

RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Notes From Vicar Jessica

Beloveds,

This election season has been marked by many things. One thing I have felt as an undercurrent has been hope. Hope for something different. Hope for change. The results may not have been what you had hoped for. Maybe they were. My hope in this moment is that we do not lose sight of the fact that we belong to one another and to God. With that, I leave you with this poem from Jan Richardson that speaks to hope when hope seems fragile or challenging.
Hoping against hope, be believed... –Romans 4:18



ROUGH TRANSLATIONS

Hope nonetheless.
Hope despite.
Hope regardless.
Hope still.

Hope where we had ceased to hope.
Hope amid what threatens hope.
Hope with those who feed our hope.
Hope beyond what we had hoped.

Hope that draws us past our limits.
Hope that defies expectations.
Hope that questions what we have known.
Hope that makes a way where there is none.

Hope that takes us past our fear.
Hope that calls us into life.
Hopes that holds us beyond death.
Hope that blesses those to come.

From *Circle of Grace* by Jan Richardson

This Week

Saturday, November 9 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Clean-up Day: see Ted Mortensen for more details or to volunteer for a detail.



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 21st century Christianity.



– Order your Christmas poinsettias “in honor” or “in memory of” by November 10th. Forms are in Sunday’s bulletin with extra forms in the Narthex. Questions: please ask Mimi or Tom VanPoole, email vanpoole2@comcast.net or phone 703-625-7391, please leave a message.



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

Tuesday, November 12 – The Piecemakers Quilters Group, 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.



Wednesday, November 13 – 7:00 p.m. Book Club

RIC’s Book Club will meet in the church lounge to discuss *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese. There are two copies available in the church office to loan.

Indian Horse unfolds against the bleak loveliness of northern Ontario, all rock, marsh, bog, and cedar. Wagamese writes with a spare beauty, penetrating the heart of a remarkable man. Drawing on his great-grandfather’s mystical gift of vision, Saul Indian Horse comes to recognize the influence of everyday magic on his own life. In this wise and moving novel, Richard Wagamese shares that gift of magic with readers as well.



Thursday, November 14

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

Next Weeks

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 in the Parish Hall: 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. Articles for “**THE STEEPLE LIGHT**” are due November 17 for publication the following week. Please submit your article by 11:59 p.m. on November 17 to office@relcarlington.org. Incidentally, if you have photos from any of the following, PLEASE share them with the office: Vacation Bible School, Rally Day, God’s Work Our Hands, Blessing of the Backpacks, Blessing of the Animals, Reformationfest, Sunday School classes, Adult Forum, CROP Walk, “My Bible” class, Confirmation class, Confirmation Ice Cream Social, garden, clean-up day, choir, or Worship. Thank you.



Friday, November 22

Friday, November 22 is the deadline to order tickets. A group from RELC plans to attend the play, "The Lake Effect" at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean, VA 22102, 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2025. Tickets are \$25. If you are interested, please email 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>.

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)

There are RIC reading materials in the Narthex. With an anonymous question box. 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**

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

Chrismon Project

Mark your calendars now. . . The Final Chrismons workshop is Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Everyone is welcome!! 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 each month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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.



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.

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 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.