# **Resurrection Lutheran Church Announcements**For the week of October 12, 2025

#### Welcome

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church. We are currently worshipping online and in person!

For more information about our church, you may call the office at 972.867.0460 or visit our website:

www.rlcplano.org

#### Richard Dawkins, The God Delusion Or not!

A new offering from David Pruesnner continues **October 12**, and going until 19, 26, and November 2, 9, and 16 located in Room 1. Reading the book is optional.

Richard Dawkins, author and scientist, submits that belief in God is delusional. In his book, The God Delusion, he advances several arguments that belief in God is irrational. He concludes that our world is random; having neither design nor designer. Others disagree. Scientists, including Carl Sagan and Sir Fred Hoyle, have insisted that our universe is not random. Instead, our universe is "intelligent." And, our universe seems to have been "finely tuned" to make both physical matter and life possible. If any of a dozen factors (such as the strength of the "gravitational constant" or nature of Carbon 12 had been different), then life would not exist on earth. The Christian conclusion: our universe seems to have been "finely tuned" by a creator, i.e. God.

All of these scientists focus only on the physical world - the world that can be objectively tested and measured. However, as philosophy, psychology, and religion constantly remind us, there is another world. The great French scientist Blaise Pascal taught that we live in two worlds. He was a fervent Christian. He taught that one world is our physical world, which we experience via our rational mind and empirical examination. The other is an unseen world, which we experience via intuitive knowledge. This unseen world holds "matters of the heart" and includes philosophy, love, justice, and our faith in God. Under Pascal's philosophy, intuitive matters of the heart are just as authentic as the scientific/ empirical world. Pascal saw no conflict between his faith and his rational/scientific pursuits. They are both instrumental in finding truth. C.S. Lewis also pursued this line of inquiry looking in to our intuition for insight. In his writings, he refers to "Right and Wrong as a Clue to the Meaning of the Universe." He logically deduces that our omnipresent sense of right and wrong – which spans all civilizations – is a major "clue" to the fact that our universe had a purposeful creator.

#### All Saints Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, **November 2**, we remember and celebrate the lives of those near to us who have died this past year. If you have a loved one who has died in the past year and you would like to have that person remembered in worship, please send an email to Jan Frum at jlfrum@verizon.net with the name and your relationship to that person. If you'd like to include a picture, we will show those on the screens during the reading of the names. Pictures are optional, not required. Please send your information to Jan by October 29.

#### October R&R

R&R Adult Social at Mike and Diana Frank's home on **Saturday, October 18**.

Bring a favorite food and beverage to share and join us at 5:30 pm for a few hours. It's a time to get to know folks better in a relaxed atmosphere, with time to move around and share stories. Anywhere from 12-30 folks gather at each R&R and we always enjoy our time together.

We live between Independence and Custer north of Legacy at 7408 Scout Drive in Plano.

#### **Trunk or Treat**

Join us **October 26** 12:30-2:00 forTrunk or Treat, combined with games, crafts, hot dogs, chips, and a free book fair, has become a tradition in which we invite the community to join us. We need 20 people to offer their decorated trunks to treat in, 4 volunteers to grill and serve hot dogs, chips, and drinks, 2 people to help with crafts, and lots of friends to join us in the celebration. Your help is crucial to make this event a success. Click here to sign-up

#### **Celebration Organ Concert**

October 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us at RLC as Jim Loeffler plays music inspired by the Reformation and to celebrate the 10th birthday of the Faithful Servant Leadership Organ.

Music by J.S. Bach, Praetorious and others! Admission is Free AND there will be cake!

#### **Guys' Night Out in October:**

Guys Night Out will be held at Dos Arroyos/Frankies at 6:00 pm **October 30**. Dos Arroyos is located at 2701 Custer Parkway, #807 in Richardson. Contact Craig Feronti (972) 989-3222 for further information.

#### **Women's Book Discussion**

Saturday, November 1, 9:00 am Room 1 MEET THE AUTHOR We are in for a special treat as we meet local author, Sarah Damoff, and discuss her debut novel, The Bright Years. The book is available on Amazon, Barnes and Nobel, Bibliobar Book Store in downtown Plano and through the Plano Public Library. Ryan and Lillian Bright are deeply in love, recently married, and now parents to a baby girl, Georgette. But Lillian has a son she hasn't told Ryan about, and Ryan has an alcohol addiction he hasn't told Lillian about, so Georgette comes of age watching their marriage rise and fall. Years later, Lillian's son comes searching for his birth family, so Georgette must return to her roots, unearth her family's history, and decide whether she can open up to love for them—or herself—while there's still time. Told from three intimate points of view, All are welcome to join us! 9:00 am treats/coffee and social time, followed by the discussion at 9:30 am.

# **Community**

### **Kroger Community Rewards**

Don't forget you have to re-enroll every year for the <u>Krogercommunityrewards.com</u>

RLC# - GX672

It's a simple process and can be done right on your phone! Call the church office for help! 972-867-0460

Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program
Click the icon to download the form with
Resurrection Lutheran Church's Charity
Number on it. Fill out the form and take it to
the Customer Service Counter in your local
Tom Thumb Store or email the form to
good.neighbor@tomthumb.com



#### **Help with Sunday Morning Social Services**

After worship, all are invited to the kitchen hallway to grab some treats before heading off to classes or meetings, or you can just hang out and shoot the breeze. But this tradition relies upon Brew Crew volunteers who are willing to host the morning's event. Individuals, families, ministry groups, or buddies can sign up to handle duties that include setting up, cleaning up, making coffee, and supplying treats. Training available, reimbursement available, plenty of dates available – sign up here or on the sheet found on the kitchen counter.

#### No Tricks - Just Treats for FMSC

Have wicked fun when you join us at the Feed My Starving Children packing session on **Friday**, **October 31**, 11:30am-1:15pm. You'll turn hunger into hope with your own two hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world. We reserved 30 spots so sign up now!

## **PRAYERS**

Continued Prayers for:

Marie Fabricius Jackie Bluhm Miller Dietsche Elizabeth Kelton Ginny Mallardi Lorraine Laut

John Nelson, brother of Carol Bryggare, after a diagnosis of lung cancer

Eilene, mother of Amy Gebrian for strength and recovery during her hospital stay

Kathy and son Shawn, friends of the Poppes, for strength after Shawn's stage 4 cancer diagnosis

Pat Martin, for strength and speedy recovery after a hospital stay

Norma Kemmet, for strength and recovery after surgery

Pam, sister of Pat Fisher, after her diagnosis of CLL

Tom Pierson, nephew of Judy and John Hoffman, for strength as he navigates a cancer diagnosis

Carol Eggers for strength as she fights breast cancer

Amie, niece of Bruce and Pat Fisher, for continued health and strength

Gary Stewart, father of Kim Hampton for continued healing.

Tony Kemmet, for peace as he battles liver cancer

Becky Hutzell, friend of the Loeffler's, for comfort while they navigate medical concerns.

Courtney Tallos, Nicholas Tallos, and Michael A. serving in our military. Also families and members of RLC who are traveling, seeking employment, the men and women in the US military, and those members who are homebound.

**Weekly Attendance** 

September 14– 130 (33 online) September 21-153 (36 online) September 28-157 (37 online) Weekly Offerings)

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