

RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week

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.

4:00 p.m. – Paint Your Heart Out. Pastor Harry participated in a similar event at the Bishop's Convocation this year and found the event edifying, you may too. RSVP to Pastor CJ at Faith: pastorcj@flcva.org.



Paint Your Heart Out

You are invited to a painting party with a reflective twist! Join artist, [Deacon Michelle Walko](#), as we explore the themes of love and nourishment through creativity and prayer. Using simple invitations to guide our time, we will paint using a process that focuses on connecting our whole selves: mind, body, and spirit. By the end of the time together, you will have a beautiful and unique painting. All creative/artistic levels are welcome. You do not have to consider yourself an artist to participate. Children under 10 need a caring adult with them.

Sept 29, 2024 | 4pm - 6pm

\$30 per person
(includes snacks & all supplies needed)



Faith Lutheran Church
3319 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201
Office: 703.525.9283

Thursday, October 3

11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study, online. Email Pastor for link

Next Weeks


Saturday, October 5

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Chrismons workshop & OLD Chrismons Ornament “Keep or Toss” review. Breakfast Goodies will be provided. Contact Mimi Van Poole with questions.



Sunday, October 6

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger and Rev. Amy Feira
– AFAC Collection 

– All animals are welcome to worship in the sanctuary with their human families

11:00 a.m. – Blessing of the Animals

The Animal Blessing will occur after the Worship Service on the lawn outside the Washington Blvd. entrance. Please leash or crate your pet as we don't want anyone or any pet injured.



11:30 a.m. – Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be provided for pets and their human family.

2:00-3:30 p.m. – Joint Confirmation Class @ Faith Lutheran: Session 9, “Home Again”

Saturday, October 12

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Chrismons workshop & OLD Chrismons Ornament "Keep or Toss" review. Breakfast Goodies will be provided. Contact Mimi Van Poole with questions.



Sunday, October 13

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall [No "My Bible" Class]

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

Adult Forum. Gordon Lathrop leads the first of two Forums on "Principles of Biblical Interpretation," and how Martin Luther and Lutherans who follow him have interpreted the Bible, important for RELC as we consider becoming a Reconciled in Christ congregation.

From the Pastor's Pen

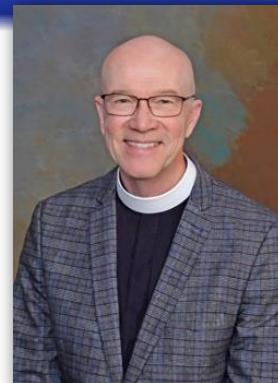
Michael and All Angels

"You must be an angel," Madonna sang back in the 1980s reflecting one of the many popular cultural uses of the word, angel. But the translation of the word is, "messenger." In the Bible angels announce important messages. They are messengers of God that harbingers special events, protect the faithful, execute justice and are divine instruments. We do not worship these heavenly beings, but celebrate them as they point us to God, God's power, God's creative actions, and above all to Christ and God's grace.

So, taking the opportunity, we praise our Maker for more of the mystery and wonder of God's own creation and grace. See you Sunday!

Blessings Dear Church!

Pastor Harry



Pastor Harry will be away from the office during the week, Sept 30 – Oct 4, Vicar Jessica and Pastor CJ Valenti of Faith Lutheran, Arlington are available for pastoral care and emergencies.

Notes From Vicar Jessica

Hello, beloveds!

Hanging in my office is a parting gift from my former colleagues at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It is a print of a watercolor painting by Sr. Corita Kent that reads "If you want peace, work for justice" (Pope Paul VI). Working for justice continues to be a driving force for how I understand part of my sense of call to serve God and Their beloved creation.



What does justice look like to me? As followers of Christ, we know that our liberation is bound up with the liberation of others. I believe I am called to widen the tent pegs of our faith and make space for the "other." The Church sometimes unknowingly draws narrow lines to define who's in and who's out in an attempt to protect itself, operating from a place of fear under the guise of unity and compromise. This has ostracized those who are "other" – the marginalized, the oppressed, and those who the Church has turned its back on. I believe the Spirit is calling us to embody expansiveness and inclusivity and work toward a more just world, to create a community as Christ taught us where all are welcome at the table and there is enough for everyone. I'm curious, what does justice look like to you?

vicarjessica@relcarlington.org.



Coming Soon at RELC

Activities

We are planning some in-house activities as well as some RELC Outings. Please check out the opportunities located in the Chapel. If there are events that you would be interested in and are not listed, please add them to the "Other Ideas" list. See or email Angie for more details, randy_angie@hotmail.com.

Volunteers OFFERED

Our building partner, The Village School, is in search of volunteer jobs or projects. This year, the middle school learners have been assigned "Service Learning Days." The learners are asked to volunteer in the community one-half day every Friday. To offer an idea of the assistance projects sought, a few of the learners are going to volunteer with AFAC, Sunrise Senior Living, Patrick Henry Shelter, and Arlington Animal Welfare League, to name a few. If you know of an organization, business, or individual that has a job or project where assistance is needed, then contact The Village School through our office: office@RELCarlington.org. Ideally, the job would be walking or biking distance.



The Village School



CROP Walk - Walk. Give. Change the world.

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

When: Saturday, October 19th

Registration Starts: 8 a.m.

Walk: 9 a.m. - Rain or Shine

RELC is participating in the 2024 CROP Hunger Walk to support AFAC (Arlington Food Assistance Center) and CWS (Church World Services). Both organizations 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. If you would like to join our team and/or donate, speak with Team Captain Edd Nolen or click this link: crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/resurrection-elc



Christ in Our Home

The October, November, and December edition of *Christ in Our Home* has arrived. If you would like one of the daily devotional booklets, pick one up in the Narthex. To make sure RELC has purchased enough subscriptions, if you take a booklet, we ask that you sign the roster that is sitting beside the basket.

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.

You can find other RIC reading materials and an anonymous question box in the Narthex. The RIC Core Team encourages you to review Lizzie Schoen's June 28th presentation on the RIC process and widening our welcome at this link:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/7851c00c001/3388d81a-9d7d-413f-b110-38c83d1341fe.pdf>



RELC Ongoing Programs

Chrismon Project – There are two Chrismon Workshops scheduled, October 5 and October 12. Expect other Chrismon Workshops in the coming weeks. Contact Mimi Van Poole with questions.



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 – Many enjoyed the *Voix de Femmes* Concert on Saturday, pictured on the right. The concert was a success and so was the collection. A total of \$356 was collected for Doorways!

<https://www.doorwaysva.org/>

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 meets from 10-12 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Join us to help put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief that are sent to refugee camps around the world. 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.



Discipleship in a Democracy: Responding to the Threat of Christian Nationalism

Scripture gives us a dramatic and eloquent description of the tension between loyalty to gods of particular nations, ideologies, races, places, on the one hand, and loyalty to the one God of universal justice on the other. Yahweh holds a great council and summons the gods of injustice (the gods of blood and soil, country and color, family and race) to account. As the logo for this series proclaims from Psalm 82, the verdict is in: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all nations belong to you.

Topics: The Reformation Church: Responding to Threats to Democracy

How to End Christian Nationalism

Nazi Germany’s “Christian” Nationalists: Are we having déjà vu all over again?

Christian Without Christian Nationalism: A God-pleasing Alternative

Countering Religious Nationalism through the ELCA's Public Witness

Speakers: Amanda Tyler, Lead Organizer: Christians Against Christian Nationalism

Jamie Raskin, U.S. Representative

Video Message from Presiding ELCA Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton

Paul Wee, Human Rights Advocate, Professor, Author

And others

When: Friday October 25, 2024 5:00PM - 9:30PM and Saturday, October 26, 2024 7:00AM - 1:30PM

Where: Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Register online: <http://173.66.73.2:86/>

Those of you who were part of the conversation with Bishop Ortiz recently will remember how she stressed multiple times that we should subscribe to the DC Metro Synod newsletter to be aware of what is happening in the wider church. This link will take you to the Synod website, at the bottom of the home page you can submit your email to receive the newsletter and ministry updates from the Synod office.

<https://metrodelca.org/>

