



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week

The Saturday, August 17 Chrismon Workshop is **CANCELED**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger
– Collection of Food Items for **AFAC**

11:00 a.m. – Adult Forum after Worship

The *Animate Faith* series continues after Worship. Nadia Bolz-Weber offers her take on the cross and how we might make sense of what was accomplished by the crucifixion of Jesus. Nadia asks us to think about how our interpretation of the cross lines up with our understanding of God.



Monday, August 19 Through Friday, August 23

6:00 p.m. – VBS Dinner

6:25 p.m. – Vacation Bible School for Kids & Adults

Float on the “River of Life,” stopping at various ports along the way to learn about water and how God works through water and through us to make a difference in the world. Our evenings will begin with a meal together followed by our opening where we will share our theme for the evening through a skit. Then the children and adults will separate into two groups. The adults will read Bible stories and have thought-provoking discussions led by Pastor Harry. The kids will enjoy the same Bible stories along with crafts, games, science, singing, and more to reinforce the lesson in a fun and captivating way. Our Bible stories and themes include:



- Creation - Genesis 1:1-2:1; God creates
- Water from a rock – Exodus 17:1-6; God provides
- Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:13-17; God claims
- Jesus calms the storm – Mark 4:35-41; God protects
- Jesus washes the disciples’ feet – John 13:3-15, 33-35; God loves, we love

Next Weeks

Sunday, August 25

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger
– VBS in Worship

11:00 a.m. – Adult Forum after Worship

The *Animate Faith* series continues after Worship. In this session, Lauren Winner takes us into the Bible, God's Word. Lauren was slow to embrace the Bible but came to do so in new and different ways. As you work through this session, you may find new and different ways to see scripture too.



Wednesday, August 28

The Village School's first day of classes. We offer prayers for all students, teachers, and administrative personnel this year.

Notes From Pastor Harry

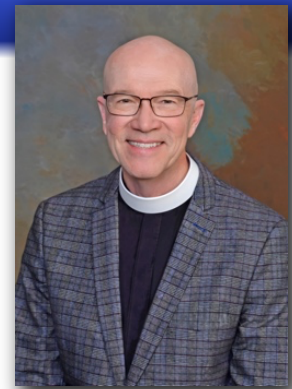
I have some great memories of Vacation Bible School. Our parish had it for two whole weeks during the day. We did crafts, games, Bible stories and it seemed to end with a water balloon fight of Biblical proportions. Well, at least one I remember did.

Our VBS meets this week for 5 evenings and I hope you can join us. Even if only for one evening, come for the fellowship. Dinner is available so you can come without worrying what to put on the table. The adults will study the same Bible story as the youth, but from our perspective.

I feel VBS is one of the blessings of summer – and all too quickly here and gone. Come and give us the blessing of your presence in fellowship as we enjoy one more of the treats of summer! See you at church.

Blessings dear church!

Pastor Harry



Coming Soon at RELC

Reconciling in Christ (RIC)

RELC's Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Core Team will be sponsoring some very important and informative forums in the coming months. On October 13th and 20th, Gordon Lathrop will lead discussions on "Principles of Biblical Interpretation" and "Applying Biblical Interpretation to Difficult Passages," respectively. More information on these forums and others will appear in upcoming weekly bulletins.



If you haven't already done so, the RIC Core Team encourages you to review Lizzie Schoen's June 28th presentation ([WORKING LINK](#)) on the RIC process and its importance in widening our welcome to others in our community.

Do you have questions about RIC? You may submit your questions anonymously in the RIC question box in the back of the Narthex. Other RIC materials are in the Narthex.



Sacred Ground Series on Race and Faith

Registration is now open for "Sacred Ground," a 12-session spiritual journey, grounded in the example of Jesus Christ and the power of scripture, prayer, and God's grace, to help achieve racial equity. This series is open to all congregations in small groups and to all rostered ministers.



Through this series, you are invited to:

- walk back through history and reflect on the situations and circumstances that have contributed to where we find ourselves today, including current challenges and divisions.
- reflect on our personal family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story.
- watch documentaries and engage in readings to help inform and enlighten.

Sacred Ground is a rich and varied curriculum focused on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian Pacific Americans as their histories intersect with European American history. The curriculum also provides historical information on how racism has impacted the ELCA and the Episcopal Churches. More information and register here: metrodcelca.org

Metro DC Synod Women's Organization

The Welcome Back Convention, "Resilience and Hope," Saturday, September 21, 2024 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA. Find an information flyer [HERE](#).



Registration is free, but registration is necessary. The registration deadline for Voting Members is August 23. The registration deadline for attendees is September 7. Online Registration: [HERE](#) OR print [THIS FORM](#) and mail your registration.

Metro D.C. Synod Announces New Visual Identity

The arrangement of the new logo prioritizes "creating space" to discover, to belong, and to serve. The bold lines embody the diverse and faithful people of the synod commuting in and out of the church and the world as servant leaders inspired by the work of the Holy Spirit. The negative space between them creates the cross of Christ in which we are rooted.



A variation of the logo with the symbol portrayed in a custom, multi-color gradient will be used intentionally to reflect the synod's commitment to Reconciling in Christ initiatives and to welcoming and affirming all of God's beloved children.



More information about the new logos are noted here: metrodcelca.org/visual-identity

RELC Ongoing Programs

Chrismon Project

There will be Chrismon Workshops in October & November. Please make sure to read the Chrismon article in “The Steeple Light.”



Collection of Food Items for AFAC on Sunday, August 18th

We receive donations of food items for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Bring your non-perishable food items to the Narthex. The next AFAC collection is Sunday, September 1st. Learn more about AFAC at www.afac.org.

Music at Resurrection

The Music at Resurrection committee seeks quality talent to perform at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Email Cathy Carr (jccarr7@gmail.com) with suggestions for musical groups to give concerts at RELC. Saturday, September 21 is the next concert titled **Wild Embers** presented by “*Voix de Femmes*,” www.voixdefemmes.us. The free-will offering will go to www.doorwaysva.org.



RELC Meal Ministry

RELC’s Meal Ministry is looking for volunteers who like to cook and bake when the need arises. If you know of someone who needs the Meal Ministry, or needs something themselves, reach out to Pastor Harry. Please feel free to contact Mimi Van Poole with questions.



Livestreaming Worship

Find the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service on YouTube via the link on the RELC home page, www.relcarlington.org. View past services on YouTube by searching for “Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church.” See you online.

Other Announcements?

If committee chairs or those responsible for ministry initiatives at RELC have an announcement, please email both Dale, church administrator (office@relcarlington.org) and Leslie, Church Council President (leslie_nolen@hotmail.com) before noon on Wednesday. Each announcement will be published one week unless specific run dates are given.



Lost & Found

The Lost & Found item of the week is a 16 oz., *ThermoServe* coffee tumbler from Starbucks. This lidded tumbler was found in the Lost & Found drawer and has been there for months, possibly years. The plastic reusable cup is 7 inches tall with images of a butterfly, a seashell, a sun, and plants in earth tones, with a black lid. The logo is printed in black and white on the side. The owner of this tumbler will find it in the church office in the Lost & Found Drawer. Tune in next week to discover what else is in the depths of the Lost & Found Drawer.



“For again. . . downcast eyes lighted up with the stubbornness of life; the subterranean laugh died away; the winds blew on; the sails filled out; the ship heaved and rolled as before. Ah, ye admonitions and warnings! why stay ye not when ye come? But rather are ye predictions than warnings, ye shadows! Yet not so much predictions from without, as verifications of the foregoing things within. For with little external to constrain us, the innermost necessities in our being, these still drive us on.”