

# RLC Genesis

## April 2024 Newsletter



### Just a Note...

Well, here we are...in this post-Easter Sunday season. The alleluias have been proclaimed; the Easter hymns have been sung; the egg hunts are over; the ham, mashed potatoes, and deviled eggs have been prepared and eaten; and the company has come and gone. Now what? That's probably the very question the disciples were asking one another after the crucifixion of Jesus and after the discovery of the empty tomb. Now what?

As the disciples soon learned, gathering behind walls and closed doors wasn't the answer. Jesus reminded them that NOW is when the work of the church begins anew. While Easter Day may have come and gone, the

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message of Easter is never over. Rather, it's meant to be lived and proclaimed. "Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" THAT is the good news that we are commissioned to carry out into the world through both word and action. Because he lives, we carry light to a weary world. Because he lives, we have hope in the midst of grief. Because he lives, we can face each new day knowing that, come what may, the future is secure. What wondrous love is this! Alleluia!

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Sarah

## New Member Sunday



A New Member Sunday is planned for Sunday, April 14! If you or someone you know is interested in joining RLC, please reach out to Pastor Sarah ([pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com](mailto:pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com)).

Thank you!

## A BIG thank you!!

A huge thank you to each of our Lenten speakers who shared a portion of their faith journey with us this season:

Feb. 14 - Steve Streng  
Feb. 21 - Joan Thralow  
Feb. 28 - Gene Boysen  
Mar. 6 - Gina Anderson  
Mar. 13 - Jane Ford  
Mar. 20 - Brett Lund

THANK  
YOU!

You all did an incredible job, and we heard some very inspiring messages! For anyone who missed out, check out the recordings on YouTube!

Thank you as well to all who provided food for our soup suppers, to those who served as confirmation mentors, and to all who provided music and other assistance for our midweek services. You are appreciated!



# First Communion Class: Baking Bread Together





## RLC's First Communion Class of 2024

On Maundy Thursday (March 28), the following kiddos received their first communion:

- Halle Birr
- Iolla Curtis
- Mallana Curtis
- Natalie Huston
- Samuel Huston
- Jack Milford Kirby

This crew attended First Communion class on March 17 and learned the importance of celebrating communion with one another and of hearing those words...this is the body and blood of our Lord and Savior given for YOU. What an incredible gift that is and a powerful reminder that we are claimed, loved, and forgiven thanks to the amazing love of our God.



Thank you to Kathy Haselhorst for baking communion bread with our class. The kids enjoyed a little "hands-on" fun and were excited to take samples home to enjoy!

Congratulations on celebrating this faith milestone Halle, Iolla, Mallana, Natalie, Samuel, and Jack!

## Temporary Office Hours Continue

Our current office hours are as follows:

Closed on Mondays  
Tues & Wed: 9am – 2pm  
Thurs: 9am – noon  
Closed on Fridays



Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we work to fill our Office Manager position!

## New Confirmation/Youth Communication Tool

Attention Parents of students in grades 7-12! For Youth announcements and events, we will begin using a new tool called "Band" to make communication faster and easier! You may be familiar with this platform from school activities - we have a group specifically for RLC Youth & Family, where you can easily view schedules, reminders, send messages to other members, and share photos of events! Please use this link to create your profile and share with your students so they can also sign up on their devices!

<https://band.us/n/afaf065bP4baZ>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Amy Krohn, RLC Youth & Family Coordinator ([youthandfamily@rlcstjoe.com](mailto:youthandfamily@rlcstjoe.com)).

## Church Camp 2024!

Is your child or family looking for a little camp fun this summer? Check out camp opportunities at Green Lake Bible Camp near Spicer or Luther Crest Bible Camp near Alexandria!



Scholarships are available through RLC to help cover the cost of Summer Bible Camp for kids in kindergarten through grade 12. Please email [rlc@rlcstjoe.com](mailto:rlc@rlcstjoe.com) with your child's name, age and what camp they plan to attend for more information.

## March Madness Food Shelf Challenge

Thank you to all who participated in the March FoodShare Campaign this year! Our "Hoops Against Hunger" March Madness appeal was a huge success! For those interested in knowing the winners from each week's matchup, here is a quick summary: Week 1: Peanut Butter, Week 2: Canned Veggies, Week 3: Mayo, Week 4: Canned Tuna, Week 5 is looking like a win for Pancake Mix, but you still have until Sunday, April 7, to bring in donations!





## Graduate Sunday Coming Soon!!

On Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate our high school seniors during our time of worship. Families of soon-to-be-graduates... please watch your emails in the coming week for more information and for a form to complete and return to the church office.



\*If you have a high school senior and do not receive an email by mid-April, please reach out to the church office or email Pastor Sarah ([pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com](mailto:pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com)) so we can ensure your child is included in the celebration!

### End-of-year News!

Attention Families!  
Mark your calendars for the following end-of-year celebrations:



Sunday School:

- May 5 - Last day of Sunday School, with an end-of-year celebration!

Confirmation:

- May 1 - Confirmation class end-of-year service project at Kids Fighting Hunger in Sauk Rapids (more details to come)
- May 8 - Confirmation student celebration during normal class time

More information will be sent out as the time gets closer!

## Annual Garage Sale



As you start your spring cleaning please remember the annual Resurrection Garage Sale. We are accepting clean and gently used items now. Items can be placed either in the basement or the shed. If you have any questions, please talk with Angela Haynes or Susan Curtis. Please note we are unable to accept mattresses, underwear, and outdated electronics (computers, printers, monitors).

The proceeds of the sale will benefit the ministries of the Outreach Committee and various music programs at Resurrection.

## Serving on Sunday!

The Outreach Committee has become involved with a new ministry and on Sundays after the church service will be making, delivering, and serving meals at the Lincoln Center, a homeless shelter in east St. Cloud. If you would like to help or would like more information stop in the kitchen on Sunday!



## Bible Study!



Join us for morning Bible study either in-person (Fireside Room at the church) or via Zoom on Thursdays at 9am! Together we look at and discuss the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. Come and share, or just come and listen. We'd love to have you join!



## Worship & Music

Thank you to all those who helped the choir with the Palm Sunday breakfast. And a bigger thank you for all the generous donations!

We also thank everyone who shared the beautiful flowers, even if many weren't blossoming yet. Thanks to Carolyn Finley for taking care of orders, cards, etc. If you haven't picked up your plant, feel free to do so or leave them as long as they are looking good.

We are very grateful for those who cleaned the sanctuary and made it look so beautiful for our Easter celebration. Very special kudos to those who offered special music for the services and served in the many other capacities that make things flow. Both services were special and beautiful!

~ Carol Olson, Worship & Music Coordinator

## Fare for All & Shoe Bus! April 8 from 3:30pm - 5:30pm



This month features a Special Duel Event, with the Shoe Bus joining Fare For All! Help spread the word!

Fare For All offers savings that are much less than retail prices. The program has no income requirements and is open to everyone who is looking to save money on their grocery dollar. There are no forms to complete, and cash, credit, debit and EBT cards are all accepted.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## April Birthdays

Hannah	Erickson	04/02
Jayda	Larson	04/02
Jacob	Boulton	04/03
Ridell	Curtis	04/03
Sheryl	Good	04/03
Jessica	Akkerman	04/05
Amelia	Curtis	04/05
Lori	Linn	04/05
Madison	Goebel	04/07
Ruby	Krueger	04/08
Hailey	Schwegel	04/10
Greg	Seelen	04/12
Linda	Larson	04/13
Sandi	Andreasen	04/16
Lovona	Bengtson	04/23
Holly	Blenker	04/24
Shelbi	Keehr	04/24
Aidan	Schiltz	04/24
Jacob	Frame	04/30
Shelly	Rahn	04/30

*For birthday corrections or additions, please reach out to the church office so our records can be updated. Thank you!*

## Council Highlights - March

- Amy Krohn, new Youth & family coordinator, began end of February.
- First Communion for 6 kiddos on Maundy Thursday.
- Sunday, April 14 will be New Member Sunday.
- Sunday, April 14 is the Council Retreat from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Synod Assembly is June 7 and 8, 2024. RLC needs two delegates to attend. See Pastor Sarah if interested.

