

RLC Genesis

August 2024 Newsletter



Just a Note...

As we begin this last month of summer, we start thinking more about final trips to the cabin and end-of-season vacations, back to school shopping, and of course the Olympic games! It's always interesting to watch at least portions of the opening ceremony for the Olympics, not necessarily because of the frills and fanfare that's often associated with it, but because of the sense of comradery it brings among athletes and countries alike. What a privilege it must be for those who are selected to help carry the torch, flame burning brightly, as it makes its way through the streets, on its way to ultimately light up the large cauldron that signifies the opening of the games. It's powerful for those who watch as well as for those who carry and then pass the light on to other runners.

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If we think about it in that way, the torch is somewhat symbolic of our lives of faith. We too are torchbearers, carrying and shining the light of Christ brightly as we go out into the world and make our way through streets and neighborhoods. We pass the light of Christ on to others as we encounter them on the road, sharing with them the joy and love of Christ through our words and actions. It's powerful for those who watch as well as for all of us who bear the light and pass it along. It's an important job...there's a lot of comradery...and what a privilege it is to carry the light!

As the summer keeps marching along, remember that the light of Christ burns brightly within YOU. Carry the light, pass it along, and shine for all to see!

Blessings,
Pastor Sarah



Native American Service - August 18



Join us on Sunday, August 18th, as we worship together using a service that incorporates hymns and liturgy based on Native American culture. The service will hopefully enlighten our spiritual perspective of our Indigenous neighbors and encourage a greater awareness and understanding to build future relationships. May it also deepen our spiritual understanding of our relationship with our Creator God, the earth that is God's creation, and God's Son, our Brother, Jesus.

2024 Bike. Build. Home 500

Gene Boysen once again participated in the annual Bike.Build.Home 500 ride to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. The event is a 5-day, 500 kilometer bike ride.

Check out his photos and comments below.

Way to go, Gene!



Day 2 of Bike Build Home 500
81 miles today with some beautiful views and climbs.
At least the views were beautiful. These are some of the strongest cyclists I know. They were nice enough to push me along and occasionally wait for me to catch up. All for a great cause Habitat for Humanity



Day 3 on Bike.Build.Home 500
Bike Ride
Root River Trail ride 87 miles today.
Great riding partners

Riding for Habitat (continued)



Day 4 of
Bike. Build. Home
107 miles with about
4000 ft. of elevation gain.
Beautiful views from
high up on the ridges.
Tough climbs.
Great descents.
Great company.
Hot day.
Glad to be back!

Save the Date!

Rally Sunday, September 8

Rally Sunday – September 8, 2024

As we celebrate the last weeks of summer, let's look forward to fun, fellowship and growth with this Fall's Christian Education opportunities at Resurrection for members of all ages.

On Sunday, September 8th we will kick off with a Blessing of the Backpacks during the 9:00 am service. Whether it is your first year of preschool or last year of college, bring your backpack to the service for a special blessing and backpack tag. Then join us for a special fellowship time after the service filled with fun, food, activities and conversations with the focus of growing in our faith. See you there!!!



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Sunday, September 15

Join us after the abbreviated service on Sunday, September 15th for some fun and fulfilling "God's Work Our Hands" service projects! We are still in the process of firming up specifics and will post more when we know exact details. Some ideas we are currently working on are crafts at Arlington Place for the Sunday School children, cleaning up and restoring the rain garden, cooking and freezing meals for the Lincoln Center, helping at the St. Joseph Food Shelf, and cleaning up the roadside and ditch.

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!

Fare for All Aug. 12th from 3:30pm - 5:30pm



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.

Grief Group - August 6th and 27th

Grief group continues to meet during the summer months. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 6th, at 10am in the Fireside Room. We are currently reading through and discussing the book series "Good Grief" by Granger Westberg, and the partner devotional book by Brent Christianson.



Resurrection is a caring congregation faithfully praying for those in need. A new program called Befriender Ministry would extend the care we provide to those in need within our congregation beyond prayer through visits, phone calls, rides, resources, and/or meals. Members of the congregation who wish to participate will receive training and education that will allow them to confidently provide in-home visits to those homebound, provide rides to medical appointments, and prepare meals (taking into consideration any dietary restrictions).

If you would like to learn more, or if you would be interested in any of these services or know of someone at RLC who might be interested, please contact Deb Robinson at deacdebrobison@gmail.com.

Worship Without Walls

Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 9am

Bring a camp or lawn chair, and join us as we worship God in the beauty of our backyard (weather permitting).
Folding chairs will be available if needed.

VBS Thank You!

A huge thank you to Rachel Kuebelbeck for her work in coordinating our community Vacation Bible School event again this year and to all the volunteers who came together to help with teaching, music, crafts, and everything inbetween to make it happen. This wouldn't be possible without your hard work and dedication to the kiddos in our community. Thank you so much for your commitment to making it such a memorable experience for them!

Flat Jesus



You are invited to color and cut out flat Jesus and take him with you on your summer adventures to the lake, playground, family get togethers, camping trips, or fun in the backyard. Take pictures with flat Jesus and email them to rlc@rlcstjoe.com and we will post them in the Friday Reflections . You can also pick up a copy of Jesus at church.



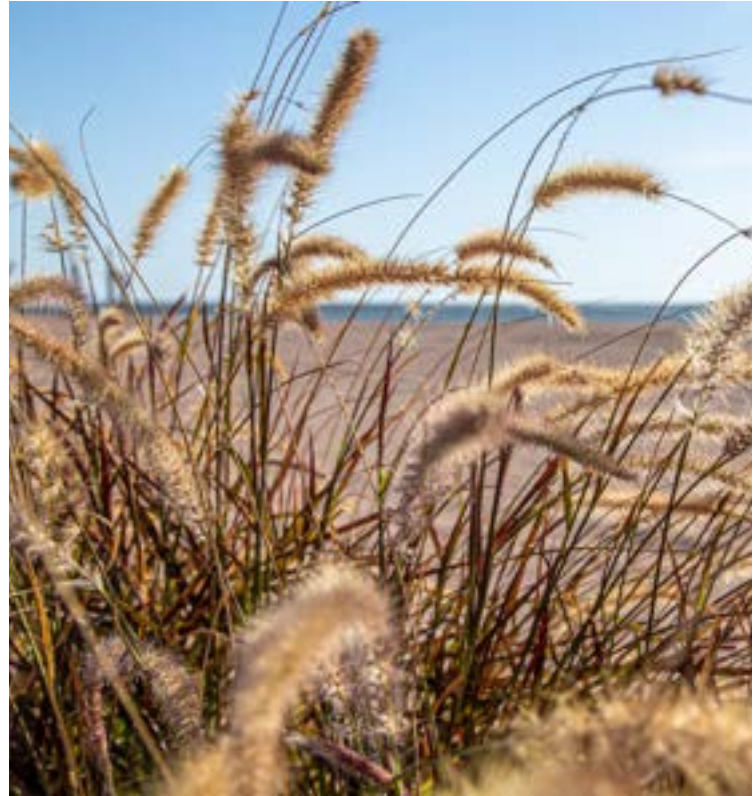
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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
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	Durheim	08/30
Abigail	Barrow	08/31
Paul	Wirth	08/31

Council Highlights

- No council meeting in July
- Next meeting: August 21



OFFICE HOURS

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

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