

RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week

Sunday, September 15

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School Potluck 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

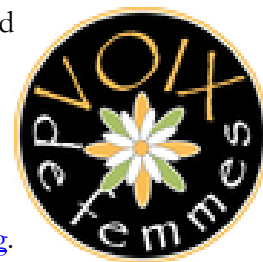
11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study, online. Contact Pastor Harry for the link.

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. A free-will offering may be donated to www.doorwaysva.org.

Reception in the Parish Hall.



Next Weeks

Sunday, September 22

9:00 a.m. – Sunday Bible in the Parish Hall & My Bible in Room 13

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

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.



Thursday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 29

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall & My Bible in Room 13

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Michael and All Angels, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

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.



Thursday, October 3

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

Notes From Vicar Jessica

Greetings Beloveds! Grace and peace to you. I am truly honored and delighted to be here as your new vicar. As we begin this journey together, I am excited for the opportunity to walk alongside you in faith, service, and fellowship.

I am in my final year at United Lutheran Seminary where I am also serving as the student body vice president. I answered the call to rostered ministry as I was working for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, most recently as a grants specialist for the bishops' anti-poverty program. I have served in various church leadership positions and have an ecumenical background. Through these many years of working and serving in churches, politics, government, and non-profits, I bring with me a depth of knowledge and experience to help in this new role.

My heart is open to learning your stories, your hopes, and your dreams for our church and community. Together, we will seek to deepen our faith, care for one another, and extend Christ's love to all. I look forward to meeting each of you and discerning how God is calling us to serve in this time and place.



From Last Week

Undies Sunday

As part of "God's Work. Our Hands." The annual Day of Service on Rally Day, September 8, RELC collected 17 packages of new t-shirts, socks, and underwear. Your donations will be given to the men at New Hope Housing in Alexandria.

Since 1978 New Hope Housing has been providing a comprehensive, innovative array of services to homeless families and single adults. New Hope Housing is the oldest and largest provider of shelter beds in northern Virginia. Read more about New Hope on their website, newhopehousing.org.



AFAC Breakfast Cereal Challenge

Our first Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) Breakfast Cereal Challenge was a success! We collected 40 boxes of breakfast cereal to offer to families through AFAC. Edd Nolan is pictured as he gathers up the cereal to take to AFAC.

Read more about AFAC on their website, www.afac.org.

Coming Soon at RELC

Blessing of the Animals

All animals are welcome to meet and worship in the sanctuary with their human families on **October 6**. The Animal Blessing will occur after the Worship Service on the lawn outside the Washington Blvd. entrance. Refreshments will be provided for pets and their human family members. Please leash or crate your pet as we don't want anyone or any pet injured.



CROP Walk - Walk. Give. Change the world.

RELC is participating in the 2024 CROP Hunger Walk to support AFAC (Arlington Food Assistance Center) and CWS (Church World Services) that help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. The CROP Walk is Saturday, October 19th.

Location: First Presbyterian, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington, VA

Registration Starts: 8 a.m.

Walk: 9 a.m. Rain or Shine

Please join our team or donate at this link:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/resurrection-elc>

Reconciling in Christ

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.



The RIC Core Team encourages you to review Lizzie Schoen's June 28th presentation ([LINK](#)) on the RIC process and widening our welcome. You can find other RIC reading materials and an anonymous question box in the Narthex.

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, October 6th.

Music at Resurrection - The Music at Resurrection committee seeks quality musical groups to perform concerts. Email Cathy Carr, 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.

Resurrection Piecemakers Quilters Group

The Piecemakers Quilters Group meet from 10-12 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Join us to help putting together quilts that get sent to refugee camps around the world by Lutheran World Relief. No sewing skills needed and no experience necessary. Speak with Gail Flatness for more information, gailflat@gmail.com





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 for one week unless specific run dates are given.



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, and 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 provides historical information on how racism has impacted the ELCA & the Episcopal Churches. Register here: [Sacred Ground](#)



Leadership Academy - Crucial Conversations Zoom Training

Join Racial Equity Team member Duke Taylor on **Thursday, September 19**, at 7:00 p.m. for an online workshop to learn how to navigate conflict through *Crucial Conversations: Techniques for When Opinions Vary*. There are issues that everyone purposely, or unconsciously, avoids especially regarding race, political issues, or sexual identity. With social media and the news cycle fueling discord, conversations can veer unexpectedly into highly emotional topics with the potential to spark conflict and threaten relationships. If a church wishes to address such issues, the possibility for high-conflict conversations emerges no matter how loving its intention is.

Crucial Conversations offers techniques to use during interactions where opinions vary and emotions run strong to maintain a relationship rather than damage it. These conversations may occur when we touch upon sensitive topics, especially when least expected. This workshop will focus on recognizing when a conversation becomes crucial, and introduce ways to prepare your heart by mastering your story, making it safe to state your path while exploring others, and moving to action while facing tough challenges.

Register here: [Leadership Academy: Crucial Conversations](#)



Bishop Eaton Addresses Political Violence

ELCA Presiding Bishop, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton issued a message on political violence in her June column of *Living Lutheran*. In the article, “We Are Also Citizens,” she wrote, “I can’t think of an election cycle more fraught and divisive than this one. People all across the political spectrum claim that life as we know it is on the line. It’s not possible to agree to disagree—one must decide and put a stake in the ground. There is the potential for violence. But division and violence don’t have to be our inevitable future.” She concludes the article, “One of the ways we serve our neighbor is to participate in civic life. Can we see Election Day as a unifying event when the whole country goes to the polls? Vote.” Read the article here: [We Are Also Citizens 06/2024](#)

