

RLC Genesis

August Newsletter



Just a Note...

Have you ever found yourself in the midst of a growing “to-do” list, where you dabble a little here and there, trying to check things off, but the list never quite goes away? Or, just when you’re checking a few things off the list, you find yourself adding 10 more things that you forgot to put on there in the first place? If you’re anything like me, there’s usually one or two things that just sort of linger...either because you know they’re going to take a long time, or you don’t quite know how to accomplish them, or you simply don’t feel like taking on those particular tasks anytime soon. I’ve sometimes thought to myself, “If God could create the world in a matter of a week, there’s no reason I shouldn’t be able to make it through this to-do list by the end of the month.” Ah, but June came and went...and now so did July. (continued next page)

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The truth of the matter is, while it's possible the world was created in a week, God wasn't "done" with the world...not by a long shot. God's STILL not done with creation. This world is still on God's never-ending to-do list because God continually chooses to be an active presence in and among us, moving and working through us...guiding us...molding us...blessing us. Psalm 121 captures this steadfast and active presence with these words:

"He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep."

God is on-call and is continually at work...for us. God is working in our world to break down the walls and barriers that divide us and to build up the kingdom of God. God is working in our hearts to shake any cobwebs and break down negativity and to build up joy and love for neighbor. God is working in our church to build community and to inspire witness and discipleship. God is working... not on checking things off the list, but on establishing an ongoing and meaningful relationship with all of creation. What an amazing gift that is to each of us!

As the summer continues to fly by, may we add "worship God" to the top of our to-do lists so that wherever we are and wherever we go, we are ever reminded of the importance of spending time with our Creator.

Blessings,
Pastor Sarah

Save the Dates!

As you hold on to the final weeks of summer, here's a sneak peak of the fun in store for Fall! Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to join us for some fun and fellowship!

Sunday, September 10 – YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS...

9am worship with Holy Communion...

Rally Sunday and "God's Work Our Hands" Kickoff

- Blessing of the backpacks
- Milestone Bibles
- Special Children's Message – "Building up God's Kingdom"
- Congregational service projects for "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday

10:15am Rally Sunday Festivities

- Fun, games, and plans in store for our kiddos ages 3 – 6th grade
- "Committee Fair" for the adults – learn about more ways to serve and grow together at RLC!

Wednesday, September 13 – Parent/Student Orientation Night for Confirmation (grades 7-9)

Wednesday, September 20 – First day of confirmation class (grades 7-9)



“God's Work. Our Hands” Sunday!

Mark your calendars and join us for worship and service on **Sunday, September 10...** Not only will we have a ton of fun with Rally Sunday, but it's also “God's Work. Our Hands” Sunday! This is an annual day of service for congregations across the ELCA in which we celebrate our freedom in Christ to serve and love our neighbors. We will begin by gathering in the sanctuary for an abbreviated **worship service at 9am**, and then we will work together on various service projects to help build up God's Kingdom! More to come on all that.

Special t-shirts are available for order and cost \$10 each. The shirts will have Resurrection's name customized on the back. **If you are interested in ordering a shirt to wear that day, your order and payment would need to be to the church office no later than Wednesday, August 16, to ensure the order arrives in time.** (Although purchase of a special t-shirt is not required to participate that day!) More details about the service projects (AND Rally Sunday festivities) will be provided in the weeks to come!





Join us on Sunday, August 20, at 9am for our next Worship Without Walls service! Invite your neighbors and friends, bring your camp chairs or lawn chairs if you have them (chairs will also be available), and let's worship together in RLC's backyard! If the weather does not permit, we will plan to hold the service in the sanctuary as usual. See you there!

God's Work Our Hands Free Back-to-School Yard Sale

On God's Work Our Hands Sunday September 10th, we would like to hold a free Back-to-School Yard Sale. The sale will be open to members of the church as well as the community. We are looking for donations of gently used or new children to youth size clothing, new school supplies and snacks. As you are out buying new school supplies and going through clothes and finding stuff your kids have out grown remember the free sale. Donations can be left in the narthex at church. As good stewards of this earth we remember the importance of reusing and sharing our gifts!!



RLC Needs You!

It goes without saying that the effectiveness of any church's ministry depends upon its volunteers. RLC is blessed to have such faithful volunteers who serve in countless ways. Thank you! We are always looking for more hands, more ideas, and more opportunities to get to know one another and to reach out further into the community. It takes all of us working together to make ministry happen.

As we gear up for fall, prayerfully consider joining one of the congregation's committees! New faces are always welcome, and the time commitment is relatively minimal. For more information, please see the list of committees and their council representatives below. Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

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Could YOU be our next Treasurer?



Do you have a finance background and a willingness to put your talents to use for a great cause? RLC could use your help! If you're willing to learn the ropes or hear more about what our Treasurer position entails, please reach out to Rich Haselhorst or Pastor Sarah for more information.

Bible Study in-person or Zoom!

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. It's a great group with good conversation, and there's no participation pressure. Come and share, or just come and listen. We'd love to have you join! To receive a copy of the Zoom link, please reach out to the church office.



Fare for All – August 7



FARE FOR ALL
Food that makes cents

Fare For All sells packages of fresh produce and frozen meat with no quantity limit. With prices ranging from \$11 to \$35 per package, 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.

RLC Office Hours Update

Mondays	9:00am to 3:00pm
Tuesdays	9:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesdays	9:00am to 3:00pm
Thursdays	9:00am to Noon
Fridays	Closed

Thank you!

This is Bailey from the Office.

Thank you to all who covered for me while I was out on maternity leave. I am so grateful to work in a place with such grace and kindness. We were so blessed by everything from the time off to the prayers for Baby Finn!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! ❤️

from Bailey Bussmann in the office.

P.S. Baby Finn is doing great!



Budget Snapshot – June

Actual						
Actual Giving	Actual Expenses	YTD Actual Giving	YTD Actual Expenses	June mortgage payment	June building fund giving:	Mortgage Principal Balance
\$11,651.51	\$18,840.75	\$129,898.50	\$113,837.01	\$3,566.00	\$1,188.50	\$507,983.69
Budgeted						
Budget Giving	Budget Expenses	YTD Budget Giving	Year to Date Budget Expenses			Balance in Building Fund
\$21,649.75	\$21,649.75	\$129,898.50	\$129,898.50			\$12,455.75

Lost/Missing Adding Machines

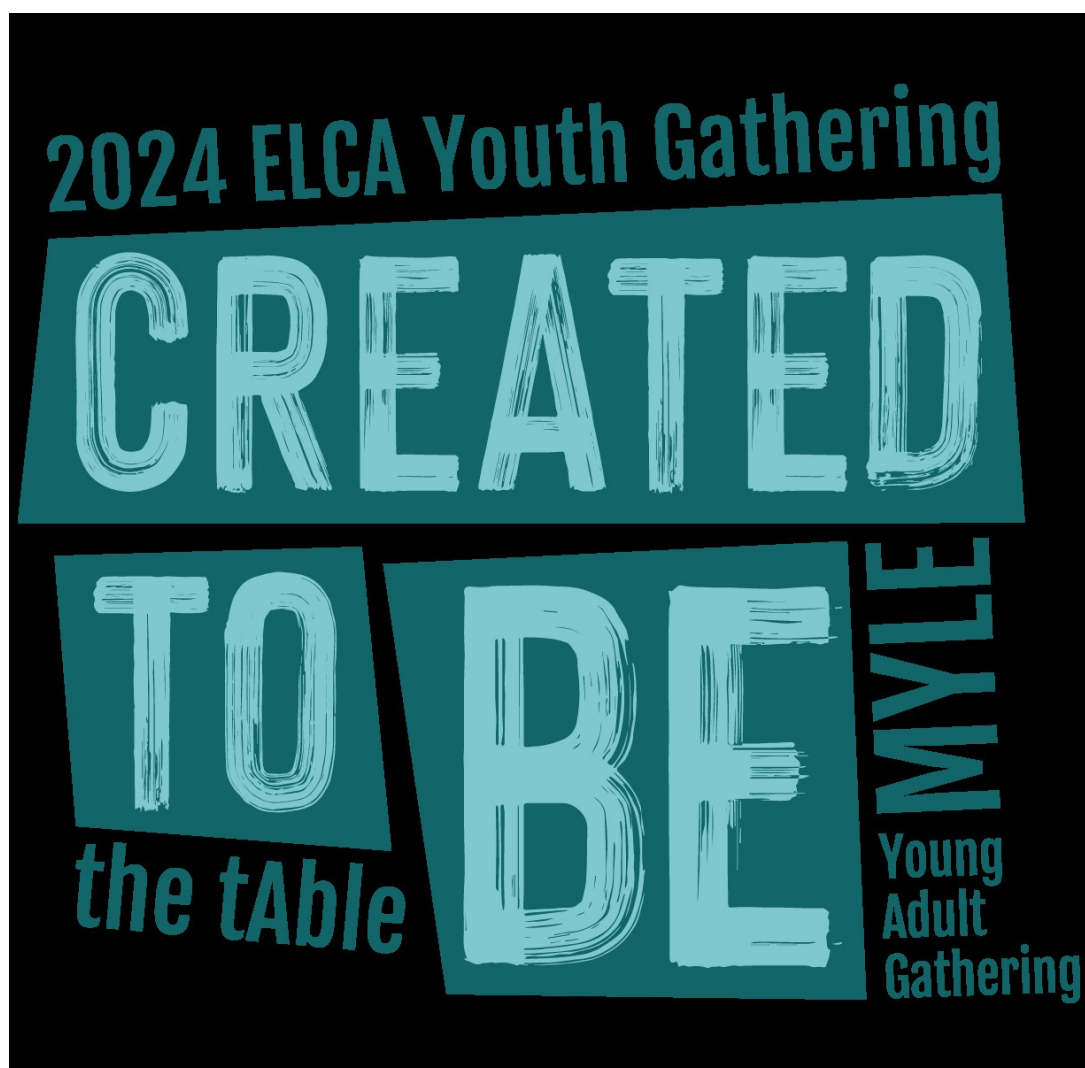
If anyone happened to borrow a couple of adding machines from the church, we are on the hunt for them. Please reach out to the church office if you know of their whereabouts. Thank you!



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Created to be! That is the theme of the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, which will be held July 16–20. Youth participants must be in 8th – 12th grade at the time of registration (this fall). Participating in this event provides your child with opportunities to worship, serve, and grow their faith with other youth from across the country. It's an amazing and unforgettable experience!

If your child is interested, if you would like to be an adult leader/chaperone, or if you would like to learn more about this event, Please reach out to Pastor Sarah (pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com). Otherwise, stay tuned... an informational meeting will be scheduled in September.





August Birthdays

Jim Birr 08/01
Rachel Kuebelbeck 08/02
Mari Larson 08/02
Clare McCarty 08/03
Bailey Smith 08/03
Emmalynn Zierden 08/03
Austin Maile 08/04
Kaileigh Schmidt 08/04
Lori Schneider 08/05
Connie Dullinger 08/06
Sandy Spiczka 08/06
Renee Swenson 08/06
Mary Carlson 08/07
Olivia Kompelien 08/08
Tom Krueger 08/08
Katie Good 08/10
Grace Henkelman 08/10
Lyle Elsenpeter 08/12
Kathy Parsons 08/13
Parker Schulz 08/14
Mary Tomasek 08/14
Lisa Dehn 08/17
Maci Linn 08/18
Scott Andreasen 08/21
Lavonne Bushkofsky 08/22
Wesley Nesland 08/24
Barbara Peck 08/24
Lydia Anderson 08/25
Cody Buchheit 08/25
Marilyn Krzenski 08/25
Tracey Birr 08/27
Megan Birr 08/28
Carol Krueger 08/28
Halle Birr 08/29
Ethan Revier 08/29
Kari Durham 08/30
Abigail Barrow 08/31
Paul Wirth 08/31

Council Highlights - July

- We are having a cabinet built to house the OBS (livestream) computer and equipment.
- Our grand piano needed replacing and one has been donated in memory of Ed Turley. We are grateful for the generous donation.
- Rally Sunday and God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be on September 10. Plan to join us for the kick off to Sunday School and fun service projects. Our theme will be "Building God's Kingdom".

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