



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### This Week

#### 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 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.



#### Tuesday, September 10

7:00 p.m. – Executive Committee meeting, online

#### Thursday, September 12

11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study resumes, online. Contact Pastor Harry for the link.  
7:00 p.m. – Church Council meeting, RELC Library

### Next Weeks

#### Sunday, September 15

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School Breakfast   
10:00 a.m. – Worship, Pastor Harry Therwanger preaching, Bishop Leila Ortiz presiding  
11:00 a.m. – “Meet the Bishop” at Fellowship Time  
2:00 to 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class, Ice Cream Social 

#### Thursday, September 19

11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study, online. Contact Pastor Harry for the link.

#### Saturday, September 21

4:00 p.m. – Music at Resurrection: Join us for a heartwarming celebration of talent and creativity, as *Voix de Femmes* women's choir presents “Wild Embers,” a concert featuring a diverse repertoire, highlighting the unique voices and perspectives of female composers and musicians. Experience the magic of harmonious melodies and powerful lyrics that resonate deeply with themes of strength, resilience, and unity. Don't miss this opportunity to support and uplift the voices of women in music. [www.voixdefemmes.us](http://www.voixdefemmes.us). A free-will offering may be donated to [www.doorwaysva.org](http://www.doorwaysva.org). Reception in the Parish Hall.

## Notes From Pastor Harry



Our intern from United Lutheran Seminary, Jessica Zurcher, arrives this Sunday at RELC. If you are an early bird, she will be greeting folks in the narthex just before service. But you will be able to meet her and take a little time to get acquainted after worship downstairs at Fellowship Time. Come down to the Parish Hall to participate in “God’s Work, Our Hands” and help with the servant events that are set up, enjoy the fellowship and meet Vicar Jessica.

I would ask that the first several times you greet her, that you repeat your name. She will be meeting all of us at once, so let’s help her remember names and faces. And, of course, keep her and the ministry we share before God in prayer. I am sure she will experience the warm welcome of Resurrection congregation, as Ebon and I did a year ago.

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](http://www.afac.org).

We receive non-perishable food items donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex. Next collection is Sunday, October 6th.

**Music at Resurrection** - The Music at Resurrection committee seeks quality musical groups to perform concerts. Email Cathy Carr ([jccarr7@gmail.com](mailto:jccarr7@gmail.com)) with suggestions.



**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](mailto:office@relcarlington.org)) and Leslie, Church Council President ([leslie\\_nolen@hotmail.com](mailto:leslie_nolen@hotmail.com)) before noon Wednesday. Announcements will be published for one week unless specific run dates are given.



**Lost & Found** – A water bottle was found in the Lost & Found drawer and has been there for months, possibly years. It is blue with white print; marked with the company name Microlite™ and 17 fl. oz./500 ml in white. The owner of this bottle will find it in the church office in the Lost & Found Drawer. “When the well’s dry, we know the worth of water.”



### 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: [metrodcelca.org](http://metrodcelca.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 will be held at 6:30 p.m., and prayer and meditation service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

