

# RLC Genesis

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## Nov 2024 Newsletter



### Just a Note...

The month of November is upon us, which means several things from a congregational standpoint. For one, the first Sunday of this month we intentionally remember the saints in our lives, particularly those who have gone before us to their heavenly home, by lighting candles and displaying their names throughout the sanctuary. For another, it's our traditional "stewardship month," in which we ask members to prayerfully consider the ways in which they can devote of their time, talents, and offerings in the year to come. And finally, it's a month in which we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, where many of us hold the tradition of reflecting upon what we are most thankful for in our lives.

In a way, all three of these topics are connected to one another. Take, for starters, the celebration of saints... By definition, saints are those made holy by Christ. Therefore, saints are not only those who have died, but also those who are living and serving alongside one another in this world. (In other words, all of you!) When you think about it from that perspective, this is a month to celebrate and remember our ministry and life together in Christ, which leads to our topic of stewardship...

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Stewardship and pledges are not simply about bottom lines, setting budgets, paying utility bills, or filling volunteer spots each week. Those things are certainly important; however, even more important is considering the topic of stewardship within the context of ministry.

Stewardship is all about the current and potential ministry of this congregation and the ways in which we can be a source of support and strength for one another and for the community of which we are a part. From worship to fellowship to education to outreach to so much more... When it comes down to it, that's what you are asked to invest in each year...the ministry of RLC. Time, talent, and resources are all ways to make that ministry happen.

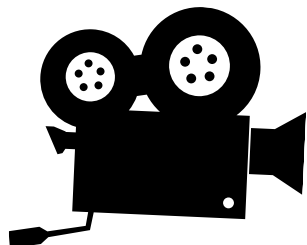
We are saints, working together to bring the gospel's message of love and hope to a world in need. It's a big job. It's an important job. It's a job that sometimes feels overwhelmingly impossible. Yet together with God's help, we can and do make a difference in the lives of those around us.



Saints...stewardship...and now thankfulness. As we enter the month of November, please know how thankful I am for each of you, the saints serving alongside one another in the trenches of life. I'm thankful for the ways you support the life of this congregation and for the ways you show up to support one another. Thank you for being a part of this ministry and for the opportunity to serve alongside you. Know that your participation and the gifts you have to offer here at RLC can and do make a difference.



All that said, I have a fun little project that requires some help from all of you. I'd like you to think about the following questions, and then email a brief video clip to me at [pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com](mailto:pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com) with your response to one or both questions (20 seconds or less):



- What is it about RLC's ministry that YOU most appreciate? (Phrased differently, what part of our ministry feeds your soul and keeps you coming back?)
- As we look to the future, what ministry opportunities would you be excited to participate in or learn more about?

Video responses need to be to my inbox by Monday, November 11, and results from this little project will be shared with you during worship on Nov. 17. Adults and kids alike can do this! If you don't have the capability to record or aren't comfortable doing so, let me know and we can find a way to make it happen!

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Sarah

## All Saints Sunday – November 3



This Sunday, November 3, we celebrate All Saints Sunday. A special candle-lighting remembrance will be held during worship for the saints of RLC who have gone to their eternal home this past year: Frank Holy and Judy Ruegemer. The congregation will be invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones, and names of beloved saints who have gone before us will be displayed in the sanctuary and on the "All Saints" banner. (You may still fill out a tag and place it on the banner before worship that morning.) Join us for worship!

## Celebrate Generosity

Generosity...it's about the noise! Have you ever felt uplifted, even joyful during noisy offering? What is that presence that is so hard to describe? It's noisy, even chaotic as small coins find a way to the bottom of the container, yet the children are actually very quiet. If you notice, they are intently focused and purposeful as they give so freely of the gifts that have been shared with them. It is with ease that they release their gifts to their community of Resurrection Lutheran Church, and they not only invite but TEACH their congregation how to unite in hope for the future.



NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH ~ Prayerfully consider your commitment through pledging your participation and resources for next year, 2025. Pledge cards will be mailed out the week of November 3rd and we ask they be returned via mail or dropped off at church on or before Sunday November 24th. In addition, third quarter giving statements went out this week with a dedicated note regarding your building fund pledges for those that pledged to our building fund campaign to help pay off the mortgage. If you have any questions please reach out to a member of the stewardship committee; Marcia Johnson, Nancy Streng or Sara Borgen.

## Blessings of the Quilts



### Blessings of the Quilts and Quilt Sale

On Sunday, Nov. 10th and Wednesday Nov.13th the quilts the Resurrection Quilters have made this past year will be in church for the annual Blessing of the Quilts. After the service the quilts will be for sale from Nov. 10th through the 24th. Each quilt will have a tag with the suggested price on it. ALL THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE WILL GO TO THE BUILDING FUND. If you purchase a quilt, the quilters would love to get a picture of you and the quilt. They record where each quilt goes. After the sale all remaining quilts will be donated to the charitable organizations that the quilts usually go to.

## Faith Feeds Holiday Outreach



### Faith Feeds Holiday Meal

The Outreach team is delighted to partner with Faith Feeds and their meal program that shares God's Word and a healthy holiday meal for anyone who wants one. Faith Feeds is planning to serve 2,500 meals this Thanksgiving, and Resurrection gets to help! Volunteers are needed for meal prep at RLC on Monday, Nov. 25th (shifts from 8:00am to 8:00pm), Tuesday Nov. 26th (shifts from 8:00am to 4:00pm), meal pickup & delivery shifts on Wednesday, November 27. Volunteers are asked to fill out an online form found on their website [faithfeedsmn.org/volunteerdonate](http://faithfeedsmn.org/volunteerdonate).

## New Member Sunday: Coming Soon!



Are you or someone you know interested in joining RLC? We will be holding a New Member Sunday in the not-so-distant future. Please talk with Pastor Sarah or reach out to the church office to let us know!

## Wednesday Night (WOW) Schedule for November

As a reminder, there will be no WOW meal, worship, or Christian Ed. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, (and no Christian Ed on Sunday, Dec. 1) because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy time with your families!



## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Week Service at RLC

Please join us for an ecumenical Thanksgiving week worship service on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 6:30pm! The service will be hosted here at RLC, and we will be joined by our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Catholic Church of St. Joseph.



A time of fellowship will follow our time of worship. If you are willing to provide an apple or pumpkin pie and/or cool whip, please let Pastor Sarah know or reach out to the church office.



## Serving On Sundays

Hot, nutritious meal for the Lincoln Center  
Did you know that every Sunday the Outreach team cooks and delivers a meal to the homeless at The Lincoln Center?

**Did you know you can be a part of that?**

**Anyone can make a meal to share with the folks at the Lincoln Center!!!**

Just pick a Sunday you would like to provide a meal and let Angela Haynes, Susan or Alana Curtis know. Meals do need to be prepared at Resurrection or any commercial kitchen. Meals can be made during the week and either frozen or refrigerated at Resurrection. The Outreach team will heat it up and deliver it to the Lincoln Center on Sunday. We do try and make our meals protein and veggie forward!

**What a great way for individuals or families to give back!!**

**Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me food**

## WARM WINTER WEAR

October is here and with that comes cooler temps so it's time to start thinking about warm clothing and our brothers and sisters who don't have any.

The Outreach committee is going to start collecting Warm Winter Wear for youth and adults in need.

District 742 is always in need of kids coats, snow pants, boots, hats and waterproof gloves or mittens.

The Lincoln Center said they never have enough extremely warm gloves and hats as well as coats, snow pants and boots for adults.

As you are going through your winter wear or are out shopping for your family, please remember those who have none. Gently used or new items can be brought to church and placed in the Warm Winter Wear receptacle in the Narthex.

Thank you!!!



## Congratulations to our 2024 Confirmands!



Landon Petron, Andrew D’Incau, Mark Beeler, Anika Schneider, Samantha Krueger, Jayda Larson, and Izzy Meyers  
(Jack Tesch not pictured)

## RLC Christmas Program Info!

The children will present their Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 15,, at 9am in the sanctuary. All children from Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to participate. The rehearsals will be during the Christian Education class times on Sundays and Wednesdays.

### Rehearsals:

- Sunday, December 1 & 8 from 10:15–11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 4 & 11 from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.



You are welcome to come to any (or all) practices. There will be a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 14, time to be announced later.

Please mark your calendars and encourage your young person(s) to be a part of the Christmas program!



## Stay Up-to-Date with Education!

### ATTENTION RLC FAMILIES:

Sign up for the "REMIND" app to receive weather-related cancelation notices or other important reminders throughout the education year!



### Send a text to 81010...

- Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, text this message: @3684cdd
- Confirmation, text this message: @f34f67

## Annual Craft Fair

**Saturday, November 23, 2024**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

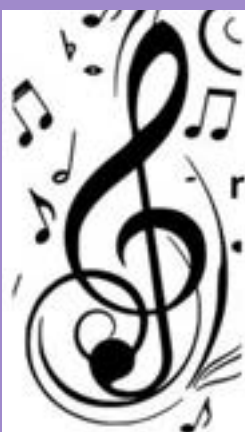
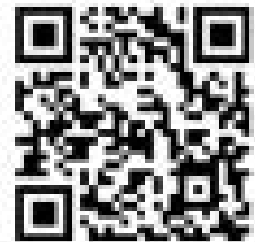
**Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
**610 Cty Rd 2 North, St. Joseph, MN**



- **Support over 20 local crafters & vendors!**
- **Light lunch, coffee & sweets available for purchase while you shop!**
- **Live Music!**
- **Youth Bake Sale!**
- **Free Entry & Prize Drawings!**

**Some vendors are cash only.**  
**No ATM on site.**

*Check out our Event Page on Facebook!*



**Calling ALL who like to sing!**  
**All talent levels welcome. The only requirement is you like to lift your voice to the Lord.**

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for choir practice.**

## Grief Group

Grief group meets on Tuesday mornings, twice a month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 3, 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.

## Fare for All -November 4th 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.

**Holiday Turkey Pack will be available at Nov. distribution!**

## 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!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elleanor	Curtis	11/01
Jody	Knopp	11/02
Adam	Tate	11/02
Shirley	Zoellick	11/02
Tanner	Tomasek	11/03
Dan	Keehr	11/04
Sophia	Burnos	11/06
Therese	Emmerich	11/08
John	Frame	11/08
Franklyn	Haynes	11/08
Cade	Smallbrock	11/08
Anna	Scheel	11/09
Nate	Lyon	11/10
Kaydince	Dehn	11/11
Scott	Birr	11/12
Joe	Bokelman	11/12
Joyce	Hasch	11/12
Stacy	Kirby	11/13
Ethan	Welle	11/13
Larry	Rahn	11/14
Andrew	Peck	11/16
Nora	Frame	11/18
Susan	Heidal-Schiltz	11/19
Lance	Mueffelman	11/19
Aurora	Voigt	11/20
Gabriel	Borgen	11/23
Michael	Nesland	11/23
Derek	Thompson	11/24
Parker	Rudnicki	11/26
Brad	Savola	11/29
Malea	Beeler	11/30

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

## Council Highlights

- Nov. is Stewardship month. Time, Talent, Resources.
- Be a Council member!!
- RLC will be partnering with Faith Feeds to make 2500 Holiday meals.
- Annual craft fair & youth bake sale is Sat. Nov. 23rd.
- Next council meeting: Thursday, Nov. 21st @ 6:30 pm

## Worship/Education Times

### Sunday Mornings

**9:00am** Worship

**10:00am** Fellowship

**10:15 - 11:00am** Education Time  
(Pre-K through 6th Grade)

### Wednesday Evenings

**5:30 - 6:00pm** Meal/Fellowship

**6:00 - 6:30pm** Worship on Wed (WOW)

**6:30 - 7:15pm** Education Time (Pre-K through Confirmation)

*\*Our Wednesday night lineup follows the school year calendar*



Mon – Wed: 9am – 2pm  
Thurs: 9am – noon  
Closed on Fridays