

# RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ADVENT



#### Sunday, December 22, Advent 4

10:00 a.m. – Worship, 4th Sunday of Advent

Pastor Harry Therwanger, Presiding Minister; Vicar Jessica Zurcher, Preaching Minister  
– Blessing of the Chrismons

After the service and the "Blessing of the Chrismons," stay behind to help decorate and ready the church for the birth of Jesus. The beautiful Chrismons will be hung on the Christmas tree, candles placed in the window, and poinsettias placed around the altar.

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

– Create a Quilt Square. Our RELC quilters, the *Piecemakers*, will guide us, details below.



### CHRISTMAS



#### Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

6:30 p.m. – Music offerings by RELC musicians

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, Pastor Harry Therwanger

#### ★ Wednesday, December 25, Christmas

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Worship Service with Holy Communion, the Rev. Dr. Gordon Lathrop, Preaching Minister; Rev. Harry Therwanger Presiding Minister

– RELC office is closed

#### Sunday, December 29

10:00 a.m. – Worship, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas, Pastor Harry Therwanger

#### Wednesday, January 1 – RELC office is closed

#### Sunday, January 5

10:00 a.m. – Lessons & Carols, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas, Pastor Harry Therwanger

#### Monday, January 6 – Epiphany of our Lord

7:00 p.m. – Burning of the greens & story of the Wise Men, Pastor Harry Therwanger





## Bruce Onobrakpeya: The Mask and the Cross

Nigerian sculptor and printmaker Bruce Onobrakpeya began creating works depicting Christian iconography in 1966, when Catholic priests petitioned the artist to interpret the Passion of Christ. The resulting body of work is titled *Fourteen Stations of the Cross*. *Bruce Onobrakpeya: The Mask and the Cross* showcases the earliest of these commissions, from the late 1960s, on display through January 21 at the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC.



Last minute Christmas shopping? Check out the ELCA Good Gifts Catalogue in the pamphlet display in the Narthex or online:

[goodgifts.elca.org](http://goodgifts.elca.org)

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Choose and pay for a gift
2. Get a card
3. Give the card



## RELC Ongoing Programs

### Update on 2025 Giving Intentions

Thanks to everyone who has responded to the call to share your plans to support Resurrection's proposed budget for 2025. To date, 26 congregation members and families have documented their giving intentions for the new year. In addition, 18 other families and members have transactions scheduled through the "Simply Giving" automatic funds transfer program that, as long as they are active, are acknowledged as commitments for next year as well. The total amount of these 44 giving intentions will cover 54 percent of the proposed budget for 2025. In addition, giving from donor-advised funds brings the percentage of the proposed budget covered by intended giving up to 57 percent. While that is an increase from this year, it is still well short of the goal of having at least 80 percent of proposed expenses covered by our intended giving by the time we vote on the proposed budget at our annual congregation meeting.

If you haven't yet provided an indication of how you and your family intend to support our shared ministries in 2025, there's still plenty of time to do so. Please prayerfully consider how you can help fulfill our plans for the new year and return a card with your giving intentions in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. You can also enroll in the "Simply Giving" program to have your offering automatically drawn from your bank account or charged to your credit card.

If you have any questions, please speak with Glen Mason or send him a message at [gdmason@verizon.net](mailto:gdmason@verizon.net). Thank you again for your critically important support for our congregation's ministries.



### Altar Flowers

The 2025 sign-up sheet for altar flowers is posted outside the kitchen. Please sign up for your desired dates. Altar Flowers will not be displayed during Lent or Advent.

### RIC (Reconciling in Christ)

There are RIC reading materials in the Narthex with an anonymous question box. The RIC Core Team encourages you to go to the RIC official website for additional information: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/>





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

We receive non-perishable food item donations in the Narthex for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Donations are collected on the 1st Sunday of every month. The next collection at RELC is January 5, 2025.

## Piecemakers Quilters Group

The *Piecemakers* Quilters Group meets each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gailflat@gmail.com).



## 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.

## REL C Meal Ministry

REL C'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)



**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](mailto:office@relcarlington.org) and Leslie, Church Council President, [leslie.nolen@hotmail.com](mailto:leslie.nolen@hotmail.com) before noon on Wednesday. Announcements will be published for one week unless specific run dates are given.



## Lost & Found

The Lost & Found Drawer has a new pair of occupants. One pair of black gloves, Goodfellow brand, were turned into the office. Conveniently, there is one right glove and one left glove. The label indicates that they are a Target product with the following information: “PALM: SHEEP LEATHER, BACK 61% WOOL, 29% POLYESTER 5% ACRYLIC, 5% OTHER FIBERS, LINING: 100% POLYESTER.” The owner can retrieve these black gloves in the Lost & Found Drawer in the church office and hopefully they will fit like a glove.