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LAMPLIGHTER

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

I recently had a conversation with a dear friend. We had not spoken in some time, so in the process of catching up he shared with me that FEELING the forgiveness of God had been hard for him recently. The weight of past failures and brokenness was beating down on him, the voice of sin drowning out the voice of the Lamb of love. He believes in God's grace, but living in it every day, trusting that grace, has been difficult.

It is, admittedly, one thing to KNOW God loves and forgives... you all do. But with the scars we each bear and the sins and shame of our past, we also yearn to FEEL it. We are created to be saturated with God's love, not merely in our minds but deep in our hearts, where grace washes away our guilt.

Maybe an apt metaphor for our lived experiences is that our hearts are like a sponge. You can splash water on a sponge infrequently, and it might be intermittently damp. You can run it under a faucet every few days, say every Sunday, and that would be more effective... but for that sponge to be dripping with moisture it needs to be immersed, submerged, in water. Always.



My encouragement to my friend is the same I would give to each of you- tether yourself to the faucet. The water that flows from a crucified Lamb's side. As the summer winds down and the chaos of the school year ramps up, I pray that each of you has those sources and resources of life-giving water where you can be submerged, immersed in the unequivocal love of God the Father through Jesus His Son FOR YOU. Sunday mornings (and Saturday nights!) God's water is there. And the rest of the week there are so many other ways God's Word of love comes to us, to you, dripping water from your HEAD to your HEART, saturating you with mercy. There are great resources on our resource cart. There are wonderful springs of living water online, in podcasts, music, and art. And you have two pastors and other full-time ministry staff who are here for you, always.

The Holy Spirit is continually seeking you out, in a multitude of ways and in multiple media mediums. Especially through flesh and blood fellow believers. I earnestly pray that you always know and feel the love of God for you. It is unconditional and unending.

In Jesus,

Pastor Innuwald



Scan this QR Code to check our Resource Cart and Springs of Living Water Online.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Rally Day	Sunday, August 21	8:30 & 11 a.m.
Voters' Meeting	Sunday, August 21	12 p.m.
Rooted Wednesday Nights	Wednesday, September 7	5:30 - 7 p.m.
Reformation Worship	Saturday and Sunday, October 29 & 30	5 p.m., 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Trunk or Treat	Sunday, October 30	4 - 6 p.m.
All Saints	Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 6	5 p.m., 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Advent Midweek Devotions	November 30, December 7, December 14	11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



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

**GATHERING AND EQUIPPING FULLY ENGAGED DISCIPLES
through WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE**

LOOK WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED

As we reflect over the last year, we thank God for all the things that we were able to accomplish through His grace and mercy.

You all said yes and shared your wealth and time with others -

Gifted Bethlehem Lutheran Church over \$87,600 to support their ministry and sent a team to help with repairs and the afterschool program

Sent \$12,898 in support, including three LCR missionaries this summer, to Belize

Gifted Christian Friends of New America \$31,500 for their campaign for immigrants and sent four missionaries to help an Afghan family.

Sent Concordia Seminary Guild \$500 and collected \$263 for the Seminary Food Bank

Gifted Feed My People \$3,149 to help feed the hungry

Sent over \$10,000 for scholarships to kids at LHSS and Green Park Lutheran School

Gifted Monarch Jewelry \$1,000 to help fight child trafficking in St. Louis and sent a missionary

Sent \$3,000 and a team of missionaries to rehab a home for an elderly widow in South City through Rebuilding Together

Gifted River Roads Lutheran School \$500 to assist with Special Needs testing costs

Sent \$500 to St Trinity Lutheran School to assist with their After School Program

Gifted \$3,448 to members with emergency/funeral needs through the Family Fund

Sent prayers/cards/letters/gifts to those in need – especially our shut-ins and elderly

Collected school supplies

Collected food

Collected household/cleaning products

Collected toys

Collected Christmas gifts

Collected gift cards

Collected clothing

Your surplus of treasure or time supplied someone else's need.

Your surplus put a smile on someone's face and was the face of Jesus on earth.

What can we do together this year? What are you called to share with the world? Say yes!



ROOTED WEDNESDAYS at RESURRECTION

Beginning Wednesday, September 7

5:30 - 6 p.m. Children's Music - Grades 1-5

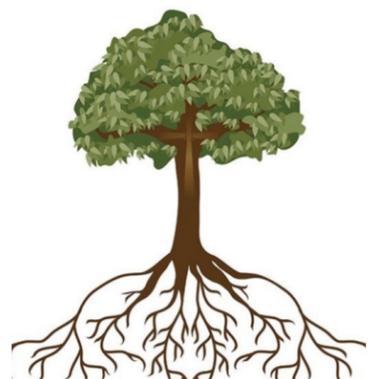
5:30 - 7 p.m. Confirmation - Grades 6-8

6 - 7 p.m. Jesus Company - Grades 3-5

6 - 7 p.m. Handbells

7 - 8 p.m. Choir

Want more info? Call the church office 314-843-6633



Hello! My name is Taylor Haese and I am so excited to have joined the team here at Resurrection. I am thrilled to be serving as the early childhood director and children's ministry coordinator and continuing to provide excellent care for the children here at Resurrection.

A little bit about myself... I am originally from Plymouth, WI (the cheese capital of the world) and am a Packers fan. I graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin in 2016 with a degree in early childhood education and special education. Prior to coming to Resurrection, I served in a Lutheran school in Fort Wayne, Indiana for 6 years where I held many roles including kindergarten teacher, early childhood director, and most recently, school principal. I love to read, create, play tennis, and play with my goldendoodle named Indy.

I feel very blessed to be here at Resurrection and I cannot wait to get to know you all!

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Direct line at church - 314-756-2960



Trunk or Treat
Sunday,
October 30
4 - 6 p.m.

Keep an eye out for
Registration soon

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

Friday,
December 16
Watch your email
for more details!



Confirmation

As the new school year approaches, we are excited to resume our Wednesday evening Confirmation activities on **September 7th!** Our young people from **grades 6-8 meet from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** to engage in formation and fellowship through snacks, games, devotions, Bible studies, and other faith-based learning activities.

In Confirmation, it is our goal to grow closer to one another, and closer to Jesus.

If you have a student who would like to join us, please reach out to Pastor Nick.



For those 6th - 8th graders who have not yet had First Communion instruction,



a First Communion Workshop will be held for those children to attend with a parent:

First Communion classes for this year will be on:
March 15
March 22
March 29
April 5

Rite of First Communion on Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday)

If you have any questions regarding First Communion, please contact Pastor Nick



From July 8th through the 13th, Resurrection's group of 23 high schoolers and 6 adults attended the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Held every three years, the Gathering is an amazing opportunity for tens of thousands of young people to gather from around the world to deepen their faith, worship our great God, and connect with other young Lutherans. From daily Bible studies, to dozens of breakout session options, to great Texas food, to time reflecting in small groups, to mass events at Minute Maid Park, our group had an amazing and meaningful experience at the Gathering! Take some time to ask one of our high schoolers about their experience—they've got stories to last a lifetime.

- Pastor Nick





BELIZE MISSION SOCIETY









After 3 years of waiting, we were finally back in Belize! And it was worth the wait! The village welcomed us back and the kids were very excited to see us.

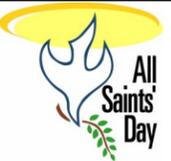
We reunited with old friends; who had grown taller, and we made many new little friends. The days started with singing and dancing to VBS songs. Followed with Bible story time in small groups, then peanut butter or cheese sandwiches for lunch, which Ryan almost single handedly prepared and served with much love each day! The afternoons were filled with women's and men's Bible study, sports, games, puzzles, reading of many books and the ever popular braiding of our hair. What an awesome and amazing week in Belize. The kids missed all of us and VBS week just as much as we missed being with them and sharing God's love.

This week is the highlight of their year.
Thank you for your many prayers for the VBS team and all of our friends in Belize.



REFORMATION Sunday

Reformation Worship
Saturday and Sunday, October 29 & 30



All Saints Day

All Saints
Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 6



On April 30, volunteers from Resurrection made improvements to a home in South City. They painted, replaced a deck, repaired fencing and completed many more tasks to help better the living conditions for the homeowner. Special thanks to Ken Stuckmeyer who has coordinated and lead Rebuilding Together at Resurrection for over 20 years. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Rebuilding Together - Repairing Homes - Revitalizing Communities - Rebuilding Lives

Time for planning?

Two years ago, Marie's husband was called home to Jesus. Bud had always taken care of the financial matters:

paying bills, investing, and planning for the future. They had been married for seventy years. Now, Marie was feeling overwhelmed. The financial planner kept calling, asking her permission to change investment strategies. The life insurance company regularly had calling teams contacting her, asking if she wanted to add to her coverage. The local bank kept sending mail asking her if she wanted to refinance the mortgage. The senior living representative she and Bud had met four years ago kept asking if she was ready to move into assisted living. The burden of these decisions was overwhelming. So, when her daughter asked her if she had reviewed her will lately, Marie became angry. "I just need everyone to leave me alone. Stop bugging me."

It is wise to do good planning while both spouses are alive. It is even better to make sure that those plans are written down, detailing an organized, planned approach to caring for the financial gifts God has placed in your care. It is unwise to expect that children or other relatives will be able to jump in, without any prior involvement, to make the same kind of choices you have chosen all your life. They will lovingly do their part, but you may be asking them to carry out a difficult or impossible task. Planning can bring peace of mind. When a good plan is in place, seeking interaction with professional legal, financial or tax advisors can be seen as continuing that plan. Asking children to help will also be part of that continuance. Today is a good day to start. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can highlight areas of decision and point you to the right professionals to help you write down a plan, all the while expressing your love for your family and your devotion to the Lord. Contact Erich Faulstich 314-779-6494.



BETHLEHEM AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

At Bethlehem, we talked about the ripple effect when a single pebble is dropped in the water and how our actions can effect so many others. We talked about the wonderful ripple effect Pastor Schmidtke had on all the kids and the entire community. The kids painted pebbles and thought about ways we can all try and create that ripple effect and show God's love and keep Pastor Schmidtke's mission going. Would you like to help at the Bethlehem After School Program?

Contact Linda Loewenstein - lindaloew3@gmail.com



15 of our members enjoyed a summer outing for lunch in Kimmswick at the Dough Depot. It was a wonderful afternoon visiting and getting to know each other better. Watch for information and updates in the connection page and email for a special program beginning in the Fall.

We are looking forward to meeting again in September and planning for our 2022-2023 activities. New members are always welcome! Contact the church office for more information.

