

RLC Genesis

May 2024 Newsletter



Just a Note...

This time of year always feels like it's filled with so much anticipation as we round the corner of spring and gear up for the summer months! On Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate our graduates as well as Pentecost Sunday, the day the Spirit was sent to live among and within us as an advocate and friend. How appropriate to hear that part of scripture now, when many prepare to travel over the summer months, when our students are wrapping up their school year and will have changes in routines, when our graduates are preparing for the next chapter of their lives... There's really no better time than now to hear again the good news that the Holy Spirit dwells within and around each of us and goes along for the journey, wherever life takes us.

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In our Gospel reading for the first Sunday of May, Jesus tells his disciples, "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last..." (John 15:16) Those words are important for each of us to hear...YOU have been chosen by God and have been appointed to go and bear good fruit...whether in the community, at the cabin, on vacation, in your home, or here at church. You are one of God's own, and you've got the Holy Spirit as your guide and constant companion. What an amazing gift!

The month of May is packed with events and fun at RLC. Check out the details in this newsletter, and join in as we see how the Spirit continues to move in and through our lives and this congregation.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Sarah

Welcome New Members



On Sunday, April 14, we welcomed Mike Dagel and Brad Lakeberg to RLC. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves and welcome them, as together we grow in faith and discipleship here at RLC!

Pastor Sarah at Continuing Education

Pastor Sarah will be gone for continuing education from May 12th through the 17th. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time please leave a message with the church office by phone (320)363-4232 or email, rlc@rlcstjoe.com.

"Sunday Funday" – May 5



Graduate Sunday – May 19!

On Sunday, May 19, we will be celebrating our high school seniors during our worship service! Please join us as we wish them well in their future endeavors and have a special time of fellowship in their honor.



*If you have a high school senior and have not yet completed the informational sheet, please return it to Pastor Sarah this week (pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com) so we can ensure your child is included in the celebration.



Let's Fill the Sanctuary with a sea of red!

On Sunday, May 19th, we will celebrate Pentecost. Everyone is encouraged to wear red.

RLC Cleaning Day

Sunday May 19th at 11:00



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

Please join us for a Spring Clean-up Day at the church on Sunday, May 19, at 11am! Our custodian does an amazing job of keeping our facility clean on a day-to-day basis, but this day will allow us to help dig in with some of the deeper cleaning (windows, kitchen area, etc.). Many hands makes lighter work, and help of all ages is appreciated!

A light lunch will be provided.

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).

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 with your child's name, age and what camp they plan to attend for more information.

St. Joseph Foodshelf

As school ends, so do school lunches for children. This month we are going to focus on filling the shelves at the food shelf with lunch items. Help us fill the church grocery cart with items such as soups, canned spaghetti, ravioli, beef stew, 100% juices, crackers, cookies, canned fruit, mac & cheese, etc. Look for the lunch box where you can place monetary donations that the food shelf can use to purchase perishable items such as cheese, lunch meats, bread, fresh fruit and milk. You can also purchase Coborn's scrip to donate.

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 8 - Confirmation student celebration during normal class time (6:30-7:30pm)

A Big THANK YOU!

Sunday, May 5, marks the last day of Sunday School until Fall. A big note of thanks to all of our volunteers who helped out in the classroom, at the Christmas program,



or with music this past year. Please know how much we appreciate the dedication you show to the kiddos of RLC!

Additionally, a huge thank you to Lori Schneider who helped fill a great need during the months we did not have a Youth & Family Coordinator (and to Amy Krohn for stepping into that role this past February!). Thank you for giving of your time and talents!



Mother's Day

**CELEBRATE MOM
WITH FLOWERS.**

THE OUTREACH
COMMITTEE IS TAKING
ORDERS FOR 1, 3 OR 5
STEM BOUQUETS OF
CARNATIONS. ORDERS
FORMS ARE ON THE
WELCOME TABLE IN THE
NARTHEX. WE WILL BE
ACCEPTING DONATED
ORDERS FOR FLOWERS
TO BE DELIVERED TO
ANNA MARIES.

Fare for All May 6th 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.

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 Without Walls – May 30 (weather permitting)



Our first Worship without Walls service will be held on Sunday, May 30, weather permitting! Bring a camp or lawn chair if you can, and join us as we worship God in the beauty of our backyard (or parking lot...stay tuned for the exact location). We will also have folding chairs available if needed!

Confirmation Class at Kids Fighting Hunger



On May 1, our confirmation class participated in a service project night at Kids Fighting Hunger in Sauk Rapids. Together they packaged a total of 4,752 meals (22 boxes) that will be sent to those in need. Way to go, TEAM!!



RLC at Joetown

Resurrection will again be helping out at a food booth at Joetown Rocks on Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024.

We are looking for volunteers to work a shift from 5:00pm to 8:00pm or 8:00pm to 11:00pm.

You and another person could even split one shift into two 1 1/2 hours shifts if wanted.

We will be bringing stools so people can sit and take a break whenever needed.

We all wear aprons with the church logo on them so everyone knows who we are.

Everyone who works gets a free Joetown Rocks t-shirt.

This is a great opportunity for Resurrection to get out into the community and be seen.

A sign up sheet will be on the interest table in the Narthex if you are interested.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays

Willow	Blenker	05/03
Adam	Ahrndt	05/05
Michael	Curtis	05/06
Taylor	Goebel	05/06
Bailey	Schulz	05/08
Marie	Andreasen	05/10
Sam	Andreasen	05/10
Calvin	Olson	05/12
Sophia	Voigt	05/12
Maurice	Durheim	05/13
Wyatt	Goebel	05/15
Dale	Hasch	05/15
Rene'	Krueger	05/15
Laurie	Rudnicki	05/19
Brock	Ahrndt	05/21
Brielle	Ritter	05/21
Jane	Ford	05/22
Noah	Ford	05/22
Mark	Beeler	05/24
Ella	Henkelman	05/24
Mike	Jagielski	05/24
Connie	Roberts	05/24
Melanie	Thompson	05/24
Courtney	Birr	05/26
Thomas	Dosch	05/26
Serena	Andreasen	05/27
Hudson	Huls	05/28
Stephanie	Schwegel	05/29
Daphne	Voigt	05/29
Anika	Schneider	05/31

Council Highlights - April

- The council had its retreat Sunday, April 14th, 2024, which was a success.
- We worked on reviewing three areas of the Constitution
- The next Council Meeting will be held Monday, May 20th, 2024.



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

OFFICE HOURS

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