



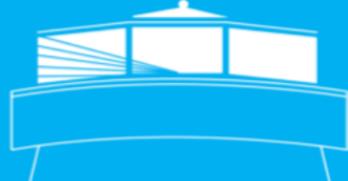
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LAMPLIGHTER

"The lord is my shepherd and all I do is want
I chase after everything 'til everything, I have lost.
Then I wake in a green pasture beside the calmest of lakes
And I realize there's a love big enough to cover over all my mistakes
I walk through the valley of the Shadow... but the Shadow can't have me."
Arthur Alligood "The Shadow Can't Have Me"

Friends in Christ, I have been reflecting lately that at a number of times in the not-too-distant past it has seemed as though the Holy Spirit has been curating exactly what I need at the time in my life I need it: prayer books, various authors, podcasts, the words of a friend, the voice of a songwriter.

The song I quoted (hopefully correctly!) is a heartfelt spin on the 23rd Psalm, and this song embodies one very recent and firm example of the Holy Spirit curating; speaking through a man and his guitar, directly to me. This song is currently expressing for my heart words of honesty and hopefulness. We all, at some level and at varying levels, are walking through "the Shadow". I feel this too.

Your valley of the Shadow might be a deep pit of fatigue, daily being reminded of all the supposed reasons you're "not enough", an enduring loneliness even when surrounded by people, shameful memories you can't exorcise... any of these or more. The life of faith is not a life without suffering and Shadows (even, unfortunately, shadows in our own self-perception)... but rather our shared life consists of a confidence that the Shadow is ultimately impotent. Sometimes we need a clear and fresh reminder of the truth we trust in. Sometimes we need a fresh curation of resources pointing us to WHOM we trust in to banish all shadows.

As I string these thoughts together for this edition of the Lamplighter, my prayer for our LCR family is that we would yearn for our Good Shepherd and His Spirit to continue curating voices and expressions of honesty and hopefulness, for this and every season. "Curate your truth, O Lord, that we would continue living together in YOUR reality as one Body, standing as Winter subsides and Spring arises, singing defiantly- 'the Shadow can't have us' because we are already yours!"

There are many opportunities for us, as a family of faith and hopefulness, to gather and follow the Spirit's loving curation. Many of those opportunities are contained in these pages. Perhaps this Lamplighter is simply one more way the Spirit is curating for us voices of and opportunities for honesty and hopefulness in the season ahead; a season in which the Shadow, as always, looms large... but the Easter promises of the ruler of creation are sung softly over each of us, as Arthur Alligood's song ends...

"Remember Son, I've walked through the valley of the Shadow,
but the Shadow couldn't have me."

Pastor Inunwald

SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL LENTEN CONCERT:

The Sheboygan Lutheran High School Symphonic Band and Konzertchor from Sheboygan, WI will be performing **on Monday, March 21 at 7pm** here at Resurrection.
"See from His head, His hands, His feet..." is the theme for the concert which will feature devotional thoughts as well as a variety of sacred choral and instrumental music.
Admission is free to all who attend, however a free-will offering will be taken.

Please invite family and friends to join the
Sheboygan Lutheran Music Department
for a wonderful night of music, praise, and fellowship



Join Us for Worship on Sundays In Person or through our YouTube Channel. Find our channel easily by going to our website www.lcrstl.org or search **lcrstl** on YouTube

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through WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE**



Ash Wednesday Chili Cook Off
 Wednesday, March 2 5:00 - 6:15pm
 Enjoy fellowship and vote for your favorite
 Sign up in the Narthex to be a contestant



Ash Wednesday Worship
 Wednesday, March 2 at 11:30am & 6:30pm



Midweek Lenten Meals
 Wednesdays 5:15 - 6:15pm
 March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
 Join us for a meal prior to evening worship!



Lenten Midweek Worship
 Wednesday at 11:30am & 6:30pm
 March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6



Palm Sunday
 April 9 and 10 at 5pm, 8:30am & 11am



Maundy Thursday
 Thursday, April 14 at 11:30am & 6pm



Good Friday
 Friday, April 15 at 11:30am & 6pm



Holy Saturday
 Saturday, April 16 at 6pm



Easter Sunday
 Sunday, April 17 at 8:30am & 10:30am

Children's Church and Nursery are simple, exciting ways to get involved with Resurrection's youngest members. Do you love kids and love to share the gospel with them in an engaging, interactive format? Then join our Children's Church and/or Nursery team and volunteer, even just once a month (little prep work and 20 minute teaching/activity time). For details call Lisa Krueger at 314-843-4980 or email Lisa@lcrstl.org.



Early Childhood taking enrollment for Fall 2022/23 now. Church members get priority enrollment before Feb 8, 2021. Forms available : www.resurrectionearlychildhood.com/forms



Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 16 at 9am
 Egg Hunt, snacks, photo booth and balloon twister.
 On the front lawn or gym if raining.



Save the date....
June 20-24,
9 am to noon...
 details and sign up to follow in March

Our 2021-2022 Youth Robotics season has been great!! At the time of writing this, we are working hard every day this week to prep for our big tournament on Saturday, February 12, 2022. The next step after this will be the Missouri State Championship at Missouri S&T (if we qualify). We will keep you posted!

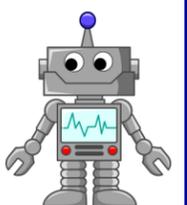
We are very thankful for all your support this season. The pizza fundraiser was a big success! Our team has learned a lot, from working with Raspberry Pi hardware to learning to program. We just got a new 3D printer! We will be learning to use that shortly. The team has also had a chance to take "field trips" to scrimmage and



learn from other teams in the area, including MICDS and Gateway High Schools. The photo you see is from our visit to Gateway. It's great to meet new engineering professionals and other STEM students!

Our team meets year-round, and we are always welcoming new members, from ages 11 to 18.

There is something to learn for all ages. If you have any questions about seeing us compete or joining the team, please call Kim Sanders at 314-761-6016, or email Kim@lcrstl.org.



Calling All Artists!

Do you paint or draw? Contact Jamie in the church office for more information or to join in on a new artsy project at Resurrection!

Dear friends in Christ,

In the words of Concordia Seminary's Dr. Dale Meyer, "it's a great time to be the church!" God is so good, and He truly continues to bless all of us here at Resurrection. One of the many groups within our congregation that I thank God for is our young people. From chapels with our Early Childhood students, to exciting Wednesday evenings with our Confirmation group, to fun community outings with our high schoolers, it is such a great blessing to spend time sharing the love of Jesus with Resurrection's young people. As we continue to grow together, here are some important dates that I want to share:

Our next **First Communion Workshop** will take place over four sessions, held on **Wednesdays 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13 at 5:30 p.m.** If your family is interested in learning more about this opportunity, please email me at schram@lcrstl.org.



Confirmation

The Rite of Confirmation will be held this year on **Sunday, May 15 during the 8:30 a.m. service.** Please continue to be praying for our Confirmands, and mark Confirmation Sunday on your calendar!

22 (!!!) of our high schoolers will be attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this July 8th-13th. We continue to gather monthly for fundraising meetings and Pre-Gathering Bible Studies. NYG was such a wonderful experience for me as a young person, as I know it was for many of you, and I am so excited to attend the Gathering with our high schoolers!

Thanking God that we are all His children, and looking forward to growing closer together and closer to Him,

<>< Pastor Nick



What is our legacy?

When I was a boy, the scouts had a slogan "always leave a campsite better than you found it" which was a simple way of teaching good stewardship of our natural resources. As followers of Christ we are called to be good stewards of all our gifts. While we know life itself is a gift from God, good stewardship means different things to each person as God touches and calls our hearts in different ways.

We at LCR have benefitted from the legacy of generosity and service that prior members left for us. Among so many other gifts, the Living Stone Endowment is part of our legacy. This planned investment has grown and provided our congregation with a new Carillon system to be installed soon. If you are part of the group that made this possible, thank you so much!

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection has partnered with the LCMS Foundation to provide estate planning assistance called the Lifetime Plan for Giving. This simple program is designed to help you provide for the people you love and the ministries you care about.

A gift plan structures how you can leave your financial gifts to your loved ones in a way that often minimizes the taxes on your estate, providing an opportunity to do more with the blessings God has provided.

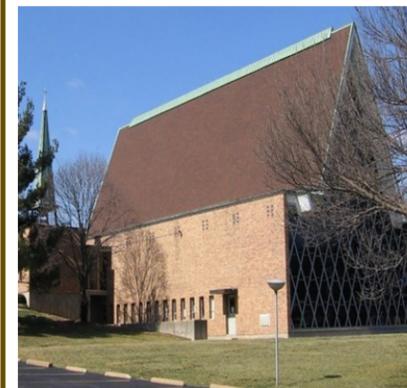
More specifically, using charitable vehicles such as charitable remainder trusts, a gift plan often provides the same level of inheritance to your heirs while also allowing you to make a substantial gift to the ministries and charities of your choice.

Gift plans are for everyone as we are called to steward our gifts from God and even the humblest gifts can make a positive impact.

It's a blessing to serve the members of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection; please contact me so I can share how I can serve you and together we can leave LCR even better than we found it!

Erich Faulstich 314-779-6494

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REMEMBER THIS?

We started the capital campaign for our 2010 construction project the first weekend of April 2009. In the Spring Lamplighter, Lisa Bean requested we each take a six-week journey to: DISCOVER, DELIBERATE, DISCUSS, DEFINE, DETERMINE, and then DECIDE how we could impact the future of Resurrection. She asked us to take a few moments every day to review the personal commitment guide to see how we each fit into the Lord's plan for this church.

In June of 2021 you all successfully paid off the entire **\$3,017,000** 2010 building project! And we echo the last paragraph of the Voters' resolution that moved this project forward –

"...Give thanks to our Triune God for His guidance of our members on our journey, for His constant blessings on the actions of this assembly, and for His shaping of our emerging vision of ministry which we call "NOW" (Next Generation, Our Community and the World)"

Hands In Service.

Hands in service is an outreach ministry where we work on various projects and home repairs in the community. Our biggest effort every year is working with Rebuilding Together St. Louis on their spring rebuilding day. Resurrection has been sponsoring a home and providing volunteers to do the work for about 20 years. The goal of Rebuilding Together is to keep homeowners in their homes in a safe environment. Typically the homeowners are elderly, usually a single woman, and often have some physical challenges.



Last year in May we had about 15 volunteers come together to work on a house in the south city off of South Broadway. Attached are a couple of pictures. Work last year included some exterior painting, adding some handrails, replacing some gutters and downspouts, minor electrical work, and some caulking and sealing in the bathroom. This is the typical sort of work that is done, but the work varies every year. Sometimes we have smaller projects and other times we have larger projects.

This year's workday will be **Saturday April 30th**. We won't get our house assignment until March when we will find out where our house assignment is and the work scope. More information will be sent out later, but if you think you are interested contact me.

On a related topic I'm looking for volunteers who are willing to take care of some minor maintenance needs around church. Again, contact me if you have questions or are interested.

Ken Stuckmeyer
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BELIZE MISSION NEWS

After almost 2 years of suspending mission trips to Belize, 2022 promises to be an exciting year. The Belize Mission Society was the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the LWML and has purchased property in Seine Bight. This grant will fund the building of a Mercy House next to the elementary school and behind Christ Lutheran Church to share mercy care through feeding children, dental clinics, VBS, tutoring, and community health programs.

After discussions with the village leadership, the Belize Mission Society board has approved the return of short term mission teams in 2022, although with somewhat smaller team sizes. Resurrection members will be participating in the vacation bible school trip in July and tentatively in a joint trip with Webster Gardens with a construction/medical focus in June.

To learn more about the Belize mission in which Resurrection has participated for the past 5 years, watch for our information table in the narthex in the coming weeks. Learn how you can participate in the mission and/or join one of the teams to Belize this year.

For more information contact:

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Mission Circle is off to a good start for the year! We had our first meeting in January and had over 20 attendees. There was a lot of conversation and many wonderful suggestions for plans for the year.

Join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, March 9.**

Bring a sack lunch at 11:30am. Meeting begins at noon.

At our next meeting we will be deciding on projects and committees for this year. Bring a friend!

Questions about Mission Circle? Contact Sara Hochgrebe, Jeanne Moss or Sue Wichmann

Bethlehem kids update: Thanks to the \$500 donation from the Mission Circle, we purchased forty-two 25 lb Turkeys and due to the generosity of many Resurrection families, each kid went home with a Turkey and all the fixings for their family! Our goal was 42 dinners and we far exceeded that goal which is wonderful because there's no shortage of need.

Our crafts this holiday season focused on gratitude and thankfulness. Please keep our beautiful Bethlehem families in your prayers for a safe 2022.



We will be collecting food for the Seminary Food Bank during Lent again this year. The Seminary students are there with their families, training for the Ministry. They have lost a major portion of their income or possibly all of it while they are there in training. And they are always so grateful for the food that we give them. It is such a tremendous help.

Your food donations (no perishables please) can be brought to church and put on the table in the lobby during Lent (Starting Ash Wednesday up until Palm Sunday)

