

Resurrection Lutheran Church



Called together by God's Love

We **Welcome** Joyfully

Grow Faithfully

and **Serve** Gratefully

in Jesus' Name

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Sunday Morning Fall Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Christian Education

9:45 a.m.

WoW! Worship

WoW! Meal - 5:30 p.m.

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Promise Choir - 7:20

Praise Choir - 7:20

Confirmation - 7:20

Pastor Dwaine's Column

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:12-14

We hear these verses in worship this week. In them, the Apostle Paul makes it clear that his vision of the Christian life is always forward-looking. We keep our eyes on Jesus and trust him to lead and guide us into the future. For Paul, God's people must always be pressing on to grow in their faithfulness. We are always looking for those places where we can be better signs of Christ's love for the world.

Taking Paul's advice, Resurrection's Congregation Council takes time at most of our monthly meetings to dream, plan and pray about where God is calling our church to go in the future. In those conversations, we ask the question: "What mission God is leading Resurrection to press on toward in the coming days and years?"

Now, in one way that mission is always the same. We are to "go and make disciples of all nations. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 Yet how we do this work tomorrow, will often not be the same as it was yesterday. We keep pressing forward in God's work as a congregation. That's why I encourage you to support the members of our Congregation Council. (Their names are listed at the back of the newsletter.) Pray for them. Share your thoughts and ideas with them. Look for places where you can join them in being part of the future to which God is leading our congregation.

God has richly blessed Resurrection since it was founded 28 years ago. An amazing amount of ministry and service has been done in Jesus' name through the members of this congregation. For that, we give thanks and praise to God. But like Paul in his words from Philippians, we continue to keep our eyes on the future God has in store. We press on to lies ahead. And I have no doubt that God continues to have great things in store for our congregation.

New Member Sunday

We will be receiving new members into our congregation at worship on Sunday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 19. There will also be an orientation evening for new members on Tuesday, October 4 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)

Sunday Morning Adult Class

The Sunday Morning Adult Class meets at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. In October, we continue the study, "Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense." The study is based on a book by the same name written by N. T. Wright, a well-known Christian author and teacher. The content of the course is described in this way: "N. T. Wright offers a fresh presentation of the timeless truths of Christianity, making the case that faith is reasonable and rewarding for us today." During October we cover the following topics: October 2 – Jesus; October 9 – The Holy Spirit; October 16 – Worship & Prayer; October 23 – Scripture; October 30 – Church & New Creation.

Carry on the Tradition!

Learn how to make lefse'. We will be making lefse' and selling it after church on November 6 and November 20 as a fundraiser for our youth. Come and learn the basics so you can carry on the tradition you grew up with. Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. until the last ball is rolled! Saturday, November 19, same times. Contact Tracey Birr at 249-0187. 6 people per group-call to reserve your spot!

Pastor Linda's Column

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need."

Acts 2:44-45

For our adult education study on Sunday mornings, we are covering the series *Simply Christian*. Written by N.T. Wright, first as a book, and then later into a study series, it answers the question: Why Christianity makes sense. Wright is Bishop of Durham, England, and the author of more than thirty books about Christianity. This book is an easy read, and leads us step by step, question by question through the journey of Christian faith.

I know what you may be thinking, yet another book about Christianity! And while that may be true, it is worth taking a look at this book. On the other hand, I too sometimes wonder about why we need to make our faith journey so difficult and complicated. I know that belief in Jesus Christ is not an easy concept and it is difficult and complicated. But there also seems to me that there is a sense that faith should be easy, remember faith like a child?

Simply Christian the title says. What could be simple then confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior? Well it does seem to get complicated right there. We are a culture that wants to know things, we want the cold hard facts. We want to know how things work, and we want the mysteries of the universe explained. But Christianity is not like that. It's about faith.

As defined by Rolf Jacobson in his book *Crazy Talk*, "Faith is 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."

Faith is a hard concept to grasp. It's not about how much faith we have, but who we put our faith in. For Christians, we put our faith in Jesus Christ. We follow Jesus, what he teaches, what he preaches, what he does, what he promises. Faith is following his example, obeying God's commandments and trusting that God will work in, through and with us.

Simple as that!

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: October 18th 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!

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!

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 October 7 & 14. Our readings are: September 24 – 30: Mark 11 – 16; October 1 – 7: Acts 1-5; October 8-14: Acts 6-10; October 15 – 21: Acts 11-15; October 22 – 28: Acts 16-20; October 29 – November 4: Acts 21-25.

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 October 18th 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 continue in the book of Genesis. Everyone is invited!

RLC Discussion Group

The RLC Discussion Group meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Join us for one or all of our book discussions. Actually reading the book is optional. Light refreshments are served. For more information, please contact Lisa Wallin at 363-1056, lwallin@gmail.com or contact Ellen Chovan at 320-597-3094.

October 4	Major Pettigrew's Last Stand
November 1	Immora by Brian Freeman
December 6	Movie: Water for Elephants
January 3	Half Broke Horses by Jeanette Walls

Evening Book Group

Next meeting: October 4th at 7:00pm.

Join us in reading and discussing the book *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

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:

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
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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 gardens are in and looking wonderful!

A special thank you to all who have made them possible.

If you are interested in continuing maintenance on the gardens, please visit with Dennis Dahl or Stan Hanson.

Green News

Front line employees have some of the best ideas for greening a company. Create a "green team" populated by employees from all departments and level of your organization to collaborate on going green. Talk to your boss about working 4 tens instead of 5 eights. A 4-day week cuts commuting time and energy by 20% and gives you some lovely 3-day weekends in the bargain.

Americans spend about \$80 billion per year on new home and office furniture, much of it made with toxic finishes and harmful material. Shop online for sustainable, environmentally friendly furniture.

Consider buying a solar charger for all your portable electronic gizmos. Some look like notebooks, cell phone, flowers or are built into backpacks. Your mp3 player, laptop, camera can now all be charged with portable solar.

Do the environment a huge favor by working at home at least one day a week. Instant messaging, video conferencing and other innovative tools already make telecommuting a reality for 44 million Americans.

All things are possible once enough human beings realize that everything is at stake.
Norman Cousins

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INVITES YOU!

Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a one-hour presentation at Resurrection Lutheran Church on, Thursday, October 6th from 7 – 8 p.m. Come and hear about current Habitat homeowners and an update on the new ReStore. You will learn about this wonderful ministry and be inspired by it's mission. RSVP to Wilbur Wilkens at (320) 363-4555 or wewilkens@mywdo.com.

January Thru August 2011 Financial Stewardship

General Fund Mission Spending Plan for January thru August 2011	\$181,742.72
General Fund Income for January thru August 2011	\$172,555.81

General Fund YTD (Planned to Actual) = Behind 5.05 %

Christian Education News!

Called to Give

Schedule For October

2/5 The parable of the vineyard
9/12 The wedding Banquet
16/19 Paying Taxes
23/26 The greatest commandment
30/11-2 Be Humble

Christian Education Teachers Meeting!!

Sunday, November 6th at 10:30am there will be a brief teacher/helper meeting to discuss the Good Gifts Fair to be held on December 4 (Advent Crafts). The meeting is expected to last 20 minutes. Sunday School will be dismissed at 10:30 so that teachers and helpers can attend.

Attention Parents! Registration Forms Needed!

Please take a moment to fill out a registration form for your children attending our Christian Education Program. The information from the registration form is very important for our Education Program. Forms may be found at the Welcome Center in the church narthex.

Warm Clothes Collection

Winter in Minnesota can be cold, especially if you don't have a jacket! Many newcomers to our area are not prepared for our winters.

Both Casa Guadalupe and People's Church have increased the number of families they serve – but with less money. They need our help. As you are looking through outgrown or unworn clothing this fall please consider donating it. A clothing collection box will be available in the narthex from September 18 through October 16. Especially needed are sweaters, coats, hats, mittens, boots, and socks for all ages; and baby clothes. People's Church especially needs men's work boots, black slacks, white shirts, and black dress shoes. Casa Guadalupe could also use blankets or quilts. Let's get those closets cleaned out and keep everyone warm this winter!

Be a Part of Resurrection's Intergenerational Musical!

You are invited to be a part of Resurrection's first intergenerational musical! This will be held in place of our annual Variety Show on Sunday, February 12 with a dinner prior to the musical. Casting for the musical will be held on Saturday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. Practices will be on Sunday's beginning January 8, at 12:30 p.m. Prior to the practice we will have a quick lunch and then "get to work". This year the musical that we will be doing is "Malice in the Palace", a story about Esther. People of all ages are encouraged to be a part of this exciting event. If you would like to be a part of this musical, sign up at the Welcome Center. This is a big commitment and ***everyone is expected to attend all practices and dress rehearsals.*** If you have any questions, contact Sandy Spiczka, Susan Curtis or Kathy Kuebelbeck.

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	
Adult Choir Director	Jeanne Bruns
Worship Team Coordinator	Jeanne Bruns
Children's Choir Director	Kathy Kuebelbeck
Pianists	Karen Bobeldyk Jeanne Bruns Carolyn Finley 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

Church Office Hours

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

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October Birthdays

Emmy Baggenstoss	10/01
Dianne Schmotzer	10/01
Jason Anderson	10/02
Matthew Jagielski	10/02
Justin Raduenz	10/03
Robin Marushin	10/04
Austin Battig	10/05
Bob Pederson	10/08
Monte Westphal	10/08
Ashley Grise	10/10
Galen Kabe	10/10
Brady Schmidt	10/10
Gina Anderson	10/11
Brad Bohlen	10/11
John Carlson	10/11
Susan Curtis	10/12
Gene Patnoe	10/12
Ellen Chovan	10/14
Ralph Keen	10/14
Hunter Henkelman	10/15
Jenna Klein	10/16
Carol Belling	10/18
Lonie Dincau	10/18
Craig Olson	10/18
Joann Binsfeld	10/19
Gene Boysen	10/19
Blair Nelson	10/19
Lou Jagielski	10/20
Grant Novacinski	10/20
Mary Goebel	10/21
Brad Kompelien	10/21
Zachary Kuntz	10/22
Millie Veto	10/23
Reid Schmotzer	10/23
Dale While	10/22
Geri Howard	10/24
Avery Kompelien	10/24
Holly Grise	10/25
Jason Fuchs	10/27
Dean Hasch	10/28
Savanna Bain	10/30
Zachary Schiltz	10/30
Joe Bernstetter	10/31
Bradley Holm	10/31



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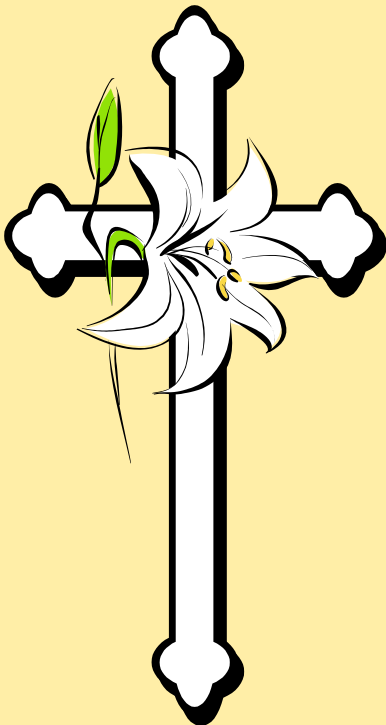
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