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**“Build, build! Make a road!
Clear the way, remove the rocks from the road my people will travel.”**
Isaiah 57:14

I say the word “stewardship” and people’s eyes glaze over. You read the word “stewardship” and clutch your wallet a little tighter. Financial concerns of the church are often uneasy partners. However, the truth of stewardship is far broader than dollars and cents. Christian stewardship is about living and knowing who we are. Christian stewardship is the way we respond to being God’s people.

We are richly blessed by God. Our life is a gift. As members of a community of faith, we share our life in many and various ways. We give time to the ministry of Resurrection. We share our talents and skills and participate in God’s work. We generously offer a portion of our budget to further God’s mission in our synod, the ELCA and the world. We are richly blessed by God and we thank God in our sharing beyond our walls. This is a truth of Christian faith and living. Stewardship is about blessing and giving and life.

The Stewardship Committee would like to offer the community of Resurrection Lutheran one way to remove the rocks from the road and grow in this amazing blessing of building and giving and life. Beginning October 28th and continuing to Commitment Sunday (November 18, 2018) blessings will be available in the baptismal font. As you leave the sanctuary and head into the mission field, you are invited to take a blessing. The blessings are pieces of paper. On them you will find ways to share with others.

Your blessing may be to introduce yourself to someone you don’t know. It may be to call or visit a shut in or to pray. Your blessing may be special words to think about or a wise quote. The blessing bowl provides each of us opportunity to practice the stewardship of Christian living.

Our prayer is that as you receive these blessings, God works in your life, growing your acts of giving into blessing.

Blessed to be a blessing,

Pastor Jennifer Thul

Electronic Giving Program

If you are not already using our e-Giving program, we invite you to do so. You are in control – Debit/credit cards, online or mobile giving, and text are current options available to you. We even have a card available for you at the usher table for you to put in the offering plate.

This supports the spiritual practice of giving on a regular basis. You don't have to remember an envelope, check blank or even cash. It also supports the mission of RLC with a consistent stream of income. If you'd prefer to fill out a paper enrollment form they will be available on the Information Table. Please call Tracey in the church office (320-363-4232) with any questions or if you need help in getting started.

Volunteers Needed!

Come and help refurbish the RLC Library!

November 7th from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

November 8th & 9th from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

You can help out by:

- Moving bookcases,
- Removing wallpaper & painting walls,
- Donating \$\$ for new furnishings,
- Praying for the workers.



To volunteer or donate, contact
Tracey Birr at 320-363-4232 or
Karen Bobeldyk at 320-363-8775

Experiencing God

Hungry for direction, meaning and purpose? Wanting spiritual depth in a life that feels shallow a lot of the time? Dietrich Bonhoeffer believed that, "Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." Concerned about what he termed "cheap grace," he believed that discipleship is an essential dimension for renewing the church in today's world.

Dimensions of Discipleship is a series for Christians who are serious about deepening their discipleship commitments. The edition we will use has been specially written to help Lutheran Christians (or those who want to learn more about Lutheranism). We will begin with "Experiencing God" and grow from there.

Tuesdays, November 13 and 20 from noon to 1 OR Thursday November 15th and 29th from 6:17-7:17 PM. Pick one day to attend. You can also join us via ZOOM, which is an audio or video conferencing tool.

As always, if you have questions or want more information talk to Pastor Jennie Thul @ (651) 341-7442 (cell) or 320-363-4232 (church)
SJU update from Samantha:

Now that I have been year for over a year, I want to provide the members of RLC with an update on my studies at Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary, as well as what I am currently working on with my Ministerial Residency placement here. This semester I am taking a Field Education course, which requires me to look into the needs of the community at which I serve and come up with a project in which I can investigate, design, implement, and reflect. Due to my own spiritual needs, other SJU courses I am taking, and an ever-more frequent occurrence at RLC, I have decided to undergo a project surrounding the themes of deaths, funerals, and bereavement.

Over the past couple months, I have been speaking with faculty at SJU, reading many pastoral and academic books, speaking with a few contacts in this field, and inquiring into RLC ministries in this topic. My goal for this project (per requirements of my course) is as follows:

Samantha will demonstrate how liturgy is a method of pastoral care through the creation of a bereavement ministry that satisfies the need of an aging congregation at Resurrection Lutheran Church, with an emphasis in the generation of a formal Funeral Policy. This ministry allows Samantha to explore her role as a minister outside of music and address her own personal/spiritual struggles with transitional grief. This learning will be summarized through the leading of a Funeral Planning workshop and the feedback received by the congregation about their desires to adopt a bereavement ministry.

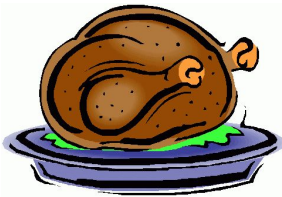
With this goal in mind, I would like to take this newsletter opportunity to reach out and invite members of the RLC congregation to speak with me about what they feel RLC as a whole or themselves individually want in terms of funeral policies, bereavement ministries, widow(er)s groups, healing services, lament worship opportunities, etc. Through email (samantha@rlcstjoe.com) or in person would be great. I want to be sure to implement what I see RLC might need and what members of RLC desire.

Thank you all in advance for your willingness to speak with me and share ideas, whether it be for this particular subject or anything else. As a student, being able to have first-hand experience working with such a lovely congregation has already taught me so much. Thank you again and I look forward to more dialogue and growth!



RLC Community Meal

Consider Donating Your Coborn's Turkeys to RLC for Community Christmas Meal



Our Community Christmas Meal is Saturday, December 15th, won't you consider donating your More Rewards turkey to RLC?

Coborn's is offering a free turkey when you reach 600 Turkey Points in their More Rewards program. Qualifying purchases will automatically be counted towards a free turkey on all purchases from October 7 to November 22, 2018. A notification will appear on your receipt when a turkey has been earned. Donate this free turkey to help offset the costs of our Community Christmas meal. If you are not a More Rewards member, sign up at the guest kiosk on your next visit to Coborn's, or sign up online. (Cash Wise is not included in this turkey promotion).

Once you have earned your turkey, you will pick it up at the meat counter and bring it to RLC.

Jeanie Wilkens would like to share her new address with everyone. She'll be all moved into her new place in November.

Jeanie Wilkens
401 4th Ave S, Apt 235
St. Joseph, MN 56374



FARE FOR ALL

Fare for All – November 12, 3:30 – 5:30 pm Watch for further advertising as the date gets closer. There are no income limits for this program. If you eat, Fare for All is for you!

Song Leader Needed in January 2019

Do you like to sing? We are looking for a volunteer to lead the residents of Arlington Place in their monthly Sing-Along. Songbooks and piano player provided. Activity takes approximately one hour, and usually occurs on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Training provided. For more information, contact Lisa @ (320)363-1056 or lwallyn@gmail.com

Adult Education

November 4th, 2018 -- Adult Education topic:

Resurrection member Joan Thralow will lead a discussion on dementia.

Check your weekly bulletins for our regular Sunday Adult Education presentations, discussions and videos; including congregation members speaking on selected topics. We'll include discussions about faith and developmental stage authors including Helen Palmer, Carol Gilligan, Lawrence Kohlberg, James Fowler and others.

RLC Worship Styles

Maybe you've noticed that worship at Resurrection has changed slightly. The services on Sundays and Wednesdays are each gaining an individual identity. But even so, they are still true to our Lutheran roots with Word, music and sacraments!

On Sundays, the 8:30 worship service is more traditional in nature, using a variety of service settings from the ELW hymnal and follows the Revised Common Lectionary which contains four readings: an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, an Epistle (New Testament letter) and Gospel. All of these readings connect to a common theme for each Sunday and follow a three-year rotational cycle.

The 10:30 service is more contemporary and is led by a Worship Team. This service follows the Narrative Lectionary (NL) cycle which contains one longer reading and follows a four-year rotational cycle. On the Sundays from September through May each year the readings follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture, which enriches preaching and the life of faith.



We are always looking for musical talent to serve in these teams, contact Samantha at samantha@rlcstjoe.com if you are interested in sharing your gifts!

There is also a worship option on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. This interactive, 45-minute service changes with the season of the church year. Currently, the service is walking through The Greatest Story: an introduction to the Bible. Starting in December, the service will begin worshipping with the beloved **Holden Evening Prayer**.

Holy Communion is celebrated at each service at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Worship and Music Announcements

All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 4) –

The Children's Choir will be leading music for the 8:30 worship service.

Come join them in song!

This service is also when we remember the Saints whom have gone before us and are presently among us. You are invited to write the name of a saint on the blue banner outside the sanctuary.



Please attend the Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30 and stay for some delicious harvest themed desserts.

The Advent season is upon us shortly. To best celebrate this season of waiting and longing, the beloved service of Holden Evening Prayer will begin on Wednesday, November 28th at 6:30.



The Children's Christmas Program will take place during the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Sunday, December 16th. All members of the congregation are invited to share their gifts to help prepare the children to share this glorious story. Let Samantha know if you would like to help with the preparations.

Samantha and the Adult Choir are putting together a **Christmas Eve Prelude Concert**, to begin 30 or so minutes before the Christmas Eve services on Monday, December 24th at 3:00 and 5:00pm. More performers are wanted! Instrumental or vocal solos, duets, trios, or large groups are acceptable. Please talk with Samantha about reserving your spot in the concert! Accompanists are available if music is provided in advance. Samantha can also help pick out music if needed. Start thinking about your Christmas music now.



Sunday School



The kids are taking a dive into the Nile River for their Bible story study of Baby Moses throughout the month of November. Be sure to take home one of the colored pamphlets containing activities for outside of church. Also check out the table in the Fellowship Hall containing books and coloring sheets about the monthly story!

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WINTER IS COMING!

Please consider donating your slightly used/new winter clothing. Especially needed this year are socks, hats, mittens and coats. There will be a collection bin in the narthex throughout the month of November and December. Donations will be divided among various organizations: People’s Church Bemidji, Hands Across the World and the St. Joe Community, etc. Spreading the warmth to those in need is greatly appreciated.



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RLC Discussion Group

For our next meeting on November 6th @ 9:30 am., we will be discussing Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, by David Grann. If you have any questions, contact Ellen Chovan at ellenchovan@aol.com or (320) 217-8705. All are welcome to join in!



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9	Tyler	Minks
11/1		
9	Lance	Mueffelmann
11/2		
0	Aurora	Voigt
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1	Gavin	Klisch
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1	Rachel	Thralow
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2	Sandy	Elsenpeter
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2	Nick	Nielsen
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3	Gabriel	Borgen
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3	Bruce	Bushkofsky
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3	Michael	Nesland

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4	Derek	Thompson
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5	Emily	Boysen
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5	Jennifer	Keen
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5	Julie	Schmotzer
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9	Brad	Savola
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0	Malea	Beeler
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0	Kristen	Spiczka

November Birthdays

11/02	Jody	Knopp
11/03	Mark	Johnson
11/03	Kristin	Mason
11/03	Maria	Robinson
11/03	Margaret	Rockhold
11/03	Tanner	Tomasek
11/04	Dan	Keehr
11/04	Addison	Klisch
11/07	Christopher	Rhode
11/08	Therese	Emmerich
11/08	Franklyn	Haynes
11/09	Anna	Scheel
11/10	Blake	Holbrook
11/10	Nate	Lyon

11/11 Kaydince Dehn
 11/12 Scott Birr
 11/12 Joyce Hasch
 11/12 Jeff Haselhorst
 11/13 Ethan Welle
 11/14 Larry Rahn
 11/16 Jonathon Thralow
 11/17 Susan Nolan
 11/19 Susan Heidal-Schiltz

General Budget Information

Previous Month Giving	Previous Month Budget	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget
\$16,528	\$20,846	\$162,565	\$187,618
Building / Mortgage		Information	
Previous Month Building Giving	Mortgage Payment	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget
\$3,319	\$3,566	\$27,789	\$32,094



NOVEMBER | 17 | 10AM - 3PM



Resurrection Lutheran Church
 610 County Rd 2 North | St. Joseph, MN 56374

SAVE THE DATE! It's time again for our annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, and we need your help!

1. Get the word out! Tell all your friends! Share on FaceBook! Grab some flyers and ask to post them at work or businesses you go to!
 2. Make some special treats for our Bake Sale Table!
 3. Grab your gift list and come shopping! Stay for lunch!
3. Help out! We need lots of volunteers to make this happen! Watch the E-News and weekly bulletins for more updates.



10-12th Grade Youth Ministry Kick-off!

We at Resurrection are so excited to start up a youth ministry for our 10-12 grade students! Every week we are going to meet on **Wednesday nights at 7:20-8:30** to take a break from our crazy weeks and to learn more about the God who has our lives already in His hands.

We firmly believe that God is a part of our everyday lives so we are going to dive into how can we understand and use His word to strengthen us in our everyday lives!

This group is open up to any students in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade (including friends)!



Serve Fun – November 4th

To kick off the program we are going to have an event called Serve Fun! **After the 10:30 service we are going to have some lunch, head out for a service project, then finish our trip off with some bowling!**

If you have any questions contact
Anna Scheel

annacscheel@rlcstjoe.com (651)-955-1368

PERCENTAGE GIVING CHART

A challenge for all members of this congregation is to increase giving through our congregation by 1% of your weekly income, and to consider similar growth at least annually, moving toward and beyond a tithe (10%).

Worksheet

Individual or household weekly income: \$ _____

Current weekly giving: \$ _____

Use the chart below to find the percentage closest to your current giving: _____%

Consider growing by at least 1% to new percentage of: _____%

My new weekly giving amount from the chart below: \$ _____

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Giving							
		15%	12%	10%	8%	7%	5%	3%	1%
5,200	100	15.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	7.00	5.00	3.00	1.00
6,500	125	18.75	15.00	12.50	10.00	8.75	6.25	3.75	1.25
7,800	150	22.50	18.00	15.00	12.00	10.50	7.50	4.50	1.50
9,100	175	26.25	21.00	17.50	14.00	12.25	8.75	5.25	1.75
10,400	200	30.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	14.00	10.00	6.00	2.00
11,700	225	33.75	27.00	22.50	18.00	15.75	11.25	6.75	2.25
13,000	250	37.50	30.00	25.00	20.00	17.50	12.50	7.50	2.50
14,300	275	41.25	33.00	27.50	22.00	19.25	13.75	8.25	2.75
15,600	300	45.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	21.00	15.00	9.00	3.00
18,200	350	52.50	42.00	35.00	28.00	24.50	17.50	10.50	3.50
20,800	400	60.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	28.00	20.00	12.00	4.00
23,400	450	67.50	54.00	45.00	36.00	31.50	22.50	13.50	4.50
26,000	500	75.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	35.00	25.00	15.00	5.00
28,600	550	82.50	66.00	55.00	44.00	38.50	27.50	16.50	5.50
31,200	600	90.00	72.00	60.00	48.00	42.00	30.00	18.00	6.00
36,400	700	105.00	84.00	70.00	56.00	49.00	35.00	21.00	7.00
41,600	800	120.00	96.00	80.00	64.00	56.00	40.00	24.00	8.00
46,800	900	135.00	108.00	90.00	72.00	63.00	45.00	27.00	9.00
52,000	1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	70.00	50.00	30.00	10.00
65,000	1,250	187.50	150.00	125.00	100.00	87.50	62.50	37.50	12.50
78,000	1,500	225.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	105.00	75.00	45.00	15.00
91,000	1,750	262.50	210.00	175.00	140.00	122.50	87.50	52.50	17.50
104,000	2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	160.00	140.00	100.00	60.00	20.00

HOUSEHOLD GIVING STEP CHART

- Find the step that matches your current weekly giving.
- Prayerfully consider increasing your giving by one step.

What percentage of income do you give?

$$\frac{\text{Weekly giving}}{\text{Weekly income}} = \text{Percentage of giving}$$

(.10 = 10%)



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**November Newsletter
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Sunday
8:30 am &

WoW!
worship:

worship:
10:30 am

Wednesday
6:30 pm

Wednesday meal: 5:30 pm

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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