

# RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### This Week

#### Saturday, September 21

4:00 p.m. – Music at Resurrection

Voix de Femmes  Women's Choir  
Presents  
**WILD EMBERS**




Saturday, September 21, 4:00 pm  
Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran  
6201 Washington Boulevard  
Arlington VA 22205

Join us for a heartwarming celebration of talent and creativity, as Voix de Femmes presents a concert featuring the remarkable works of women composers. This program features a diverse repertoire, highlighting the unique voices and perspectives of female musicians. Experience the magic of harmonious melodies and powerful lyrics that resonate deeply with themes of strength, resilience, and unity. Don't miss this opportunity to support and uplift the voices of women in music—mark your calendars and be part of this inspiring celebration!

Voix de Femmes will be accompanied by Dr. Grace Cho.

No Tickets required - Donations to ~~Discerning~~, our chosen charity, are gratefully accepted.  
Join us for a reception following the concert!



#### Sunday, September 22

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

Adult Forum. The *Animate Faith* series continues after Worship. In this session, Lauren Winner takes us into the Bible, God's Word. Lauren was slow to embrace the Bible but came to do so in new and different ways.

As you work through this session, you may find new and different ways to see scripture too.



#### Thursday, September 26

11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study, online. Contact Pastor Harry for the link.

## Next Weeks

### Sunday, September 29

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Michael and All Angels, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

Adult Forum. The *Animate Faith* series concludes after Worship. In this session, Bruce Reyes-Chow addresses a question most of us have probably asked ourselves-why go to church? Bruce doesn't shy away from the downsides of church going, but still asserts the value of being a part of a faithful community.

4:00 p.m. – Paint Your Heart Out. Pastor participated in a similar event at the Bishop's Convocation this year and found the event edifying, you may too. RSVP to Pastor CJ at Faith: [pastorcj@flcva.org](mailto:pastorcj@flcva.org).


### Thursday, October 3

11:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study, online. Email Pastor for link

### Sunday, October 6

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Rev. Amy Feira

– AFAC Collection 

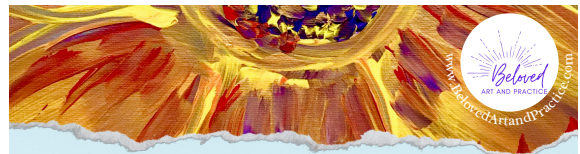
– All animals are welcome to worship in the sanctuary with their human families

11:00 a.m. – Blessing of the Animals

The Animal Blessing will occur after the Worship Service on the lawn outside the Washington Blvd. entrance. Please leash or crate your pet as we don't want anyone or any pet injured.

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be provided for pets and their human family members.


2:00-3:30 p.m. – Joint Confirmation Class @ Faith Lutheran: Session 9, "Home Again"



## Paint Your Heart Out

You are invited to a painting party with a reflective twist!

Join artist, [Deacon Michelle Walka](#), as we explore the themes of love and nourishment through creativity and prayer. Using simple invitations to guide our time, we will paint using a process that focuses on connecting our whole selves: mind, body, and spirit. By the end of the time together, you will have a beautiful and unique painting. All creative/artistic levels are welcome. You do not have to consider yourself an artist to participate. Children under 10 need a caring adult with them.

 Sept 29, 2024 | 4pm - 6pm

**\$30 per person**  
(includes snacks & all supplies needed)



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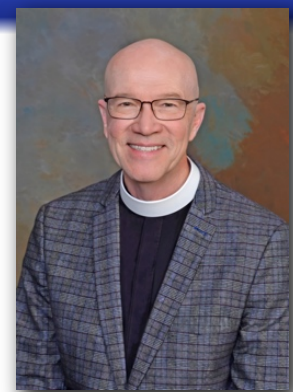


## Notes From Pastor Harry

A couple of folks have commented to me that they have taken notice that I occasionally read thank you notes sent from the benevolences that we support as Resurrection congregation. We support more than 20 charities, 24 to my last count. Some are church related and others non-sectarian community-based efforts that, following our Savior's call to care for the "least of these," we joyfully partner with them and support their good work.

It has been our tradition to tithe our offering to the Metro DC Synod and that also supports the worldwide work of our ELCA. If you click on this link, [\[Boundless\]](#) it will take you to a recent issue of *Boundless* magazine, an ELCA publication. At a time when we are hearing a lot about the declining numbers and influence of the church at large, I believe it is important to know and lift up all the good that the church is doing in Christ's name. It is work that we are doing together, and I encourage you to continue to support these good efforts not only with money, but in our prayers. Have a look. The article is found on page 8 & 9.

You may also enjoy the article about Pastor Sally Azar, who I met on my trip to the Holy Land last year. The article begins on page 10.



# Notes From Vicar Jessica

Hello, beloveds! I thought it might be fun to pull back the curtain a little on being your vicar. Part of the internship process involves working with a mentor group made up of lay members of RELC, as well as with Pastor Harry, to develop a learning covenant between the congregation and me. The first part covers general expectations for me, Pastor Harry, and the mentor group, and how we relate to one another. The second part contains how I will be involved with the congregation's various ministries, including areas such as worship, pastoral care, formation, and administration, just to name a few. Lastly, together we develop my learning goals for the year. These will be designed to stretch, broaden, and enhance my ministry skillset. The whole process takes a few weeks to thoughtfully and prayerfully complete.



This is where I am curious about your thoughts. In what ways can we join together in doing ministry here at RELC and beyond? What is one thing you think I need to be sure to learn to do well? Let me know when you see me or feel free to send me an email at [vicarjessica@relcarlington.org](mailto:vicarjessica@relcarlington.org). Peace to you all!

## Coming Soon at RELC

### Activities

We are planning some in-house activities as well as some RELC Outings. Please check out the opportunities located in the Chapel. If there are events that you would be interested in and are not listed, please add them to the "Other Ideas" list. See or email Angie for more details, [randy\\_angie@hotmail.com](mailto:randy_angie@hotmail.com).

### Volunteers OFFERED

Our building partner, The Village School is in search of volunteer jobs or projects. This year, the middle school learners have been assigned "Service Learning Days." The learners are asked to volunteer in the community one-half day every Friday. To offer an idea of the assistance projects sought, a few of the learners are going to volunteer with AFAC, Sunrise Senior Living, Patrick Henry Shelter, and Arlington Animal Welfare League, to name a few. If you know of an organization, business, or individual that has a job or project where assistance is needed, then contact The Village School through our office: [office@RELCarlington.org](mailto:office@RELCarlington.org). Ideally, the job would be walking or biking distance away.



## The Village School

### CROP Walk - Walk. Give. Change the world.

**Location:** First Presbyterian, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington, VA

**When:** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Registration Starts:** 8 a.m.

**Walk:** 9 a.m. - Rain or Shine

RELC is participating in the 2024 CROP Hunger Walk to support AFAC (Arlington Food Assistance Center) and CWS (Church World Services). Both organizations help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. If you would like to join our team and/or donate, speak with Team Captain, Edd Nolen or click this link: [crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/resurrection-etc](https://crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/resurrection-etc)



### Christ in Our Home

The October, November, and December edition of *Christ in Our Home* has arrived. If you would like one of the daily devotional booklets, pick one up in the Narthex. To make sure RELC has purchased enough subscriptions, if you take a booklet, we ask that you sign the roster that is sitting beside the basket.

## Reconciling in Christ

RELC's Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Core Team is sponsoring important and informative forums. On **October 13th and 20th**, Gordon Lathrop leads discussions on "Principles of Biblical Interpretation" and "Applying Biblical Interpretation to Difficult Passages," respectively.



The RIC Core Team encourages you to review Lizzie Schoen's June 28th presentation ([LINK](#)) on the RIC process and widening our welcome. You can find other RIC reading materials and an anonymous question box in the Narthex.

## RELC Ongoing Programs

**Chrismon Project** – There will be Chrismon Workshops in October & November.



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

This Sunday we receive non-perishable food items donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex. Next collection is Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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 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.

## Resurrection Piecemakers Quilters Group

The Piecemakers Quilters Group meets from 10-12 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gailflat@gmail.com).



**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 Wednesday. Announcements will be published for one week unless specific run dates are given.



## ELCA and Metro DC Synod News



### Bishop Eaton Addresses Political Violence

ELCA Presiding Bishop, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton issued a message on political violence in her June column of *Living Lutheran*. In the article, "We Are Also Citizens," she wrote, "I can't think of an election cycle more fraught and divisive than this one. People all across the political spectrum claim that life as we know it is on the line. It's not possible to agree to disagree—one must decide and put a stake in the ground. There is the potential for violence. But division and violence don't have to be our inevitable future." She concludes the article, "One of the ways we serve our neighbor is to participate in civic life. Can we see Election Day as a unifying event when the whole country goes to the polls? Vote." Read the article here: [We Are Also Citizens 06/2024](#)

