

The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

AUGUST NIGHT MINISTRY SERVICE

Please join us next Thursday as we serve with the Night Ministry Youth Outreach Bus. [You can sign-up here.](#)

We aim to serve quarterly in this way and need many hands to purchase, prepare, and serve the meal. Please consider participating in one of these ways this month. If you're coming to help prepare, please enter on School Street. You can ring the doorbell and we'll be happy to let your helping hands in!

To find out more about the Night Ministry, you can visit their website [here.](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

On Sunday, September 8, we return to worship at 8:30 and 10:45am, celebrate God's Work Our Hands Sunday with an intergenerational service event during the 9:30-10:30am Education Hour, and celebrate with the Darlington family as Avery is baptized during the 10:45am Worship Service!



Phil and AP enjoy the after worship Coffee Hour. Congrats to AP who became a big brother to Mateo Thomas, born on July 26th. Congrats to parents Heather and Armando too!



A NEW PRAYGROUND AT RLC

In the entrance area to the sanctuary, you'll see where we're trying out a "prayground" area for our littlest ones (and their parents/caregivers) during this summer. Books, crayons, and other items from the worship bags are located in the northwest hallway. We ask that you please stay near or with your children with the open doors, stairs, and sharp edges nearby.



- For **Beth Fulkerson, Rob and Steph Youngman**, and our neighbor **Elizabeth** for weeding and planting.
- For **Padraig McGuire, Rob, and Steph Youngman** for working with Chicago Coalition of Churches to move signs out for the parade.
- For the **Stewardship Team** and the prayers they write for weekly worship.
- For our **coffee hour hosts**
- For the new Prayground.
- For **Bob Goldstein** filling in when Pastor Kelly was on vacation.
- For **Phil Thompson** and his help with staff reviews

BIBLICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GIVING

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

In scripture, we read about 6 characteristics that guide us in our giving. Giving is or should strive to be

- (1) intentional, (2) regular, (3) generous, (4) from First Fruits, (5) proportional, and (6) cheerful.

This month, we focus in on the fifth characteristic: *proportional*. In Mark 12, we hear Jesus sit down by the place where people bring their offering at the temple. A widow comes and puts in two small coins. Jesus turns to his disciples and says, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on" (Mark 12: 43-44).

Those who have more are to give more, but no more generously or faithfully. Those who have less give less, but no less generously or faithfully. A tithe (one tenth or ten percent) is an example of the biblical prescription for proportional giving.

It's what we do as a congregation by tithing our contributions to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod based on the prior year's giving and sending it in monthly. As we slide into the end of summer, we invite you to reflect how you might grow in your proportional giving. Could you increase your financial contribution? Or maybe you could give more of your time or talents in this month or season to come? May God guide us all as we give proportionally to/at RLC and beyond!

- Pr. Kelly



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR COFFEE HOUR HOSTS!

August 4

Opal Katsma & Pastor Kelly

August 11

The Whitlock / DeVooght Family

August 18

Phil and Eloise Thompson

August 25

Kyle Leland and Young Women's Bible Study



SANDWICH MINISTRY

In July, 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 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.

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.



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.

SUMMER CAMP @ PRESCHOOL

Our summer camp program has gone by so quickly and our last day is Thurs Aug 1 with a trip to the South Park Wading Pool in Park Ridge! So much fun! During these last 6 weeks we averaged 20-23 children in attendance as we enjoyed changing to our suits and playing with our water tables and sprinklers in our very own backyard! We also had fun eating lunch together three different times this summer including pizza day, dino nuggets day, and mac n cheese day! We went on three different field trips too (pretty special right?) to Indian Boundary Park in West Rogers Park, the Nature Museum in Lincoln Park (where we also adopted and released two beautiful butterflies), and our trip to South Park Pool.

Many thanks to our staff this summer-Neri, Debbie S., Monica, Maddie, Max and myself! We appreciate all of your hard work and wonderful ideas that led to so much enjoyment! Some of our other highlights included an Art in the Park week, a Dinosaur week, a Butterfly week, a Music (percussion week), and an All About Water week! The children were so excited about our real caterpillars and butterflies and it was fun to make a wish as we released them on Wed July 24. We also give thanks to our visitors for coming in during camp, Padraig McGuire for coming in and playing the organ for our music week and Mr. Quinn and Elizabeth for coming in and playing percussion too! Many thanks also to our families for all of the snack donations and for volunteering on our trips!

Happy rest of summer everyone!
Debbie Mytych, Director





Happy Birthday!

- 1 Jordan Weaver
- 4 Mia Fulkerson
Kellman
- 11 Conrad Ebner
- 14 John Miller
- 15 Briana Barros
- 15 Clare Theole
- 22 Madeline Berhinig
- 23 Tim Bosslet
- 24 Allison Beebe
- 26 Eloise Thompson
- 26 Elizabeth Dirlam
- 30 Delia Hinkley

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

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.*

July 7

Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. As we celebrate Independence Day this year, make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace for all.

- from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

July 14

Father, Bless your children who are immigrating and making a new home in a foreign land today. Give them strength to face the challenges of assimilating to a new society while holding true to their native culture. Allow us as fellow children of God to offer compassion, tolerance, acceptance, and openness to the diversity our new neighbors bring to our lives. Remind us how Jesus reached out to everyone so we may all be included in God’s kingdom.

July 21

Dear Lord, Help us to remember that we all are like farmers. The world in which we live is our field, and our time, talent, and treasure are the seeds we’ve been given. The crops we harvest are the fruits from the seeds we’ve sown or how we’ve invested what we’ve been given. Paul describes hard-working as dedication, commitment, faithfulness, diligence, and a refusal to give up. Would God consider us to be hard-working? Are we being diligent and faithful? Father, thank You for the time, talent, and treasure You have given us. Help us to be dedicated with these resources. Thank You for an abundant harvest!

-excerpted from inspiration.org

July 28

God of Mercy, Our hearts are broken with pain at the senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear, and some in our nation respond by arming themselves with more guns with greater capacity to end life. Our disconnection and alienation has caused some to turn to guns for protection and safety. We ask that you touch our hearts with your love, heal our brokenness, and turn us away from violence and toward peace. Help us transform our hearts and to demand that all in our society are protected and safe.

From Sisters of Mercy

Financials

	June 30, 2019	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	20,022.40	127,872.07	116,252.13
Other Income	5,743.16	35,651.74	35,192.82
Total Income	25,765.56	163,523.81	151,444.95
Total Expenses	24,022.45	156,700.03	163,852.37
Net Income	1,743.11	6,823.78	(12,407.42)



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group will be Saturday, August 10th, 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 August, we have yet to schedule our meeting but will keep all posted! For more information, contact Kyle Leland, leland.kyle@gmail.com.



Some of our 20's & 30's Group headed downtown for a midweek picnic and concert together on July 24th!

AUGUST MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Table Setters	Ushers
August 4 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30 AM	Frank Patrick	Rick Kline	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson	Linda and Bill Chin
August 11 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30 AM	Phil Thompson	Ann Marie Monson	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson, and Houston Furgeson	Eli and Houston Furgeson
August 18 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30 AM	Danie Muriello	Bill Chin	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson, and Allison Beebe	Kyle Leland and Allison Beebe
August 28 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30 AM	Monica Reichert	Viktoria Erhardt	Opal Katsma, Phil and Eloise Thompson, and Megan Hunt	Cheryl Philip 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](#)

August 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Resurrection Lutheran Church Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. June, July, August</p>				1 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	2	3
4 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	5	6	7	8 6:30 p.m. Night Ministry 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	9	10 10:00 a.m. Men's Group
11 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship 11:00 a.m. New to RLC Gathering 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	12 7:00 p.m. Toastmasters	13	14	15 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Team Meeting 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	16	17
18 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	19	20	21	22 **Deadline for September Messenger Submissions 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	23	24
25 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting	26 7:00 p.m. Toastmasters	27 7:00 p.m. Council	28	29 Office Closed 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	30	31



2019-2020 DIRECTORY CALL FOR UPDATES AND PICTURES
 During August, we'll be updating our directory for September/October distribution. If you would like to update or submit your household's picture or have updated address/phone/email information, please send it into the office via email or yellow card by **Sunday, August 25th.**