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## Branching Out on the Vine

### Be Resurrection Weekend – April 10 and 11

On the weekend after Easter, RLC members will branch out on Jesus' vine in our community for our second annual "Be Resurrection" experience.

**One worship service will take place at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 11.** It will be similar to the worship services others may carry out into the community. No regular services at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, or at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, will be held.

RLC members and friends will have a variety of worship and outreach opportunities at varying locations from which to choose. Simple worship services will be provided for everyone to take along on the road, or adapt to your situation.

**Starting on Wednesday evening, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), you may sign up for a project at the large "Be Resurrection" display in the Narthex.** During the next weeks of Lent, be thinking and gathering a "team" of friends, family members, your Sunday School class, your small group, or a new person you invite to join you on Be Resurrection weekend.

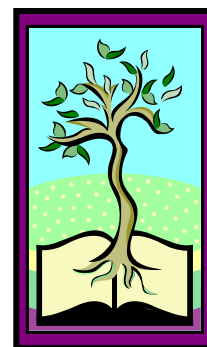
For example, you can "Be Resurrection" at an area nursing home, go Easter caroling at a hospital, clean up a park or trail, hold a scavenger hunt for food in your neighborhood, bake cookies or casseroles for a local shelter, make crafts or cards to give away, serve at a food bank, and much more.

Several RLC hosts will be needed on Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11, to greet visitors and give out "roadmaps" to project sites. If you are traveling for a sporting event, business trip, or vacation that weekend, you may also pick up your "travel kit" with worship and service items to share on the road.

**Start dreaming of where and how you would like to serve, and contact our Be Resurrection Project Manager, David Thompson, with your ideas.** He will work with you on all the details needed for your project.

Begin signing up on St. Patrick's Day in the Narthex, and contact Kathy Eckert (663-8252; [kathyeckertrlc@verizon.net](mailto:kathyeckertrlc@verizon.net)) with questions.

**As you are "Be-ing the Resurrection," you will worship, build relationships, and serve together in the name of Christ. Our roots run deep – Our branches reach wide.**





## “God’s People Speak”

Do you have a passion for ministry that you wish to share? Do you have a personal story or witness that you long to share? Then consider being a part of “God’s People Speak.” “God’s People Speak” will take place once a month at our Saturday Alive at Five services. Jerry Worden provided the first service on Saturday, February 6, as he shared his personal witness of how the Holy Spirit has worked in his life. If you are interested in sharing your story or your passion, contact Jerry or Pastor David. We can help develop a service and music that will further speak to the message you want to share. And stay tuned for the next service of “God’s People Speak.”



### Service of Renewal – March 10 Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m.

Does your life seem to drag and need some encouragement or a boost? Do you feel broken in some way, in health, emotions, or relationships? Do you just need a reminder of that God’s presence is with you every day? Then join us for a Service of Renewal on Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. As we offer the opportunity to be anointed with oil, this service will remind us that we are nourished and fed through the presence of God’s Holy Spirit in our lives.

Greg Basford will be our lay speaker as he shares what keeps him connected to the Vine who is Jesus in his faith journey.

### Stay “On the Vine” with Lenten Resources Available at the Table by the Entryway

- **Calendar cards listing Lent and Holy Week worship services**
- **Weekly Toolkit Handouts (new versions every week!)**
  - “DailyWalk” — One-page devotional including Scripture verses and discussion questions for each day of the upcoming week – also included in newsletter
  - “FaithWalk” — Two-page tool for small groups featuring Bible study and discussion
  - “SeniorWalk” — One-page devotional with super-sized print that gets right to the point
  - “KidsWalk” — Two-page activity sheet with art, puzzles, and prayers

***Ladies of all ages between 18 and heaven:***

### Women Alive Thursday, March 4, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Do you never have any free time?  
Are you swamped with homework, schoolwork,  
and work?  
Is stress your middle name?  
It’s time to make some time for yourself.

You need it, and we need you.

A new group for women of all ages to meet, socialize, and support one another is forming. We will gather at the home of Nancy Kerns. Call the church office for directions.



***Bring your girlfriends, neighbors, sisters, and moms!***

## March 6 to 14 RLC Ministry Events

- Sat., 3/6**     **Alive @ Five Worship, 5 p.m.**
- Sun., 3/7**     **Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**  
                   First Communion Celebration, 10:45 a.m.  
                   Sunday School/Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.  
                   "Being Nourished" Adult Forum, 9:30 a.m.  
                   Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.  
                   First Communion Reception, noon  
                   Prayer Partners Game and Craft Day, 2 p.m.  
                   LYO, 6:01 p.m.  
                   March 13 *Spirit* Deadline
- Mon., 3/8**     Stretch and Pray, 5:45 p.m.  
                   Disciple Bible Study, 7 p.m.
- Tues., 3/9**     Women's Bible Study, 11:45 a.m.,  
                   @ Olive Garden  
                   Executive Team, 6:30 p.m.  
                   Stephen Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
- Weds., 3/10**    Midweek Prayers, 10 a.m.  
                   Wings and Prayers Planning, 5 p.m.  
                   Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
                   **Lenten Service of Renewal, 7 p.m.**  
                   with Greg Basford Speaking  
                   Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., 3/11**    No RLC Events Scheduled
- Fri., 3/12**     Confirmation Lock-In Begins, 6 p.m.
- Sat., 3/13**     Confirmation Lock-In Ends, 7 a.m.  
                   **Alive @ Five Worship, 5 p.m.**
- Sun., 3/14**     **Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**  
                   Pancake Breakfast, 9 to 11 a.m.  
                   Sunday School/Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.  
                   "Producing Fruit" Adult Forum, 9:30 a.m.  
                   Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.  
                   DIGG Worship Gathering, 6 p.m.  
                   March 20 *Spirit* Deadline



## IN LENT    **March** **14 Lectionary**

The **Fourth Sunday in Lent** scripture references for March 14, 2010: **First Lesson** – Joshua 5:9–12; **Second Lesson** – 2 Corinthians 5:16–21; **Gospel** – Luke 14:25–33; and **Psalm** 32.

**Reflection:** The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away ... the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

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**Daylight Savings  
 Time Begins on  
 Sunday, March 14!**

## March 6 and 7 People Power Reminders First Saturday and Sunday Teams

From Monday to Thursday, please contact Marcia (663-8252; [marciafetzerrlc@verizon.net](mailto:marciafetzerrlc@verizon.net)) to report trades or substitutions. On Friday, Saturday, or Sunday morning, call the Steward for your worship service with changes.

You can also note changes on the People Power calendar posted on the bulletin board in the Nursery Alcove. Stewards: be sure to always check the calendar for the most recent information prior to the start of worship.



# Congregational Meeting to Elect Council Members

Sunday, March 28, 12:01 p.m.

## Pancake Breakfast to Benefit VBS

Sunday, March 14, 9 to 11 a.m.

The RLC Fellowship Team will be serving a Pancake Breakfast in Grace Hall on Sunday, March 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, muffins, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice will be served.



A free will offering will be taken, with the proceeds going toward Vacation Bible School expenses. If you would like to assist with preparing, serving, or cleaning up, please contact Sandy McAuley.

## Prayer Partners Games and Crafts Day

Sunday, March 7, 2 to 3:15 p.m.

All Prayer Partners are invited to enjoy fellowship, games, crafts, and refreshments at RLC on Sunday, March 7, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Please bring board and other games appropriate for a church event to share with your Prayer Partner and others. You'll also have an opportunity to try some rainforest-related and other crafts together.

## Easter Garden

You are invited to help decorate our Sanctuary in honor of the Resurrection of Our Lord with our beautiful Easter Garden. Flowers may be dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings received or a special occasion. Please sign up for a flower on the Kiosk and leave a check made out to Resurrection in the attached envelope by Sunday, March 22.

## Easter Breakfast

RLC's annual Easter Breakfast will be served in Grace Hall by our LYO members from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 4. All RLC members and friends are welcome to enjoy fellowship before or after a worship service. Please sign up to bring food or beverages on the poster on the Kiosk by Sunday, March 28.



## ELCA Presiding Bishop Hosts "Town Hall Forum" on March 7

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), will field questions on a variety of topics from members of the denomination at an online "Town Hall Forum" Sunday, March 7. The hour-long forum will begin at 4 p.m. Central Time. The forum will be webcast live from Chicago, where Hanson will be joined by an audience of ELCA members. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of the bishop, and online viewers can submit their questions at <http://www.ELCA.org/townhall> on the ELCA Web site. Participants can also post comments about the forum using Facebook Connect. No questions will be accepted in advance by phone or e-mail, and every question will be posted online. See <http://www.elca.org/News/Releases.asp?a=4458f> For additional information.

## On the Vine: Growing in Jesus Sunday Morning Adult Forums during Lent

During Lent, we will explore what it means to be “on the vine,” to be connected to Jesus. Come join us in Adult Forum on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall as we explore the following topics:

- March 7:       **Being Nourished:** What faith practices will help us grow?  
March 14:      **Producing Fruit:** Stewardship and Giving as a lifestyle of faith  
March 21:      **Growing and Drought:** How do we grow in the rough times and in conflict?



## Your Eco-Bit Earth-Saving, Energy-Saving Tips and Tidbits from the Eco-Justice Team

Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks. Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you have a leak. Adapted from [http://www.eartheasy.com/live\\_water\\_saving.htm](http://www.eartheasy.com/live_water_saving.htm).

## Our Giving and Attendance

**Dates:** 02/16/10-02/28/10  
**Offering:** \$9,430.84  
**Weekly Mission-Based Goal:** \$8,557.70  
**Year-to-Date:** \$72,851.13  
**Year-to-Date Mission-Based Goal:** \$77,019.30  
**Lenten Service Worship Attendance:** 37  
**Weekend Worship Attendance:** 221



*This information is preliminary and has not been verified by the Financial Secretary, so it may change slightly after verification.*

## Friends of the Children of Haiti Needs Your TRASH!

Pharmacists who volunteer for the medical teams that go to Haiti would like to have your large size (pint to quart or 500 ml - 1 liter) used, empty plastic prescription or medication bottles.

Recently, we were given some multiple vitamin tablets in a bulk container. We need to send them down to Haiti in clean plastic medication bottles.

If you have any large empty plastic bottles that you are going to discard, please consider donating them to FOTCOH by putting them in the bin on the shelves next to the Mechanical Room at church.



## Worship Bibles FYI

The following items are available from the ushers for use during worship:

- Large print Bibles
- *The Spark Story Bible* for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- *The Spark Bible* for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and up

## Habitat for Humanity of McLean County Application Orientation Sessions



Habitat for Humanity of McLean County will host two orientation sessions in March to explain Habitat's application process of homeownership and answer any questions regarding the program.

Informational Orientation Sessions will take place on Thursday, March 18; from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Interested applicants must contact the Habitat office at 309-827-3931 to RSVP for a session date, so that they receive required paperwork and location information.

### ***About Habitat for Humanity of McLean County***

Habitat for Humanity of McLean County (HFHMC) is a local affiliate of the international non-profit Christian housing ministry working to eliminate poverty housing worldwide. As a social service agency, home-builder and mortgage lender, HFHMC partners with volunteers and families on a non-discriminatory basis to build simple, decent, affordable houses and sell them at cost through a non-interest loan to families in need. Chartered in 1985, HFHMC works within the geographic boundaries of McLean County, Illinois. By the end of 2009, Habitat had completed 117 homes, housing over 500 people, including 339 children. To learn more, visit [www.habitatmclean.org](http://www.habitatmclean.org).

## Lent and Easter Offerings

The Service Team has designated the first \$4,000 of Lenten/Easter offerings toward building materials for the Adult Work Trip which will take place from April 24 to May 1 at Sunset Gap in Cosby, Tennessee.

Any excess offerings will be given to Clare House, a ministry which provides a food pantry and a twice-weekly soup kitchen for the hungry and homeless of McLean County.

## Ministry Prayers

**Nourished – Miracles and Ministry Prayer for the Day:** God, you come to us today challenging us to engage in your mission for the world. You have called, commissioned, equipped, empowered, and authorized each of us for this spiritual journey. This mission is to heal and teach, to proclaim the gospel, and bring comfort and healing to the broken places in our world and life. Step by step, guide our pathway and be close to us as we grow in you.

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**Scouts:** O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift up to you the ministry of Scouting. We offer you thanks for camping to teach our Scouts that the world is their great home; for study and work, to build character; for service, to see their responsibility to those in need; for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith. Bless the work of Scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, our youth may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with you and all people.

The Protestant Committee of the Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis

## Lutheran Day 2010 – April 21, Springfield



Mark your calendar for Lutheran Day 2010 on Wednesday, April 21, and plan to join several hundred Lutherans and friends who will gather in Springfield to learn about key issues affecting our state, advocate for people in need, and spend time in fellowship with other advocates. To register or ask questions, contact coordinator Stephen Taylor at [stephen.taylor@lssi.org](mailto:stephen.taylor@lssi.org) or 847-635-4653. You can also learn more and register online at [www.lutheranday.org](http://www.lutheranday.org).

## DIGG on March 14

"I need a God who's **now**. I need a God who teaches me **how to live now**. I need a **faith that's about today**...that helps me understand the world that I live in today, the world that you and I know is here and now...I need to know how to live here and **find meaning and purpose today**." – Rob Bell, "Trees"



Do you sometimes feel disconnected from God, disconnected with those around you? Do you sometimes find yourself searching for "a faith that's about today"? You are not alone.

You just might be interested in **DIGG**. Introducing a new form of worship at RLC called the "Dynamic Interactive God Gathering." *Dynamic* because it evolves as our faith evolves. *Interactive* because we exercise discussion, participation, and knowledge/action regarding matters of our faith journey and social justice issues. We use technology such as videos to start dialogue and spark action and contemplation of our faith, and what it means to be followers of Jesus today.

DIGG is open to **EVERYONE**, youth, high school students, college students, and adults – singles and families. DIGG is a lay-led, non-traditional worship gathering. Whether or not you attend traditional worship matters not; this is simply one more way, a different way, to connect with God in a setting where those around you may be struggling with the same questions, wrestling with their faith, and searching for "a God who teaches me how to live now."

DIGG gatherings will be held once per month with opportunities for small groups to meet outside our larger DIGG gatherings. DIGG begins on Sunday, March 14, in Grace Hall at RLC from 6 to 8 p.m. Please invite those around you...if you know someone who isn't attending traditional worship, please invite them to join us.

"May you believe...that you can be a partner with God in redeeming and restoring this fallen, broken, hurting world. That you can literally be a partner with God in **making this the kind of place that God originally intended it to be**. May you be the kind of person, **that when you live this way, the very trees of paradise are being planted**." – Rob Bell, "Trees"

Join us on **your** journey beginning Sunday, March 14.



## First Communion Celebration

Sunday, March 7, 10:45 a.m.

The following RLC students will celebrate their first communion at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 7:

Kayla Marie Drach

Jessica Lee Hieb

MacKenzie Paige Jones

Brigid Lynnette Slown

Wesley Bartlett Thompson

Austin James Woodside

Andrew Nathan Young

We joyfully recognize this important step in our young people's journey of faith. As we are expecting a large number of visitors at the 10:45 a.m. service, members not involved in First Communion may wish to attend a different service due to space issues.



## Church Van Usage Reminder

When using the church van please remember to log your usage in the red notebook and fill the tank up with gas before returning it.

If you have any questions about the van, contact Nikki Houseman, Ministry Leader of Administration and Finance (663-8252; [NikkiHouseman.RLC@verizon.net](mailto:NikkiHouseman.RLC@verizon.net)).



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## Schedule of Services

Alive at Five Saturday Worship – 5 p.m.  
Sunday Worship – 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

**Sunday School for All Ages** – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Office Hours:** Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Resurrection Staff

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<b>Church Cleaner</b>	Elda Lowe	

### RLC Vision:

Communities claimed and empowered by God for hope and wholeness

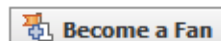
### RLC Mission:

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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