

# RLC Genesis

## January 2024 Newsletter



### Mark your calendars! Annual Meeting Jan. 28

RLC's Annual Meeting will be held in the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, Jan 28. If you have further nominations for any of these positions (see ballot), please reach out to the church office or to a member of the Nominating Committee (Connie Dullinger, Rich Haselhorst, John Anderson, or Ridell Curtis) no later than end of day on Sunday, Jan. 21. A big "thank you" to outgoing council members Susan Curtis, Lori Schneider, and Cary Pogatchnik for the time and voice they brought to the team throughout their terms!

**BALLOT**  
**Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
**January 28, 2024**

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

<i>New Nominee(s)</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Area of Responsibility</i>
____ Angela Haynes	3-year term (2024-26)	Outreach
____ Marlys Eikmeier	3-year term (2024-26)	Christian Education
____ _____	2-year term (2024-25)	Finance

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

<i>New Nominee(s)</i>	<i>Term</i>
____ Joe Bernstetter	3-year term (2024-26)

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

<i>New Nominee(s)</i>	<i>Term</i>
____ Susan Schiltz	3-year term (2024-26)

\*The Nominating Committee will accept further nominations to the positions from the congregation.

\*Nominations must be for a particular position and are specific to that position.

\*Any person nominated should have been contacted and agreed to serve.

*The nominations will close at midnight the Sunday prior to the annual meeting.*

## Just a Note...

We are now well into the season of Epiphany, a time when we are invited to come and see the goodness of God through the life of Jesus, the one who was born into this world of pain and despair for the sake of each one of us.

Mark tells us that the heavens were torn apart with the baptism of Jesus, and then off he was sent, into the wilderness before beginning his ministry and calling his first disciples. Oh, the uncertainty that must have existed back then! But, Jesus was ready for what lay ahead, equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit. And as for the disciples, well they had no idea what was in store when they answered the call, "Follow me". And yet, they willingly cast aside their previous life, knowing there was something extraordinary about the one inviting them. Today, Jesus gives us that same invitation, "Follow me," and in the world of uncertainty that has been swirling around us for quite some time, that invitation might feel rather comforting. While this invitation to follow is not free of hardship, it is an invitation to some really amazing company along the journey...that of our Lord and Savior, the Light of the World. And that is what makes all the difference.

In this season of Epiphany, we are reminded of the Light of Christ that shines within each of us, the light that continues to give us strength and hope, the light that we can also share with those around us. I've witnessed the Light of Christ active in so many ways at our church recently...

- through Outreach efforts for the Food Shelf and People's Church.
- through the challenge offered by the Kabe's to reduce our mortgage debt and the ways in which you all stepped up to the challenge.
- through all who volunteer of their time and talent in so many ways to make "church" happen.

That's just to name a few things! The people of RLC really do step up and shine their lights in some very creative and inspiring ways.

In this season of Epiphany, think about the ah-ha moments you have witnessed...those moments that you have seen God active in the world and in the people around you. God is at work and on the move in our lives, revealed to us in so many ways.

As we journey through the rest of Epiphany and approach the season of Lent, may we all find strength and comfort in the One who invites us to follow...the One who shines within us and walks beside us always.

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Sarah



## Treasurer Transition

This new year brings with it a changing of the Treasurer. A HUGE thank you to Rich Haselhorst for giving of his time and talents in this volunteer role for the past few years. Rich has done an amazing job and has a ton of knowledge that he will continue to share during this transition time. (And he continues to be involved in the ministry of RLC in countless other ways!) That brings us to another HUGE thank you...to Tami Seelen for volunteering to learn the ropes and take on this role! Tami brings her finance knowledge and background to the table and will no doubt be a great fit for the role. Thank you both for sharing your gifts with our congregation!



## Temporary Office Hours



Please note: For the remainder of January (until a new Office Manager is in place), our office hours will be as follows:

Closed on Mondays  
Tues & Wed: 9am – 3pm  
Thurs: 9am – noon  
Closed on Fridays

Thank you for your understanding as we work through this time of transition. We are currently conducting interviews and hope to have someone hired soon!



## Upcoming Lenten Season

We are about a month away from Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Lenten season, which means the start of midweek Lenten services and soup suppers! Soup is served beginning at 5:30pm, and all services begin at 6:30pm. (No soup supper on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.) Please see the service dates below:



Ash Wednesday Service: February 14  
(with ashes and holy communion)

Midweek Lenten Services:

February 21

February 28

March 6

March 13

March 20 – final soup supper

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28  
(celebrating First Communion)

Good Friday Service: March 29

If you are willing to provide soup, crackers, or bread for one of the Wednesday evening soup suppers, a sign-up sheet will be passed around during our Sunday worship services, and a Signup Genius link will be emailed with Friday Reflections. Thank you in advance for your help!

## Confirmation Mentors Needed

Your help is needed! The start of soup suppers means the start of confirmation student-mentor meetings! Mentors meet with their student during the soup suppers to read a scripture passage together and talk through discussion questions. If you are willing to serve as a confirmation mentor for 1, 2, or 3 years (or if you would like more info), please reach out to Pastor Sarah. Thank you in advance for making a difference in the lives of our young people!



## Christmas Program

Our Sunday School kiddos did an amazing job sharing the Christmas story with us during our worship service on December 17! Thank you to all those who helped in any way, especially Rachel Kuebelbeck for directing, Kathy Wirth for playing piano, and Ridell Curtis for organizing the stage set-up. And...thank you to the kids for their hard work and participation!



## Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who helped make our worship space so festive for the holidays, especially Deb Sabrowsky and Stacy Kirby for their work in decorating the tree in the sanctuary and setting up the beautiful nativity display in the narthex; Steve Streng for getting the window inserts in the sanctuary, and also Jane Ford for leading a children's message series throughout the Advent season! And thank you to those who donated poinsettias for the sanctuary and/or wreaths for the entryway and exterior of the building. You helped make the season bright at RLC!

## Having Trouble Hearing in the Sanctuary?

If you have had issues hearing spoken voices in the sanctuary, please let us know! David Krzenski, our volunteer sound technician, has been working hard to improve the microphone sound quality for those with hearing aids and has several solutions that just may do the trick. Please reach out to the church office, or stop by the OBS desk after worship on Sundays, and David would be happy to assist!



## Note of Thanks from Worship & Music Committee



A big thank you to all who helped to make our Advent and Christmas season so beautiful and such a joy. I will not mention names lest I forget someone, but the folks who offered special music, the choir, cantors, pianists, readers, decorators, OBS operators, and, of course, Pastor Sarah are greatly appreciated.

We will have a Sunday of your favorite hymns one/two Sundays before Lent.

~Pastor Carol



## Ministry Opportunity



While it is relatively infrequent, RLC members occasionally reach out to the church office in need of a ride to get to and from a procedure for which they are unable to drive themselves. As a church family, we want to be able to provide support when possible. If you would be willing to be on a contact list to serve as an occasional driver, please reach out to the church office to let us know. Thank you!

## 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. Come and share, or just come and listen. We'd love to have you join!



## Fare for All February 5, 2024 @ 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.



## Jan. Birthdays

Wyatt	Lee	01/01
Kameron	Peck	01/01
Iolla	Curtis	01/02
Mallana	Curtis	01/02
Ryan	Marwitz	01/02
Cindy	Klocker	01/03
Mallory	Schneider	01/03
Zoey	Larson	01/04
Xander	Patton	01/08
Jill	Abbott	01/09
Joan	Thralow	01/09
Andrew	Bernstetter	01/15
Kristin	Schmidt	01/18
Lydia	Zierden	01/18
Chad	Birk	01/19
Bailey	Boulton	01/19
Sydney	Birk	01/20
Brianna	Marwitz	01/20
Todd	Barrow	01/21
Theodore	Peterson	01/21
Cheryl	Hodges-Savola	01/22
Landon	Petron	01/22
Brynlee	Ritter	01/23
Anna	Bernstetter	01/24
Matthew	Rennecke	01/24
Patrice	Dosch	01/26
Kaj	Durheim	01/26
Lisa	Wallin	01/27
Jodi	Nesland	01/28
Monica	Pogatchnik	01/28
Ivy	Baggenstoss	01/30

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