

RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From the Pastor's Pen

The Celebration Continues

How many times have you sung the “12 Days of Christmas?” Then afterwards, you may have laughed and may have felt a bit winded having repeated all those unusual and fun gifts.

Well, that song is rooted in the church calendar that Christmas is not just a single day, but, yes, 12 days! From late on December 24 until January 6 we are still singing those Christmas songs we love. We are still meditating on the meaning of the most amazing birth and responding in joy to such good news that God has come to us. God is with us. It is in such grace that God comes, not in raw power or terrifying force but in the form of a baby, vulnerable and sharing all the human experience.

The rest of the world moves rapidly on, but we are invited to linger in the joy of the message of Christmas. We are invited, after the shopping, gifting, and feasting, to continue the celebration of God’s presence with us.

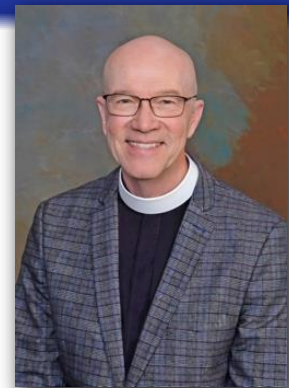
We will still be singing some of the wonderful Christmas music during Worship on both December 29th and January 5th. January 5th we will even make a point of singing more than usual with a Worship Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols.

Join us January 6th at 7:00 p.m. on Epiphany to tie it all up with the story of the Magi and the “Burning of the Greens” and a last singing of Christmas Carols.

From there, we continue to journey as God’s People and our scripture readings will have us follow the adult Jesus as his ministry and identity unfold in the Sundays after Epiphany.

Prayers for our sister congregations

Once a month the clergy serving our local ELCA churches gather for updates, prayer and fellowship. RELC is part of the Potomac Conference, and we usually meet with the Fairfax Conference. The pastors agreed we should continue praying for each of the congregations. So, beginning January 5th one of our sister ELCA congregations from our local conferences will be included in the Intercessions.




CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Worship Service, Pastor Harry Therwanger

AFAC Collection 

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

The sign-up sheet for altar flowers is posted outside the kitchen. Please sign up for your desired dates.

2:00 p.m. Joint Confirmation @ Resurrection, Session 12, “Jerusalem”



Monday, January 6 – Epiphany of our Lord

8:20 a.m. The Village School back in session

7:00 p.m. “Burning of the Greens” & story of the Wise Men

Pastor Harry Therwanger



Thursday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of our Lord

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Pastor Harry Therwanger

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

After Fellowship: Budget Discussion in the Parish Hall



Tuesday, January 14

10:00 a.m. The *Piecemakers* Quilters Group

Thursday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall, No “My Bible” Class in Room 13

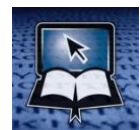
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Pastor Harry Therwanger

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

Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Events

A Day On, Not a Day Off

- “Annual MLK Holiday DC Peace Walk & Parade,” Saturday, January 18
- The Arlington “Day of Service” is Sat., Jan. 18; more info. at volunteearlington.org
- AFAC Food Drive at MLK events; more info. can be found at afac.org
- Arlington, MLK Tribute: *Dreams, Faith, and Justice in Action*, Sun., Jan. 19, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Thursday, January 23

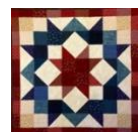
11:00 a.m. online Bible Study, contact Pastor Harry for the link

Sunday, January 26 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting



Tuesday, January 28

10:00 a.m. The *Piecemakers* Quilters Group

Thursday, January 30

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



Bishop Eaton's online Christmas message:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8nj1yx2vA>

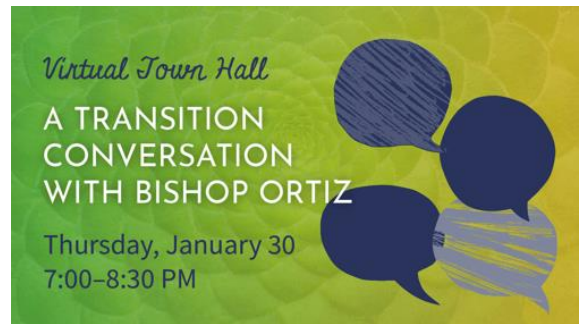
Bruce Onobrakpeya: The Mask and the Cross

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.



Sacred Ground

“Sacred Ground” is an 11-session spiritual journey open to all congregations in small groups starting Friday, January 10. This rich and varied curriculum is focused on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian Pacific Americans as their histories intersect with European American history. “Sacred Ground” provides historical information on how racism has impacted the ELCA and the Episcopal Churches. Learn more and register at <https://metrodcelca.org/>



RELC Ongoing Programs

Your 2025 Offering Envelopes Are Here!

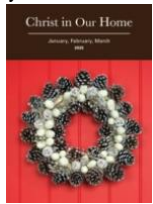
Offering envelopes for the new year are available for pickup now in the Narthex. If you don't find envelopes for you or your family, please see Glen Mason or contact him at gdmason@verizon.net – there are plenty of envelopes available!

What is in Resurrection's proposed 2025 budget?

Thanks to the 47 members and families who have indicated how they intend to financially support Resurrection's ministries in 2025, covering 61 percent of the church's proposed budget. But what is in that budget? What happens if our offerings aren't enough to cover all of our planned spending? Find out more about the budget and what it includes at a special discussion with members of Resurrection's Congregation Council and committees after coffee hour on **Sunday, Jan. 12**, in the Parish Hall. Speakers will review the proposed budget and answer your questions about the church's plans for ministries and programs. Please make plans to participate in this important conversation.

Altar Flowers

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



Christ in Our Home

The January, February, and March edition of *Christ in Our Home* has arrived. If you would like one of the daily devotional booklets, pick one up in the Narthex.

RIC (Reconciling in Christ)

In the Narthex there are RIC reading materials 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

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 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.



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



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 and Leslie, Church Council President, leslie.nolen@hotmail.com before noon on Wednesday. Announcements will be published for one week unless specific run dates are given.



Sights of the Seasons

