

RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week

Saturday, October 19 - CROP Walk, Walk. Give. Change the world.

Registration: 8 a.m. Walk: 9 a.m.

You can help make a difference in local AND global hunger. The RELC Team has raised \$838 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). To donate to the team or an individual: crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/resurrection-elc



Sunday, October 20

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Pr. Harry Therwanger, Vicar Jessica Zurcher preaching

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 have interpreted the Bible, important for RELC as we consider becoming a Reconciled in Christ (RIC) congregation.



Thursday, October 24 – 11:00 a.m. online Bible Study, contact Pastor Harry for the link

Next Weeks

Saturday, October 26 – Reformationfest potluck!

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?



Sunday, October 27 – Reformation Sunday

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

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

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

Adult Forum. Gordon Lathrop leads the second of two Forums on “Principles of Biblical Interpretation” and how Martin Luther and Lutherans have interpreted the Bible.



Thursday, October 31 – 11:00 a.m. online Bible Study, contact Pastor Harry for the link

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

We commemorate all of God's saints by observing *All Saints Sunday* on November 3rd and we will remember friends and family members who have died this past year.

1. Members of Resurrection whose funerals or memorials were held in our sanctuary or presided by our clergy since the last *All Saints Day* will be named in the service and family will be invited to light a candle in their memory. We will include these names in Intercessions.
2. Everyone is invited to add the names of family members or friends who have died during the past year to the Intercessions by sending an email to Pastor Harry at pastorharry@relcarlington.org by Sunday, October 27th.
3. On All Saints Day, if there is someone you would like to commemorate whose name you didn't give Pastor Harry by October 27th, you may still commemorate that person. Our Sunday School students will be at the entrance of the sanctuary with star shapes that they will cut out. You may write names on the stars and place your family member's or friend's name on a memorial banner. The Memorial Banner will be brought forward during the service.

– We receive non-perishable food items donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex on November 3rd. Donations are collected the 1st Sunday of every month.

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship, 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Pr. Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

Adult Forum. Gail Ramshaw will outline the diversity of biblical passages that deal with male and female sexuality and those that touch upon gender, that is, societal ideals and roles that embody masculinity and femininity.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Joint Confirmation – Session 10 “God’s Surprise” @ Peace

Tuesday, November 5 – 2024 U.S. Election Day

Saturday, November 9 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Clean-up Day, see Ted Mortenson for more details.



From the Pastor's Pen

As I write this our national elections are less than three weeks away. I hope that I am not growing numb to the rancor and incivility in our civic life that was unimaginable just a few years ago. We in the church seek to avoid making specific political statements. We honor the separation of church and state and the deal struck by the Founders that religious organizations will be tax exempt and free from government interference, and . . . that religious organizations will not make political recommendations and back candidates.

We are to pray for justice and seek to build the beloved community, that is the vision of the gospel, but we recognize that people will disagree on how we bring that justice and community about.

Yet, the church can lead and inform our civic life together. The Founders also expected that the electorate would be informed by both current events and their faith values and vote accordingly.

A recent article ran in *“The Lutheran.”* It featured two Washington state senators, both active members of the ELCA, one a democrat and the other a republican, and how their attitudes of civility and working together was informed by their faith. Check it out [here: https://www.livinglutheran.org/2024/08/62448/](https://www.livinglutheran.org/2024/08/62448/).

The ELCA has also been offering opportunities to comment and read a draft statement that will be voted on at ELCA National Assembly next summer on a Christian view of our civic life together. You will recognize a familiar verse in the quote below.

The proposed statement anchors its arguments in the virtue of humility, citing Micah 6:8 (“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”) but cautioning readers that “while we are called to do justice and love kindness . . . it is not always clear what that means in any particular situation” (page 17). With that in mind, it observes, walking humbly with God “must include welcoming and acknowledging the ideas, values, and contributions of all people, regardless of their religious tradition or worldview” (page 18).

The church – that’s us, you and me – can lead the way in a more just and civil civic life.



Coming Soon at RELC

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.

November 3rd and 10th: Gail Ramshaw will continue the discussions on the Bible, sex, and gender, that were started by Gordon Lathrop on October 20 and 27. On November 3 she will outline the diversity of biblical passages on two different but related topics: those that deal with male and female sexuality and those that touch upon gender, that is, societal ideals and roles that embody masculinity and femininity. On November 10, Gail will outline the current wide diversity of Christian teachings and practices concerning sex and gender, and she will indicate where the ELCA fits into the complex picture of 21st century Christianity.

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>



Book Club

The Book Club will meet 7:00 p.m on November 13th. Our book is Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese. There are two copies available in the church office to loan.



RELC Ongoing Programs

Gallon Jugs Needed

The Altar Guild needs gallon-sized jugs for the altar flowers. Please cut each container in half, see photo. They will be collected in the Narthex.



Collection of Items for AFAC - www.afac.org

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Chrismon Project – Expect 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 concert 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

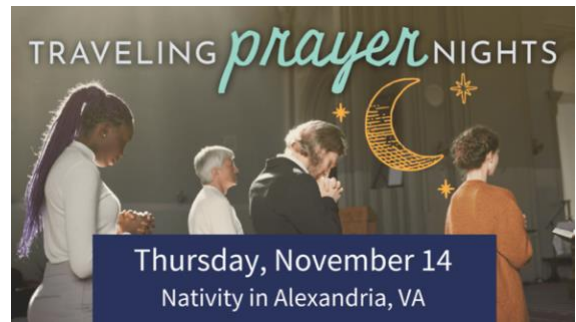


Piecemakers Quilters Group

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.





Leadership Academy Crucial Conversation

You are invited to continue to the Leadership Academy conversation with Session 3 of Crucial Conversations 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_lqCyTvWYTV_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/>

Lost & Found

A black, puffy jacket was found in the church and turned into the office. The tag has the brand ATHLETA and lists the size as small. With the weather turning cool, the owner will surely want it. The owner can retrieve it from the Lost & Found drawer in the church office.



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.