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The Herald

Sunday Worship: *Contemporary 9:15am; Traditional 11:15am*
Sunday School 10:30am (during the school year)

Wednesdays: Begins at 5:30pm with prayer (supper @ 5:45)

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Ministers: All the People of Resurrection

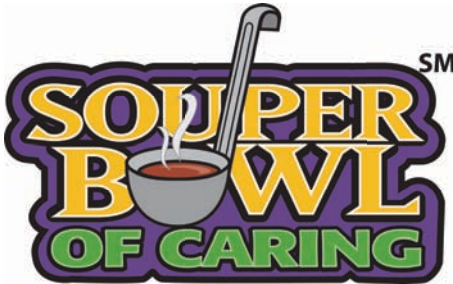
Pastors: The Rev. Michael O'Berg, The Rev. Wendell Jacobson, The Rev. Roger Fuchs

Minister of Youth and Family Discipleship: Mr. Troy Lutz;

Parish Administrator: Kym Tangen **Pastoral Intern:** Vicar Fritz Fowler

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During the month of January, Resurrection will be collecting food (non-perishable) for SnowCap Community Charities. This will be a contest between Pastor Mike, Vicar Fritz and Youth Minister Troy Lutz. The staff member who has the least amount of food collected in their "end zone" will have their head shaved on February 9, 2014 in between worship services. We will have a celebrity panel of Judges to determine the winners. Start bringing in your food items January 5 and support your staff member (the one you would least like to see bald). The winner of the contest will be those in our community who need to be blest by the people Resurrection with much needed food in the new year.

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Pastor Mike's Musings

The first newsletter article of the new year are typically written in retrospect, using the opportunity to let folks know where we have been in the past year and what we have been up to. So much of what Resurrection has been in

2013 is more than what happens on Sunday morning. To say there is much for us to celebrate would be an understatement. I LOVE what God is doing through you and Resurrection Church. As you know, the reason we are here is to **Rejoice** in the Love of God, be constantly **Renewed** in our faith so that we can **Reach Out** to those who are feeling the burdens of life –

It's awesome to think that God allows us to be a part of his plan – being a church that makes a difference! We are making a difference in the lives of so many. There is transformation happening all around.

2013 was an incredible year. As I look back, one word comes to mind...grateful.

I'm grateful that each week, over **270** folks attend worship here @ RLC. I'm grateful that this year – **7** people – including three young adult were Baptized @ RLC. I'm grateful that every Wednesday – over **60** people eat together and over **55** worship together @ RLC. I'm grateful for **17** people who decided to take a deeper step in their life and officially join RLC in our ministry!

I'm grateful for God allowing our church to give away over **\$80,000** to different missions and over **\$20,000** over and above our mission giving through special appeals.

I'm grateful for a deeply dedicated and loving staff that gives **100%** to their work on your behalf here @RLC.

I'm grateful that we are an **Internship Congregation** and that we play a vital role in the life of a further ELCA pastor.

I'm grateful for all of the important financial supporters of the mission and ministries @RLC and for those who give their time and talent to further the mission of Resurrection and

give all they can to transforming lives in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks so much for **your** generosity in 2013. None of this would be possible without your willingness to partner with us financially and in all the other ways that YOU make Resurrection the church that, "**makes a difference.**"

In January we are doing it again! You may know that on SuperBowl Sunday – Food in gatherings are taking place all over the country under the title:



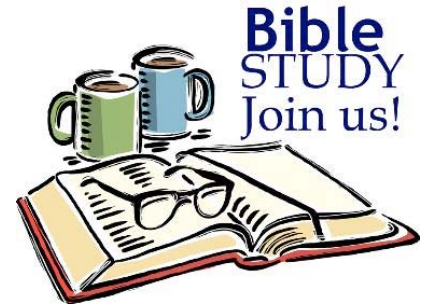
We want to make this the biggest collection in the history of Resurrection and your staff, Vicar Fritz, Troy Lutz and myself have come up with a fun contest to build your interest and excitement as we, once again, take active steps to transform lives in the name of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the month of January – we will transform the Lobby of the Church in to a three end zone food gathering space. Each of us will have our own zone. You are invited to bring non perishable food items all throughout January and fill up these three zones. On SuperBowl Sunday, a celebrity panel of judges will determine which of the three zones has the least amount of food. Then, on Sunday, February 9 – the staff member whose zone had the least amount of food in it will have his head shaved by Ron Porter (and the other two contestants) in between worship services....

The winner of this contest is not the two who get to keep their hair – the winners are the thousand of men, women and children who will be recipients of the food that we gather. We will have a lot of fun – many other will have their lives tangibly changed and transformed by our ministry here at Resurrection. I hope that you will take an active part in this contest and make 2014 a meaningful year for those among us who need our love and generosity. May God bless 2014!

~ **Pr. Mike** (Pastor Mike can be reached @ pastor.mike.oberg@rlcpdx.org)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



Everyone is welcome to join us for any of the following Bible Studies that we currently offer here at RLC. If you have any questions about any of these Bible Studies, please contact Kym in the office at 503-255-8772 or kym.tangen@rlcpdx.org.

Sunday Adult Forum

Join us at 10:30 every Sunday morning for an in-depth study of the Scripture and the Sunday Morning Preaching Theme

MMMM--Men's Monday Morning Manna

Meets every Monday at 7:00am in the Luther Lodge

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Meets Tuesdays at 9:45am in the Fireside Room

Wednesday Bible Study

Part of the Wonderful Wednesday @ RLC meet in the Library @ 6:30pm. We are currently studying the book of Romans and there will be a 6 week course on the book of James!!

Joy Circle

We meet every third Wednesday--time has been changed to 10:00 am
This month on Jan. 15, 2014

This session is on Abigail, a Calm Strategist

Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain one hundred clusters on raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. (I Samuel 18-19)



The November 19th Council meeting marked the end of our project of listening to members for comments regarding our church. Thanks to everyone who provided valuable input to our Council. In the months ahead and at our Council Retreat in early January we will chart these comments and make changes as required.

Going forward if you have a concern, I'm still doing "Bagels/Donuts with Ben" between our services from 10:30 to 11:15 on the third Sunday each month. Do stop by and chat.

Our Youth, under Troy's leadership, have decided to go to Washington DC for their annual mission trip in July. This year the goal for each attending youth (8) is to raise \$1000 to cover the trip expenses. They are selling espressos and 2014 pictorial Christian calendars in the fellowship hall. The main fund raising event will be an auction in a dinner theater setting in the spring. They are already procuring some fantastic items to make this event a huge success. These young people are our future leaders and they would welcome your support.

This month we are looking for people to replace our three kitchen helpers as they "retire" on 12-31-13. Over the last four years, Betty Palmer, Judy Crook, and Sharon Felbinger have accomplished and upgraded our kitchen in amazing ways. If you are interested (maybe a group of three friends), please see Pastor Mike who has an outline on what this position entails. To reach out to me, my e-mail is bsf1965@aol.com or find me at church.

Blessings, Ben

Wonderful Wednesdays Mid Week Program

5:30 pm – prayer in the chapel

5:45 pm – Supper

6:30 pm – Adult Bible Study, Choir, High School Youth, Confirmation (6th–8th Grades), Kids Club

7:50 pm – Blessing/Worship/Holy Communion

8:15 pm – Homeward Bound



Kym's Korner

*Your 2014 Offering Envelopes are here!
You can find your box on the counter by the nametags.
If you are in need of Offering Envelopes, please let me know.*

I will have your 2013 Contribution Statements ready for you in January.

*If you are the last person to leave the building after your event/rehearsal/meeting,
please double check that ALL doors are locked securely!*

Thank you my friends!!



Partnering Together Transforming Lives

What a great opportunity it is to be a part of a community that is so dedicated and committed to helping others. Resurrection Lutheran Church exists today because God has called us together to minister and care for all God's people, serving them in a variety of ways.

Together as a church family we are able to provide mission opportunities for youth and their families and collectively we can provide opportunities that help support the community in which we live.

One way that generates resources to do this is through the RLC Youth Auction. The RLC Youth Auction is a dinner and benefit event to help foster and nurture discipleship in our youth.

Not only will this event allow RLC Youth to experience life-changing experiences by serving God through hands-on mission projects, it is our goal that this event will also provide scholarships for families in need at RLC who desire to send a child or youth to a Christian camp.

AUCTION 2014

But in order to do this we really need your help. Only together can the youth succeed in making this a rewarding and lucrative event.

It's hard to believe that the auction is directly around the corner and we only have 4 months left procuring items.

Although we've received a few generous items for this year's auction, currently we do not have near enough to even begin to hold an auction.

We need items, we need gift certificates, we need services, we need tickets to sports games, musicals, and more. Your imagination is your limitation. Below are several ideas for baskets. These are just ideas to help get your creative juices flowing.

If you need any help or have questions please call Troy Lutz.

503-255-8772
email youthministry@rlcpdx.org

Basket Ideas

1. Harry & David #1
2. Harry & David #2
3. Movie Night
4. Cat Lovers
5. Tea Party
6. Welcome Little One
7. Breakfast in Bed
8. A Day at the Spa
9. Backyard Garden
10. Best Friend
11. Stationery
12. That's Italian
13. Seafood Lovers
14. Christian Faith
15. Just Starting Out
16. Easter Surprise
17. Luxury Bath
18. First Christmas
19. Family Night
20. Pampered
21. Get Well Soon
22. New Arrival
23. Country Breakfast
24. Veggie Tales Fun
25. Vacation Memories
26. God Bless America
27. BBQ Deluxe
28. Winter Afternoon
29. Baby Sitter's Bag
30. Picnic
31. Poker Night
32. Travel Bag
33. Wine
34. Spring Garden
35. Bride & Groom
36. Golf Basket
37. Chocolate Dream
38. Health & Fitness
39. Graduation
40. Wrapping Paper
41. OSU Beaver Fan
42. U of O Duck Fan
43. Prayer Basket
44. Ice Cream
45. Kitchen Fun
46. Too Hot
47. Nuts about You
48. Thinking of You
49. Low Carb Delight
50. Chili Basket
51. Kids Travel Basket
52. Auto Care
53. College Bound
54. Girls Night Out
55. Freshen Up
56. Sympathy

If you aren't sure what to include in a basket, see Troy Lutz for a full list of what might be included. Or, if you have an idea for a basket, feel free to put it together!

Fair Trade News

How CONACADO Helps!

CONACADO (the National Confederation of Dominican Cacao Producers) currently has 9,500 members in 142 local co-ops throughout the Dominican Republic. Over 40% of their cacao is sold on the Fair Trade market. Each year the Fair Trade premiums are used for community projects including Education, Infrastructure, Health, and Development.

The funds provide school supplies and scholarships for members' children. They also provide for the repair and building of schools. Additional funds are used for home loans, electricity projects, and for building roads to remote areas. Health related funds are used for medicines, doctors' services, and the repair of clinic buildings.

Also important to the economy and to the well being of Dominican cacao farmers are the grants given to women's organizations that produce cacao, wine, and chocolate. Additional funds are also used for the promotion of eco tourism.

Equal Exchange (affiliate of Lutheran World Federation) is proud to be part of this effort and to offer Hot Cocoa and Chocolate Bars for sale. We'll be in the Fellowship Hall on January 5th to offer these fine products to our Church Family.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



A Thank You from the Library Committee...

Because of your donations at least forty-two people in countries that span the globe will be the happy owners of their own copies of the Bible or New Testament. Although the Used Bible Drive for this year has formally concluded at Resurrection, we will leave the donation bin, which is located under the desk in the library, available during the month of January for those of you who may still wish to donate used Bibles or Testaments in any condition. All of them will be treasured by the recipients. In February the Bibles will be taken to the Bible Foundation in Newberg, Oregon for distribution worldwide. God bless you for sharing the Word.

Community Ministry Team

November Mission Focus: Shepherd's Door

Shepherd's Door, our next door neighbor on 132nd and Halsey, is a ministry serving homeless women and children, supported by Portland Rescue Mission. The goals of Shepherd's Door are to lead residents to Christ, create a safe, secure environment, and assist residents in accepting personal responsibility and becoming self-sufficient.

Shepherd's Door houses women and children for extended stays as needed. While the resident is with Shepherd's Door she is equipped with life skills including parenting, nutrition, personal care, arts & crafts, cooking and more. She will receive one-on-one mentoring, assisting her in accomplishing her program. Shepherd's Door has room to house more women and children than they are currently able to do, due to funding shortages. Always urgently needed are diapers (pull-ups especially, larger sizes), bus tickets (single or monthly passes), and baby formula (Enfamil w/iron and Enfamil, lacto free). More specific wish lists and baskets to put donations in are in the narthex and we thank you for bringing donations during the month of January.

Lorraine Holte is our liaison to Shepherd's Door and she will also have a list in the Fellowship Hall of items they need.



Christ Child Tree and Adopt-a-Family.

Thank you for your generous spirit and gifts. We have received what is needed to receive \$600 matching funds from Thrivent. HOUSE OF ZION-Woodburn and ELCA-GOOD GIFTS will be the recipients of the donations to help people in need. Four families (eleven individuals) will receive gifts from you that will make their lives a little easier and happier.

Everything You Wanted to Know About The Book You Never Read

Remember that book in the bible that your confirmation pastor said was pointless and probably should not be in the Bible – the one that we never read in worship? Join us and Concordia University Professor Benjamin Nicodemus, on Wednesday nights, beginning January 8th as we begin an eight week course - diving head first into this book that is thought by many as “a waste of time” – the Epistle of James.

What Is It?

James is one of the most misunderstood texts in the Bible. It is a book famous for telling its readers how they ought to live. Many Lutherans struggle with James, Even Martin Luther struggled with James calling it the “epistle of straw” because it does not seem to support “justification by grace through faith.” This 8 week course will challenge us to look carefully at this text to find that, not only is it not so contradictory to what Lutherans believe, but in fact it is one of the most inviting books in the whole Bible. James encourages readers to think for themselves and ask tough questions – the very thing Luther wanted people to do in churches. This class invites you and helps you do that. This class will not only help you see things you never expected in the book of James, it will provide you a framework from which you can look at all books of the Bible. You will learn to become critics of the New Testament, ask relevant questions both to the text and to your lives. This class is for all people who want to take the Bible seriously and examine it in meaningful ways. This will be an 8 week course with the topics listed below – while I hope that everyone attends all 8, each of them will be independent enough that one could attend inconsistently.

Eight Sessions

1. Author and audience? Are we included?
2. Genre – How does this make sense?
3. Why isn't Jesus in this text? Where is the Logos?
4. Stoic thought in James – do I deserve death?
5. Freedom and the law – How can it be both?
6. Was Luther right? Does James contradict Paul?
7. What is wisdom? How could that possibly hurt us?
8. What is this “taming of the tongue” business? Is this just practical advice?

About the Instructor



Ben Nickodemus is a professor in the College of Theology, Arts, and Sciences at Concordia University. His area of study is New Testament and Hellenistic religions with a specialty in 2nd-4th century Coptic Egypt. He is particularly interested in dialogue between religious communities in terms of identity formation. He works primarily on dialogues between different religious practice and different hierarchies of authority in the development of the Early Church. He is particularly interested in the development of alternate forms of spirituality as they developed over time as expressed in monastic worlds, Nag Hammadi and related literature, and Manichaeism. He has taught courses on the New Testament, Old Testament, and Theory and Practice of Religion, and Religion and violence at various institutions.

January 11 - February 15
Six Saturdays - Three Courses - One Great Opportunity

Saturday Night "ALIVE"



Group I: Join Steve Dougherty for Discussion centered around Timothy Keller's Book, "The Reason for God." Taking his trademark approach to Christianity, Pastor Keller explains Why we can feel confident about our Belief in God in an AGE of Skepticism

Topics include Hasn't science disproved Christianity? Really, only ONE way?, What about Other Religions?, Why is the church responsible for so much injustice? And many more...

Join Pastor Mike and Vicar Fritz for six stories, one timeless quest - to quench the thirst that burns in every human spirit. Join H2O Guide Kyle Idleman for a cinematic journey through the human experience, and find out how the offer of Living Water has the power to change everything.



Join RLC's own (and Thrivent Rep.) John Dietrich for an in-depth discussion concerning your financial health. This is a biblically based & value centered money management workshop series that starts with a foundation of stewardship. There is NO COST for this workshop.

Check out the Information Center in the Fellowship Hall to sign up for the group of your choice. Classes are limited to 33 people. There will be activities for youth and kids so child care is not an issue. Join us - Experience Transformation

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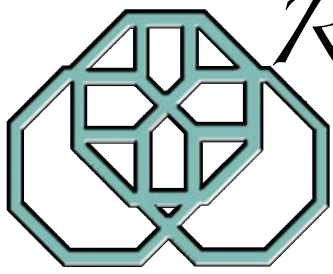
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