in length. You are welcome to come to the church office, or Pastor Kelly is willing to travel to you, your workplace, your home, or your favorite place to have coffee, beer, a meal, etc. You may choose to meet with her as an individual or with other members of your household or church friends as you would like. [Sign-up here](#).

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

We have renewed our contract with Hawthorne Scholastic Academy for Sunday parking. We pay the school \$125/week for the use of 10 parking spaces on Sundays from 7am-3pm. An upcoming exception is *May 26 Confirmation Sunday (25 spaces) from 7am-12:30pm*. There is a Cubs home game that day so if you arrive early and can grab a street spot (especially on these festival days), it will help us be able to offer as much parking as possible.



EVENING PARKING

The city has stopped the program where non-profit organizations can contain parking permits through the Alderman's Office and through the City Clerk which means that we are no longer be able to purchase permits. If you live in the 383 and would consider donating a sheet for evening meetings, we would be super appreciative!



AND COFFEE HOURS! JUNE-AUGUST

This summer, we'll combine our two worship times and gather together at 9:30 a.m. We're hoping this helps us beat the heat and welcome new folks and visitors during the summer months. Please consider hosting a coffee hour on a summer Sunday! It can be as simple or as fancy as you'd like!

THANKSGIVINGS

- **Jackie Grinvalds** for donating new-to-us folding chairs for office.
- **Sarah Lepp** for her wonderful piano playing on Good Friday.
- **Jaeymes Childers, Laura Rombalski, the Youngmans, Pdraig McGuire, Cady McKenzie, Gregor McKenzie, Megan Hunt, Heather Alaniz, the Thompsons, Opal Katsma, Anne Roberts,** and everyone who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a joy-filled event on Easter Sunday!
- **Gary Jensen and the Choir** for all their time and worship leadership ministry during Holy Week.

From Church Council (April Meeting)

- The Season of Lent and our observance of it.
- **Frank Patrick** and all his ministry with worship and scheduling worship leaders especially during Holy Week.
- **Mary K. and Bentley** in the office
- Mission Endowment Fund visitors



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Peter Kassis
- 4 Robert Goldstein
- 6 Declan Prickett
- 8 Ellen Meents DeCaigny
- 16 Lily Roberts
- 21 Tina Harris
- 22 Cady McKenzie
- 22 Gregor McKenzie
- 25 Floyd Miller
- 25 Isabelle Dirlam
- 28 Katherine Darlington
- 29 Kyle Leland

If we missed anyone or included someone accidentally, please let [the church office](#) know.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

If there is someone in your household celebrating a graduation, please email the office by May 26th so we may include it in our June publications.



Lawrence HallSM

Serving Children, Families and Communities Since 1865

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NEED

During the months of May, June, and July, the Stewardship invites you to donate items to high school students who receive their education at the *Lawrence Hall* therapeutic school.

This environment is designed to meet the unique and individual needs of youth whose history or life circumstances mandate that they attend a school other than their Chicago Public home school. It gives them a better chance to thrive and graduate.

The Stewardship Team recently met with Rich Gage, Lawrence Hall's Senior Development Officer. Our question was, what are the most desired and useful supplies for the next school year? His response was the needed donations that consistently fall short are the following:

- Calculators (we recommend the TI-30XIIS)
- Flash Drives
- Index Cards
- Post It Note Pads (3X3)
- Mechanical Pencils

An optimistic, but realistic goal for each item on the list is 50. You may place your gift to the students in the offering plate or in the basket located in the room between the sanctuary and parish hall.

To find out more about Lawrence Hall, please visit their website at www.lawrencehall.org/

Financials

	March 31, 2019	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	17,524.40	58,839.56	55,945.83
Other Income	6,267.66	18,061.33	17,596.41
Total Income	23,792.06	76,900.89	73,542.24
Total Expenses	23,757.01	78,609.04	80,563.23
Net Income	35.05	(1,708.15)	(7,020.99)

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.*

April 7

Gracious God, today we ask your continued blessings on the staff and clients of Northside Housing & Supportive Services, We are grateful to be a partner in their mission to provide housing, health care and human connection to individuals experiencing homelessness. Often their clients are forgotten by the rest of society, kicked out of their families and ignored as thousands walk by them each day. In 2018, they supplied beds for over 20,000 clients who might have spent the night on our streets. We thank you for their continued dedication to caring for the homeless.

April 14

Gracious father, thank you for allowing our congregation to support Concordia Place's mission. Your gift through us helps them provide a place for Chicago's teens to "... gather, learn, and grow." Allow their vision to mold your teens into leaders with impact on today and the future. In your spirit connect us along their journey. .

April 21

Aleluia! God, you are welcome. Help us open our arms and hearts to friends and visitors among us this morning. Guide us in being a community of faith that embodies the radical hospitality we know in Jesus.

April 28

Gracious God, your amazing love extends through all time and space, to all parts of your creation, which you created and called good. You made covenants with Noah and his family, Abraham and Sarah, and Moses and the Israelite people. In Jesus you invite us to enter into a new covenant. Your covenant of faithfulness and love extends to the whole creation. We pray that we may be instruments in the healing and caring of the earth, that present and future generations may enjoy the fruits of creation

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Biblical Stewardship Characteristics

This is the second in a series of articles that the members of the Stewardship Team are composing to help keep our congregation thinking about Stewardship and the important characteristics of a biblical giver. Last month we discussed *Intentional Giving* and this month we focus on *Regular Giving*.

There is a strong connection between intentional giving and regular giving. As we learned from last month's article *Intentional Giving* is establishing a plan for your giving. Regular Giving is simply executing on that plan. Regular giving is more likely to happen if you make your gift part of your routine. If you are paid weekly or monthly simply setting aside gifts at the same time can be an easy pattern.

We all know it is best to try to keep your life on a regular routine; doing things regularly like eating, sleeping, exercising, will help keep you happy and healthy. Anyone who has taken care of a baby knows that a regular routine is invaluable to a healthy, well rested baby and care giver. Establishing a routine is beneficial to the church. Regular giving allows the church to plan, budget and pay for expenses.

The church has made setting up a regular pattern of giving even easier with giving options including direct deposit and Simply Giving programs. Give them a try as you try to incorporate regular giving into your routine.

Regular giving is simply executing on the plan that you have "intentionally" established. In this way we can share abundantly the time, talents and treasures that God has entrusted to us.

-Laura Rombalski

MAY MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Acolyte	Table Setters	Ushers
May 5 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:30 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Viktoria Erhardt		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Linda and Bill Chin
	10:45 AM	Robin Lovett Owen	Andy DeVooght	Sara Hunt	Megan Hunt	
May 12 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Eloise Thompson		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Cheryl Philip and Stephanie Youngman
	10:45 AM	Laura Fosler	Michelle Prickett	Grady Prickett	Allison Beebe	
May 19 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Rick Kline		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Kyle Leland and Allison Beebe
	10:45 AM	Monica Reichert	Bob Goldstein	Margaret Dirlam	Megan Hunt	
May 26 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Tim Boslett		Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Houston and Eli Furgeson
	10:45 AM	Frank Patrick	Linda Chin	Leo Harris	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](#)

MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group will be Saturday, May 11th, 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 May, we'll meet Wednesday, May 29th at 7 p.m. in the Parish House at 3309 N. Seminary. For more information, contact Kyle Leland, leland.kyle@gmail.com.

May 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	2 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	3	4
5 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 / Hot Dog Social 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	6	7	8 7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	9 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	10	11 10:00 a.m. Men's Group
12 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	13 7:00 p.m. Toastmasters	14	15 7:00 p.m. Chicago Persian School	16 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	17	18
19 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER & BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES 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 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Church Work Day 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	20	21	22	23 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	24	25
26 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Rite of Confirmation 12:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	27 7:00 p.m. Toastmasters	28 7:00 p.m. Church Council	29 7:00 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study	30 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Night Ministry 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting		