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Dear RLC Members and Friends,

Something very significant is coming soon to Resurrection Lutheran, and I want you to be a part of it.

It's not just another program or another production. It's an experience that will guide us into a deeper understanding of what it means to be stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This innovative strategy is called the ***33 Days of Stewardship***, and I believe it has the potential for true spiritual transformation. The impact of these ***33 Days*** will be deep, and the blessings will be huge. My prayer and hope is that everyone in our church body will participate. I certainly don't want you to miss out on this opportunity.

The name for this special emphasis, ***33 Days of Stewardship***, is based on the acclaimed book, ***The 33 Laws of Stewardship***. It is one of the best books I have ever read on this subject because it shows how stewardship is not limited to just one part of life. It is the wise, purposeful management of all that we have and all that we are.

I want to be an effective steward of all that the Lord has entrusted to me, and I know that you have the same desire. The ***33 Days of Stewardship*** will equip and empower us to bring that desire to reality. The ***33 Days of Stewardship*** is scheduled to begin on Sunday October 4, 2015. As we get ready for this eventful journey, I encourage you to pray for all the preparations underway. And I encourage you to decide today that you will be a part of this great endeavor.

Christ's Blessing,

Pastor Brian

Daily Plan with Daily Power

Over these 33 days, we'll have both a corporate and a personal strategy. When we come together, there will be sermons and lessons on the theme of total-life stewardship. On our own, we'll take a few minutes each day to read, reflect, and respond to one aspect of stewardship. It's a simple plan, but it's going to make a major impact.

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33 Days, Continued

The Daily Plan for the 33 Days of Stewardship includes two basic resources:

+ *The 33 Laws of Stewardship* Book
+ *The 33 Days of Stewardship* Devotionals

The 33 Laws of Stewardship is an acclaimed book which examines 33 principles of stewardship. These are Laws established in God's character and expressed in God's word. The chapters are brief, but they're inspiring and insightful.

Resurrection has purchased copies of the book for families to have for this experience –one copy per family. You can order your own copy online if you choose – the cost varies from $5.00 to $24.00, depending on whether the book is new or used, hard or soft cover. You may also be able to go online and order the book for download on your Kindle, Nook or other device. Book copies will be available for pick up on Sunday, October 4.

The *33 Days of Stewardship Devotionals* are a companion guide to the book. They are designed with a basic "3 R's" format – a daily Reading, a daily Reflection, and a daily Response. The daily Reading is one chapter in the book. The daily Reflection is one vital thought to consider, and the daily Response may be a question to answer, an action to take or an example to follow. The "3R's" take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete. The Devotionals will be emailed to you daily from the church, just as the current devotional series have been.

As we follow this Daily Plan we'll grow in wisdom and gain in understanding. The ultimate purpose of the *33 Days of Stewardship* is to be highly effective, faith-driven stewards of Jesus Christ. This is possible because of His promise: We can do all things through Him who strengthens us!
Don't miss the blessing of these life-changing 33 Days! Let's get ready for a spiritually empowering, spiritually enriching experience. The *33 Days of Stewardship* are coming soon.

RLC Pictorial Directory Coming Soon

We are producing a NEW pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 color portrait and a directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends.

Our Photography Dates are:

Tuesday	11/24/15	2 to 9 p.m.
Friday	11/27/15	2 to 9 p.m.
Saturday	11/28/15	9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Watch upcoming *Spirit* newsletters and worship announcements for appointment sign-up details and help needed with the project.

October 3 to 11 RLC Ministry Calendar

Sat., 10/3	No RLC Ministry Events Scheduled
Sun., 10/4	**Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.** *33 Days* Kick-Off Pre-K through 5th-grade Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. "Who Wrote the Bible?" Forum, 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice, 9:30 a.m. LYO @ Houchin's Home, 6:01 p.m. October 10 *Spirit* Deadline, midnight
Mon., 10/5	No RLC Ministry Events Scheduled
Tues., 10/6	Wellspring Community, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Staff Meeting, 9:15 a.m. "Who Wrote the Bible?" Study,7 p.m.
Weds., 10/7	Thrive Junior High Program @ St. John's, 6:45 p.m.
Thurs., 10/8	Genesis Study, 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study and Lunch @ RLC, 11:45 a.m. Praise Team Practice, 6 p.m.
Fri., 10/9	Crafting Group, 6 p.m.
Sat., 10/10	No RLC Ministry Events Scheduled
Sun., 10/11	**Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.** Pre-K through 5th-grade Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. "Hilarious Generosity" Forum, 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice, 9:30 a.m. LYO @ Houchin's Home, 6:01 p.m. October 17 *Spirit* Deadline, midnight

October 4 Lectionary

Scripture references for October 4, 2015, Lectionary 27**: First Lesson –** Genesis 2:18-24; **Second Lesson –** Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; **Gospel** – Mark 10:2-16; and **Psalm** 8.

Reflection: Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

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October 4 Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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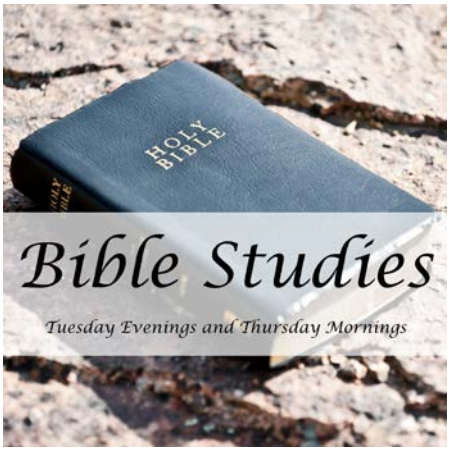
October and November People Power Openings

Worship People Power sign-ups for October and November are posted on the green and orange bulletin board in the Nursery Alcove. We are asking folks to serve on a certain week each month. Training will be provided upon request. Contact Deb Helgeson (DebHelgeson@reslutheran.org; 663-8252) with questions.

RLC Website Updates

Monthly Council Minutes and Financial Reports as well as weekly Giving and Attendance statistics are now posted on the RLC website "Members Pages." Check your email for an invitation to sign up for access, and let Mary Meier (MaryMeier@reslutheran.org) know if you have any questions.



Two New RLC Bible Studies Starting in October

Who Wrote the Bible?

When and How Was It Put into the Order We Know?
Tuesday Evenings – October 6, 13, and 27; 7 to 8 p.m.

For three weeks, Pastor Brian will lead those attending this Tuesday evening offering on a journey to answer these questions. We will look at the books of the Old Testament during this time and will save the New Testament for future sessions.

The study will investigate a few of the theories about who wrote the Bible and how it was put into the form we know. We will also look at what was going on in the world and with the nation of Israel at the time the books were written. No previous Bible study experience necessary to take part, but please note that this material is the same as what was presented during the Sunday morning Adult Forums, which will conclude on October 4.

Genesis

Thursday Mornings – 10 to 11 a.m.; Starting October 8

Join us as we explore the great stories of faith, adventure, and wonder that are found in the book of Genesis. Pastor Brian will be leading this study each Thursday. Please contact Pastor Brian if you have any questions. No previous Bible study experience needed – just bring your curiosity.

Donating Vehicles to Midwest Food Bank

Midwest Food Bank can now accept non-cash donations, such as old cars, boats, and RVs, on their website. Donating your vehicle will not only help the food bank's finances, but may also save you on taxes, as the sales price could be tax deductible. The average value of a car donated to Midwest Food Bank is worth $1,600.

Find out more about donating your car and other items by going to http://midwestfoodbank.org/donate-your-vehicle?utm_source=idonate&utm_medium=email2&utm_campaign=vehiclecampaign or calling 309-663-5350.

Midwest Food Bank Service Night

The LYO members invite the RLC congregation to join them in a Midwest Food Bank service night from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20. You don't have to sign up – just show up at 1703 S. Veterans Parkway, Bloomington, ready to help sort and pack items for food pantries and disaster relief.

Carl-Eric Gentes Ordination

By the grace of God, and with the consent of God's people, Carl-Eric Snow Gentes, son of Jerry Gentes and Gretchen Snow, has been ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

A festival worship of ordination, Holy Communion, and installation of Carl Eric as Associate Pastor to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota, with Bishop Steve Delzer presiding and Reverend Joel Erickson preaching, took place on Sunday September 27, 2015.

We pray for God's continued blessings on Carl-Eric as he begins ordained ministry at Good Shepherd, where he has been serving as assistant minister. If you'd like to send him a card or note, the church's address is 559 20th St SW, Rochester, MN 55902.

Your Eco-Bit

Earth-Saving, Energy-Saving Tips and Tidbits

McLean County Household Hazardous Waste Collection – On October 17, 2015, McLean County residents will have an opportunity for safe disposal of their Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW). The Ecology Action Center has again led a public-private partnership to raise funds for to cover the costs of a HHW collection; Mitsubishi Motors North America is generously providing their parking lots as a venue for the public event. Proper disposal of HHW items is crucial for the protection of local water supplies.

God's World . . . Our Hands

The free event will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open only to McLean County residents. Per state regulations, only residential HHW can be collected – no business or commercially generated wastes may be accepted. Residents may enter the event via the main entrance at 100 N. Mitsubishi Motorway, in Normal. The event will occur rain or shine.

Clare House Requests

Clare House provides a food pantry and a twice-weekly soup kitchen for the hungry and homeless of McLean County.

Items most needed by Clare House clients are canned vegetables (urgent need); adult Depends; adult wipes; large disposable baby diapers; and canned fruit with no sugar added.

All non-perishable food and paper goods are welcome, however. You can drop off items in the Clare House bin outside the church doors or in the blue tub between the double entrance doors, and RLC members will transport them to the site.

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Sunday Worship Services

First: 8:15 a.m.; Second: 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Forums

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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RLC Vision:

Communities claimed and empowered by God for hope and wholeness

RLC Mission:

Resurrection Lutheran Church exists to:
Invite people into the body of Christ,
Ignite passionate growth in faith, and
Excite believers for lives of service.

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