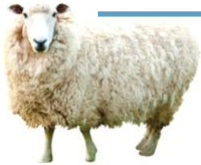


RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



www.relcarlington.org - 6201 Washington Blvd. Arlington, VA 22205

Rev. Harry Therwanger, pastorharry@relcarlington.org

Vicar Jessica Zurcher, vicarjessica@relcarlington.org



This Week

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"

Next Weeks

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

Please note there is no Sunday School or "My Bible" Class

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

11:00 a.m. - Fellowship

Please note this change: Adult Forum, "Principles of Biblical Interpretation" moved to Oct. 20 & 27.

Monday, October 14 - Columbus Day & Indigenous People's Holidays, RELC office is closed

Saturday, October 19 - CROP Walk, see below under Coming Soon at RELC

Sunday, October 20

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

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

11:00 a.m. - Fellowship followed by Adult Forum. Gordon Lathrop leads the first of two



Forums on "Principles of Biblical Interpretation" and how Martin Luther and Lutherans have interpreted the Bible, important for RELC as we consider becoming a Reconciled in Christ (RIC) congregation.

From the Pastor's Pen

In a time of growing concern for the environment and the future of the amazing planet God has given us as a home, there is an ecumenical movement among Christians to be more aware of the wonders of creation. It is also to encourage better stewardship of all creation. Around the remembrance of Francis of Assisi (Oct 4), who is said to have preached to the animals, some congregations have begun to observe the "Season of Creation."

On Sunday Oct 6, we will take a Sunday using some of the recommended scriptures of the Season of Creation. We will celebrate all God's creation and finish with a blessing of the animals. Your four-legged, furry or feathery family member is welcome in worship and there is a link to a flyer that you could use to invite neighbors and friends.



Notes From Vicar Jessica

Welcome to October, Beloveds! The air is cooler and I'm starting to see the very edges of some of the trees change color. I find myself thanking God for the beauty of both. As we celebrate all of God's creation this Sunday, what do you find yourself most thankful for? Perhaps it's the pets who have become part of your family, the birds of the sky, the rugged mountains, the winding streams, or the plants that take our carbon dioxide and give us the gift of oxygen in return. Scripture is full of references to the various parts of creation and how much God cares for them and their wellbeing, right down to the things that creep upon the earth. Scripture is also full of passages that call on us to care for this common home we share. This includes caring for each other, especially those who are the most vulnerable among us. We humans are, after all, part of God's magnificent creation, and we are loved beyond measure. My response to that love is deep gratitude and also doing what I can to love and tend to this earth and its people. I'm curious, what does caring for God's creation look like for you?



I'd love to hear from you or get to know you over a beverage or a meal (a group outing could be fun, too). Please feel free to reach out to me at vicarjessica@relcarlington.org or text/call me at 301-412-8989.



You *otter* bring your pet to the Blessing of the Animals!





Coming Soon at RELC



CROP Walk - Walk. Give. Change the world.

Sat., Oct. 19th 1st Pres. Church, Registration: 8 a.m. Walk: 9 a.m.

You can help make a difference in local AND global hunger by walking in our CROP Hunger Walk this year. With two weeks to go, our congregation has three Walkers participating. Won't you join them? To sign up to be a Walker, see Team Captain Edd Nolen to get a Donation Envelope. If you can't walk, please sponsor a Walker. The RELC Team has raised \$588 of their \$2000 fundraising goal & each Walker has also set an ambitious individual fundraising goal. The CROP Hunger Walk supports AFAC (Arlington Food Assistance Center) and CWS (Church World Services). Both organizations help families who are struggling with hunger. To donate to the team or an individual on the team, click this link: crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/resurrection-elc



Reformationfest Returns!

October 26, 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The church provides the bratwurst, roast pork, wine, and beer. Bring your best German side dish or dessert to share. Red cabbage is always welcome, of course. The kids will make scarecrows, play games and have a Halloween costume parade. Let's see who *nails* the best Martin Luther costume. Pastor Possibly?




Family-Friendly 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  **The Village School** 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. 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.



Reconciling in Christ

RELC's Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Core Team is sponsoring important and informative forums. On October 20th and 27th,  Gordon Lathrop leads discussions on "Principles of Biblical Interpretation" and "Applying Biblical Interpretation to Difficult Passages," respectively. RIC reading materials and an anonymous question box are 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



Gallon Jugs Needed

The Altar Guild needs gallon-sized jugs for the altar flowers. If you have one or two or ten, please bring them. We will collect them in the Narthex.



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.



Collection of Items for AFAC - www.afac.org

We receive non-perishable food items donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex on October 6th. We collect donations the 1st Sunday of every month.



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. vanpoole2@comcast.net



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. vanpoole2@comcast.net



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.





ELCA and Metro DC Synod News



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE HURRICANE HELENE



OCTOBER 2024

[ELCA.org/hurricanes](https://www.elca.org/hurricanes)

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners,

Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response>



Leadership Academy Crucial Conversation

You are invited to continue to the Leadership Academy conversation with Session 2 of Crucial Conversations on Thursday, October 17, and Session 3 on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 PM. These sessions will go deeper into how to enter into crucial conversations like how to engage during this election cycle, how to discuss Christian Nationalism, connecting with family who don't share your beliefs during the holidays, and how to go through the Reconciling in Christ process using these tools in your

congregation. You do not have to have participated in the first session. A video recording and the PowerPoint of the first session are available online:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11w_lqCyTvWYTY_nDP_CzpXoc1taAqVm.

Register for the zoom: <https://metrodcelca.elvanto.net/form/bb3b3cb0-ae85-4a7c-bef7-5611b3337a5f>.



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 *Nazi Germany's "Christian" Nationalists:

Are we having déjà vu all over again? *How to End Christian Nationalism *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, 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/>



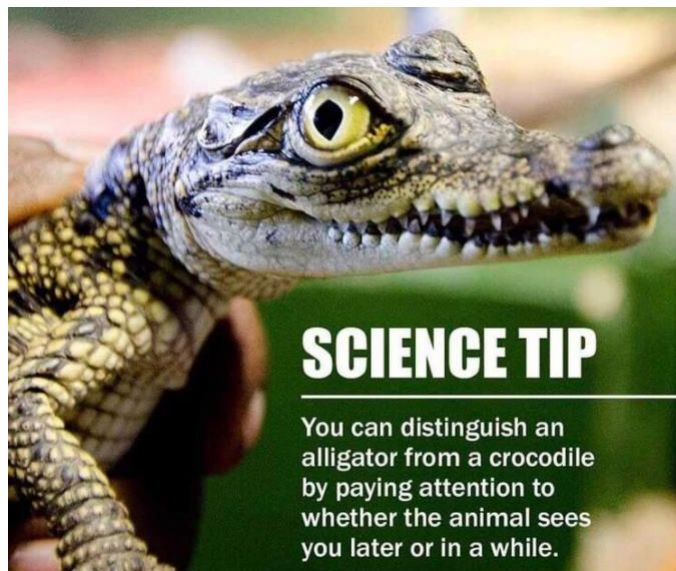
Bishop Ortiz

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://metrodcclca.org/>



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.



SCIENCE TIP

You can distinguish an alligator from a crocodile by paying attention to whether the animal sees you later or in a while.