



The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912-1993, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, st. 3
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My senior year of high school I purchased my first car, a tan 1990 Ford Tempo, from my grandfather who was upgrading to a sea foam green Mercury Grand Marquis. In honor of Harold, my personal salesman (who I'm certain cut me a great deal,) I named my car, Harry. As Harry got older and transitioned from high school to college to seminary with me, I started adding bumper stickers to its trunk.

I sought out companies and stores that sold political or progressively Christian stickers and added until I ran out of room. There was a Camp Lutherwald rainbow sticker that served dual purpose proclaiming my support and celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community along with my love for outdoor ministries. There was a Danish flag to honor my maternal forebears, a "Women make great leaders. You're following one," sticker, and a Valparaiso University window cling on the window.

One sticker that never made in on the car but has served as a bookmark said, "I love my country, but I think we should start seeing other people." I think of it often at this time of year when the John Philip Sousa's marches and fireworks fill the warm summer air. I also think about the hymn text printed above. I *am* thankful for the country in which I live, for all who serve here and abroad on my behalf, for the freedoms I am allowed as a citizen. And at the same time, I am thankful for *all of God's people and creation* and I wish we would see and honor the humanity in *all* of our neighbors and the beauty in lands near and far away. I wish we would take care of the earth and environment God has entrusted to us. I wish everyone could feel safe on the streets they travel, or in the places they worship, or in the schools where they learn and teach.

I love my country, but we also have work to do to honor one another and to love one another as we have been loved by God in Christ. We're not a Christian nation, and yet, as people of faith (and of many different faiths), we are called to love and to honor and to work so that all of God's children might know justice and have access to freedom.

Giving thanks to God for you and our country and
praying for a safe celebration of our country's independence,

Pastor Kelly



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUMMER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS!

- July 7 The Chins
- July 14 The Dirlams
- July 21 Rick Kline
- July 28 Danie Muriello



- All who provided, prepared, and served food with the Youth Outreach Bus of The Night Ministry in May 30th,
- All our summer coffee hour hosts,
- Danie Muriello and Adam Sanders for serving as Voting Members at Synod Assembly.
- Grady Prickett and Matt James for their worship leadership on May 9th.

OFFICE SANDWICH MINISTRY

In June, we continued seeing from 5 to 15 people each day stopping by the office for a lunch. Our Office Assistant, Mary K. prepares a lunch for each person that includes a bottle of water, lunch meat and cheese sandwich, granola bar, and chips, all packaged in a brown paper bag with a napkin. When we have fruit or goodies from coffee hour or events, we also include them in the lunches. If you'd like to donate items (water, meat, cheese, bread, granola bars, chips, sweets, etc.), we'd happily accept them. If it's easier to make a donation, mark it "Office Sandwich Ministry," we'll put it to what we need the most depending on the week.

EVERY MEMBER VISIT

In preparation for our 50th anniversary as a congregation in 2020, Pastor Kelly continues to visit with our members to reflect on where our congregation has been and is and where God might be calling us in/into the future. 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. Please [sign-up](#) here, [email](#), or call Pastor Kelly to find another time that will work for you.

VOW RENEWAL

Married couples and committed couples, let's celebrate together by renewing vows as a sign of love and renewed commitment to your spouse/partner at worship on August 18th.

After worship, Eloise and Phil Thompson will host a coffee hour in celebration of their 40 years of marriage.

Sunday, August 18th
during our 9:30am worship service

Community Commitment & Marriage

Vow Renewal

For more information or to let us know you plan to participate, please email us at office@rlclakeview.com.

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.

June 2

Dear Lord, today we pause to ask for your blessings on all the students graduating this year. We pray for your wisdom and clear direction over their lives. Help them see the great purpose you have for them in life. Remind them, and all of us, that you are always there providing strength, hope and love as we discover new paths to follow. Please make the way clear and help us recognize the amazing gifts you provide to all of us. Trusting in your Spirit and loving embrace.

June 9

God, creator of all things, bless those whose occupation is to tend your fields and raise your livestock. Nourish their passion to farm. Protect and guide them in this year's growing season. Remind us that through their hard work we are fed every day.

June 16

Creator God, we give thanks for all who "father" in our lives and ask your blessings for them all. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices those who "father" have made. Grant them wisdom and humility as they fulfill the task of "fathering." Give them grace and patience to do well. May they always know the important role they play.

June 23

Creator God, You have made all people in your image. Lead us with courage to be advocates for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions, just as you sent your advocate through the Holy Spirit. Empower us to demand the full and equal participation of LGBTQ people in the church and the world. Renew in us the quest to welcome, include, affirm and celebrate our LGBTQ brothers and sisters.

(From Reconciling Works)

June 30

God of all seasons, we thank you for the warmth of long summer days and restful summer nights. We thank you for day camps and extended vacations; weekend getaways and weeklong summer camps; street festivals and other activities which provide recreation and relaxation. May we enjoy these 93 days of summer. We ask for safety in our travels, increased relationship with our travel partners, new friends and new experiences.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM *Biblical Stewardship Characteristics*

This month's article focuses on Value No. 4: First Fruit Giving. Deuteronomy 26:1-2 was quoted in last year's Fall Emphasis hand-out introducing our stewardship campaign. The focus and the verse both brought tithing to my mind. As I am so inclined, I Googled for some background on the tithe and offering. It was interesting to learn a distinction between the two - an offering was something you gave, but the tithe was something you owed.

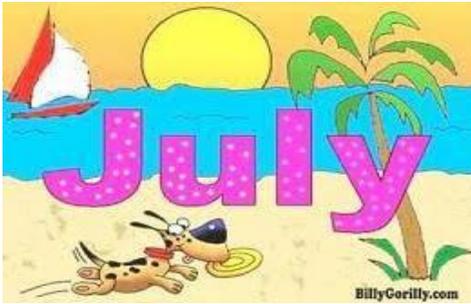
The purpose of the tithe or 1/10 of your harvest is to pay back that which God has provided you. The example from the first article of our newsletter series in April with the families in India setting aside a portion of their rice would fall into this category. The tithe was given to the Levites or officials of the synagogue in the era of our scriptures. They would use it to live off of and maintain the congregation. Since the Levites did not work the land they were dependent on those who did. Yet the Levites were also commissioned to take a tenth of the tithes the community provided them and use it for philanthropy with the community at large - specifically the most vulnerable.

The context I took from my research is that tithing is our financial responsibility. It doesn't have to be 10% but what is comfortable for you today. The important part is that we regularly and intentionally take a portion of that which we have earned and provide it for God's work. At Resurrection our first fruits are used to maintain the facilities and pay the staff of the congregation while a portion is set aside to support our community. Examples of our philanthropy are the sandwich ministry and endowment fund.

Offering, on the other hand, is a gift. We freely use our assets in the service of others. Although this is usually equated with currency like the tithe; just as valuable is your offering of time to serve with your talents God has provided you. Service work is as simple as sponsoring a summer coffee hour or joining the choir. Sharing those gifts with Resurrection in a regular manner strengthens your connection with our fellowship.

Now I am asking myself how my research relates to First Fruit Giving or stated in another way "Giving to God first and living off the rest?" To me it shows there are other ways to contribute to Resurrection than through finances. Although I know my monetary support is critical to the mission of the congregation; my offering of time and talents have just as much value and provide me a deeper connection with our fellowship. The essence here is to give first, give with an open heart and to give regularly.

Yours in service of the Lord, Rick Kline



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Nicholas Francis
- 7 Terry Rombalski
- 12 Anne Barliant
- 12 Annmarie Rombalski
- 14 Sara Calkins
- 19 Karen Meier
- 20 Aiyana Thomas
- 22 Chris DeCaigny
- 25 Sara Hunt
- 28 Nora Shuman-Moore
- 30 Joanna Miner

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



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

	May 31, 2019	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	22,220.40	107,849.67	99,007.45
Other Income	6,074.03	29,908.58	29,327.35
Total Income	28,294.43	137,758.25	128,334.80
Total Expenses	30,421.20	132,677.58	136,839.32
Net Income	(2,126.77)	5,080.67	(8,504.52)

JULY MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Table Setters	Ushers
July 7 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30 AM	Laura Fosler	Jenna Bosslet	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson, and Megan Hunt	Linda and Bill Chin
July 14 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Cady McKenzie	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson, and Houston Furgeson	Cheryl Philip and Houston Furgeson
July 21 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30 AM	Frank Patrick	Viktorija Erhardt	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson, and Allison Beebe	Kyle Leland and Stephanie Youngman
July 28 7ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Andy DeVooght	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson, and Lily Rin-Laures	Allison Beebe and Rob Youngman

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, July 20th, 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 July, we will meet on Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Parish House at 3309 N. Seminary. For more information, contact Kyle Leland, leland.kyle@gmail.com.

July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Sunday Worship in June, July, August @ 9:30 am</p> <p>Backyard Bible Study Wednesdays in June @ 7 pm</p>	1	2	3	Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	5	6
7 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship	8 7:00 p.m. Toastmasters	9	10	11 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	12	13 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Louis Lazarides'
14 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship	15	16 7:00 p.m. Preschool Parent Committee	17 7:00 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study	18 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	19	20 10:00 a.m. Men's Group
21 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship	22 7:00 p.m. Toastmasters	23 7:00 p.m. Council	24	25 **Deadline for August Messenger Submissions 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	26	27
28 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship	28	30	31	 <p>Sunday Worship in June, July, August @ 9:30 am</p> <p>Backyard Bible Study Wednesdays in June @ 7 pm</p>		