



The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

The Practice of Belonging

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

We will hear this question asked twice this month. First, as we welcome new members on May 1st, they will be asked to live, hear, share, proclaim, serve, and strive. Then, on May 15th, three confirmands will be asked the same. It comes from the Affirmation of Baptism liturgy in our hymnals. Occasionally, as a whole assembly we are asked this question. It's a hefty charge.

- **Living among God's faithful** people might not be too difficult. It sounds fairly passive. We come to worship, we gather for study and fellowship, we walk about our daily lives encountering God's faithful.
- **Hearing the word of God and sharing the Lord's supper** happens most often in the context of worship and as we read and listen to scripture and to what God is saying through it. This happens as we receive Jesus truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine.
- **Proclaiming the good news of God through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth** may comprise part or the whole of our daily intentions. While sin muddies how we proclaim in word and deed or silence and inaction, we trust in a loving God who empowers us to continually be born anew and equips us to serve and witness in the world.

With their response to these questions this month, we will declare our sisters and brothers as new members (or adult members in the case of the confirmands). While answering in the affirmative, "**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me,**" may register a name onto a membership roll, it does not necessarily translate into a sense of belonging or what a colleague of mine recently reflected call the *practice of belonging*.

I pray fervently for our new members, our confirmands, and for all of us, that our faith practice and participation in the life of the Resurrection congregation may take form as a practice of belonging. It's not something that happens once and for all. It's not something that comes without intention. Sometimes it takes time. Our practice of belonging comes with gathering and engaging in the life of the congregation, and of each other. Belonging comes with getting to know each other and sharing in each other's joys and concerns. Belonging comes with serving our neighbors in need, both near and far. I pray that Resurrection will continue to be a place where you and others might practice belonging, knowing the God who calls us together is a God of love and grace.

See you in worship,

Pastor Kelly

RLC Mission Statement

Resurrection Lutheran Church invites and welcomes all people to hear God's word, share our faith, and celebrate the sacraments.

Through music, liturgy, and fellowship, we embrace diversity, nurture children, advocate justice, and praise God. This is our response to the Gospel.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

All four of our new members live in the neighborhood (or pretty close!). We're thankful they found us through friends or online or through the ministry of Pastor Brian when he served here at RLC. This serves as a good reminder that we never know what our current ministry might lead to in the future!

BETSY BERHINIG works as a District Merchant for Macy's and enjoys spending time with her friends, going to the gym, beach, and on vacation. Betsy is joining RLC along with her sister-in-law Karen.

KAREN BERHINIG works as a Nurse Practitioner at Hines VA Hospital in Maywood and enjoys running and hanging out with family and friends. She and her husband are expecting their first child in August.

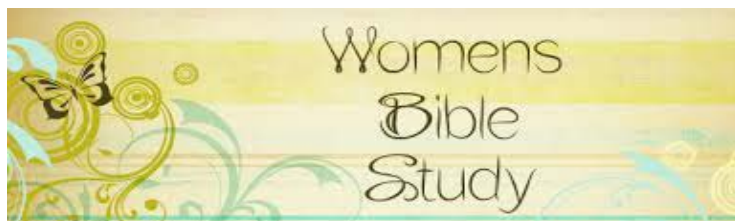
ELIZABETH JOHNSON works at a tax firm as a communications and marketing specialist. Her firm does international tax so she gets the opportunity to travel, one of her favorite things. Her parents live in the Twin Cities and her brother is a student at Loyola.

CHERYL PHILIP works as a manager of donor relations for the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). Cheryl likes making friends with strangers, walks with a cup of coffee and a chatty friend, and traveling with little planning. Cheryl's parents and brother live in Canada and her extended family is all in India.



The RLC men's group meets to encourage fellowship and bible study, usually on the third Saturday of the month. The Men's Group will not be meeting in the month of May, however.

For more information contact Phil Thompson at 312-513-8206 or p_e_thompson@att.net.



Young adult women are invited to study God's Word and enjoy fellowship together each third Thursday of the month.

Join us for Young Women's Bible study on Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. Our host will be Nora Brathol. For details, contact Erin.Strybis@gmail.com.

Financials

	March 31, 2016	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	26,450.78	62,637.75	82,292.00
Other Income	5,738.00	16,910.00	17,181.00
Total Income	32,188.78	79,547.75	99,473.00
Total Expenses	26,714.16	87,691.11	110,940.00
Net Income	5,474.62	(8,143.36)	(11,467.00)

RLC OFFICE

RLC office hours are now
Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The church office **will be closed**
on Monday, May 30.

**MEN'S GROUP COLLECTING
EYEGLASSES DONATIONS**

RLC men's group will be collecting used
eyeglasses during the month of May. The
glasses will be donated to the Lion's Club.

If you have any glasses you no longer use, you
can put them in the box marked 'Eyeglasses' in
the Narthex. Thanks for your help!



1	Peter Kassis
8	Ellen Meents DeCaigny
16	Lily Roberts
21	Contina Harris
22	Cady McKenzie
	Gregor McKenzie
23	Katherine Suttle
24	Oliver Apel
25	Floyd Miller
	Isabelle Dirlam
28	Arianna Apel
29	Kyle Leland
30	Evan Young
31	Jon Suttle

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

CHURCH COUNCIL THANKSGIVINGS*Highlights:*

Preschool is conducting an online survey.

Ministry in Context Students from LSTC will start among
us this coming fall: Kari Olsen & Christephor Gilbert.

Work on a new website continues.

A Financial Audit Committee is being formed to conduct an
internal audit.

We give thanks for...

- ✓ Betsy Shuman-Moore for gathering people to
discuss Social Justice Ministry.
- ✓ Parents and Confirmants for organizing a delicious
pancake breakfast.
- ✓ Frank Patrick for his logistic coordination during
Holy Week.
- ✓ Beth Fulkerson and Opal Katsma for donating and
planting bulbs.
- ✓ Monica Reichert getting a new job at the ELCA.

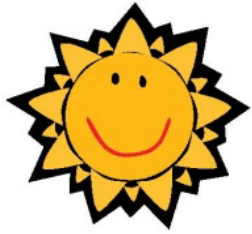
*Other thanksgivings from the RLC Community, giving
thanks for...*

- ✓ All who give so generously to our sandwich
ministry, those who brought in book donations, and
those who helped assemble the Personal Care Kits
for Lutheran World Relief.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS

SUNDAY, MAY 29TH

During the summer, we gather at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
for Worship with Holy Communion.



Resurrection Preschool Summer Camp in the City



June 7-June 30 Session I (4 weeks)

July 5---July 28 Session II (4 weeks)

Resurrection Preschool is pleased to offer a summer camp for children, 3-5 years of age, during the months of June and July, 2016.

Our camp will meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9-12 and will also offer a program for older children on Thursday afternoons from 12-3 pm. Children should be 4 years of age by June 1, 2016 for the Extended Day program on Thursday afternoons.

Children enrolled in the extended day on Thursdays will need to bring a bag or box lunch on most Thursdays. Preschool will also be providing lunch on certain days for all of the children. Please note that we will be going on field trips twice a month.

Families may enroll their child for one or both sessions. Contact Debbie Mytych, Preschool Director, for more information teach773@yahoo.com or (773) 525-0605. Also see the Resurrection webpages for the enrollment form <http://www.rlclakeview.com/assets/root/pdf/Preschool/SummerCamp2016.applic-2.pdf>



Preschool & Toddler End of the Year Picnic!

When: Sunday, May 22

Time: 11-2 pm

Place: Margate Park at 4921 N. Marine Dr. (just west of Lakeshore Dr; just north of Lawrence) Parking is available at the lot at Foster Ave. beach (park there and walk west under the ped-way) and there is a small lot at the Margate Park field house.

Please bring a lunch for your family; dessert, fruit, or cheese to share; chairs or blankets to sit on; and, toys or games for the children!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYERS

These prayers are written by members of our Stewardship Team for use in worship and personal prayer.

April 3, 2016

Easter 2 C

Gracious God, thank you for 'God's work; our hands' as demonstrated by Lutheran World Relief. From earthquakes in Nepal to ongoing civil war in Syria, Lutheran World Relief assists those who have been ripped from family, homes and communities. We also thank you, Lord, for those whose donations will fill the hygiene kits and the hands that will assemble them today which will allow LWR to comfort and assist those whose lives have been uprooted.

April 10, 2016

Easter 3 C

We pray for the more than one thousand people in our community who will attend the annual convention of One Northside this afternoon at Lakeview High School. We are thankful for the devotion of this partner in ministry, as it continues to fervently advocate for racial, social, and economic justice for all in our society. As we at Resurrection spend time together today to consider our action in Justice and Social Ministry, nourish us in body and spirit. Renew us and keep us grounded in the Gospel. May all who convene today, in whatever venue, embrace your command to love one another as you have loved us.

April 17, 2016

Easter 4 C

Dear Lord, we give thanks for the bakers, buyers, and sponsors of our Bread and Wine. Bless all these individuals who help to provide the ingredients for the blessed sacrament of communion. We are grateful for the bounty of the earth which provides the rich resources of fruits, vegetables and grains. Guide the bakers as they prepare with loving hands the bread for communion. May their cooking be seasoned from above with Thy great blessing and Thy grace. We give thanks for those who support and provide the wine. With gratitude we bless all who help to prepare for Holy Communion.

April 24, 2016

Easter 5 C

Loving God, we thank you for servant leaders—pastors, associates in ministry, diaconal ministers, and deaconesses. First Corinthians 7:7b says that "each has a particular gift from God, one having one kind and another, a different kind." Our gifts are meant to be a blessing for others, and servant leaders create a community of trust and sharing. They offer a gift of hope in the midst of our daily struggles. Lord Jesus, help us to remember that you are working through Pr. Kelly and our church members. Remind us to let others see our gifts to build up the mission and ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church. God of amazing grace, help us rest in the goodness of your teaching and find comfort in your guidance.

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship	16 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Team Meeting	17 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	18	19	20	21
22 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY TRINITY 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 ***CHANGE TO SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE*** 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship	30 Office Closed Memorial Day	31				

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Date	Time	Assisting Ministers	Acolyte	Lectors	Table Setters	Ushers
Sunday May 1 6th Sunday of Easter	8:30 AM	Phil Thompson		Eloise Thompson	Katsmas & Thompsons	
	10:45AM	Monica Reichert	Michael Kassis	Tim Reissman	Megan Hunt	Jackie Grinvalds & Jay Strybis
Sunday May 8 7th Sunday of Easter	8:30 AM	Jaey Childers		Dan Muriello	Katsmas & Thompsons	
	10:45 AM	Megan Reissman	Aiyana Thomas	Linda Chin	Tim Reissman	Bill and Linda Chin
Sunday May 15 Pentecost	8:30 AM	Jason Bosse		Viktoria Erhardt	Katsmas & Thompsons	
	10:45 AM	Frank Patrick	Will DeCaigny	Jordan Weaver	Lily Rin-Laures	Stephanie Youngman & Allison Beebe
Sunday May 22 The Holy Trinity	8:30 AM	Dan Muriello		Lauren Meier	Katsmas & Thompsons	
	10:45 AM	Laura Fosler	Christian Youngman	Erin Strybis	Allison Beebe	Houston & Lily Furgeson
Sunday May 29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	8:30 AM	Tom Welch		Kaitlyn McHugh	Katsmas & Thompsons	
	<u>10:00 AM</u>	Frank Patrick	Cady McKenzie	Delia Hinkley	Megan Hunt	Rob Youngman & Alison Edmunds

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 at 773/525-0605.**

CONTACTS

Table Setters: [Megan Hunt](#)Assisting Ministers, Lectors & Acolytes: [Frank Patrick](#)Ushers: [Houston Furgeson](#)