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## Resurrection Lutheran Church

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**Are you considering joining Resurrection, or do you want to know more about our congregation and denomination? Then check out –**

## Rooted in Faith for "Life on the Vine"

**New Member Session  
Saturday, April 10, 1 to 3:30 p.m.**

Rooted in Faith is Resurrection's getting-acquainted forum for prospective new members/disciples, as well as anyone who has questions about what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran, or a member of our congregation.



The session will be led by the Pastors as well as members of the LOV'nMM (Life on the Vine New Member Ministry) team and will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10. Child care will be available in the Nursery for those who request it by Thursday, April 1.

### Rooted in Faith discussion topics and activities will include:

- 🔗 Getting Acquainted
- 🔗 Lutheran Church in America History and Worship
- 🔗 Basic Lutheran Teachings
- 🔗 RLC: Our Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan
- 🔗 Tour of the Building

**Participants should sign up at the Welcome Center in the church Narthex or contact the church office (663-8252).**

Prospective new members enjoy these sessions for the information they gain as well as for the opportunity they have to meet other new members. Our goal is that people will have what they need to choose Resurrection Lutheran as a "good fit" for them in worship and ministry and also that those who attend will feel more confident due to the new relationships they have formed in our church community.

**We will be bringing in new members on April 24 and 25 at all three worship services.** A New Member Luncheon will take place at noon on Sunday, April 25. During the luncheon, you will learn more about the congregation and how you may become involved at Resurrection.

For additional information on Rooted in Faith or joining Resurrection, contact Pastor Mary Armstrong-Reiner (663-8252; [PastorMaryRLC@verizon.net](mailto:PastorMaryRLC@verizon.net)).



## Holy Week and Easter Services

### Maundy Thursday Worship: April 1

7 p.m. @ RLC

### Good Friday Worship: April 2

12 p.m. Ecumenical Service @

St. John's Lutheran, Bloomington

Pastor Marty Eckert Speaks,

12:30 p.m.

7 p.m. @ RLC

### Easter Vigil: April 3

7 p.m. @ RLC

No Alive @ Five

### Easter Sunday: April 4

#### SonRise Contemporary Worship

7 a.m.

#### Easter Festival Worship

Traditional – 8:15 a.m.

Blended – 10:45 a.m.

#### Easter Breakfast

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Grace Hall

Served by the LYO

**No Sunday School on Easter**

## Reading of the Passion, Holy Week, and Easter SonRise Services People Power Needs

**Reading of the Passion on Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28:** For the Palm Saturday and Sunday services, eight readers are needed to help with reading the Passion of Our Lord According to Luke. Please sign up on the Kiosk. Scripts will be provided before the services.

**Holy Week and Easter SonRise People Power:** Many people are needed to help with the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter SonRise worship services. Please check the lists posted on the Kiosk and sign up where you are able.

**First Saturday and Sunday Team Members:** Because of the Easter Vigil at 7 p.m., there will be no Alive @ Five service on Saturday, April 3. Members of the Saturday First Week Team are encouraged to sign up to help with the Easter Vigil. The Sunday First Week Team has been assigned to serve at the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services on Sunday, April 4.

### Easter Garden

#### Sign Up for a Flower by March 21

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 21.



### Easter Breakfast

#### Sign Up to Provide Food by March 28

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.



## ››› Congregational Meeting to Elect Council Members ‹‹‹ Sunday, March 28, 12:01 p.m.

On Sunday, March 28, Resurrection members will meet at 12:01 p.m. to elect Congregation Council members. The Congregation Council's duties include leading our congregation in stating its mission, doing long-range planning, setting goals and priorities, and evaluating its activities in light of its mission and goals. The Council also seeks to involve all members in worship, learning, witnessing, service, and support and to help empower and engage the lay ministers of our congregation. In addition, the Congregation Council is responsible for the financial and property matters of the congregation.

**We have a full slate of nominations for Council:** At the March 16 Council meeting, the Nominating Team officially presented the following names to be placed before the congregation on March 28: Paul Augsburg, Chris Ayers, Braeden Barbour, Carolyn Bojarowicz, Kelly Malinowski, and Mandy Fischer.

### Easter Items Needed for Wings & Prayers

The Wings & Prayers Worship Team is seeking donations of plastic Easter eggs and candy and small toys to fit in the eggs. Please place your donations in the marked tub on the shelves by the Mechanical Room. The deadline is Wednesday, April 7 (AFTER Easter). Contact Susy Marcum with questions.



### Pancake Breakfast Thank You

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 14. We served over 100 people. Thank you to the following for their help: David and Karen Ashley, Don McAuley, Larry Huelskoetter who provided the sausage, Jeff Able, Brandon Nolan, Letha Seip, Kelly Malinowski, and Sherri Watson. As of March 14, \$400 was raised to support this year's Vacation Bible School.

Sandy McAuley, Fellowship Team Leader

### Family Camping Trip Scheduled for June 4 to 6

The Fellowship Team announces the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RLC Family Camping Trip at Comlara Park. Come join us for a weekend of camping and fellowship on Friday, June 4, through Sunday, June 6. You can come for one night or both – just let us know when you sign up. We are having a preliminary sign up now, and we're checking on the cost – it will be between \$17 to 20 per night. If you don't want to spend the night, come out during the day for fishing and hiking. Contact Jeff Able or Sandy McAuley with any questions.

### Shoeman Project Update



In late February, George "the Shoeman" Hutchings picked up an enormous pile of shoes at RLC. The Shoeman sells the shoes to a vendor who pays \$.35 a pound for them. The shoes are in turn resold in third world countries. The Shoeman uses the money he receives to drill wells in areas of Africa where they do not have clean water. This year he will expand his efforts to Haiti and bring distilleries to purify the water they have.

The Shoeman Project is a ministry of "Eagles Wings Ministries" which operates out of St. Louis. We will continue to participate in this project in partnership with Thrivent throughout 2010. You may drop off your gently used shoes in the coat rack area to the left just after you enter the church. Note: Please tie or rubber band pairs together.



## Wednesday, March 24 Lenten Service

Join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24 for our final 2010 Lenten worship service, Holden Evening Prayer with Chris Hoy speaking. Because of Spring Break, no Soup Supper will be served.

## On the Vine: Growing in Jesus Sunday, March 28, Adult Forum

During Lent, we have explored what it means to be "on the vine," to be connected to Jesus. Join us in our final "On the Vine" Adult Forum on Sunday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall as we explore "**Growing and Drought:** How do we grow in the rough times and in conflict?"

## Thrivent "Fan It Forward" to Benefit Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) has an exciting opportunity to raise \$10,000, and you can help with the click of a mouse!

Between now and March 31, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will donate \$1 to LWR for every new Facebook fan they get, up to \$10,000. You do not have to be a Thrivent client to participate.

You can help Thrivent "Fan It Forward" and reach their goal of 10,000 new members (and \$10,000 for LWR) by going to [Thrivent.com/facebook](http://Thrivent.com/facebook) and clicking on the "Become a Fan" button.

By becoming a fan of Thrivent, look at what you can help LWR accomplish:

- **25 fans** (\$25) will help start a crab-raising business for a woman in Southeast Asia.
- **100 fans** (\$100) will provide a family a hearty goat, giving milk that nourishes and sells.
- **375 fans** (\$375) will give a family a dairy cow that can produce more than six gallons of milk a day.

We are grateful for the support of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and YOU for making this campaign a success.

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

Keep your air fresh with vinegar! Prevent cooking odors by simmering vinegar (1 tablespoon in 1 cup of water) on the stove while cooking. To get such odors as fish and onion off utensils and cutting boards, wipe them with vinegar and wash in soapy water.

Adapted from [http://www.eartheasy.com/live\\_nontoxic\\_solutions.htm](http://www.eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm).



God's World . . . Our Hands

## Our Giving and Attendance

**Dates:** 03/08/10-03/14/10

**Offering:** \$10,109.84

**Weekly Mission-Based Goal:** \$8,557.70

**Year-to-Date:** \$90,770.89

**Year-to-Date Mission-Based Goal:** \$94,134.70

**Lenten Service Worship Attendance:** 46

**Weekend Worship Attendance:** 215, including 39 for DIGG



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



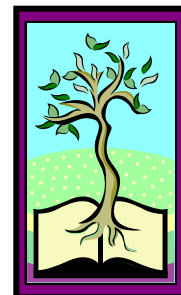
## Holy Spirit Verses in the Little Gethsemane Prayer Garden

As the weather warms, you are invited to spend some quiet time in the Little Gethsemane Prayer Garden by the church entrance. Meditate on the Holy Spirit scriptures submitted by Kathy Neil and give thanks to our Triune God who loves us enough to send new life.

### Be Resurrection Weekend – April 10 and 11 Branching Out on the Vine

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.



**Sign up for a project at the large "Be Resurrection" display in the Narthex.** During the upcoming weeks, 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.

**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. You may also 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.**

♪ ♪ ♪ **Aaron Shust, Downhere, with Laura Story** ♪ ♪ ♪

### Live in Concert

with Opening Worship Band, Surrendered

Thursday April 15, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Victory Christian Center, 18180 US Highway 150, Bloomington

Doors open at 6 p.m.

\$15 general admission; \$25 Artist Circle & Meet & Greet

Purchase tickets through PayPal.

If you have any questions about purchasing tickets, call 663-7233 and speak with Pastor Jarrod Herald.

See <http://www.victorypeople.org/news/calendaritem.aspx?ID=5212> for details and ticket links.

## Ministry Prayers

**Growing: Conversations and Controversies Prayer for the Day:** God, you know us like no other. You know our flaws and failures, our sins and our shortcomings. We easily confess you as Lord, but find it hard to truly follow. We quickly reduce faith to rule-keeping. We conform to an outward standard, but inwardly we are still filled with anger, jealousy, hatred, spite, and bitterness. You call us to live an other-centered life, but the gap grows between what we are and what we long to be. Come close to us in this time of worship, and speak forgiveness into our sinful condition.

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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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### RLC Vision:

Communities claimed and empowered by God for hope and wholeness

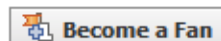
### RLC Mission:

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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