



# The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

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## The Season of Christmas

### Coffee & Carols

**Saturday, December 17 at 10am**

We gather for carol singing and drinking cocoa and coffee, followed by decorating the sanctuary for Christmas.

### Christmas Eve

**Saturday, December 24 at 5pm**

We gather for our traditional Children's Pageant, share the meal in Holy Communion, and light candles as we sing *Silent Night*.

### Home for the Holiday on Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 25 at 9:30am via Zoom**

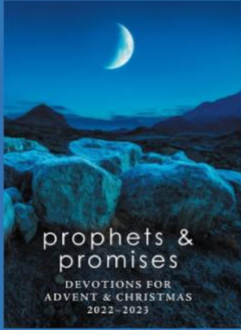
We gather by Zoom on Christmas Day.  
Consider it our version of being Home for the Holidays!  
Stay in your pj's and show off your decorations during fellowship time after worship.

### The Festival of the Name of Jesus

**Sunday, January 1 at 9:30 am**

We gather for worship with Holy Communion in-person or via Zoom.

After worship, we'll celebrate a New Year's Toast.



Tuesdays at Noon  
**Midweek Advent Devotions**  
 at Resurrection Lutheran Church

*We gather via Zoom. Link will be available at [www.rlclakeview.com](http://www.rlclakeview.com)*



**Wishing Stars**

*Making Christmas bright* ★

*Buy a gift card and  
 make Christmas  
 memorable  
 for someone in need*

**Resurrection's Goal is to collect  
 at least 20 Gift Cards!**

**Please return to the RLC Office Mail Slot (brick house at 3309 N. Seminary) or through the Sunday offering plate by Sunday, December 11th.**

As an outreach ministry of Concordia Lutheran Church, ELCA, **Concordia Place** is partnering with area churches to provide a meaningful Christmas to Chicago children and families who need it most.

At Concordia Place, "Wishing Stars" is the annual tradition of providing Christmas gifts to families who are in need. The goal is to ensure that all children, youth, and teens feel the love and warmth of the holiday season while relieving the burden from their families.

Concordia Place believes all people deserve to reach their full potential by envisioning bigger and better tomorrows for and fostering growth and opportunity for all. We support well-being through a wide-range of educational, enrichment, and wellness programs to nearly 700 young children, teens and adults at our four Chicago centers each year.

For more information about Concordia Place, visit [www.concordiaplace.org](http://www.concordiaplace.org).

If you'd like to support Wishing Stars, you can purchase \$25 gift cards to Target or Jewel.



A Concordia family of ministries serving people and communities  
[concordiaministries.org](http://concordiaministries.org) | [concordiaplace.org](http://concordiaplace.org)

**Adult Faith Formation**  
**Fall 2022**  
**1st & 3rd Sundays**  
**@ 10:45 a.m.**

# BYO Bible

- Working our way through the whole bible by May!
- Each session is a stand-alone session.
- You can come to **one** or to **all**!
- We hope you'll join us and bring a friend!

Sunday, December 4  
 Minor Prophets

Sunday, December 18  
 Writings



## Happy Birthday!

- 2 Frank Patrick
- 3 Justin Svoboda
- 10 Margaret Dirlam
- 14 Jay Strybis
- 15 Leo Harris
- 17 Houston Furgeson
- 18 Ann Marie Walsh  
Lillian Weaver
- 22 Ann Marie Monson  
Erin Strybis
- 29 Betsy Nore
- 30 Linda Chin
- 31 Harvey Kahler  
Nolan Francis

If we missed anyone or included someone accidentally, please let the church office know.

## CHURCH COUNCIL THANKSGIVINGS AND NEWS

### This month we tended to:

- Setting the schedule for Christmas worship
- Reviewing the Lakeview Lutheran Parish governing document
- Preliminary budget considerations
- Nominations to be considered at the January Annual Meeting
- Planning for space usage by Lakeview Lutheran Church in February 2023

### We give thanks for:

- Kyle Bakhshi's work as treasurer,
- Padraig Maguire filling in as musician on November 13,
- A smooth start to our construction project (that remains on budget and schedule as of now),
- Jayme, our seminarian,
- the finance committee, and
- our new members.

### YOUNGISH WOMEN'S GROUP

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

### MEN'S GROUP

The RLC Men's Group gathers in-person (hybrid) and via Zoom at church on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Rick Kline at [rick1749@comcast.net](mailto:rick1749@comcast.net).



## *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.*

### **November 6**

Gracious God, inspire the Boomer Belles and Youngish Women’s Group ministries of Resurrection Lutheran Church to open hearts and find new perspectives for growth in our congregation. As Romans 15:13 states, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with love by the power of the Holy Spirit.” *(adapted from Proverbs 31 Ministries)*

### **November 13**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing our congregation with our generous worship leaders. From leading music to ushering to the reading and praying and Zooming, their service and dedication are gifts. As we continue our recovery from the pandemic, please stir in others the urge to join today’s leaders with their time, talents, and treasures.

### **November 20**

We pray for all who participate in faith formation ministries: leaders and students, children and adults, here at Resurrection and in collaboration with the Lakeview Lutheran Parish. Inspire all your children to deepen their relationship with you and one another as they learn.

### **November 27**

Gracious God, as Resurrection's fiscal year comes to a close, several committees are working on our behalf. Please guide the activities of the Stewardship, Finance, Nominating and Mission Endowment fund committees. Each performs an important role in the life of this congregation. We thank you for the participation of all committee members and ask your continued blessings on their work.



	October, 2022	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
<b>Offering/Giving</b>	22,115.42	171,308.12	202,483.40
<b>Other Income</b>	414.16	1,377.30	4,583.30
<b>Total Income</b>	22,529.58	172,685.42	207,066.70
<b>Total Expenses</b>	18,969.80	226,491.31	226,289.40
<b>Net Income</b>	3,559.78	(53,805.89)	(19,222.30)

*We are behind in projected offering and building use income which accounts from some of this deficit beyond what we anticipated in our budgeting process. Taking into consideration severance costs and building expenses related to the water infiltration project the deficit YTD decreases by ~\$19,386.*



I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY PROMISE AND BRING YOU BACK TO THIS PLACE. FOR SURELY I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE AND NOT FOR HARM. TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE WITH HOPE  
- JEREMIAH 29:10-11

## A Future With Hope

### Capital Campaign Progress

Pledged: \$122,800.00  
Received: \$39,557



A FUTURE WITH HOPE

## Lakeview Lutheran Parish Evening Prayer for Advent



**Wednesday, November 30, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Saint Luke Church**  
1500 West Belmont Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60657  
info@stlukechicago.org

Service will be available online:  
stlukechicago.org/church

Parking available in parking garage;  
enter on Melrose Ave

## ADVENT RETREAT @ HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come and explore the way of the winding path. We will learn about the labyrinth as an ancient symbol of the spiritual path and walk Holy Trinity's labyrinth. This will be partnered with journaling techniques to access one's inner journey and life experience.

Whether you are an experienced journaler or a novice, join body, heart and spirit for an exploration of the sacred self.

This event is hosted by Karol Weigelt, MS, LCPC

Contact [Deaconess Claire Schoepp office@htchicago.org](mailto:Deaconess Claire Schoepp office@htchicago.org) to sign up.

## REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP GROUP FORMING

We are building a team to sponsor a family currently in a refugee camp in Uganda and to accompany them for six months here in Chicago. Join us in that task of justice and love. Give an American life to this family. We have some funds pledged and the support of Congresswoman Schakowsky. We can do it as churches of LakeView.

Contact Bob Goldstein 415-516—5878 or [goldroboz17@gmail.com](mailto:goldroboz17@gmail.com) for more information. We all can help in some way.

Please spread the word to anyone you know.



## Christmas Worship

### Holy Trinity

1218 W. Addison  
Christmas Eve @ 4:30 & 9 p.m.  
Christmas Day @ 9:30 a.m.

### Lakeview

835 W. Addison  
Christmas Eve @ 7p.m.

### Saint Luke

1500 W. Belmont  
Christmas Eve @ 11 p.m.  
Christmas Day @ 9:30 a.m.

# DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p><b>RLC Office Hours</b>  <i>Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</i>  <i>To schedule a meeting or in case of Pastoral Emergency, please call Pastor Kelly (708) 714-4364</i></p>				1 9:15 am. & 5:15 pm Community Group in F.Hall	2 7:30 p.m. Community Group in F. Hall	3 9:00 a.m. Men's Group Hybrid
4 <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation  <i>Meeting ID: 864 1603 4369</i> <i>Passcode: 58863</i> <i>Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)</i>	5	6 12:00 p.,m. Noon Devotions	7	8 9:15 am. & 5:15 pm Community Group in F.Hall	9 7:30 p.m. Community Group in F. Hall	10
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25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship via Zoom	26	27	28	29 9:15 am. & 5:15 pm Community Group in F.Hall	30 7:30 p.m. Community Group in F. Hall	31