

RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week

Sunday, August 25

- 10:00 a.m. – Worship, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger
 - Blessing of the Backpacks in Worship
- 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship after Worship
 - Franz Gimmler invites everyone to enjoy some cake during Fellowship to celebrate Effie Stallsmith’s birthday!
 - Adult Forum



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 at The Village School and all schools.

Next Weeks

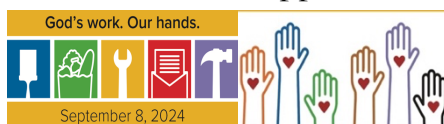
Sunday, September 1

- 10:00 a.m. – Worship, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger
 - AFAC Collection

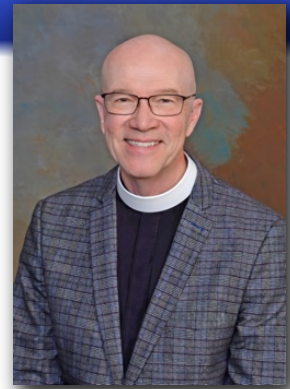


Sunday, September 8

- 8:25 a.m. – Choir rehearsal, The Choir returns from summer break.
- 10:00 a.m. – Worship, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger
 - “Undies Sunday” & “AFAC Breakfast Cereal Challenge” in Worship
- 11:00 a.m. – “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Service opportunities in the Parish Hall.



Notes From Pastor Harry



We have had some really beautiful autumn-like, even crisp, mornings lately. Although I'm pretty sure we still have lots of warm days ahead, it does turn our attention to our young people, and lots of adults too, heading back to school.

As the season shifts and with it the routines, activities and schedules adjust, it is a good moment to remind us that as heirs of the Reformation, education has always been highly valued in Lutheran churches. Our ELCA has 26 colleges and universities and 8 seminaries. That does not count all the other various schools of many levels operated by Lutherans.

Luther felt it important that every Christian could read and so have access to God's word for themselves. And yes, everyone, meant everyone. Not just the wealthy or only boys or only those working in the church or law, but everyone should read. Part of our value of universal education in America owes a debt to the reformers for taking such a position.

So, we rejoice with everyone headed back to school, whatever the school. We rejoice in all educational opportunities and encourage every disciple of Jesus to see in education a way to develop the skills God has given us and to use those skills and added knowledge to serve God and to serve our neighbor. Prayers for everyone heading back to school. May God be honored in your learning!

Blessings dear church!

Pastor Harry

Coming Soon at RELC

"God's Work. Our Hands."

September 8 after Worship, a true multi-generational event! Please join us in the fellowship hall for several exciting service opportunities: Assemble small care packages for our young members away at college, Chrismon making, and assemble Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. All materials provided.

Other opportunities to participate: Our third annual, **UNDIES SUNDAY!** We are collecting **NEW, IN PACKAGE**, underwear, undershirts, and socks for the **MEN** of New Hope Housing in Alexandria. Our first **AFAC Breakfast Cereal Challenge!** We are collecting boxes of breakfast cereal for AFAC.



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.



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. You may submit any question anonymously in the RIC question box in the back of the Narthex. Other RIC materials are also 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 more information [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 is 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

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 gold-colored button. This shank button was found in the Lost & Found drawer and has been there for months, possibly years. The plastic button has no markings other than a lion image on the front and the shank on the back. The owner of this button will find it in the church office in the Lost & Found Drawer. Tune in next week to discover what else we will unfasten from the Lost & Found Drawer.



“We’re meant to lose the buttons we love. How else would we know how important they are to us?”