

Resurrection Lutheran Church



Gathering together in God's Love

We **Welcome** Joyfully

Grow Faithfully

and **Serve** Gratefully

in Jesus' Name

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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour

10:00 a.m. Adult Education

Summer Worship Begins May 29

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

WoW! Schedule (Worship on Wednesday)

5:15 p.m. Meal

5:45 p.m. Christian Education Time

6:30 p.m. Worship

7:20 p.m. Praise Choir

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7:20 p.m. Promise Choir

Pastor Dwaine's Column

Easter Tree Throughout the Easter season there will be an Easter Tree in the narthex of the church. The Easter Tree is a place to hang tags describing places or situations where you continue to see Easter happening around us. This could include places you see God making a difference, places you see new life, things for which you wish to give thanks, or even situations where God's hope is needed that you wish to commend to God. Extra tags are available next to the tree and you are invited to add your picture of Easter to the tree. I invite you to take a moment and read the tags to see the many places where the Risen Christ continues to make a difference.

Easter and Lenten Worship We had wonderful worship during Lent and Holy Week. Thank you to all who helped to make those worship experiences possible: musicians; assisting ministers; confirmation students; worship hosts; office staff; parking attendants; as well as those who decorated, purchased Easter flowers and provided food for our Lenten meals and Easter Breakfast. Especially I thank members who preached during Lenten Worship – Betsy Johnson Miller, Deb Robinson and Kari Foss; as well as Dan and Karin Kuntz for their puppet ministry. I fear that I have missed some people, but know that I am grateful for all of the contributions which enriched our walk with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb.

Baptisms Galore You may have noticed that we have had many baptisms in our congregation over the past couple of months. We also have five more on the calendar for upcoming weeks. We give thanks for God's promises made to those baptized, and pray God's blessing on the parents and sponsors who make promises to raise these children in Christian faith. I am also thankful for those in our congregation who help to make this an important milestone in the lives of these families: the confirmation students and adults who made and assembled the Faith Chests that we present, the knitters and quilters who make the baptism blankets, the Busy Moms who put together the prayer books, Karin Kuntz who provides the individual baptismal banners. As part of the baptism service, we as a congregation promise to support and pray for those baptized among us. I thank you for the many ways you are keeping those promises.

Making Sense of the Christian Faith Class

Some of you were a part of the class I led last summer, "*Making Sense of Scripture*." I will be leading a similar class this summer titled: "*Making Sense of the Christian Faith*." In the class we will look at some of the important teachings of the faith, including creation, sin, incarnation, atonement, the Holy Spirit and the end of time. Both a daytime and evening session will be offered. Watch for a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

SW MN Synod Assembly – Resurrection Voting Members Needed

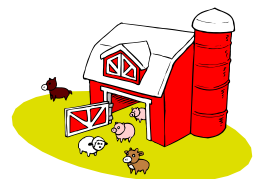
Resurrection may send up to three "Voting Members" to the annual assembly of our SW MN Synod. This year's assembly will be at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, June 10-12. The Assembly includes good conversation and food, great worship, and an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – please talk to me or Pastor Linda if you are interested in serving in this way.

Early Morning Bible Reading Group

This group meets in the church library 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 meetings this month will be May 6 & 27. Our readings for May are: April 30 – May 6: Luke 22 – 24, May 7 -13: 1 Peter, 2 Peter; May 14 – 20: 1 John; May 21 – 27: 2 John, 3 John, Jude; May 28 – June 3: James.

God's Global Barnyard Offering

The Big Noisy Collection will be on Sunday May 1st and Wednesday May 4th. Bring in your Global Barnyard coin banks and let's see how many coins we can collect when we all team up to fight world hunger. Besides the coins collected in the barn banks, members may also contribute cash or checks for this offering. Checks can be made to Resurrection, with "Global Barnyard" on the memo line.



Pastor Linda's Column

*"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for
Jesus who was crucified.*

He is not here; for he has been raised..."

Matthew 28:4b-5

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

As I joined with others at Bethlehem Lutheran on Good Friday, I was moved to tears at the sights and sounds of the worship. As the wooden cross was carried in procession, the sounds of nails being driven into wood, the timpani drum resounding, and the words: Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world; tears came unwillingly. I was surprised at the tears; I've done this before, I've heard the sounds, and felt the cross, and yet the tears came. I still don't understand where they came from, nor do I need to understand.

I do know; I need Good Friday. I need to experience this dark day, this day in which our Lord was crucified, died and buried. A day when it seems all hope is gone. We cannot have the resurrection without the death, this I understand and need to experience each year in the Lenten journey.

And then we come to Easter, the day Jesus the Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia! Yes, indeed, Jesus was crucified, but not he has been raised! The women were told, "do not be afraid". But imagine the fear they must have had, as they came to the empty tomb. Imagine the questions, who has taken him? Is he really raised? Will we see him? Will we know him? How will our lives change? Will he stay with us? Will we conquer the evil that surrounds us? More questions than answers, I'm sure.

We ask similar questions in our own journey of faith. Why did he have to die? Is he really raised? How will we know him? How will our lives change? Is God with us always, like he promised? Can we conquer evil in the world?

We can't answer the questions, instead we walk by faith. Rolf A. Jacobson, in his book *Crazy Talk* describes faith: Part trust, part knowledge, part following-faith can't be reduced to a few steps; it is a way of life, the walk of a lifetime, one day at a time.

The point is, it isn't about how much faith we have, but whom we have faith in. Our faith lies in Jesus, the resurrected one. We trust in Jesus, we trust in what we know about Jesus is true, we trust in the resurrection of the one who was crucified, died and buried. That is why we sing our Alleluias and praises that Christ is risen, He is risen, indeed!

The Easter season lasts six weeks before we begin Pentecost, but we live our lives as Easter people, that our lives are changed because of what Jesus has done for us, his life, his death and his resurrection. We live by grace, knowing God's unconditional love for us and we are called to be God's people in the world. Now there are tears again, tears of joy and release, and hope and love. Happy Easter!

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: 9:00-12:00, Saturday May 7th

We have several baptisms coming, so we have a need to finish more prayer books.

Let's look at other projects we are interested in.

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!*

Evening Book Group

We're starting a new book group for those who would like to meet in the evening. Our next meeting will be **May 2nd at 7:00pm**. Our book is *Huck Finn* by Mark Twain. Everyone is welcome!

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 Timothy

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 May 17th at 10:45am.

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

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!

New Member Sunday and Wednesday

We will be receiving new members into our congregation at worship on Sunday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 18. There will also be an orientation evening for new members on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. If you are planning on becoming a member of Resurrection, or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Dwaine. (363-4232 – dbruns@warpdriveonline.com)

Minnesota FoodShare Final Tally

The results are in and your contributions to Minnesota FoodShare month were a huge success. Physical items totaled 240 pounds and financial contributions totaled \$1883.85 for a final total of 2,123.85 dollars and pounds. We surpassed last year's combined total of 1,882.

Monetary contributions have the advantage that the coordinator has purchasing power for quantities of items and can purchase specific needed items. **Thanks to all of you** who made this year's campaign a huge success. Thanks also to Dan, Karin and Zack Kuntz for their great temple talk, Deb Robinson, Angela Haynes, Courtney Birr, Cassandra Birr, Sarah Lage, Katie Lance, Caitlyn Peterson, Nate Dolven-Kolle, and John Robinson for weighing, delivering and stocking the food shelf shelves.



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.

This will be located on the southwest corner of the parking lot. 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
 Gas anyone?**

With gas nearing \$4.00 a gallon!!!! Americans average 47 days per year commuting-that's 3.7 billion hours and 23 billion gallons of gas wasted in traffic each year. Consider carpooling, public transit, biking or telecommuting instead. Enjoy reading or knitting or some other activity while travelling with others. If all U.S. commuters arranged to work from home just one day a week, we could save 5.85 billion gallons of oil each year. Drive green. Save 55 gallons of gas a year and prevent 1200 lbs of CO2 by maintaining a steady driving pace and choosing routes with the least idling. Remove the roof rack on your car when you aren't using it, and your fuel efficiency will increase by 5%.

*The start to a better world is our belief that it is possible.
 Kathryn T. Shaw*

January Thru March 2011 Financial Stewardship

General Fund Mission Spending Plan for January thru March 2011	\$68,153.52
General Fund Income for January thru March 2011	\$69,521.92

General Fund YTD (Planned to Actual) = Ahead 2.00%

ONE-YEAR BUILDING FUND PLEDGE DRIVE TOTALS

Building Fund Pledged - 9 months (6/1/2010 to 3/31/2011)	\$43,055.00
Building Fund Income - 9 months (6/1/2010 to 3/31/2011)	\$44,876.50

Building Fund (Pledged to Actual) = Ahead 4.23%

Christian Education News!

End of the Year Celebration!

Join the students of Christian Education as they celebrate the end of the year with some friendly competition as they participate in the first ever Christian Ed Olympics on May 22nd/May 25th during education time! Classes will compete in events as they represent different countries in need of donations for the Global Barnyard. Awards will be given in a friendly manner! If you have any questions contact the Education committee.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to all teachers, helpers, music leaders, parents and students for all the gifts you shared this year during our Christian Education Program. We could not have done it with out your help!

Mark Your Calendars Vacation Bible School

July 31-August 4

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.

Anna Marie's Alliance

Our church is once again sponsoring Anna Marie's Alliance, a shelter for families fleeing domestic abuse and violence. We will be collecting money and supplies during the month of May, and coordinator Deb Schroeder will be speaking at our Adult Learning Hour on Sunday, May 15th.

Deb has asked our church to assist them with a very special project: the Anna Marie Vegetable Garden. They want to grow fresh food for their kitchen, provide sustainability education for the women and children, and provide a healthy exercise activity for all. Here is how we can help: **Child and Adult Gardening Gloves, 3- Child sized shovels, 3- Child sized Rakes, 2- Adult sized rakes, Water hose (it's about 200 ft. to the garden from the faucet), Watering cans (small sized for kids), 2- Child sized Hoes and 2- Adult size hoes, 4- Hand Trowels, A garden cart or wagon, 3- Rulers (for planting to space seeds), New/current seed packets of vegetables and flowers.** We will be having a special monetary offering for Anna Maries on Sun. May 15, using the square baskets. Checks made out to RLC with Anna Maries on the memo line.

Please watch for the display starting in May and contribute as you can. Thank you!

Chocolate Sunday



Get your taste buds ready because on Sunday May 1st the Youth and Family Committee will be hosting the annual Chocolate Sunday.

Bring your favorite chocolate dessert or dish to be entered into the tasting competition, or just come and satisfy your chocolate craving. Prizes will be presented to winners in a variety of categories such as peoples choice and youth. We will be starting with a sloppy joe lunch right after the second service and will be excepting a free will donation with proceeds going to the camp scholarship fund.

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	Tiffany Korneck
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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Charlie Kern	5/01
Danielle Kuebelbeck	5/01
Josh Wallin	5/02
Sophia Haug	5/03
Troy Battig	5/04
Craig Wolf	5/04
Chloe Hasselbring	5/05
Taylor Goebel	5/06
Nadine Olson	5/08
Bailey Schulz	5/08
Kira Lancour	5/09
Sam Andreason	5/10
Marie Andreason	5/10
Rose Tacheny	5/12
Mo Durham	5/13
Brooke Nielsen	5/13
Robert Brolin	5/14
Erin Nelson	5/14
Dale Hasch	5/15
Rene' Krueger	5/15
Pat Westphal	5/15
Mallory White	5/15
Stan Hanson	5/16
David Hunger	5/17
Laurie Klocker	5/19
Peter Nelson	5/19
Steve Reitan	5/19
Joe Shermak	5/20
Bethann Weyer	5/21
Betty Hunger	5/23
Jen Feigum	5/24
Mike Jagielski	5/24
Connie Roberts	5/24
Melanie Thompson	5/24
Kyle Emmerich	5/26
Zackary Andreason	5/27
Ben Feigum	5/27
Lyn Kreps	5/28
Stephanie Schwegel	5/29
Evelyn Eckroth	5/30
Anika Schneider	5/31

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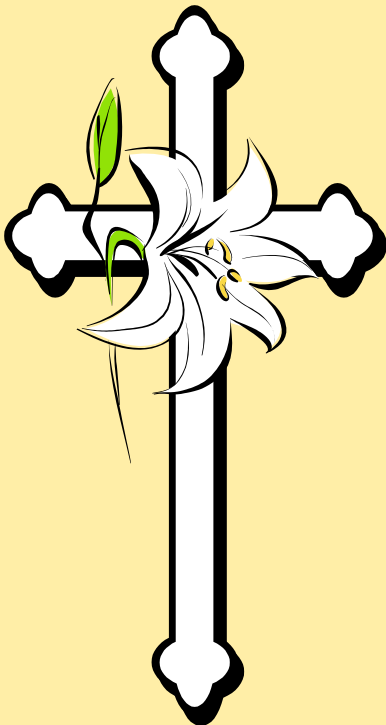
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