

August 2026

The Butterflier



Sunday,
August 9th:
Blessing of the
Backpacks



August 16th:
Sunday School Starts



August 26th:
Ice Cream Social
Bunco Night



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Pastor Bill's Page



When our granddaughter Bella comes to visit, there is one toy she is always guaranteed to play with. It's an old-fashioned wooden shape sorter—a box with different-shaped openings and brightly colored blocks that fit only their matching holes. Bella dumps out every block, snaps the lid back on, smiles at me and says, "Opa, watch!" as she carefully refills the box by inserting each block through its corresponding hole. Then she races to fit each piece into its proper place. It used to frustrate her. Now her challenge is seeing how quickly she can finish. "Good job, Bella!"

Watching her reminds me that every block has a place where it belongs. It also reminds me of the church.

August is upon us and that means that it is time, once again, for our various ministries to gear up for the program year ahead. The various choirs (Chancel, Sounds of Joy Handbells, New Spirit Band), Sunday School classes, Bible studies, Book Club and fellowship groups (Guys Night Out, R&R, PrimeTimers) will all be reconvening. Service groups like the Altar Guild, the Video Booth team, Third Saturday workers, the Cover Girls, Stephen Ministers, Bread Bakers, and SOS will all be wanting to add volunteers as they move into the fall.

So where do you fit? God has created lots of "you-shaped" places in this congregation. Just as every block in Bella's toy has one place where it fits perfectly, God has given you gifts that fit somewhere in the life of this Church. The question isn't whether you belong. The question is where you'll serve.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul talks about us all having varied gifts, and how important each gift is to the community as a whole. He writes:

²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Indeed! YOU are the body of Christ! Many of us remember learning the old Sunday School finger play: "Here's the church, here's the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people." Of course, the church isn't the building at all. It's the people hidden inside your folded hands. Without those fingers, the little illustration doesn't work. A church isn't complete unless God's people are actively living out their gifts together.

So I encourage each of you to discover where God is calling you to serve at Resurrection Lutheran. Your gifts matter. Your presence matters. Whether your role is visible or quiet, public or behind the scenes, God has given you something to contribute to His body. There is a place where your gifts can bless others and where, in serving, your own faith will grow as well.

Bella knows that every block has a place where it belongs. God knows the same about His people. He has shaped you with purpose and has prepared a place for you in the life of His Church. Come and find where you fit.

Pastor Bill

Church Council



Our greatest acts of love, service, and courage often happen quietly, behind closed doors, or in the sacred alone-space of our own hearts. Places where no one sees, knows, or offers thanks.

Those moments test our hearts, humility, and motivation. Why do we sacrifice, love, and give? The Apostle Paul offers an answer:

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving” (Colossians 3:23-24, NIV).

Paul’s words were originally written to Christians who worked as domestic servants or were enslaved — people all too familiar with working hard while feeling unseen. Paul shared an empowering and redemptive perspective, calling them to give every effort to Jesus as a holy offering.

Everything we do is for an audience of one: a God who deserves our best. The Lord not only sees all, hears all, and knows all, but He treasures every sacrifice and celebrates every win.

- ♦ When we stumble out of bed to comfort a sick child, *God sees*.
- ♦ When we go the extra mile for a stranger, *God notices*.
- ♦ When we lose sleep praying for a hurting friend, *God hears*.
- ♦ When we release bitterness and finally forgive, *God rejoices*.
- ♦ Wherever we give and grow — on the field, at school, at work, or at home — His heart swells with love.
- ♦ And those are wins worth fighting for.

Thank you to all those working behind the scenes that keep our Church alive and active!

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Barrett

Council President

Gathering News

**Attention 8th – 12th graders:
THE GATHERING IS COMING!!!**



We will have planning meetings with specific information, but here are the basics:

When: June 28-July 2, 2027 (with travel days before and after)

Where: Minneapolis, MN

Cost: \$400* (includes all meals, travel and lodging)

What do you have to do now?

Email me asap to let me know that you're interested in going.

ann@rlcplano.org

Mark your calendars!

*Scholarships available!

RYOT/RALLY



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**Calling all youth and parents of
6th-12th graders!**

**We will meet to eat lunch, play
games, and plan out our Fall on
Sunday, August 23rd, after
Confirmation is done. (12:30 ish)**

**Bring your ideas for what you
want the year to look like!**

**Please RSVP with how many will
be attending so I can plan for
food.**

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See you there!

Ice Cream Social and Bunco Night



ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND BUNCO NIGHT

All women are invited!
Wednesday, August 26th
7:00—9:00 pm in the Celebration Center
Bring your favorite topping; ice cream will be
provided.
We will teach you to play Bunco if you need help.
PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL.

Please come for a fun evening!
Sign up in Narthex.
Help us elect officers and board members of
Women of RLC.

**Free-will offering for School Supply Project is
welcome and will be appreciated.**



Stephen Ministry



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August 16, 2026

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Dear Members of Resurrection Lutheran Church,

It's a true privilege to mark the 40th anniversary of your Stephen Ministry. It's wonderful to see how your caring ministry has thrived since you enrolled in 1986.

You've had 25 Stephen Leaders trained to lead this ministry and ensure its excellence. They, in turn, have equipped over 160 Stephen Ministers, who have given many people much-needed support during difficult times. As a result, your congregation has gained a well-deserved reputation as a caring community.

That's some powerful ministry, and you put in a great deal of passion and effort over the years to make it happen, with God's grace. Stephen Ministry succeeds when clergy support it, Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers serve faithfully, and the congregation as a whole embraces it. That's exactly what has happened at Resurrection Lutheran Church, and you have every reason to celebrate.

Congratulations to all who have played a part in your Stephen Ministry—especially Stephen Minister JoAn Bachand, who has been active all four decades! There will always be new needs for care, so I encourage you to keep your ministry going strong.

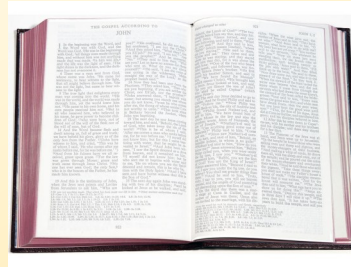
May God continue to grow and strengthen your Stephen Ministry for the next 40 years—and beyond!

In Christ,

Kenneth C. Haugk

Stephen Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Bible Studies



Mid-day Thursday Bible Study

The group meets on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the RLC Library and will resume August 20th.

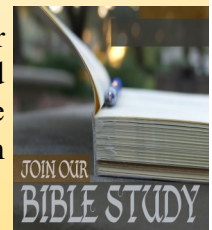
Bring your lunch and your Bible.

Topic we will be studying to be determined.

First Tuesday Bible Study

Our Tuesday night Bible study will resume on September 1st. The topic for our three Fall sessions will focus on FAITH, the faith of three women, Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalena. Plan on joining with us in the Library at 6:30 pm, as we use the study from the Gather magazine to see how the faith of these biblical women set an example for us.

For more information, contact Ruth Parker @214-533-7554.



August 2026 Flower Chart



August 2nd: Alyssa Lawless—In honor of my mom, Sandy Schroeder and all the grandson's birthdays

August 9th: Beth Smith—In honor of Kim Hampton's Birthday

August 16th: Rita Fischer—In memory of husband Carl Fischer

August 23rd: Jane Oestreich—In memory of my parents, George & Blanche Peet

August 30th: Beth Smith—In loving memory of Terry Smith

Christian Education

Resurrection Lutheran Church a place for kids to be!

Resurrection Lutheran Church is starting a year-long campaign to help Plano families and kids find a welcoming place to play and worship. We are planning activities, celebrations, and chances for kids and their families to have fun together

Sunday School for Children and Youth begins Sunday, August 16th

Starting on the first day of Sunday School, we will try a new way of meeting. We have one friend in 2nd grade and several friends in 4th to 6th grades. To help everyone feel included, we will hold three weeks of Sunday School with two separate classes, then everyone will join together for Art and Science. Betsy will give out the schedule on Sunday, August 9th.

Fall Activities for Kids

We are planning activities, celebrations, and chances for kids and their families to have fun together. We will put up a sign outside to invite kids to come in and play.

1. We are hosting a kids' retreat and outreach day full of fun on Saturday, October 31st.
2. Join us for Family Movie Day in November.
3. We have a surprise activity planned for December.
4. We will have a special one-day Vacation Bible School in January.

The Narrative Lectionary begins on September 20th

The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of scripture readings created by professors at **Luther Seminary** that moves chronologically from Creation through the early church, focusing on a single primary text each week.

Structure and Progression

- **Fall (September–December):** Traces major stories of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) from Genesis through the prophets, building up to Advent.
- **Winter to Easter (December–Easter):** Focuses on one specific Gospel sequentially (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) for an entire year across a four-year rotation.
- **Spring (Easter–Pentecost):** Moves into selections from the Book of Acts and the Epistles.
- **Summer:** Leaves the primary narrative arc to focus on specialized thematic or topical sermon series.

God's Work, Our Hands

Eat Pray Love: GWOH 2026

"God's work, Our hands." Sunday is right around the corner! We hope you participate with us on September 13th – eating at the potluck, praying during worship, or loving your neighbor through service. Worship at 10am will be followed by our last Second Sunday Social potluck of the season. If you are able, please stick around to help with a variety of projects or donate blood, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Watch upcoming Good News emails, Green sheets, our website, Facebook and the table in the Narthex for additional information. Watch upcoming Good News emails, Green sheets, [our website...](#)



Current donation requests:

A new GWOH project this year is creating **fidget mats**. Take a look at the examples in the Narthex and look for colorful, textural doodads you might have at home that you would be willing to donate.

We are collecting **5-oz cans of tuna or chicken** plus boxes of **macaroni and cheese** for [Lovepacs](#). Look for them on sale and stock up! Donations can be placed on the pew by the west doors.

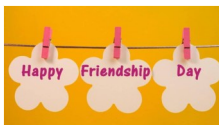


Be the G.O.A.T.

Fellow Lutheran, Johann Sebastian Bach, once said, "Without my morning coffee I'm just like a dried up piece of roast goat." Your chance to be the greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.) starts soon! The beginning of Sunday School season signals the revival of Sunday morning coffee hour. Volunteers will be needed for the brew crew beginning Sunday, August 23rd. Individuals, families, friends, and ministries who sign up to host will provide treats, make coffee, set up, and clean up – kind of like throwing a little post-worship party. Training available for newbies. Contact Becky Schuerman Choi for questions and comments.



That's What Friends Are For



What is special about **August 2**? It is National Friendship Day, started in 1919 by the founder of Hallmark Cards. But we don't need sappy greeting cards - we want heavy metal. Be a friend of RLC by dropping off your aluminum cans at the west doors for our monthly collection. Do you have some scrap metal taking up space? Talk to Mark "Scrappy" Waterman about adding that to the pile. Your metal offerings are exchanged for cash that goes into the AOF fund that helps pay for unexpected repairs that pop up around here.

Book Discussion

Women's Book Discussion

Saturday, September 5th

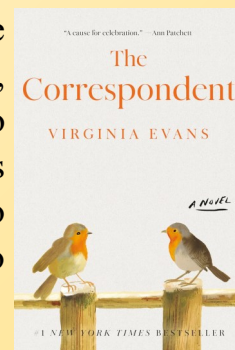
9:00 am—9:30 am

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Our next women's book discussion will be held on Saturday, September 5th featuring *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. As always all women are invited! Reading encouraged, but not required. We begin at 9:00 am with social time and treats, then get down to our discussion by 9:30 am.

Here's a summary to get you intrigued!

Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings, around half past ten, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother, to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class she desperately wants to take, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry to tell them what she thinks of their latest books, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter.



Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a very full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.

Sybil Van Antwerp's life of letters might be "a very small thing," but she also might be one of the most memorable characters you will ever read.



R & R Gathering

R&R Adult Social on Saturday, August 15

Home of Beth Smith—10204 Noel Dr., Frisco

Food, fun, fellowship for all adults! 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 low-key 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.

Cover Girls

The RLC Cover Girls Sewing Group is experiencing the lazy, hazy days of summer! We try not to let that slow us down too much as we work with our mission project – “Kid Quilts”. We have so many “fun-loving” fabrics to sew together which makes this project tons of fun! AND, knowing they will be given to kids to give them love and comfort makes it even more fun!

If you would like to be a part of this mission – join us on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in Room 16 (outside building) **OR** you can pick up a kit or two of “square kits” (ready to sew together at home) at the Cover Girls Drop Off (top of stairs in Narthex). You can also contact me (see info below) to arrange a pickup of squares to sew at home. The kid quilts will be donated in the fall to non-profit organizations within our community. In the past years we have donated at least 150 quilts back out into our Collin County Community per year!

**REMEMBER ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE SUNDAYS AT RLC?
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
“BLESSING OF THE QUILTS SUNDAY”
TO TAKE PLACE ON SEPTMEBER 13, 2026**

Thought for today

Take time to Live; it is one secret of success.

Take time to Think; it is the source of power.

Take time to Play; it is the secret of youth.

Take time to Read; it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time to Friendship; it is the source of happiness.

Take time to Laugh; it helps to lift life's load.

Take time to Dream; it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time for God; it is Life's Only Lasting Investment!

PS: Don't Forget – we always have kid/baby quilts on hand for sale throughout the year! AND – if you have any gently used sheets or fabric or crochet thread that is taking up space in a closet; we can put it to good use if you would like to donate. Just drop it off in the Cover Girls Drop-Off at the top of the steps.



Questions:

Contact Marilyn Neer at neermarilyn@yahoo.com or text to 214-557-2886

Announcements



Guys Night Out for August will be held at the Austin Avenue Grill and Sports Bar, 6:00 pm, Thursday, August 27. Austin Avenue is located at 935 W. Parker Road in Plano.

Contact mark Waterman (972) 832-0427 for further information.

PrimeTimers in August

Will meet on Wednesday, August 12th at 11:30 am
at Norma's Café. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex
Everyone is welcome for great fellowship



**Elections for 2026-2027 officers of the Women of RLC
board will take place during our annual bunco night on
Wednesday, August 26th.**

Here is the new slate!

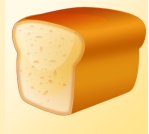


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Communion Bread



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, sign up for one Sunday a month or only periodically.

August 2nd	Gayle & Bill Lind
August 9th	Phyllis & Craig Hildebrand
August 16th	Pat & Bruce Fisher
August 23rd	Becky & Steven McNeill
August 31st	Rita Fischer



Maria Wolf will be celebrating
her 90th birthday on
August 25th

Share the Care



Share the Care would like to start up its SOS meal program to help members. This entails help from many of our members. Previously we had four teams with six members each. This allowed for three meals a week for two weeks. This worked very well until we lost two team captains, one to death and the other to a move. Recently we have had meal requests and hate not to be able to meet this need. Members who have been hospitalized or have debilitating diseases truly need our help. As a caring congregation, we want to meet this need. Ideally, you would only have to do this maybe once a year.

If you can volunteer for this ministry, please text or call Barbara Klier at 214.476.8911.

Thank you

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.



Thrivent Financial

ACTION TEAM PROJECTS FOR 2026

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 **2 projects per year each funded by a \$250 pre-paid VISA card. Associate members can have up to 1 project per year.** That is **\$37,500** that does not have to be funded by Resurrection's annual budget!

We did about 13 Action Team grants in 2025 for a total of approximately **\$3,250!** Keep this Thrivent program in mind as you plan activities for 2026. Below are some possible 2026 projects:

Chili Cook-off and Bingo – Marilyn Neer

RYOT fundraiser for summer trip –

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project – Marilyn Neer

Vacation Bible School –

Vacation Bible School – Middle School and High School Camp – Lorraine Laut

School Supply Project – Richard Laut

Cover Girls Kid's Quilts – Sylvia Meyer

Fall God's Work – Our Hands –

Fall Festival –

Lovepac – Plano -

Cover Girl's Christmas Sale – Sylvia Meyer

Angel Tree –

Contact Lorraine Laut at 214-205-0886 or at 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.



August 2026 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Aluminum Can Recycling 8:00—11:00 am Backpack Distribution
2 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube Christianity in America Class	3	4	5 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls	6 7:00-9:00 pm: Exec. Meeting	7	8
9 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church and via YouTube Blessing of the Backpacks 11:00 am: Second Sunday Social	10	11	12 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 11:30 am: PrimeTimers	13 7:00-9:00 pm: Church Council	14	15 9:00 am: 3rd Sat. Maintenance 5:30 pm R&R
16 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church and via YouTube Sunday School Starts Stephen Ministry Birthday Celebration	17	18 7:00 pm: Worship Planning	19 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls	20 11:30 am-1:00 pm: Mid-day Bible Study	21	22
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