



April 2024

# The Butterfly



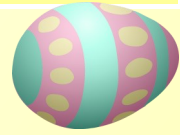
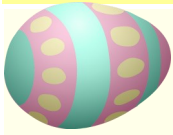
## APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS HAPPY SPRING



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## Pastor Bill's Page



As our grandkids have gotten older, we have changed the activities we have done with them. Peek-a-boo gave way to the Wii. Preschool song-fests have long been replaced by Jr. High choir and band concerts. Little kids kicking-free-for-all soccer is now travel league football and basketball. Dance recitals have become theatre performances and serious cheer competitions.

So as Easter approached, the parents of the grands suggested that maybe the kids have outgrown the traditional Easter egg hunt. Cathie went straight to the kids themselves for a verdict. “Do you want to hunt Easter eggs on Easter?” she asked on the Grandkids Only group chat. “Duh, YESSSS!!!!” was the reply. The allure of chocolate and sweet tarts can still overcome the apathy of tween and young-teen angst! It gives me hope for the future.

Also giving me hope for the future is the turn in the weather and the turn of the calendar page which usher in both the season of Spring and the season of Easter. We are reminded of the promise of new beginnings and the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter, the holiest and most joyous occasion in the Christian calendar, is here, and with it comes a timeless tale that embodies the spirit of renewal and hope—the legend of the Easter egg.

The tradition of Easter eggs dates back centuries, symbolizing the empty tomb of Jesus and the joy of his resurrection. According to legend, Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberius Caesar after Jesus' crucifixion, bearing a simple egg as a gift. She proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus, which the Emperor found difficult to believe. In response, he declared that no one could rise from the dead any more than an egg could turn red. Miraculously, the egg turned crimson in Mary's hands, signifying the truth of Christ's resurrection.

From that moment on, the Easter egg became a powerful symbol of new life, rebirth, and the triumph of light over darkness. It is a reminder that even in the midst of despair, hope prevails, and through faith, we are granted the gift of eternal life.

In our modern celebrations, the tradition of decorating Easter eggs has evolved into a beloved custom cherished by families around the world. The vibrant colors and intricate designs adorning these eggs reflect the beauty of creation and the diversity of God's love. Children eagerly search for hidden eggs (especially my grands), delighting in the joy of discovery and the simple pleasures of the season.

But beyond the colorful shells lies a deeper significance. Each Easter egg represents a seed of hope planted in our hearts—a reminder that even in times of uncertainty, God's love surrounds us, guiding us through life's trials and tribulations. Just as the eggshell cracks to reveal new life, so too does Easter remind us of the transformative power of faith, offering us the chance to crack through the surrounding darkness into the glorious light of God's grace.

As we celebrate Easter, let us embrace the joy of the season with open hearts and minds. Let us reflect on the timeless message of hope and redemption embodied in the Easter egg legend. And let us rejoice in the knowledge that through Christ's resurrection, we are granted the ultimate gift of salvation and life eternal.

May this Easter be a time of renewal and rebirth for each and every one of you. May the blessings of the risen Christ fill your hearts with joy, your homes with love, and your lives with purpose.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyous Easter!

# Church Council



Relationships and responsibilities are two reasons why members are active in their church community. Your church family forms as you serve, support, and socialize with one another. This is my sixth – and last – year with the best role on Church Council: Liaison for Serve Ministries. This month I want to highlight these ministries with you!

**Fellowship** helps build a community, so socializing is vital to RLC!

- Guys' Night Out meets for food and beverages on the last Thursday of the month.
- R&R is open to any adults and meets at homes to mingle over finger foods and drinks.
- PrimeTimers are our "mature" members who meet on the second Wednesday at Norma's Café.
- Oktoberfest is our celebration of German heritage in our patio in September (*natürlich*).

**Sunday Morning Fellowship** satisfies our sweet tooth, caffeine fix and a good excuse to hang around after the Sunday worship service.

**Women of RLC** is the women's ministry of our church open to all women and led by its own Board. They organize special programs and fundraisers throughout the year, including everyone's favorite:

- Chili Cook-off & Quilt Bingo in January
- Pie Fest for Thanksgiving
- Katie Boxes in March
- Bunco in July.
- Their most active ministry is the **Cover Girls** sewing group who quilt all year for Lutheran World Relief and area nonprofits serving children, as well as crafting for their annual Christmas sales.
- Other ministries include the Women's Book Discussion and the Jigsaw Puzzle Library.

**Community Outreach** is doing God's work with our hands: loving our neighbors and improving our communities. Our traditional community service activities include:

- **"God's work. Our hands" Sunday** is the ELCA's day of service held on the second Sunday of September when we come together to work on projects that support numerous organizations.
- Angel Tree is an opportunity to provide Christmas presents to community members who may not otherwise have a joyful holiday with gifts.
- Blood drives are scheduled on 4-5 Sundays throughout the year with Carter BloodCare so we can save lives... which you can do on **April 7!**

**Food drives for special events:**

- Souper Bowl of Caring in February
- Partners including Minnie's Food Pantry and the Mount Olive Food Pantry take place throughout the year.

**Share the Care** is the umbrella term for our caring ministries, especially those that serve our members who are facing emergency, short-term financial needs.

**Stephen Ministry** equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

- ♦ Emergency Financial Needs can provide up to \$500 once per year to assist a member in paying a vital bill.
- ♦ Transportation Team volunteers give rides to members, primarily to medical appointments and to church.
- ♦ Memorial Receptions are organized by volunteers who provide food and assist with set-up and serving at a member's memorial.

**Prayer Chain** requests can be submitted for or by anyone inside or outside of our membership.

These ministries are essential at RLC and rely on many volunteers who dutifully carry out these responsibilities. And you're in luck – they all need more volunteers and participants! As you read through the rest of this issue of *The Butterflifer*, look for ways you may feel called to **Serve...**

Becky Schuerman Choi, Council liaison for Serve ministries



## ***RLC Birthday***

# HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY RLC

September 1974



September 2024



It's time to celebrate!

Resurrection Lutheran Church will be 50 years old in September, 2024. This is a milestone that we want to celebrate in a big way. That takes time and a lot of planning. We are in the process of forming a committee to work on these plans, but we need your help. If you would like to help with making this celebration a huge success, please contact Jan Frum at [jlfrum@verizon.net](mailto:jlfrum@verizon.net) or call her at 214-725-9027.

We need both long-time members and those who are relatively new to RLC.

### **Committee Members:**

Becky Choi; Rita Fischer; Bill Fisher; Jan Frum;  
Craig Hildebrand; Gayle Lind; Adam Schroeder;  
Beth Smith; Sue Willette

# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY


## Rooted in Faith; Growing in Grace

### April Service: Creation Care

“Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.  
With them *we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our  
lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made,*  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.” *Offertory prayer*

To celebrate 50 years of service, we are inviting the congregation to do service together every month. Our April community service project involves creation care - a pre-Earth Day litter cleanup on our campus and surrounding streets, creek, park and schools. We'll provide the supplies, you provide an hour or two of your time to do some spring cleaning around the neighborhood on Sunday, **April 21st**, starting at **8:00 am**. [Please sign up](#) so we have enough litter sticks for everyone.

In honor of Earth Month, we have a bonus activity planned! Ever wonder what happens with the items in your recycling cart? How is it sorted? Am I putting the right things in it? Are they *really* getting recycled? Join us for an eye-opening tour of the Plano Recycling Center on Thursday, **April 25th**, at **10:30 am** to see it in action. Space is limited so [sign up](#) soon.



As a 50th Anniversary fundraiser, on Sunday, April 7th and Sunday, 14th, vouchers for flats of annuals from Christina's Garden Center on Preston Road will be sold in the Narthex for \$20.00. These vouchers will be good until May 31st. (Hint, Hint. This will be ideal for your gardens, Mother's Day gifts and Memorial Day remembrances.)

Annuals offered are alyssum, begonias, celosia, dianthus, dusty miller, impatiens, lobelia, marigolds, petunias, snapdragons, verbena and vinca. Vouchers will also be accepted at Christina's in Dallas and Christina's in Frisco.



## *A Walk Down Memory Lane*

Church history is “His” story. The history of RLC is important because it is a testimony to the acts of God in His people at RLC. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee is in the process of collecting memorabilia highlighting the last 25 years.

The folks working on this project want to hear from you in several ways. We want memories and pictures.

First, please prayerfully consider the topics below so that your response is heartfelt and concise. If you are comfortable doing so, please pick a topic or two (or all) to share, either by writing a few sentences or contacting a member of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee or sub committee.

Second, it would be great for the second edition of the history of RLC to include pictures, especially if you are in the pictures. With each submission, please include a brief description of the event, the year and the names of people and submit to [RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com) in JPEG format.

Third, right now, we plan to include a section at the end of the book that would be an informal RLC family album of RLC family pictures. It doesn't have to be a fancy picture and could include family pics from vacations, picnics, family outings or any family event. Please submit in JPEG format (if possible) and include your updated contact information.

Let's share moments that are funny, inspiring or touching. Here are some topics and questions that might spark a special memory:

- ◆ Special events your family was involved in at RLC.
- ◆ One Worship song that really speaks to you.
- ◆ Are there characteristics about the building (stained glass, pipe organ, chapel, fellowship hall, educational wings) that mean something special to you.
- ◆ What ministry has had the biggest impact on you and your connection to RLC?
- ◆ Your memory of a talent show, Trunk or Treat, Chili Cookoff, Youth mission trips, Christmas programs.
- ◆ One thing our faith community does well.
- ◆ What is something you always look forward to?
- ◆ Any special memories.

Please submit by **JULY 1<sup>st</sup>**, so we can compile a wonderful keepsake.

Your participation in this exciting endeavor to document our church history is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your input.

# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## “Rooted in Faith; Growing in Grace”

We are celebrating 50 years of ministry and invite everyone to participate in this momentous milestone! We are celebrating all year but the primary festivities happen in late September:

- **Saturday, September 28th** - Attend a concert and program in the evening featuring music directors, both past and present, and music commissioned just for us! Afterwards, enjoy a catered meal, memories and catching up with friends.
- **Sunday, September 29th** – Our joyous worship service will feature clergy from our past, including Rev. Arlyn Tolzmann, our first pastor. An open house will follow.

### FORMER MEMBERS

Hundreds of people have come and gone from our congregation, but we want to invite as many as possible to join us in our celebrations and reconnect with their former church family. We plan to mail Save the Date cards very soon but need correct addresses. If you are in contact with former members, please send their email address (preferred), or snail mail addresses to our committee at [RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com).

### HISTORIANS

A book detailing our creation and the first 25 years of RLC was published in 1999, which is [available here](#) for your reading pleasure. Naturally, we would like a follow-up volume that tells our story over the past 25 years. If you enjoy research and writing, please join our committee! We also welcome members who might be subject matter experts willing to contribute information about specific ministries, events, activities, etc.

Any good history book needs pictures! If you have some that should be included, please share.

Visit our History Page [HERE](#).

Volunteers, information, and images can be sent to [RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com)

Have congregational service project ideas? Let us know! [RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com)

Throwing a party requires money. We do have some generous members who have volunteered to cover the costs of some items but we will need funds for food, transportation costs for VIPS, and expenses we may not even know about yet.

**Help support this celebration directly with your monetary gift. [Click HERE.](#)**

**Bring your cans to church** – monthly! RLC’s heavy metal group – The Aluminati – is requesting your participation in our aluminum can collection that will help fund the 50th anniversary celebration. Please bring your aluminum cans to the west door during the **first weekend of every month**. Our delivery driver (Mark Waterman) will load up his truck after church on Sunday and transport donations to the scrap metal recycler on Monday morning. Cans must be empty and dry and crushing them is helpful.

Please share any fundraising ideas, and in particular, events that would be attractive to people outside RLC! [RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com)

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning committee members are Rita Fischer, Bill Fisher, Jan Frum, Craig Hildebrand, Gayle Lind, Adam Schroeder, Becky Schuerman Choi, Beth Smith, Sue Willette. Talk to us at Church or send an email to [RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:RLC50Anniversary@gmail.com).



# Stephen Ministry



## The Easter Season: A Time for Hope



Right after Christmas, everyone started talking about how early Easter was going to be. After New Year's Eve, when we were actually in 2024, it seemed to be coming very early. And when Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day were the same, Easter seemed right around the corner. Frankly, I was glad it was going to be early.

I find the time from January 1st to the beginning of Lent boring. The days are short; every day is humdrum. If the weather is bad and you are homebound because it is too difficult to get out, you get depressed. If you can get out and still have nothing exciting (between holidays) to do, you can get really depressed.

When Lent comes, I get energized. I know it is a time of reflection, but while reflecting, I feel the hope of the coming Easter. I like the steadiness of the mid-week services with the Holden Evening Service. When Maundy Thursday arrives, we are reminded of Christ the servant in the washing of the feet before we remember the first sharing of the bread and wine of the Last Supper. And then, on Good Friday, we feel the suffering of Christ on the cross and realize what a sacrifice God made in sending his Son to us. The Saturday Vigil reminds us of the many ways God has been with his people through the ages.

And then, it is the big day! The sanctuary is changed from the draped cross to an area filled with flowers. After the Children's sermon, there are butterflies everywhere. The period after Christmas and before Ash Wednesday is in the past. The time of reflection during Lent and Holy Week is in the past. We are in a new future. It is a future of hope and promise.

Many years ago, I went through a rough time which began right at the beginning of Lent. As I look back, I realize that Lent gave me a time to stop and think. It gave me a reason to reflect. That year when Easter came, I felt like a weight had been lifted from me. That time of introspection made me open to moving forward with my life. I'm sure that is why Easter is my favorite holiday.

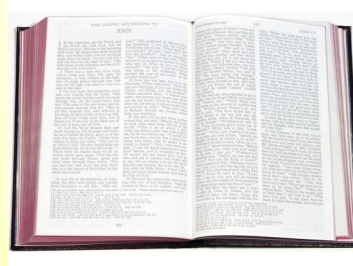
If you are not feeling the joy of Easter, please consider getting a Stephen Minister. Your Stephen Minister will listen to you, encourage you, and pray for you. Everything you share together is confidential. Resurrection Lutheran has a whole group of great people willing to listen; willing to help. We want to share the joy of Easter all year.

“Let the Resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and Beauty and happiness.” Floyd W. Tomkins

*Submitted by a member of RLC—each month these articles are written by various Stephen Ministers*



# Bible Studies



## Women's Mid-day Thursday Bible Study

The group meets on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the RLC Library. Bring your lunch and your Bible.

We are studying the topic of *Matthew: Being Discipled by Jesus*

## First Tuesday Bible Study

The next meeting of our group will be on April 2nd, at 6:30 pm, in the library. This will be the last of four sessions on Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith--Food. We will look at bringing health and goodness to our bodies and to the planet. We need to be mindful of food, remembering the many people that work to supply our groceries with the food we eat.

For more information, contact Ruth at 214-533-7554.



## Volunteers Needed

One vital part of Share the Care is the Transportation Team. These volunteers pick up members who need occasional rides to Church or to medical appointments. Often substitutes are needed to fill in for regular drivers who bring elderly members to Church but have to miss a



Sunday or two. Currently there are only five volunteers for this important ministry. If this is something you could do on an occasional basis, call Barbara Klier at 214.476.8911.

## RYOT & RALLY News



Congratulations, 2024 Graduates! We wish to honor you and your accomplishments.

Please let us know where you are graduating from, your degree if you are a college grad, and what your next steps will be.

Please send all info to [ann@rlcplano.org](mailto:ann@rlcplano.org).

“For I know the plans  
I have for you”  
declare the *Lord*  
Plans to *prosper* you & not  
to harm you. *Hope &*  
Plans to give you *a Future*  
~ Jeremiah 29:11



## Miscellaneous

### THANK YOU ...



To the twenty-seven hard-working volunteers who cleaned the Sanctuary, the Chapel, the Vestry, the Cry Room and the Narthex on Saturday, March 2nd. Windows, travertine, tile, carpet, pews, loft, band/bell area, treehouse, living room, wood, chairs, and more were cleaned. Six Scouts picked up litter throughout the property, too. Though cleaning is not usually a favorite task, it was a good time working together to clean the house in which we gather to worship our God!

Blessings always as you serve!

Lynn and the Worship Team



A huge thanks to the **41** members & friends who volunteered at Feed My Starving Children on March 11 as part of our celebration of 50 years of service. Our team and others assembled enough MannaPacks to feed 55 kids for a year in Burkina Faso! We had a blast - maybe we should do it again!



**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

**Sunday**  
**September 8**

GWOH Sunday is only **5 months away!** This year, the day will also be the grand finale to our year of service celebrating our 50th anniversary. Please share your ideas for awesome ways we can use our hands to do God's work!

Becky Schuerman Choi    [beckyschuerman@gmail.com](mailto:beckyschuerman@gmail.com)



## Book Discussion

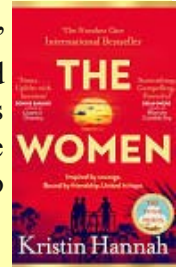
Women's Book Discussion

Saturday, April 6th— 9:00 am

Our Women's Book Discussion on Saturday, April 6th, will be on Kristin Hannah's **The Women**. As usual we meet at 9:00 am for coffee and social time and will get down to business at 9:30 am. All women are welcome!

Here is a short summary of the selection:

*Women can be heroes.* When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.



As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

*The Women* is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire define a generation.

### Sustain Life – Give Blood ♥

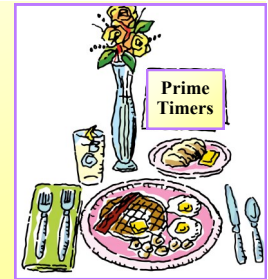
Regular blood donations are necessary for a sustainable supply for transfusion-dependent patients and in case of disasters. Hanging out in the Carter BloodCare bus for 30-60 minutes is a minor inconvenience that could completely transform someone's life. All who are able are encouraged to be someone's super hero by donating a pint on Sunday, **April 7, 9:00 am-1:00pm**. Reserve your time in advance or just jump on the bus when you are ready. This event is open to the public. To prepare for April showers, the donor appreciation gift is a nifty umbrella!

## Announcements

### Prime Timers in April

PrimeTimers will be meeting on Wednesday, April 10th, 11:30 am at Norma's Cafe, 605 W. 15th in Plano, TX. "April showers bring May flowers" means that after long periods of adversity, good times will follow. We will be looking for the good times and everyone is welcome.

Hosts are Sue Riemenschneider and Janet Bunch. Remember to sign up in the Narthex or call Jan at 214.676.5973.



### Guys' Night Out—April 2024



Guys Night Out will be held at The Lazy Dog on Preston on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Contact Craig Feronti for further information (972)989-3222.

### R & R Social Gathering

R & R will be held on Saturday, April 13th at the home of Beth Smith, 10204 Noel Dr., Frisco starting at 5:30 pm.

This is a time for adults to get together in a social, informal setting. We share stories, laugh, eat, drink, catch up and meet new friends.

All adults are welcome, no sign-up required.

Please bring an appetizer, finger food or dessert to share and the beverage of your choice.



It's time for our Spring Fiesta! **Tino's Too Restaurant** is catering tacos, beans, etc. We are serving *Tres leches* cake for dessert. Music, games, piñata - fun for everyone!! Bring the family.

**Sunday, May 5th - Noon- 2:00 pm in the Celebration Center**

**Sign-up in the Narthex. Adult: \$10 Child: \$5**

Vamos a la Fiesta, mis amigos! Please join us!

## Cover Girls

The RLC Cover Girls Sewing Group has been and continues to sew Lutheran World Relief Quilts. This is such a worthwhile mission within the realms of LWR. Quilts in past year have been sent to countries like Ukraine & Turkey; experiencing disasters of all kinds; giving Comfort, Warmth, Kindness and Love to those individuals receiving them. WE have the Opportunity to be a part of this great organization; caring enough to give of ourselves and our time for our fellow man, woman and child across the World. In the midst of sewing quilts, I think this poem is most appropriate as we donate Quilts.



### Thoughts While Quilting

I thread the yarn through my needle and take a stitch.  
 We're tying quilts at church again today  
 I tie a knot as I watch the busy fingers across the table  
 and smile as I recognize a patch of brown.  
 So many heads bowed in a holy communion of endeavor  
 Some quiet, most talking and laughing, sharing the fellowship  
 Of working at a common task as the sewing machine whirrs in the corner.  
 Stitch, Tie. Where will this quilt go?  
 What purpose will it serve?  
 Will it cover a family in a common bed?  
 Or wrap a bony sufferer sleeping in the street?  
 Will it divide a room, or protect a sleeping baby from the flies?  
 Will it enfold a mother and child, or warm a refugee?  
 Will it say, "God cares, and so do we?"  
 We cannot take them in our arms to warm their hearts and cheer their souls,  
 But we can wrap our love in Quilts, and pray that they will know.

Kathleen Wastfund, Vermillion, S. D.

Please consider joining us in our Mission. We meet on Wednesdays in Room 16 (outside building from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. We have all the supplies you need – sewing machines, squares to sew together, thread, ironing board & iron, whatever you need – most of all the Fellowship of other women enjoying what they do. If you prefer to sew squares together or sew and turn a quilt at home, let me know. We can make that happen – they are located at the Cover Girl's Drop Off – top of the stairs.

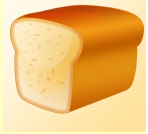
Questions: Contact Marilyn Neer at [neermarilyn@yahoo.com](mailto:neermarilyn@yahoo.com) or text: 214-557-2886



# Communion Bread

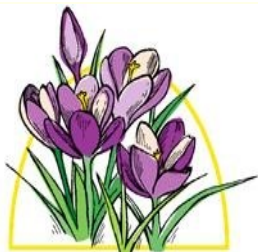
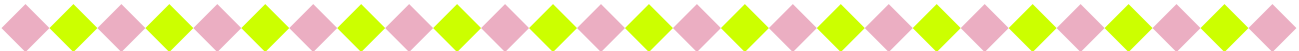


## Bread Wanted



Are you willing to provide bread for Communion each Sunday. Oh, but you don't bake. No problem, your local bakery does and you can order one loaf of unsliced bread, soft crust and soft inside so it can be torn for serving, but not be crumbly. (Try the bread you choose yourself to see if it tears easily into smaller pieces and doesn't shed crumbs.) You can bring it to the Church preferably on Saturday or contact Pat Fisher to make other arrangements. Only one loaf of bread is needed for the 10:00 Worship Service each week. If you are willing to provide a loaf of bread, please let Pat Fisher know. You can email her at: [pmifisher@gmail.com](mailto:pmifisher@gmail.com), sign up for one Sunday a month or only periodically.

April 7th	Bill & Gayle Lind
April 14th	Bob Duncan
April 21st	Bob Duncan
April 28th	Rita Fischer



## April 2024 Flower Chart



<b>April 7:</b>	Marilyn Neer—In remembrance of my son, Michael Kludt
<b>April 14:</b>	(1) Kathie Barrett—In Memory of her father, R E Willy (2) Bob Duncan—Celebration of 62nd Wedding Anniversary
<b>April 21:</b>	Diana & Mike Frank—Celebration of their 53rd Wedding Anniversary
<b>April 28:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>

# Thrivent Financial

## ACTION TEAM PROJECTS FOR 2024

Are you a benefit member of Thrivent? If so, we could use your help in applying to Thrivent for seed money for a number of service projects and fundraisers at Resurrection Lutheran. It is a quick and easy way to bring in additional funding to Resurrection's annual budget. There are currently about 75 Thrivent benefit members at Resurrection. Each benefit member can have up to **two projects per year each funded by a \$250 pre-paid VISA card. Associate members can have up to one project per year.** That is **\$37,500** that does not have to be funded by Resurrection's annual budget!

We did fourteen Action Team grants in 2023 for a total of **\$3,500!** Keep this Thrivent program in mind as you plan activities for 2024. **We could use members to come forward to sponsor projects to help raise funds for Resurrection's 50 anniversary celebration.** Below are some possible 2024 projects:

- ◆ Chili Cook-off and Bingo – Marilyn Neer
- ◆ Easter Breakfast for RYOT for summer mission trip to New Orleans -
- ◆ Vacation Bible School – Lorraine Laut
- ◆ School Supply Project – Richard Laut
- ◆ Cover Girls Kid's Quilts – Marilyn Neer
- ◆ Fall God's Work – Our Hands – Becky Choi
- ◆ Sunday School Service Project – Lorraine Laut
- ◆ Trunk or Treat – Richard Laut
- ◆ Cover Girls Kids/Baby Quilt – Sylvia Meyer
- ◆ Cover Girl's Christmas Sale – Sylvia Meyer
- ◆ Angel Tree – Cathie Irons

Contact Lorraine Laut at 214-205-0886 or at [lblaut@outlook.com](mailto:lblaut@outlook.com) if you can help or if you have an idea for an Action Team. She will guide you through the application process.

## We need your help!

When tragedy strikes, Thrivent clients and the community often want to help. We have heard the same response to the catastrophic wildfires affecting families and communities in TX. Thrivent is coming along side of you to help those impacted by the devastation.

### 1. Make a donation; Thrivent will boost it!

**Donate** to support disaster relief efforts. (<https://thrivent.cotribute.co/community/disaster-response-campaign-hub/detail>) For every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform or through a Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing® Donor Advised Fund to a featured organization, Thrivent will add \$1\*. Thrivent will also pay all the processing fees so 100% will go directly to the cause.\*\*

Partnering Organizations include: (learn more from the link above)

- Convoy of Hope
- Operation Blessing
- Texas Search and Rescue (TEXSAR), Inc.

### 2. Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team

Lead a **Thrivent Action Team** with your friends, family and co-workers. When you apply, input "TX Wildfires 24" in the Promo code field to expedite the shipping of your Thrivent Action Team kit.

Note: Apple or Google Pay users- *choose the electronic credit card option* on the application to receive the seed money within one business day of approval.

Looking for inspiration? Check out the [Thrivent Action Teams Hub](#) to see how clients are making a difference.

### 3. Direct Thrivent Choice dollars

If you are an eligible Thrivent client, click [here](#) to direct Choice Dollars to organizations helping with Disaster Response efforts

Thank you for partnership! *\*The Thrivent Member Networks – South & Texas Regions will provide a \$1 match for every \$2 donated to one of the organizations listed above. This match will run until the \$25,000 cap is met or May 5, 2024, the sooner of the two. Donations must be made through Thrivent's online giving platform. Donations raised through this campaign will go towards the TX Wildfires Disaster Response.*

*\*\*Thrivent will pay up to \$300,000 in online processing fees per calendar year for personal donations made through Thrivent's online giving platform.*

# April 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 pm: First Tuesday Bible Study	3 11:00 —3:00 Cover Girls	4 11:30 am-1:00 pm Women's Mid-day Bible Study	5 11:00 am 50th Anniversary Meeting	6 9:00 am: 1st Saturday Maintenance  9:00 am: Book Discussion
7 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service in Church  10:00 am: Classic Worship Service Via YouTube  9:00 am-1:00 pm <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>	8	9	10 11:00 —3:00 Cover Girls  11:30 am: Prime Timers	11 11:30 am-1:00 pm Women's Mid-day Bible Study	12	13 5:30 pm: R & R Gathering
14 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service in Church  10:00 am: Classic Worship Service Via YouTube	15	16 7:00 pm: Worship Planning Meeting	17 11:00 —3:00 Cover Girls	18 11:30 am-1:00 pm Women's Mid-day Bible Study	19	20
21 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church  10:00 am: Classic Worship Service Via YouTube	22	23	24 11:00 —3:00 Cover Girls	25 10:30 am: Plano Recycling Center  11:30 am-1:00 pm Women's Mid-day Bible Study  6:00 pm: Guys' Night Out	26	27
28 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church  10:00 am: Classic Worship Service Via YouTube	29	30				



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