



The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

SIGNS OF SPRING & THE RESURRECTION

It was a joy to gather in-person (and via Zoom) on Easter Sunday! The smell of lilies and hyacinths filled the sanctuary, new people from the neighborhood and others who had been away for some time gathered for worship, and we all celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord. We heard this quote from Martin Luther (image on the right) in the sermon as well as these words:



For Mary Magdalene, the promise of the resurrection, came alive at the sound of her name, at the recognition of Jesus in front of her. For the early disciples, the promise of resurrection, of life and life abundant and life everlasting came in the breaking of the bread and when Jesus arrived through locked doors in an upper room proclaiming peace.

For us, here, for us God's promise of resurrection, of life anew comes in baptismal waters and in the wine and bread and in fellowship and learning and worship week after week. But just as Jesus was not limited by death and grave, God's promise, God's love, God's life and hope and peace are not limited by time as we measure it or by borders or by these walls or even by what we do or don't do. God's promise of resurrection,

Jesus standing before us comes in Spring, in new connections, in old friends, in moments of joy or curiosity in all of those times and places and events and actions when death doesn't get the final word.

We continue to give thanks for signs of new life and resurrection even as we live as signs of new life and resurrection each day. Our council gave thanks for the following at our last meeting: flowers, baseball, budding trees, daffodils around sculptures, longer days, the smell of new life, spring evenings with cool breezes, busy birds and pollinators, and more people out and about in the neighborhood.

For what do you give thanks? Where are you seeing signs of resurrection in the world? I hope you'll join us this Sunday or one to come and share!

– Pastor Kelly



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 1ST FOLLOWING 9:30AM WORSHIP

We are ready to consider the next step in our water infiltration repair project and will gather **in-person** after worship on Sunday, May 1st following worship. We ask that members try to be present in-person for conversation, questions, and voting. We will share the meeting via Zoom for those for whom it is not possible to be present in person.



Happy Birthday!

- 4 Bob Goldstein
- 6 Declan Prickett
- 8 Avery Darlington
Ellen Meents DeCaigny
- 16 Lily Roberts
- 21 Contina Harris
- 22 Cady McKenzie
Gregor McKenzie
- 25 Isabelle Dirlam
- 29 Kyle Leland Bakhshi
- 30 Evan Young

If we missed anyone or included someone accidentally, please let [the church office](#) know.

Prayers from the RLC Stewardship Team

*These prayers are written or selected by members of our Stewardship Team for use in Sunday worship for the date noted and then for personal prayer in the month **after** they have been prayed in worship.*

April 3

Heavenly Father, watch over your students and teachers of Chicago’s Public Schools as they begin their Spring Break week this coming Friday. Keep them safe and healthy and allow them opportunities to relax and enjoy your creations on their journeys.

April 10

We give thanks for the many in our midst who have volunteered to serve as readers, assisting ministers, lectors, ushers, communion table setters, and parament preparers for the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter services. We are ever grateful for our pastor and musicians for the many hours they devote in preparation. We pray that all who attend, whether in person or remotely, have meaningful worship experiences. May all of our worship be pleasing in Your sight and to Your glory.

April 17

God of all times and places, you gather us together this morning. We pray for those among us who are here for the very first time and those who are joining us after awhile away. Help us all make this congregation a place of welcome, worship, learning, and fellowship.

April 24

Almighty God, by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our living Lord and Savior, confirmands in the Lakeview Lutheran Parish have been given new life and will affirm that new life in their Affirmation of Baptism in the coming weeks. Grant unto them "the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.



	March 31, 2022	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	32,597.38	60,487.43	59,575.02
Other Income	93.45	93.45	1,374.99
Total Income	32,690.83	60,580.88	60,950.01
Total Expenses	20,012.48	67,133.29	75,911.82
Net Income	12,678.35	(6,552.41)	(14,962.81)



THANKSGIVING FOR GRADUATES
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

Do you have a graduate in your home? Please let the Church Office or Pastor Kelly know by Monday, May 9th. We'll give thanks during worship on May 22 and with a coffee hour after worship.

Please include 5 things:

1. Name
2. Graduating from and degree if post high school
3. What's next (school, work, etc.)
4. A favorite memory of RLC
5. A recent photo



LAKEVIEW LUTHERAN PARISH
Hot Soup Ministry

There will be a planning via Zoom on May 9 and serving on May 19 (starting out at Saint Luke).

For more information, please contact Paul Conley 773.841.3702



OUTREACH BUS MEAL
THURSDAY, MAY 12TH

Our next date to serve a meal with the Night Ministry is May 12th. We'll be using our fun hot dog roller again as we prep. Please sign up through [this link](#).

Weather permitting, there will be an outing after service to a local establishment for some beverages and fellowship!

YOUNGISH WOMEN'S GROUP




The RLC Youngish Women (women in their 20's, 30's, & 40's) gather for fellowship, study, and fun. For more information, please contact Sarah Lepp at sarahclepp@gmail.com.

MEN'S GROUP

Starting May 7th, the Men's Group gather in-person (hybrid) at church. Our new schedule will be a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meeting on the first Saturday of the month and an all Zoom meeting two weeks from that Saturday. For more information, please contact Rick Kline at rick1749@comcast.net.



MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 a.m. Worship In-Person & via Zoom <i>Meeting ID: 864 1603 4369</i> <i>Passcode: 58863</i> Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship</p>	2	3	4	5 8:00 p.m. NA	6 7:30 p.m. Community Group in F.Hall	7 9:00 a.m. Men's Group 9:00 a.m. LLP Council Retreat 12:30 Baptism Preparation
<p>8</p> <p>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 a.m. Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship</p> 	9	10	11	12 7 p.m. Night Ministry Service 8:00 p.m. NA	13 7:30 p.m. Community Group in F.Hall 7:30 p.m. Lux Cantorum Concert	14
<p>15</p> <p>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 a.m. Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship</p> 	16	17 7:00 p.m. Church Council Via Zoom	18 Deadline for June Messenger	19 8:00 p.m. NA	20 7:30 p.m. Community Group in F.Hall	21 9:00 a.m. Men's Group Via Zoom
<p>22</p> <p>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 a.m. Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship</p> 	23	24	24	26 8:00 p.m. NA	27 7:30 p.m. Community Group in F.Hall	28
<p>29</p> <p>7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 a.m. Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship</p>	30	31	<p><i>RLC Office Hours</i> <i>Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</i> <i>In case of Pastoral Emergency,</i> <i>please call Pastor Kelly (708) 714-4364</i></p> <p>Additional Weekly Building Use: Weekday mornings Piano practice Monday/Thursday afternoon Organ practice</p>			