

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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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

Pastor Linda's Column

*"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15*

Recently, at camp, I was visiting with one of our Pastors who had brought campers to Green Lake for their confirmation program. Together we were bemoaning the fact, that although it is a requirement, less and less young people are attending camp. He shared with me about one of his families who shared that they just would not have the time to attend BIBLE CAMP as they had committed to FOUR, (Yes! Four!) SPORTS CAMPS.

I know this is not only true for Bible Camp, but also for youth groups, and involvement in congregations. When did we allow our priorities to get so skewed that church and God are not the central focus of our lives?

For so many reasons, it breaks my heart; that we have allowed sports, band, drama, and numerous other activities to take over our lives, to take priority over our life with Christ. I say this not because I am a pastor, but because I am a Christian. I remember making those difficult decisions between sports and church. I'm sure my son wasn't all too happy with me when we chose church over hockey. But we did, and he's a great, caring and Christian young man, despite the fact that he gave up hockey.

I have recently been reading the latest *Word and World* magazine on stewardship. It is interesting that the focus of these essays is not always about money, but about our relationship with God, God's creation, and God's people. There seems to be a focus on stewardship as the best use of our time, talent and possessions... to honor God and God's people.

I feel frustrated and hurt when we have to cancel activities because of low participation. I feel hurt when mission trips are cancelled because they involve too much preparation work and commitment. In the end, what really is our calling in this life, but to serve God, and God only.

I will fail, and I will disappoint, but as for me and my house, we will TRY to serve the Lord, as best we can. We will try to put our priorities in the right order, to live this life for Christ. Please join me in faithfully following our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Busy Mom's Group

Its time! Let's gather together in mutual support of being busy moms. Everyone is invited, child care is available. Bring a friend, meet new friends!

Next meeting: not until the Fall!

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. 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!***

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!

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!

Bible Study –

The Books of Titus & Philemon

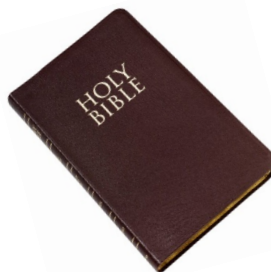
This group meets at Arlington Place to join with the residents for bible study. They are a lively group that loves to study God's Word. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to others in our community, especially those who are lonely and alone. We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 10:45-11:30am.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

Our next meeting is July 19th at 10:45am.

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

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! Our next meetings will be July 1 & 15. Our upcoming readings are: June 25 – July 1: Genesis 19 – 25; July 2 – 8: Genesis 27 – 33; July 9 – 15: Genesis 37 – 43; July 16 – 22: Genesis 44 – 50; July 23 – 29: Exodus 1 – 7; July 30 –



Making Sense of the Christian Faith

The "Making Sense of the Christian Faith" class has the following schedule for the rest of our gatherings: July 5 – chapters 4 & 5; July 19 – chapter 6; July 26 – chapters 7 & 8.

Evening Book Group

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!

Welcome to New Nursery Attendant

We welcome Lindsay Yeske to our Resurrection staff as Nursery Attendant. Lindsay is a student at St. Cloud State and will be welcoming children to our nursery during worship on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Mark Your Calendars Vacation Bible School July 31-August 4

The theme this year is "Hometown Nazareth". This is a high energy week for students and volunteers. I encourage you to prayerfully consider helping as you are able! We are currently looking for the following station leaders:

Games (pick games from packet, gather supplies, lead games during the week of VBS)

Snack (Plan snack, buy/gather supplies, lead provided discussion and organize snack volunteers)

Preschool age 4 (lead age 4 students during group time with provided resources)

Preschool age 5 (lead age 5 students during group time with provided resources)

Storytime (prepare story with provided materials, gather supplies, organize story volunteers as needed)

Opening/closing (introduce daily theme, take pictures/prepare slide show with provided resources)

If you are interested in leading any of these sections please contact Rachel Kuebelbeck. 224-8150.

Registration forms are in this month's issue of the Genesis, they will also be located at the Welcome Center in the narthex and on our web site at www.rlcstjo.org

Kenya Clinic

Profit from April's dinner and silent auction totaled \$14,000. Current account balance is \$22,000. Remaining silent auction items include 2-night Craguns gift certificate; 6) 1-month memberships at Anytime Fitness; 4) \$25-gift certificates at Waite Park Exhaust Pro; 1-night stay at Bentler's Bear Paw Inn Homer, Alaska. Committee is reviewing various fundraising opportunities in the near future and pursuing grant opportunities including Sustainable Healthcare Foundation (www.acumendfund.org/investment/shf.html).

There's discussion about initiating construction of the clinic in stages; completing phases as income permits. Dr. Mumbi and others are making tentative plans for a 2-week visit in June, 2012. If interested in participating or purchasing auction items call 320-363-8791.

CREATING A "PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD":

One of the most troubling issues in our region is the rapid increase in poverty in District 742 schools. District 742 serves nine communities, including St. Joseph. Five of the eight elementary schools have crossed the 50% poverty "tipping point" –that point at which problems related to poverty spiral beyond the control of the school. It reflects the challenges that children and young families are experiencing. The Great River Inter-faith Partnership (GRIP) is working to build community-wide investment in the school with the highest poverty rate as a model for other neighborhoods. Join us on July 17 from 9:30 to 10 am in the first classroom on the left past the Fellowship Hall to learn more about building a "Promise Neighborhood." Jeanie Wilkens, Jim Parsons and the GRIP Team.

Head Start Needs

"Become a "Head Start Grandma/Grandpa volunteer" right in St. Joseph! The new location for Head Start this fall will be the former Kennedy School. You might help a 3 to 5 year old child adjust to pre-school, help them follow directions, set puzzles, and/or assist with mealtimes during morning and early afternoon hours. This is a meaningful, interesting, fun way to feel needed and valued. St. Joe Kidstop is another opening and involves after school hours with Kindergarten and First graders, doing homework, playing card games or doing a craft with the young students. Please consider this mission with youth. Children need to have caring adults in their lives. If you love children, are 55 or older, and can commit to 15 hours per week, you have what it takes to make a positive impact on the younger generation. Staff is always present and Foster Grandparents are not responsible for discipline. With this stipended volunteer work, you can increase your income (tax-free) by \$200 per month. Call Jean at Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program, 320-229-4589.

Many Hands Do Make Light Work!

A total of 500 native plants were planted in less than an hour on Monday, June 20, when the Rain Garden was planted! Many thanks to the following people for sharing their Monday morning by helping plant:

Stan Hanson, Rebecca Haug, Kurt Persson, Karli Persson, Brett Persson, Angela Haynes, Anna Haynes, Kari Haynes, Rachel Waletzko, Chris Bernstetter, Jeanne Bruns, Carol Krueger, Dennis Dahl, Lance Anderson, Jason Anderson, Steve Streng, Wilbur Wilkens, Mikaela Hanson, Matt Hanson, Karen Bobeldyk, Lydia Anderson, Olivia Hippe, Sophia Haug, Nancy Streng and Joe Chovan.
Check out the Rain Garden display for more pictures.



Courtyard Garden

A huge thank you to Dennis Dahl for all his work in our Courtyard Garden. You can see it from the sanctuary. Also thanks to all who helped remove the sod from that area! We are still thinking about a fountain and benches to compliment our design. For more information on how you could help, please visit with Pastor Linda or Dennis Dahl. It is going to be wonderful watching the plants grow and the flowers bloom.

Jesus Christ Superstar Discounted Tickets for July 21!!!!

The Chanhassen Dinner Theater has special discount tickets for Jesus Christ Superstar performances on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday each week. The usual ticket price is \$68.00, but we will be able to purchase tickets, two for \$68.00 (buy one get one free). We have selected the date of Thursday, July 21st if members of our congregation would like to attend together. We plan to meet at church by 4:30 to car pool. Please sign up on the form at the Welcome Center if you would like to purchase tickets. Please contact Nancy

We're going GREEN!

REDUCE- REUSE – RECYCLE

Green Team

The Green Team continues to find ways to save our environment and care for God's creation. We are well into planning rain gardens for our facility and would ask any to join us who would be interested in planning and maintaining our gardens.

In addition we are always looking for ways to keep our congregation well informed about Green matters.

We continue to meet about many important issues.

The Green Team is embarking on a new project, the Rain Garden.

The Garden is planted! Take a stroll and check it out!

This will be located on the southwest corner of the parking lot.

We are 1/2 of the way there in fundraising, thank you for your generous gifts.

Thanks to Stan Hanson and Rebecca Haug, we have received a grant that will pay 75% of the cost of the rain garden. We are being proactive in our construction of the rain garden, any additions or remodeling to our building in the future will require us to put in a rain garden.

Our cost for the project will be approximately \$2500-\$3000.

Look forward to opportunities to help with financial support and in-kind support.

Please check out the display in the Narthex!

Green Tip

One of the new 18-watt CFL light bulbs replaces ten of the old 75-watt incandescent bulbs-saving \$50 in electricity over its lifetime. For even more savings, install times, dimmers and occupancy sensors.

“Wall warts,” those clunky AC adaptors on many power cables, should be shut off or unplugged when not in use. Your best bet is a “smart” power strip, or one that can be turned off at night.

With the right technology the wind that blows across your rooftop may soon generate enough electricity to power your home forever. Even now, an affordable 3,000 watt wind turbine can offset 60% of a typical home electric bill.

Set ceiling fans to spin counter-clockwise in the summer, which pulls hot air up and away. In the winter, reverse the setting so the fans keep the hot air down where it's needed.

People all over the world, we need to solve the climate crisis. We have everything we need to get started, with the possible exception of the will to act, and that's a renewable resource-let's renew it!

Al Gore

January Thru May 2011 Financial Stewardship

General Fund Mission Spending Plan for January thru May 2011	\$113,589.20
General Fund Income for January thru May 2011	\$118,157.87

General Fund YTD (Planned to Actual) = Ahead 4.02 %

ONE-YEAR BUILDING FUND PLEDGE DRIVE TOTALS

Building Fund Pledged - 12 months (6/1/2010 to 5/31/2011)	\$51,666.00
Building Fund Income - 12 months (6/1/2010 to 5/31/2011)	\$51,411.50

Building Fund (Pledged to Actual) = Behind 0.49%

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.

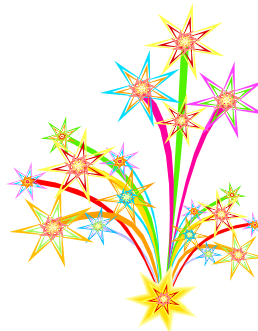
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Joan Beaumont	7/02
Brody Davidson	7/02
Elijah Nelson	7/02
Wade Persson	7/02
Virgil Plath	7/03
Nick Willard	7/05
John Robinson	7/07
Erin Emmerich	7/08
Alexis Johnson	7/08
Gene Johnson	7/08
Terri Boysen	7/09
Rich Haselhorst	7/10
Melanie Mueffelmann	7/10
Katlynd Lance	7/11
Roger Linn	7/11
Pastor Linda Lagergren	7/12
Eloise Westby	7/12
Nancy Holy	7/13
Karen Brolin	7/14
Amanda Linn	7/15
Wilbur Wilkens	7/17
Dee Hennigs	7/18
Sarah Lage	7/18
Gladys Smith	7/18
Troy Buchheit	7/20
Julia Nelson	7/21
Janet Kranz	7/22
Eric Linn	7/22
Bailey McCarty	7/22
Luke Barrow	7/23
Danielle Kulberg	7/24
Mike Dincau	7/25
Larry McNally	7/26
Dan Veto	7/26
Weston Longendyke	7/27
Jason Eggert	7/30



**Have a safe
and happy 4th of
July!**

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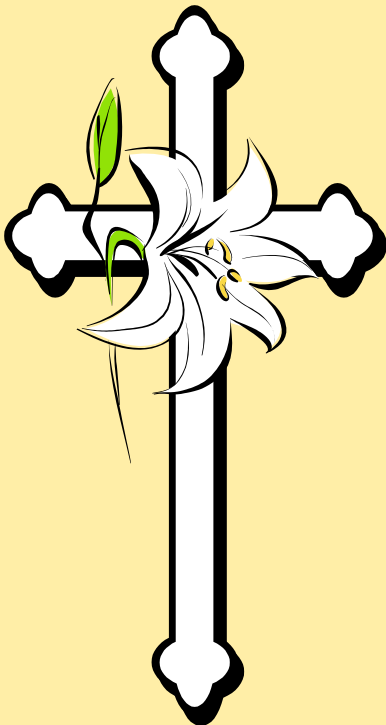
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