

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Weekly Newsletter

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New way of staying in touch

Welcome to our new REZ NEWS.
A timely weekly reminder of all the great things happening at the
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday,
9:30am - 2:30pm

SERVICE HOURS

Coffee hour - 8:30am,
Service time - 9:30am
Bible Study - 10:45am

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th READING

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ISAIAH 11:1-10 *Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*



PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 *May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)*

ROMANS 15:4-13 *God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

MATTHEW 3:1-12 *Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS IN CHRIST (DECEMBER 8, 2019)

Com. Assistant: Michelle Sowa
Reader: Michelle Sowa
Ushers: Carolyn & Tracey Fabing
Acolyte: Emily Lyon
Altar Guild: Lora Tryon
Altar Flowers: Both bouquets open
December Counters: Taina Collins, Kathleen Domzalski

ALTAR FLOWERS

DEC 22 Both bouquets open

DEC 15 One bouquet from Pastor Mary in remembrance of Bill's birthday.
One bouquet from Dave & Lynn Lyon in honor of their 26th wedding Anniversary

DEC 22 Both bouquets open

DEC 29 Both bouquets open

Sign up for your special date! Check the bulletin board. \$20 per bouquet.

POINSETTIAS: Help decorate our church for Christmas!!
Look for the sign-up sheet to go up soon in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

December 4-10, 2019

Wednesday	9:00a	Preschool
	1:30p	Staff Meeting
	6:30p	Confirmation Class @ Zion
	6:30p	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30p	Hand bells Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00a	Preschool
	9:30a	Sarah Circle
	7:00p	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday	9:00a	Preschool
Saturday	9:30a	PSALM's
Sunday DECEMBER 8, 2019	8:30a	Coffee Hour
	9:30a	Worship
	10:45a	Adult Bible Study
	5:00p	Cub Pack Committee Meeting
Monday	9:00a	Preschool
	1:00p	Social Actions Team Meeting
Tuesday	9:00a	Preschool
	6:00p	Adult Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVE SUNDAY 1st Sunday of each month we help **ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD PANTRY** stock their shelves. Please consider donating **NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**, especially proteins. Leave your generous donation in the corridor and it will be delivered to St. Stephen's Lutheran church once a month. Thank you.

PSALM's will meet **Saturday, Dec, 7th at 9:30** in the conference room. All are welcome to add their prayers, contribute yarn, or offer their time and talent as these shawls are stitched.

SMP GIFT CARDS the monthly dates for SMP orders are: 12/8, 12/15, 1/19, 2/16, 3/15, 4/19. Please see Michelle Sowa for any questions or to order.

4TH SUNDAY FORUMS! Come join us every 4th Sunday of the month to hear about and participate in discussion about the ELCA social statements*

The next forum is Dec 22nd at 10:45a - "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity & Culture"

**Social statements are issued through and by the national church to help and encourage the action of local congregations in matters that we face in life and faith.*

OFFICE RECORDS

Does the Church Office have your current email address and phone number? Please let Leni know if anything has changed! A new Church Management Software has been purchased/donated to our church (Thank you Taina Collins!!!) for the keeping of all congregational data (contact info, spiritual gifts, baptism dates etc). Please help us by completing the Member Information Update form. Each individual family member who is a member of the church should fill out a separate form. Thank you for your help!!!

GIVING

God is already doing powerful, transformative work in and through LCR. And there is still even more that God is calling us to do and be. Please partner with us in financial generosity as we live together into God’s future. You can make a one time gift or set up recurring giving. Visit <https://www.resurrection-oakforest.org/donate> or use this QR code to access our online giving page.



THANK YOU TO ALL who participated in the 30-Day Tithe challenge! Thank you for trusting God to bless you, thank you for the blessings you passed on, and bless God who opens us to growth in faith. We encourage everyone to fill out a commitment card for next year’s tithing. Your commitment cards help us establish and manage our mission budget. Cards can be found on the table by the sanctuary entrance.

30-DAY KINDNESS CHALLENGE – start a kindness revolution! Make someone’s day brighter and make the world a little more joyous as we prepare for the THE WAY in a manger. Jesus’ way is one of peace, grace, love, inclusiveness, and blessing. Join the challenge to be all those things to the people you meet each and every day. Buy a cup of coffee for someone having a bad day...or pay the toll for someone behind you...or help someone load their groceries in their car. You get the idea.

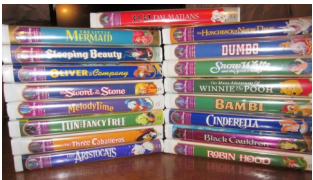
MARK YOUR CALENDARS - UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, December 15th - Blue Christmas Service @ 1:00pm
- Friday, December 20th - Christmas BUNCO & Cookie Exchange @ 6:30p
- Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service @ 11:00pm
- Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day Service @ 10:00am
- Sunday, December 29th - Healing Service

BLUE CHRISTMAS – Sunday, Dec. 15th, 1pm No matter what the reason, what the event, or when it happened, do the Holidays get you down? Consider a Holiday support group here at The Rez. Groups are small and confidential. Meetings will start in December and go until the 2nd week of January. One weekday and one weekend day meetings will be determined by those that sign up. Please sign up by December 1. Jaci Meade, D.Min., counselor/facilitator, chapeljax@gmail.com or call the church office at 708-687-2170 x 0.

OUR PRESCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you have a stack of children’s movies (DVD’s) taking up space in your house? No worries!! Our Preschool is looking for donations of children’s DVD movies. So bag them up and bring them over!! Please see Tania Downen for more information.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alex Baggio	Dec. 7	Connie Shellberg	Dec. 28
Carol Lampe	Dec. 8	Cathy Spiller	Dec. 29
Karlee Knudsen	Dec. 10	Mary Ellen McSherry	Dec. 29
Cathy Kirksey	Dec. 10		
Wally Gerhardt	Dec. 13		
Zachary Thorne	Dec. 19		
Ryan DeGregorio	Dec. 19		
Roy Baggio Jr.	Dec. 20		
Pat Leslie	Dec. 23		
Diana Knudsen	Dec. 27		



PRAYER LIST

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for that is the will of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. – 1 Thess. 5:16-18

ILLNESS:

- Rhiannon
- Wally W.
- Heath F.
- Roseanne (friend of Carolyn Fabing)
- Scott B., (Cathy Bretz)

WELLNESS:

- Ruth M.
- Elsie B.
- Flo G.
- Joan T.
- Karen B.
- Carolyn F.
- Fran H.
- Jean M.
- Pam W.
- Cathy B.
- Pat A., (Joan Tobbe)
- Alice (Joan Tobbe & Pat Leslie)

HEALING:

- Ron T. Jr
- Jim H. (Marietta Sullivan)
- Sheryl H. (Sue DeGregorio)
- Luciana Lima & Fatima Rodriguez (Rob R.)
- Diana B., (Jean Bowser)

GUIDANCE:

- Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
- Pastor Mary
- Karen & Gregory S.
- Hitomi, (Irena S.)
- Jayshre, (Jordan H.)
- Jordan H.
- James H., (Angela H.)
- Salbi B.

IN JOY/THANKSGIVING:

- Chuck & Dawn D., healthy baby boy (Pat L.)

IN MEMORY OF:

- In memory of Glen K., (Pam Wood)

ONGOING ILLNESS:

- Catherine W., (Fran Hofbauer)
- Sue, (Diane Andrasco)
- Zoran D. (Anna Ohren)
- Paul, (Tregoning Family)
- Arthur J., (Lyon Family)
- Chris & John, (Pam Wood)
- Brian B.
- Steven B.
- Patsy (Ohren Family)
- Jan S., (Jean Bowser)
- Eva P., (Ohren Family)
- Suzie T., (Gigi Howard)
- Mary, (Lynn)
- Ralph E. (Mullins Family)
- Jason (Pat L.)
- Richard K., (Bev Kuter)
- Linda, (Harling Family)
- Fred F.
- Rick L.
- Patrick & Alyson (son/daughter of Margaret C.)
- Ed T., (friend of Joan Tobbe)
- Jody K., (Donna & Dennis Flanagan)
- Gary H., (Pam Wood)
- Connor W., (friend of Elsie B.)
- Barb O., (Pam Wood)
- Pat D., (Pam Wood)
- Antoinette, (Cathy Bretz)
- Barb P., (Sue Centner)
- Barbara, (Rich & Connie Shellberg)
- Shirley B., (Elsie Burk)
- Lori (Pam Wood)
- Evan (Cathy Bretz)
- Jason R. (friend of Ruth Millis)
- Kelly (Cathy Bretz)
- Wilma G. (Heath Fredendall)
- Jerry W., (Gigi Howard)
- Rich (Carolyn Fabing)
- Anna M.
- Beverly K.
- Rick S.

PLEASE NOTE: All prayer requests will stay for 30 days before being removed. If you would like to add or remove any names from the prayer list please feel free to fill out a guest card or you can speak with Marietta Sullivan, prayer list (708) 687-5139, or the church office (708-687-2170).