

Resurrection Lutheran Church



Called together by God's Love

We **Welcome** Joyfully

Grow Faithfully

and **Serve** Gratefully

in Jesus' Name

Inside this issue...

- Page 1 Mission Statement
Summer & Fall Worship Schedule
- Page 2 Pastor Dwaine's Column
- Page 3 Pastor Linda's Column
Busy Mom's Group
Yarnovers
- Page 4 Early Morning Bible Reading Group
Bible Study - The Books of Titus & Philemon
Bible Reading Group
Evening Book Club
- Page 5 School Supply Collection
Meal Ministry
St. Joseph Community Food Shelf
We're Going Green
- Page 6 Christian Education News
2011-2012 Christian Education Registration
Acolyne Instruction Meeting
Christian Education Teachers Needed
Financial Stewardship
- Page 7 Resurrection Staff and Council info
August Birthdays
- Inserts Building Needs Task Force Update
Resurrection's August Calendar
TWIGG News
Youth & Family News

Sunday Morning Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship

9:30-10:00 a.m. Fellowship

WoW! Schedule

(Worship on Wednesday)

Summer Worship

6:30 p.m. Worship

Ice Cream Treats to Follow Worship

Sunday Morning Fall Worship Schedule

(Begins September 11)

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Christian Education

9:45 a.m.

WoW! Worship (Begins September 14)

WoW! Meal - 5:30 p.m.

Christian Education - 5:45 p.m.

WoW! Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Dwaine's Column

In July, I was part of our congregation's Mission Trip Team that travelled to serve with the community of The People's Church in Bemidji. Some of you may know that we have had a partnership with The People's Church for several years now. The People's Church is an ELCA Lutheran Mission Congregation that serves a multi-racial community, with a large emphasis on the needs of Native Americans. Resurrection provides \$1,200 in annual funding for this mission and also receives special gifts at other times of the year to support the work of The People's Church.

For the past two years, a Mission Trip Team from Resurrection has spent a week among The People's Church, partnering with them in a variety of work. We have led Vacation Bible School, served community meals, worked on maintenance and repair projects, and scraped and painted buildings. As I mentioned, I was part of the team this year for the first two days, when our main task was scraping and painting a house. The People's Church has several houses that are used for transitional housing – often by people who are coming out of prison and working their way back into the community.

By the end of the second day, my muscles were telling me I hadn't done that kind of work or spent that much time on a ladder in a long time. But even with the sore muscles, I was glad to be there. I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the members of our team better. I also was happy for the chance to have conversations with some of those who are part of The People's Church.

As I have reflected on my time with the Mission Team, as limited as it was, I've been thinking about three realities. The first is simply a recognition of how much need is present in our world. Bemidji isn't very far from the front door of my home, yet until I was present in that community there was no way I could notice all the challenges that are present there. But I suspect I don't have to go as far as Bemidji. There is need in Avon, St. Joseph and St. Cloud as well. I hope I can do a better job of seeing it.

Secondly, I'm glad for places like The People's Church and the opportunity Resurrection has to be partners with them. I hope to return with another Mission Trip Team in the future. I hope that you will consider being part of a future team as well – or perhaps supporting our partnership in other ways.

Finally, in the face of all the challenges I saw at The People's Church, to say nothing of all of the other challenges in our community and world – it's hard not to feel overwhelmed. With all of those needs, can one week or one person really make a difference? But I find encouragement in a story told by anthropologist, Loren Eiseley. Maybe you've heard it: A young man walking on the beach one day, came across an older man who'd throwing starfish into the sea. He watches for a while as the man throws starfish after starfish into the ocean before asking him what he's doing. The older man says that the starfish are stranded, and if they don't get back into the water before noon, they'll dry out and die. The young man looks up and down the beach, seeing thousands and thousands of starfish, and asks the other man what difference he can possibly make. With that, the man picks up one more, hurls it into the ocean and says, "To the ones I throw back into the sea, it's all the difference in the world."

That story reminds me that God doesn't expect me to do everything or respond to every need, but simply to do what I can. That's enough. And for those I have an opportunity to love and serve – the things I do and the things you do – may indeed make all the difference in the world.

Pastor Linda's Column

*"...let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds...
Hebrews 10:24*

I've been thinking a lot about mentors, and witnesses and examples. I've been wondering about who I am and what kind of example, mentor, witness I am being in God's kingdom. It's humbling, actually, to really think about this, to think about the many ways I fail to be a good witness, the many ways I fail to love and do good deeds towards God's creation and God's children.

We've become a very individualized society, it's all about "me and mine" and that doesn't fit very well in God's kingdom. I believe that God desires us to be in community, to love one another, to reach out to the other and to show our love in good deeds and care for all of God's creation.

I am so proud of our three young people who are serving with me at bible camp this summer, Rachel Bruns, Julia Kuebelbeck and Mallory White. They are living this Hebrews text daily, as they encourage the campers that come into our midst with love and good deeds. They have a profound influence on the lives of many young people and their families as they live out God's call to serve.

Remember the week of unbearable heat and humidity! We had nearly three hundred campers at camp that week, and our staff did a terrific job of keeping them safe and healthy. But what is most amazing were the comments we received from parents. They said their children talked about the bible studies and worship, the new friends they made and their awesome counselors; not once did they mention the heat!

Every day we are given opportunities to provoke one another to love and good deeds. It doesn't have to happen only at camp or church. It can and should happen wherever we are, whenever we are with God's people. It can happen in small ways, as simple as holding the door for another, extending kindness while shopping; or it could be a larger commitment, to Sunday School or Youth Group, to volunteering at schools or building a house for Habitat. The opportunities are as numerous as can ever imagine and only limited by us, and our "me and mine" attitudes.

God is so good to us. It is always amazing and awesome to see how God works in, through and with us. In thankfulness and praise for what God has done, and continues to do we respond by provoking (encouraging) others to love and good deeds.



Busy Mom's Group

This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month for mutual support and conversation. We as busy moms gather to encourage one another, be supported through devotion and prayer, and we also engage in service to others. One of our projects is the prayer books we make for each child baptized in our congregation. We are always looking for other ideas.

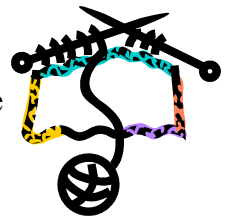
Come when you can, leave when you must.

Next meeting: September 20th at 7:00pm.

We have several baptisms coming, so we have a need to finish more prayer books. If you are interested in working on them over the summer, supplies are available.

Yarnovers

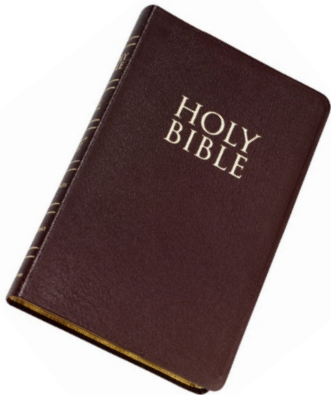
The Yarnovers are a group of knitters and crocheters who love to do charity work for the church and others. We meet every Wednesday of the month at 9:00am. along with the quilters. This group is committed to making **prayer shawls** and **blankets for every baptism** in our congregation. We are always in need of these items. It would be great if you could join us on Wednesdays, but if you cannot and would like to knit we appreciate your help.



***We are in need of baby blankets for baptisms,
and prayer shawls!***

Early Morning Bible Reading Group

This group meets at 6:30 a.m. on two Friday mornings each month and is led by Pastor Dwaine. Coffee and muffins are provided. It's a great way to start the day! This month's meetings will be August 5 & 19. Our upcoming readings are: July 30 – August 5: Exodus 8 – 14; August 6 – 12: Exodus 15 – 20; August 13 -19: Exodus 32 – 35; August 20 – 26: Deuteronomy 1 – 5; August 27 – September 2: Deuteronomy 6 – 11.



Bible Study – The Books of Titus & Philemon

This group meets at Arlington Place to join with the residents for bible study. They are a lively group that loves to study God's Word. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to others in our community, especially those who are lonely and alone. We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 10:45-11:30am. We are studying the book of Timothy and Titus.

Our next meeting is August 9th at 10:45am.

Everyone is welcome to this conversation, including men, women and children!

Bible Reading Group

The Bible Reading Group meets every Tuesday at Gruber's Café at 12:00 noon. This Café is just north of Famous Dave's in a strip mall. Bring your lunch or grab a sandwich or soup at the café. Walk with us as we explore the Bible and make Scripture our first language. We're starting at the very beginning with the book of Genesis. We continue throughout the summer. Everyone is invited!

Evening Book Group

Next meeting: September 6th at 7:00pm.

Join us in reading and discussing the book *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss

This group will resume in the fall. This group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Book List for the coming year:

September	The History of Love by Nicole Krauss
October	Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks
November	Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by James Ford
December	Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom
January	Forever Ours by Janis Amatuzio
February	Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verchese
March	The Measure of a Man by Sidney Poiter
April	Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternak
May	No Biking in the House Without a Helmet by Melissa Faye Greene



Add these to your summer reading and join us in the fall!

School Supply Collection

Soon it will be back to school time. Everyone knows how costly buying school supplies can be. Please consider picking up some extra supplies to help area children. Supplies will be distributed to children who most need our help. Suggestions are: notebooks, pencils, crayons, backpacks, calculators, glue, pencil boxes, colored pencils, etc. A box will be available in the narthex. The deadline for bringing supplies is August 28th. Let's fill the box to overflowing. Bring a smile to a child's face (and to their parents' as well). Thank you for your past and present assistance.

Meal Ministry

We have had such a wonderful response to this ministry!

Thanks to all of you who provide meals!

An outgrowth of the Busy Mom's, this ministry brings a meal to a new mom or to those who have been recently hospitalized or recovering from surgery.

In order to accomplish this, we need more volunteers, those willing to make and deliver a meal.

This ministry is being coordinated by Andrea Metcalf.

She will give you a call

with all the information needed for the meal.

A typical meal may be: lasagna, salad, bread and dessert for the family.

We would like enough volunteers so that you need only provide 2 meals per year.

If you are interested in this important ministry, please visit with Pastor Linda or Andrea Metcalf.

The response has been so great, thank you, but we could use a few more volunteers!

St. Joseph Community Food Shelf

August Focus - Healthy Snacks

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we would like you to help us collect items that are more "kid friendly" during these summer months. We also want to promote healthier eating, please consider donating: Individual containers of fruits, breakfast/granola bars, dried fruits and raisins, microwave popcorn, crackers, juice-both canned and bottled, peanut butter, and jam and jelly. Other non-perishable food items and personal/household products are always welcome.

The food shelf appreciates all its contributions and with the upcoming busy summer months donations generally decrease. Please consider putting "food shelf" on your grocery list to remind you to purchase needed items.

Gardeners, when preparing to plant this year consider planting a few extra plants and giving your extra produce that you will be harvesting to the food shelf so that fresh produce will be available to distribute.

If you wish to give a monetary donation, checks can be written out to RLC with "food shelf" on the memo line and be placed in the offering baskets. Your donations can be placed in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

Know someone who can use the services of the St. Joseph Community Food Shelf? The food shelf is open Monday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. and is located across from the St. Joe Meat Market.



We're going GREEN!

REDUCE- REUSE - RECYCLE



Green Tip

Drink filtered tap water and break your bottled water habit. Or get a reusable stainless-steel container that can be refilled.

Support your local farmer by buying locally grown fruits and vegetables. This eliminates fuel emissions caused by long-haul produce trucks, trains or planes.

Put green plants in our office. Plants cheer the place up, improve air quality, absorb toxic gasses from office equipment and maintain humidity.

Gas-powered lawn mowers are big polluters, but they are solar-powered and manual push mowers available for mowing.

*If we do not think about the future, we cannot have one.
John Galsworthy*

Christian Education News!

2011-2012 Christian Education Registration

Mark your calendars because it's time to start thinking about Sunday and Wednesday School. We are in need of teachers and helpers for both days. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity. Registration forms are in this month's Newsletter. They will also be available at the Welcome Center located in the narthex or on our church's web site at www.rlcstjo.org. Please fill out a registration form even if you have filled one out in the past.



Acolyte Instruction Meeting 5th & 6th Grade

On September 18 at 10:00 a.m. (during Sunday School) the 5th and 6th grade Sunday School children will meet in the Sanctuary along with their parents for Acolyte training. An acolyte helps to set the tone for worship by lighting the candles at the beginning of the service and extinguishing them at the end of the service. Please mark your calendars for September 18 at 10:00 a.m. for this important meeting. For more information call Deb Robinson at 363-1381. 7th grade Acolytes are encouraged to continue this important ministry, please contact the church office if you would like to continue so that you will be placed on the fall schedule. 363-4232

Christian Education Teachers Needed

2011-2012 Christian Education begins on Rally Sunday - September 11 & 14. In order to have a faith filled year for our students, your children, we need teachers, helpers, substitute teachers, song leaders and much more. The great thing is that you need not have previous experience. Just the love of teaching children about stories and interesting people of the bible. The Spark curriculum we use makes it enjoyable. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity. Without you, we will not be able to have a great program. If you are interested, look for a sign up sheet located at the Welcome Center in the narthex. If you are interested in teaching or helping contact the church office at 320-363-4232.

January Thru June 2011 Financial Stewardship

General Fund Mission Spending Plan for January thru June 2011	\$136,307.04
General Fund Income for January thru June 2011	\$134,804.66

General Fund YTD (Planned to Actual) = Behind 1.10 %

Resurrection's Staff

Pastor	Pastor Dwaine Bruns
Associate Pastor	Pastor Linda Lagergren
Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator	Sandy Spiczka
Worship & Music Coordinators	Jeanne Bruns Karen Bobeldyk
Church Secretary	Kathy Kuebelbeck
Custodian	Dale Hasch
Nursery Care	Lindsay Yeske
Adult Choir Director	Jeanne Bruns
Worship Team Coordinator	Jeanne Bruns
Children's Choir Director	Kathy Kuebelbeck
Pianists	Karen Bobeldyk Jeanne Bruns Kathy Wirth Diana White

Resurrection's Council Members

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Pastor Dwaine Bruns	
Pastor Linda Lagergren	
Steve Johnson	Finance
Dan Kuntz	Outreach Team
Mark Kranz	Stewardship
Wilbur Wilkens	Treasurer
Rachel Kuebelbeck	Christian Education
Jeanie Wilkens	Church in Society
Dale White	Staff Support
Mike Lage	Property
Troy Battig	Worship & Music
Lou Jagielski	Youth & Family

Council Officers

Troy Battig	President
Dan Kuntz	Vice-President
Mark Kranz	Secretary
Wilbur Wilkens	Treasurer

Church Office Hours

Monday: Closed
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Phone Numbers and Staff Email

Phone Number:	320-363-4232
Fax Number:	320-363-1129
Church's Email Address:	rlc@warpdriveonline.com
Pastor Dwaine's Email:	dbruns@warpdriveonline.com
Pastor Linda's Email:	llagergren@mywdo.com
Sandy's Email:	sspiczka@mywdo.com

Web Site: www.rlcstjo.org



Rachel Kuebelbeck	8/02
Mark Longendyke	8/03
Clare McCarty	8/03
Bailey Smith	8/03
Kaileigh Schmidt	8/04
Lori Schneider	8/05
Connie Dullinger	8/06
Renee Grise	8/06
Grant Lopez	8/06
Benjamin Marushin	8/06
Elena Marushin	8/06
Sandy Spiczka	8/06
Mary Carlson	8/07
Olivia Kompelien	8/08
Tom Krueger	8/08
Alayna Neu	8/08
Caitlyn Pederson	8/08
Adam Hornstein	8/09
Chloe Lancour	8/09
Katie Good	8/10
Mitch Bain	8/11
Susan Trocke	8/11
Mason Wolf	8/12
Lyle Elsenpeter	8/12
Maya Benson	8/13
Dana Fleischman	8/13
Kathy Parsons	8/13
Parker Schulz	8/14
Mary Tomasek	8/14
Anikka Baker	8/16
Justin Willard	8/16
Lisa Dehn	8/17
Brian Hoeschen	8/19
Mark Spichke	8/19
David Holbrook	8/20
Scott Andreason	8/21
Derek Hasch	8/21
Ron Haugen	8/21
Lavonne Bushkofsky	8/22
Peggy Plath	8/23
Stacy Buchta	8/24
Wesley Nesland	8/24
Lydia Anderson	8/25
Cody Buchheit	8/25
Mark Curtis	8/25
Aleta Holbrook	8/26
Jacob Hornstein	8/27
Nancy Johnson	8/27
Carol Krueger	8/28
Kari Durheim	8/30
Marla Wegleitner	8/30
Abigail Barrow	8/31
Anna Mercedes	8/31
Moriah Novacinski	8/31
Janet Pederson	8/31
Paul Wirth	8/31

Resurrection Lutheran Church
610 N Co Rd 2
PO Box 549
St. Joseph, MN 56374
320-363-4232
www.rlcstjo.org

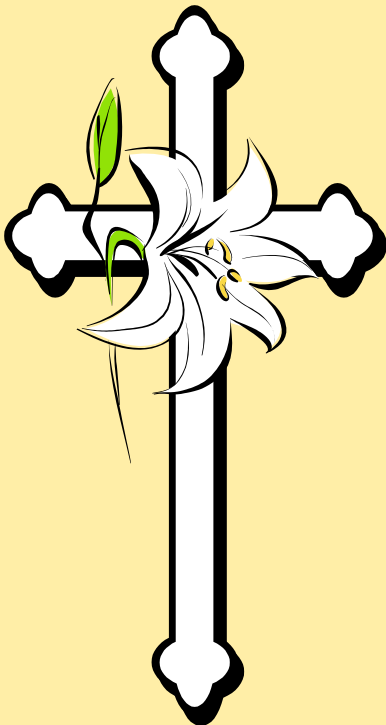
Non Profit
US Postage
PAID
St Joseph MN
Permit # 14

Address Service Requested



Genesis

Resurrection Lutheran Church



Sunday Morning Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship

9:30-10:00 a.m. Fellowship

WoW! Schedule (Worship on Wednesday)

Summer Worship

6:30 p.m. Worship

Ice Cream Treats to Follow Worship

**Please note there will be no
WoW! worship on Wednesday,
August 4.**

