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RLC Pictorial Directory

We are producing a new pictorial directory for Resurrection members and friends. 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.

Our Photography Dates are:

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



WE NEED
YOU

to make our new
family directory
complete

Please reserve a time online at <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/resurrectionlutheranchurch1/index.php?page=10>.

Or sign up at church between the Sunday worship services on November 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Note that online scheduling will not be available each Saturday evening, all day Sunday, and Monday morning from October 31 to November 23, so that we can record the appointments made on Sunday mornings.

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. Portrait guides and price lists are available in the church office.

We hope that all RLC members and friends will sign up to have their photos taken:

- Everyone who schedules an appointment by November 15 will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate for a portrait product.
- All households that sign up for a session will receive a \$10 coupon.
- Each household that brings a canned good for Clare House will receive an additional \$5 coupon.
- Seniors (age 60+) are eligible for a 20% discount on their purchases.
- The incentives listed above can be stacked.



The ultimate purpose of the 33 Days of Stewardship is to help us 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!

Additional *33 Laws of Stewardship* books have arrived and can be picked up from the table in the Narthex.

Upcoming Daily Laws:

- Day 1 – Wednesday, October 7 The Law of Rightful Ownership
Nothing truly belongs to us; everything actually belongs to God.
- Day 2 – Thursday, October 8 The Law of Purposeful Possession
Wise stewards are guided by lordship, not “hoardship.”
- Day 3 – Friday, October 9 The Law of Miraculous Multiplication
The economics of stewardship is governed by the mathematics of the supernatural.
- Day 4 – Saturday, October 10 The Law of Guaranteed Return
As you give so it will be given to you.
- Day 5 – Sunday, October 11 The Law of Hilarious Generosity
God loves givers who give with the right attitude.
- Day 6 – Monday, October 12 The Law of Faithful Dependability
Trustworthiness marks the true steward.
- Day 7 Tuesday, October 13 The Law of Paradoxical Participation
The richest generosity often comes out of the deepest poverty.
- Day 8 Wednesday, October 14 The Law of Supernatural Supply
God enables the giver to give beyond the ability to give.
- Day 9 Thursday, October 15 The Law of Eager Willingness
Wise stewards joyfully choose to support God's work and do God's will.
- Day 10 Friday, October 16 The Law of Reciprocal Supply
Through meeting others' needs, we meet our own.
- Day 11 Saturday, October 17 The Law of Constructive Contribution
The work of God is to be done by the people.

33 Laws of Stewardship Adult Forums

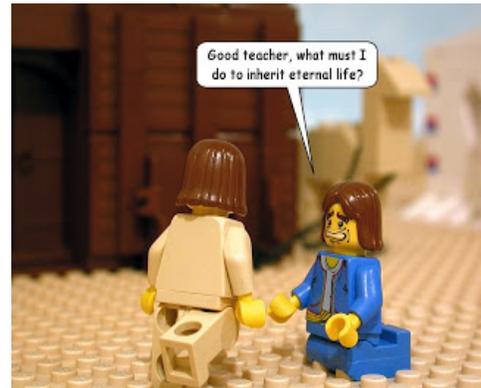
On five upcoming Sundays, October 11 to November 8, we will be looking at specific laws of stewardship from a variety of perspectives:

- October 11 The Law of Hilarious Generosity
- October 18 The Law of Purposeful Blessing
- October 25 The Law of Graceful Abundance
- November 1 The Law of Unconditional Contentment
- November 8 The Law of Loving Compliance

Join us in Grace Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for a lively discussion of each week's topic.

October 10 to 18 RLC Ministry Calendar

- 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
- Mon., 10/12** No RLC Ministry Events Scheduled
- Tues., 10/13** Wellspring Community, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Staff Meeting, 9:15 a.m.
 “Who Wrote the Bible?” Study, 7 p.m.
 Grace Hall in Use, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Weds., 10/14** Thrive Junior High Program @ St. John’s, 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs., 10/15** Genesis Study, 10 a.m.
 Praise Team Practice, 6 p.m.
- Fri., 10/16** No RLC Ministry Events Scheduled
- Sat., 10/17** No RLC Ministry Events Scheduled
- Sun., 10/18** **Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**
 Pre-K through 5th-grade Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
 Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.
 “Purposeful Blessing” Forum, 9:30 a.m.
 Thrivent Action Teams Overview, 9:30 a.m.
 Choir Practice, 9:30 a.m.
 LYO @ Houchin’s Home, 6:01 p.m.
 Gaming Unplugged, 6 p.m.
 October 24/31 *Spirit* Deadline, midnight



October 11 Lectionary

Scripture references for October 11, 2015, Lectionary 28: **First Lesson** – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; **Second Lesson** – Hebrews 4:12-16; **Gospel** – Mark 10:17-31; and **Psalm** 90:12-17.

Reflection: The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark’s gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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October 11 Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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Spirit Newsletter Dates and Deadlines

The October 24 *Spirit* newsletter will be a two-week version and will include the November calendar. The deadline for article submissions is Sunday, October 18. A mini-edition will be published on November 3 or 4. The next complete newsletter will be dated November 14 and will have a November 8 deadline. Please contact Mary Meier (MaryMeier@reslutheran.org; 309-663-8252) to publicize upcoming events.





Thrivent Action Teams Overview

Sunday, October 18; 9:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 18, Thrivent Rep Bob Borchers and Pastor Brian will present an overview of Thrivent Action Teams.

With a Thrivent Action Team project, you can receive \$250 to provide supplies for a service project. We have over 40 Thrivent members at RLC who are eligible to be team leaders, so even if you are not a member, we could connect you with someone who is. Each member can receive two grants a year. This is a tangible way to stretch our service dollars.

Some of the projects that have already been done include purchasing:

- Building materials for the Adult Work Trip to Sunset Gap
- Plants and soil amenities for the Veggie Trails Garden to benefit Clare House
- Blanket materials for the Women's Retreat service project
- Materials to make dolls for a mission project

Potential projects might include purchasing materials to compile backpacks for needy students or buying the food for a Safe Harbor meal.

Basically, you need to get a group together to do something for others. There are some restrictions, but Bob Borchers (309-242-1731; robert.borchers@thrivent.com) would be glad to talk to you about any of your ideas. For information, see <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams>, or contact Bob with questions.

RLC Community Service Day

Saturday, October 24; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The RLC congregation has two opportunities to serve in our community on Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: raking leaves for our older members or cleaning up along Towanda Barnes Road and in our church neighborhood.

Raking Leaves: Meet at RLC. Bring leaf rakes and work gloves if you have them.

Cleaning Up along Towanda Barnes and around Our Local Businesses: Meet at RLC; bring work gloves if you have them. Orange vests, trash bags, and a few pairs of gloves (all purchased with a Thrivent Action Team grant) will be provided.

Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex to indicate the project you'll participate in.



Mission Trip to Belize

July 16 to July 23, 2016

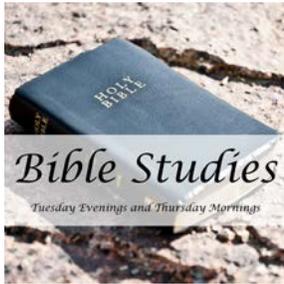
Informational Meeting – Sunday, October 25; 9:30 a.m.

Next July, Pastor Brian will lead a mission trip to Belize. RLC members and friends age 19 and up or 14 to 18 accompanied by a parent are encouraged to participate. On Sunday, October 25, at 9:30 a.m., he will provide details of the trip, which will include working at a day camp and/or doing simple construction. If you can't attend and want information, please contact Pastor Brian.

RLC Website FYI

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.

Note that the Giving and Attendance information for September 28 to October 4 will be published on the website next week.



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.

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.



RLC Thank You Notes

Tree Removal and Trimming: Many great things have been happening at RLC, and we can't possibly name everyone or everything that have helped out, but, most recently, Clint Nord took down the dead ash tree near the driveway and also cleaned out the dead wood from the birch tree between the drives. We all know the costliness of tree removal, so thank you Clint for your generosity.

Lawn Care: Now that summer is over, more words of thanks go to Dave Ashley, Marlon Huls, and Mark Young for their many hours of mowing and weed eating the church yard. Until recently, the mowing occurred every week with all the rain we had this summer.

Visual Enhancements Team: Have you noticed that, as the seasons change, the decorations in the Narthex also change? That doesn't happen without some time and talent from a very faithful Visual Enhancements Team consisting of Julie Weilbacher, Linda Cooper, and Karen Ashley. They also have tended to our beautiful prayer garden, adding and plants as well as weeding. Bushes and trees have been trimmed all the way around the church building. Gary Weilbacher and Dave Ashley also contributed as needed.

Many thanks are due to all these people and their willingness to serve and keep RLC a beautiful place to worship.



**Women's Christmas Celebration
“Journey to Joy”
Saturday, December 5; 8 to 11 a.m.
Sign Up by noon on Sunday, October 11
DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington**

Join us as we begin our Journey to Joy with the beautiful tradition of the Women's Christmas Celebration! Sue Heimer will inspire us as she shares her humor and wisdom through her topic, "The Friend I Want to Be."

In addition, local artisans will display and sell their beautiful work in the concourse of the Doubletree. Pre-event shopping is from 8 to 9 a.m., breakfast and program from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and post-event shopping from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Sign up and place a check for \$20 payable to the Immanuel Bible Foundation in the marked lockbox at the Welcome Center by noon on Sunday, October 11. An RLC member will purchase the tickets and deliver them to you before the event.

Your Eco-Bit

Earth-Saving, Energy-Saving Tips and Tidbits



God's World . . . Our Hands

Bird Nerd – Are you a bird nerd? Birding is a hobby that many people are starting to enjoy. From long-time bird nerds to those interested in learning what birding is all about, you are sure to learn something new in this class. Through the use of stunning photography of birds found in Illinois, you will be able to practice using your field guide. You will learn to identify over 20 various species utilizing a number of identification techniques. You will need a field guide for birds for this class.

The class will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, at Heartland's Astroth Community Ed Center. The cost is \$65. For registration information, call 309-268-8160 or go to

https://communityedregistration.heartland.edu/CommEdWebReg/description.jsp?term=0243&group=Community%20Education%20Program&subject=ALLCLASS&classNumber=2785&utm_source=Community+Ed+News-August+2015&utm_campaign=CE+Enews-August+2015&utm_medium=email.

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.

Adopt-a-Family 2015

Sign Up Now; Gifts Due December 1

This year, Resurrection has partnered with the Children's Home and Aid Adopt-a-Family program to provide Christmas gifts for a family of four. Both mom and dad work full time. They are raising their nephew, age 8, and their daughter, age 3. All of the family's needs and wishes are listed on a poster on a table in the Narthex.



Please sign up to help this family out and bring your items in by December 1. Place them under or by the display table.

There is also a list of some basic items needed by Children's Home and Aid to serve their families. With all the federal and state budget cuts, the agency is struggling to meet the needs of the families they serve. You can help out by purchasing a gift card or item listed. * Most can be purchased at a Dollar Store.

All items should be new and unwrapped with receipts if possible in case something does not work out. Help make a difference in our community!



Caring Team Offers Support

The Caring Team assists the pastor and staff with caring for RLC members who are ill, homebound, or have lost loved ones. Our goal is to ensure that they feel supported by their RLC family as they go through difficult times in their lives.

Sometimes that means:

- Visiting members who are homebound or in nursing homes and offering communion if desired
- Sending sympathy and thinking of you cards to those who have been ill or have lost loved ones in their family
- Making phone calls to check on members who have been going through difficult times and have been absent from church
- Offering Care Cards (displayed in the Narthex) for a variety of difficult situations that members or friends may be experiencing
- Sending Grief Booklets to those who have lost a parent, spouse, or child
- Connecting with other ministries to coordinate support i.e. prayer shawls, funeral ministry, or meal support

Please help us with this ministry. Sometimes we do not learn of someone needing support. If you become aware of someone needing support, contact Pastor Brian and/or a member of the Caring Ministry Team: Lynne Ekdale, Jane Frieden, Sharon Hoy, Betsy Huls, and Kathy Neil. New team members are always welcome. Please contact Betsy Huls if you are interested in joining.

Gaming Unplugged

Sunday October 18; 6 to 8 p.m.; Grace Hall



Come check us out. We are a family-friendly board gaming group meets one Sunday a month at Resurrection. We will share a meal and play games. There will be members teaching games, as well as basic games available. Children are welcome. They are their parents' responsibility, and we will have a corner set up with children's activities and games.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center, so we have a number to expect, or contact Deb Helgeson or Tom Salzman if you are interested. We will have a sign up each meeting for the following month for set up, food and snack donations, leading games, and clean up.



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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.

