

# RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### From the Pastor's Pen

With election week finally at hand, there seems to be a great deal of anxiety abroad. I imagine you have felt it. Each political ad that casts the opposing candidate as a disaster who will bring the whole country to ruin adds to the anxiety. Some of the news, frankly, does cause me great concern, especially the threats of violence, ballot drop boxes set aflame and the racist, sexist comments demeaning whole groups of people. Here's a gentle reminder to take care of your mental health and take a brake from all the news if you sense your anxiety rising and especially if you might respond in anger or fear.

All of what is happening in our civic life compared to what we will hear in church this Sunday could not be more of a stark contrast! Our civic life is in turmoil with threats, accusations, outright lies, stoking of fears.

All Saints Sunday gives a message of ultimate peace and hope. We are reminded that we are citizens of a different judicatory – one where love rules instead of force, where forgiveness is the norm and grace abounds, where the value of every member of the community is never in doubt.

Join us Sunday as we celebrate our Blessed and Beloved Community of Faith that stretches across time and space, the followers of Jesus in every land, tongue and time, *The Communion of Saints*.

*For all the Saints. . . your name, oh Jesus, be forever blest!*

And join us Monday evening for whatever time you might to pray for our country and the community where God has placed us in time.



We pray often for our country and as this most contentious and close election draws near you are invited to come to church on Monday, November 4 to pray for our nation the evening before the election. Church will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for quiet prayer and meditation. At 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. whoever is present is invited to join in *The Great Litany* praying for a great variety of concerns and needs in collective intercession. Come and go as your schedule allows.

# Notes From Vicar Jessica



Beloveds –

In watching the news on any given day, we can see that all is not well. The collective trauma, death, and grief the world has faced in recent years are more than most can bear. And our personal losses at times feel insurmountable. The Gospel text for Sunday, the Raising of Lazarus, in all its complexities, hits at the heart of the human experience. Those who are familiar with the story know the ending where all is well. However, there is much we can learn from Martha, Mary, and Jesus as they were forced to face the death of someone they loved.

As Jesus encountered Martha and Mary's indignation, weeping, and the enormity of their grief, he was also deeply moved. The Greek words used for Jesus's reaction are difficult to translate. Some translators suggest the closest interpretations as "shuddered, moved with the deepest emotions." Other translators offer interpretations of "groan, sigh, chafe," "troubled himself," or words that have a connotation of indignation. Whatever the translation, the anguish is palpable in this exchange. So moved in the face of human frailty, pain, and the death of a loved one, Jesus breaks down in tears. Jesus loved deeply (John 11:3, 5, 36) and just as deeply felt this loss.

It is in moments like this that we see the profound humanity of Jesus. He experienced the painful side of human emotion including the sting of disappointment and the anguish of loss. We can find comfort in the knowledge that Jesus understands our pain because he has entered into our pain. We are not alone in our grief because he suffers with us.

How do you respond to a God that enters into our pain with us? Do you find this idea comforting? Challenging? Unbelievable?

## This Week

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

We commemorate all of God's saints by observing *All Saints Sunday* on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will remember friends and family members who have died this past year. If there is someone you would like to commemorate, our Sunday School students will be at the entrance of the sanctuary with star shapes. 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.



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

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

– We receive non-perishable food items donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We collect donations the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.



– Donate your excess Halloween candy this Sunday which will benefit Soldiers' Angels, Treats for Troops. Candy will be shipped to Service Members and Veterans! Baskets will be available in the Narthex.



– Order your Christmas Poinsettias in honor or in memory of by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Forms will be available in the Narthex and in the bulletin during the next two Sundays. Any questions please ask Mimi or Tom VanPoole, emails [vanpoole2@comcast.net](mailto:vanpoole2@comcast.net) or phone 793-625-7391, if no answer PLEASE leave a message.



11:00 a.m. – Fellowship in the Parish Hall

– Adult Forum in the Chapel. 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 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Joint Confirmation, Session 10 "God's Surprise" @ Peace

# Pre-Election Prayer Service

## Monday, November 4

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pre-Election Prayer Service. Sanctuary available for Prayer and meditation  
6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. *The Great Litany*



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

**Thursday, November 7** – 11:00 a.m. online Bible Study, contact Pastor Harry for the link.

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



## Next Weeks

## Sunday, November 10

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall [No “My Bible” Class]  
10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger  
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship in the Parish Hall  
– Adult Forum in the Chapel. Gail Ramshaw 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 21<sup>st</sup> century Christianity.  
– Order your Christmas Poinsettias in honor or in memory of by November 10th. Forms will be available in the Narthex and in the bulletin during the next two Sundays. Any questions please ask Mimi or Tom VanPoole, emails [vanpoole2@comcast.net](mailto:vanpoole2@comcast.net) or phone 793-625-7391, if no answer PLEASE leave a message.



**Monday, November 11** – RELC office is closed in honor of Veterans Day

**Tuesday, November 12** – The Piecemakers Quilters Group

**Wednesday, November 13** – 7:00 Book Club

RIC's Book Club will discuss "Indian Horse" by Richard Wagamese. There are two copies available in the church office to loan.



**Thursday, November 14**

11:00 a.m. online Bible Study, contact Pastor Harry for the link.  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Church Council

**Saturday, November 16** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The final Chrismons workshop



**Sunday, November 17**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall & “My Bible” Class in Room 13  
10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger  
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship in the Parish Hall

– Adult Forum: Shawna Bergman and Valerie Pratt present “Intro to Identities” using inclusive language and appropriate terms of identity when discussing LGBTQIA+ issues.



11:59 p.m. “THE STEEPLE LIGHT” submissions are due today by 11:59 p.m.: [office@relcarlington.org](mailto:office@relcarlington.org).

**Friday, November 22**

Deadline to order tickets. A group from RELC plans to attend 1st Stage's production of *The Lake Effect* in Tyson's Corner on Friday, January 31, 2025, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. If you are interested, please email [office@relcarlington.org](mailto:office@relcarlington.org) your name and number of tickets by November 22. More information about the play: <https://1ststage.org/the-lake-effect>. Directions to the theater: <https://1ststage.org/directions>.

**1st STAGE**



## Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Feast

We gather at 1:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The church will provide the turkey, stuffing, and wine. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome but must sign up. The Thanksgiving Dinner sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We need to know how much turkey to cook and how many place settings are needed.



## 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.

### RIC (Reconciling in Christ)

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



### Collection of Food Items for AFAC - [www.afac.org](http://www.afac.org)

Make sure you see their newly designed website! We receive non-perishable food item donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex on November 3rd. Donations are collected the 1st Sunday of every month. The next collection is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Chrismon Project

Mark your calendars now. . . The Final Chrismons workshop is Saturday, November 16, 10:00-1:00. Everyone is welcome!! Contact Mimi Van Poole with questions. [vanpoole2@comcast.net](mailto:vanpoole2@comcast.net)



### 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 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](mailto:vanpoole2@comcast.net)

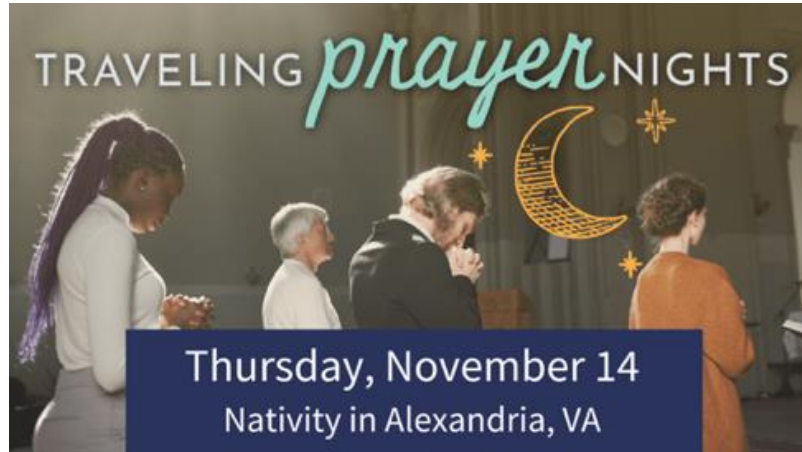


### Piecemakers Quilters Group

The Piecemakers Quilters Group meets each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 10-12. Join us to 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](mailto: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 two sessions. A video recording and the PowerPoint of the first two sessions are available online:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11w\\_lqCyTvWYTv\\_nDP\\_CzpXoc1taAqVm](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11w_lqCyTvWYTv_nDP_CzpXoc1taAqVm).

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



## 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.