

RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week

Sunday, September 1

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



11:00 a.m. – Fellowship after Worship

– Adult Forum. The *Animate Faith* series concludes after Worship.

In this session, Bruce Reyes-Chow addresses a question most of us have probably asked ourselves-why go to church? Bruce doesn't shy away from the downsides of church going, but still asserts the value of being a part of a faithful community.



Monday, September 2

– Labor Day, RELC Office is closed.

Next Weeks

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
We welcome our Intern, Vicar Jessica Zurcher!

“Undies Sunday” & “AFAC Breakfast Cereal Challenge” in Worship

11:00 a.m. – “God’s Work. Our Hands.”

A true multi-generational event! Please join us in the Parish Hall for several exciting service opportunities: Assemble small care packages for our young members away at college, Christmas 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.



Thursday, September 12

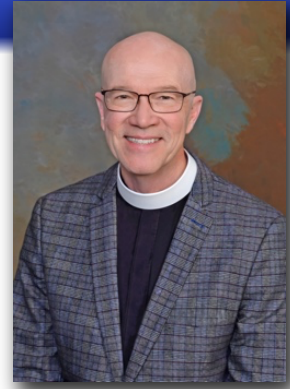
11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study resumes, online.

7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Notes From Pastor Harry

You may have big plans for the Labor Day Weekend, or maybe planning just to chill on what is for many a long weekend.

Labor Day grew out of the Labor Movement that sought to improve the deplorable working conditions in the early Industrial Revolution. For Christians labor is a gift from God and a vehicle of meaningful service to God and neighbor. Before the Reformation many thought that as a Christian to serve God best, one had to take a calling, a vocation, specifically in the church, monk, nun, priest. One of the great societal changes wrought by the Reformation was that all Christians could serve God in serving their neighbor in all the rich variety of occupations. Wherever one found one's role in life – politician, butcher, baker or candlestick maker – in doing your job well, serving your neighbor was recognized as also serving God. It the Labor Movement that elevated the traditional roles of women in the home.



Every Christian is called to a life of witness and service in our baptism.

“Faith looks on simple duties as tasks to which vocation summons the person: and by the Spirit they become aware that all those poor dull, and despised works are adorned with the favor of God as with the costliest gold and precious stones.”

Luther when discussing parental vocation

Enjoy the Labor Day weekend and remember to honor God in our everyday tasks.

See ya in church,
Pastor Harry

Coming Soon at RELC

Reconciling in Christ (RIC)

RELC's Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Core Team is sponsoring important and informative forums. On October 13th and 20th, Gordon Lathrop leads 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. In the Narthex, you will find RIC materials and an anonymous question box.

RELC Ongoing Programs

Chrismon Project - There will be Chrismon Workshops in October & November.



Collection of Food Items for AFAC - www.afac.org.

We receive non-perishable food items donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex. Next collection is Sunday, September 1st.



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



RELC Meal Ministry - RELC's Meal Ministry needs volunteers who are willing to cook and bake when the need arises. If you know of someone who needs the Meal Ministry, reach out to Pastor Harry. Contact Mimi Van Poole with questions.



Livestreaming Worship - View past worship services on YouTube by searching for “Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church.” See you online.

Other Announcements? - If committee chairs or those responsible for ministry initiatives have announcements, email both Dale, church admin (office@relcarlington.org) and Leslie, Church Council President (leslie_nolen@hotmail.com) before noon Wednesday. Announcements will be published one week unless specific run dates are given.

Lost & Found - Two gloves were found in the Lost & Found drawer and have been there for months, possibly years. The left is marked with the company name “Spyder” in red, the right the Spyder logo in red. The owner of these gloves will find them in the church office in the Lost & Found Drawer.



“The first thing on top is your glove. What are you gonna do with it?”



ELCA and Metro DC Synod News



Sacred Ground Series on Race and Faith

Registration is 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.

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: metrocelca.org



Traveling Prayer Night

All are welcome to Traveling Prayer Night on Thursday, September 12, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Takoma Park, MD. A potluck dinner 6:30 p.m., prayer and meditation service at 7:00 p.m.

