



December 2025/January 2026 The Butterflier



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 7th
Following Worship Service
In the Sanctuary



Merry Christmas

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Pastor Bill's Page



Every December, the calendar seems to accelerate. The parking lots fill, the schedules crowd, and the list of things we're convinced we *must* accomplish grows longer by the day. We rush from store to store, from event to event, from one obligation to the next. The season that proclaims "peace on earth" often leaves us with very little peace at all.

But if we lift our eyes from the noise of our modern American Christmas, we find ourselves face-to-face with a very different scene—the stillness of Bethlehem.

The birth of Christ did not take place under twinkling lights or in the glow of a department store display. It wasn't cushioned by wealth, comfort, or the hype of holiday advertising. It happened in the margins—quietly, almost unnoticed—among a people living under foreign rule, in conditions we might describe today as "third world." A crowded village. A borrowed stable. A young mother. A weary carpenter. No Instagram moments. No Black Friday sales. No countdown calendars.

Just God.
Coming close.
In the dark.
For us.

The humility of Christ's birth is not an accidental detail; it is the very shape of God's love. The Savior enters our world not with spectacle but with self-giving. Not with fanfare but with faithfulness. Not with noise but with a newborn's cry.

And perhaps this is why the Christmas season feels so strained in our culture: our celebrations so often pull us toward what is temporary, while Christ's coming draws us toward what is eternal. We are tempted to measure the holiday by what we buy, decorate, bake, or schedule. Yet the manger measures Christmas in an entirely different way—not by our activity, but by God's grace.

This year, I invite you to step away—if only for a moment—from the frantic pace around us. Let the quiet of Bethlehem interrupt the noise. Let the humility of Christ re-center your heart. Let the wonder of His incarnation—God in the flesh, God for you—restore the peace the world cannot give.

Join Us for Christmas Worship

As you seek that holy stillness, I warmly invite you and those you love to join us for worship this Christmas season. These services are set apart as moments to breathe, to listen, and to be renewed by the good news of Christ's birth:

- **Blue Christmas Worship** – Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 pm. A service for folks who find the season difficult. See the invitation elsewhere in this newsletter.
- **Christmas Eve Worship** – December 24th at 3:00 pm (An earlier time for those who want to be home earlier.)
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** – December 24th at 7:00 pm

May these gatherings give you space to step out of the commotion and step into the presence of the One who came to bring peace.

For in that small, still corner of a troubled land, the greatest gift was given. Not wrapped, but swaddled. Not placed under a tree, but laid in a manger. Not purchased, but promised.

May the Christ who entered our world in holy stillness enter your hearts with His everlasting peace.

In the hope of the newborn King,

Pastor Bill



Church Council



Constitutionally Speaking

As I write this, the Nominating Committee is busily searching for candidates to fill the various elected positions on the Council. If you are asked to serve, consider it a compliment and an opportunity as it both.

What is the Nominating Committee and what does it do?

As outlined in the RLC Organizational Chart, the Nominating Committee reports directly to the Congregation. It consists of six members. Each member is chosen to serve a 3-year term. Every year 1/3 of the committee's membership (2 members) complete their terms and must be replaced. The staggered terms provide a measure of continuity within the committee from year to year.

The RLC Constitution, which creates the Nominating Committee and defines its purpose, organization and responsibilities, does not specify a chairperson. If the committee members choose, they may select a chairperson from among their membership or that responsibility may be, and often is, shared among several members. It may seem the lack of a constitutionally defined structure and hierarchy would be problematic, however, in my view, it works surprisingly well and has for many years.

The Constitution also specifies term limits. The term length and the number of consecutive terms that may be served is also specified and varies depending on the position. I mention this because the president and vice-president positions are one-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms. I will complete my second consecutive one year term as Council President at the end of this calendar year. While I may serve in other elected positions I cannot serve as president again until 2027. However, I fully expect that this year will be my "Swan Song".

The Constitution does not limit the number of times an individual may serve in any one position if the consecutive term limit is not exceeded. In the course of our history, many members have served multiple times.

The Constitution is amended from time to time as it will be this year at the Annual meeting coming up on December 7, 2025. But that's another article.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Fisher

Council President, Emeritus



Worship & Music



Happy New Church Year to all of you!

Advent is upon us, the anticipation of the Word becoming flesh and dwelling with us in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. The season color is blue for hope as we await the fulfillment of God's promise—the white purity of Christ among us—Christmas.

Each week in Advent we light a candle, first of hope, then of peace, third is joy, and last is love. On Christmas Eve we light those four and the Christ candle, reminding us that Christ is the light and the darkness has not—and will not—overcome it. This year we are singing a song lyric written by Steve Peck, uncle of Ellen Frost. He writes songs for various occasions and sent this one to Ellen with permission for us to use in our worship.

This year we are adding a service called *Blue Christmas*. We come together to acknowledge that many of us are not yet joyous due to loss, painful memories, loneliness, darkness of any sort. We take the time to recognize our pain and to seek and find hope that it will pass. Join us Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 pm for the Blue Christmas Service. See invitation elsewhere in Butterflier.

December 24th, Christmas Eve we will have two worship services, the first at 3:00 pm (*note time change*) in the Chapel and the second at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Both include Holy Communion and candle lighting.

There are two Christmas Sundays this year, December 28th and January 4th. Then the decorations come down and we move into and through the season of Epiphany—God made known through Jesus. Epiphany is January 6th and the Baptism of Jesus is January 11th. The color is white, but the Sundays following show the color green, as we hear again the good news that we are children of God and share the joyful work of God's love and justice through our ministries.

Calendar:



Saturday, November 29th 10:00 am Set up trees and decorate Chapel and Sanctuary trees



Sunday, November 30th Advent 1—HOPE



December 7th
Advent 2—PEACE
Christmas Program.
Annual Meeting after worship



December 14th Advent 3—JOY



December 21st
Advent 4—LOVE
4:00 pm Blue Christmas service in Chapel



December 24th
Christmas Eve
3:00 pm—worship in the Chapel and
7:00 pm—worship in the Sanctuary
Only 7:00 pm service is streamed

December 28th Christmas 1

January 4th Christmas 2



Saturday, January 10th Take down trees and decorations.



Blue Christmas



Blue Christmas

An Invitation: Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church

Christmas is often described as a season of joy—but for many, it can also be a tender time.

It may be a difficult Christmastide without someone you love.

It may be a time that stirs up painful memories or loneliness.

Everywhere we turn, we hear songs and see images celebrating togetherness and cheer. Yet, for those who are grieving, struggling with health, unemployment, broken relationships, or simply feeling weary, those messages can deepen the sense of loss. You are not alone in feeling that way.

This Blue Christmas service offers a quiet, gentle space to acknowledge our pain and to seek hope. As the days grow shorter and the darkness feels heavier, we gather to remember that Christ's light still shines—especially for those walking through difficult times.

Join us for a time of prayer, scripture, and music that reminds us of God's steady presence and the promise that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5).

Following the brief service, all are invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship.





Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministers



At the 50 year Celebration of the establishment of Stephen Ministers held in the Oklahoma City area, it was encouraging to see over 200 participants from all religious groups gathered together in unity to address the continued need for support of “all God’s children” as they face daily struggles. A big focus was on the gift of empathy. Empathy is something we all need --- and it’s something we can all give. In the midst of life’s challenges, it’s both comforting and healing when someone takes the time to listen, feel our hurt, and show that they truly get it and care about what we’re going through.

One sweet example from the book, *The Gift of Empathy*, goes like this:

“My wife and I, along with our two children, were driving from St. Louis to Atlanta. Three hours into the ten hour drive, our 4 year old daughter, Hope, suddenly remembered that her teddy bear, Dora, the teddy bear she cuddled with to sleep at night, had not been packed. My wife and I immediately started to think of ways to FIX the problem...could someone go get Dora and overnight ship the package to us, etc. But our 7 year old son, Luke, reached out to his sister, took her hand and said, “it’s really sad not having Dora, I’m sad with you”. Then he reached into his bag and pulled out his own stuffed bear, handed it to Hope, saying “Valentino is sorry you’re missing Dora and he says he’ll be your friend if you want.” Hope hugged Valentino and he became her companion throughout the trip. How lucky Hope was to have a brother who could feel and understand the depth of her pain.

Surely if a child can do it, we can too! Most often people don’t want us to FIX things for them, they just want validation, caring and empathy as they navigate their life’s challenges.

Happy Birthday to:

Marilyn Neer who will celebrate her 85th birthday on
December 12th

Marie Fabricus who will celebrate her 97th birthday on
January 11th



Cover Girls Christmas Sale



COVER GIRLS DECEMBER/JANUARY

NOVEMBER 2025 - The RLC Cover Girls Sewing Group completed our LWR Mission Project November 8th by boxing up and delivering 203 Lutheran World Relief quilts to Messiah Lutheran-Plano, waiting to be loaded with North Texas LWR quilts and delivered to a warehouse in Maryland. Many THANKS to all who helped box and deliver the quilts. We have also delivered 150 kid quilts in November to Children's Hospital-Plano/The Samaritan Inn/McKinney and Plano/Wylie Children's Medical Clinic – A Fun Filled Mission!!

DECEMBER 2025 - WE ARE HOSTING A CHRISTMAS SALE in the Annex (outside building) entering Room 16; walk around east side of the Church to wire gates OR walk past kitchen, out back door.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 30th—11:00 am – 3:00 pm

SUNDAYS - DECEMBER 7th, 14th and 21st—11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Credit Card Purchases Available

*****PLEASE NOTE: SALES AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT IF TIMES ARE NOT CONVENIENT, PLEASE CONTACT – MARILYN NEER AT 214-557-2886 or neermarilyn@yahoo.com*****



Items for Sale: Year around throws/comforters, table runners/ placemats, tree skirts, potholders, microwave bowl potholders, ice cream cozies, tortilla & baked potato bags/casserole carriers, mother/daughter aprons, kid quilts, kid travel pillows, ornaments, decorated Christmas wreaths, baby quilts, plus other items.



Our shoppers last year enabled us to donate \$6000 between The Samaritan Inn/Jim Riley Outreach/Agape Resource and Assistance Center/Global Refuge/Lutheran World Relief.

JANUARY 2026!

We will start our **Lutheran World Relief Mission Project** all over again!! This is where we get back into that “assembly line”; cutting fabric, sewing squares together and tying quilts for the good of those who have nothing due to disasters around the world. This is a fun relaxing (well maybe) project that gives one a great feeling inside; knowing we have the materials and the “woman” power to accomplish all the quilts we have in the past and more to come in the future – over 200 (each year) the last few years. For this we are grateful as there is such a need. We meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in Room 16 (outside building). Join in fellowship with a great group of women to sew squares together OR stop by to take squares home to sew or tie and return. BE A PART OF “GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS”!!



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



Annual Meeting



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It's that time of year again! Join us **Sunday, December 7th** for our annual congregational meeting in the Sanctuary after services. The Congregation will be asked to vote on the Church Council Officers, Church Council Members, Nominating Committee, changes to the church Constitution, 2026 Synod Assembly voting members and the Budget for 2026. Your attendance is so important, and we thank you in advance!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Kathy Barrett

Vice-President: Karen Oehler

Secretary: Beth Smith

Treasurer: Jan Frum

COUNCIL LIAISON

Ancillary: Jay Walls (2028)

Worship: Craig Hildebrand (2028)

Learn: Katherine Bandy (2026)

Witness: Marylou Boardman (2026)

Support: Mark Waterman (2027)

Serve: Sharon Bosse (2027)

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Diane Frank (2027) Bill Fisher (2026)

Nicole Oost (2028) David Pruessner (2027)

Sylvia Meyer (2028) Matt McKelvie (2026)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gayle Lind (2028) Mike Frank (2027)

Nancy Parker (2028) Bruce Johnson (2027)

Sandy Schroeder (2028) Barbara Klier (2026)

Becky Pruessner (2026)

2026 SYNOD DELEGATES

Pat Fisher – Cathie Irons

Names in bold are to be voted on at Annual Meeting

OPEN HOUSE AT THE HOME OF PASTOR BILL & CATHIE IRONS

It will be on Saturday, December 20th from 3:00-6:00 pm. As always, folks are invited to come hang out and enjoy the fellowship, chow down on some good noshes and perhaps imbibe a little.





Maintenance Info



A big THANK YOU to 3rd Saturday Maintenance and TeamTrimmer folks, Thirteen of whom gathered on November 15th to trim the trees in the back yard and photinias on south property line, paint gas meters, and finish repairs on Chapel windows. We filled the dumpster and two truckloads of brush to Texas Pure at the Custer Road Transfer Station to be made into mulch. AND they did all this in two hours.

Though others participate in maintenance work from time to time, Saturday's crew was:

Kerry Bade, Mark Cleland, Clint Hattaway, John Hoffman, Bruce Johnson, Holden Marlowe, Charles Mauney, Matt McKelvie, Josh Mueller, Van Parker, Larry Severence, Lynn & Mark Waterman. Be sure to thank them for their work!



RLC is a large facility with good-sized grounds and requires consistent regular maintenance. It is also our chosen home in which we worship our God and spend time in fellowship. Though 3rd Saturday is a general maintenance day, other days can be arranged for specific tasks. Ask Mark Waterman to put you on the list! He sends out a reminder for 3rd Saturday and sets times for TeamTrimmer. Mark is also available other days to do specific tasks—for instance, replacing toilet tank valves, replacing destroyed mailbox, fixing parking lot signs that have been “bent”, straightening fences and gates, replacing door stops, fixing leaking hoses, cleaning downspouts so we don't have water puddling inside, trimming shrubs, replacing water heaters, etc.

mvwaterman@sbcglobal.net will put you in the loop of maintenance ministry! Don't wait ... sign up early for the best jobs!

Mark Waterman, Maintenance guy



Announcements



Order Poinsettias During Advent



Beginning Sunday, November 30, you will have the opportunity to order poinsettias in memory of, or in honor of someone. Help us decorate the Sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias. Poinsettias can also be ordered on-line on the Church website. Cost is \$13 each.



Aluminum Brings Joy to the World



In *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, Sam the Snowman sang, “Everyone wishes for silver and gold. How do you measure its worth? Just by the pleasure it gives here on Earth.” But at RLC, the shiny metal that brings us pleasure is aluminum and measure it by cents per pound.

The October aluminum can collection was taken to the recycler on November 4th, Election Day notwithstanding. Current price for aluminum cans has fallen to \$.66/pound. However we bounced back from last month's record low with a monthly total of 129 pounds, which still netted us \$85. Not too bad! And remember, it all goes to the bottom line!!

Since October 2024, our members have dropped off **1,299 pounds** of aluminum cans which has resulted in **\$1,016** for the AOF fund to help pay for unexpected repairs, including those to our HVAC systems. THANK YOU for participating in this fundraiser that promotes stewardship of our environment and our church home! While you are making spirits bright during the holidays, salvage those aluminum cans and bring them to the west doors on **December 7th and January 4th**. We might also want your scrap metal – just talk to “Scrappy” Mark Waterman about other precious metals.

December/January Altar Flower Chart

December 7:	Rita Fischer—Memory of Carl Fischer
December 14:	Janet Bunch—In loving memory of Joe Bunch
December 21:	Larry & Judy Severance—Celebration of 61st Wedding Anniversary
December 28:	Beth Smith—Celebration of Xavier Hampton's Birthday
January 4:	Claire Blancher—To the glory of God
January 11:	OPEN
January 18:	OPEN
January 25:	Jane Oestreich—In memory of William Oestreich



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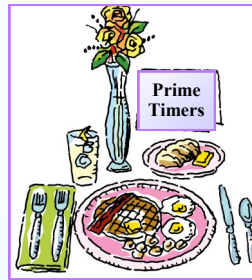


RLC GUYS' NIGHT OUT

The last Thursday of the month on October 30th and Guys Night Out met at Dos Arroyos restaurant in Richardson. There were 10 of us in attendance, and we enjoyed the food, fellowship, and adult beverages. The service was excellent and the prices fair. The only complaint was that the road was in repair, hardly the fault of the restaurant! Everything else was muy bueno, so we decided to keep Dos Arroyos on the list.

There will be one Guys' Night Out gathering for November and December on **Thursday, December 4**, at 6:00 pm. We will be gathering at BJ's on Central in Plano. Wear your ugly holiday sweater, tie, shirt, socks or scowl!

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



We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 10th at Norma's Café in Plano.

We will be singing some Christmas carols.

Watch for news regarding our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Norma's Cafe in Plano.



Take down and store the Christmas trees and other decorations.

Saturday, January 10, 2026

9:00 am-noon

Help undecorate, take down and store Christmas trees at RLC.
Talk to Lynn Waterman if you are able to help.





Chili Cook Off/Bingo



SAVE THE DATE!!! SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026



The Women of RLC are sponsoring the 16th annual Chili Cook Off/Bingo being held on Saturday, January 31, 2026. This is a great family, fun event for all ages. Round up your favorite chili and take part in the taste-testing. We will need ten



chilies to judge and ten chilies to add to the judged chili for our dinner. Sign-ups are on the table in the Narthex after January 1st. Join in the fun!!

All the Chili Details!

BINGO					
1	27	33	48	75	
8	19	45	56	61	
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69	
15	26	41	53	66	
2	21	37	46	65	

Resurrection Lutheran Church
1919 Independence Parkway, Plano, TX
Doors open at 4:00 pm.
Come take a look at the prizes and pick up your
Bingo Cards

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18 Games – 3 Cards to a Game = \$10.00
2 Black-Out Games, 3 Cards Each = \$3.00/Each Game
Judging of chili starts at 4:00 pm
(All contestants **MUST** have chili to RLC by 3:30 pm)

Dinner will be served starting at 5:00 pm – FREEWILL OFFERING
Concessions: Hot Dogs, Chili, Corn Bread, Fritos, Drinks
People's Choice Award will be given—judge your chili as you eat it!!
Best Over All and Most Unique Chili will be Judged!
Bingo starts following the awards ceremony at 6:00 pm

Calling all Bakers! We are having a **BAKE SALE** and need “Homemade” goodies. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring tasty treats to be sold. You can find your favorite dessert or take one home! Watch the Sunday Green Sheet Notes and the Weekly Good News for further details.

There will be 20 games of Bingo with “Cover Girl's” quilts for prizes. Net proceeds will be going to the **RLC Share the Care Ministry and the RLC Youth Scholarship Fund.**

Mark your calendars now and join in a Fun, Fellowship Evening!
Thrivent Financial will add some Action Team funds!



Communion Bread



Holy Communion is part of our worship service every Sunday. One loaf of white unsliced bread is needed each Sunday.



If you would like to donate bread, please call for more information:
Pat Fisher 972-596-6968 or email pmifisher@gmail.com.

*Thank
you!*

Bill & Gayle Lind, Craig & Phyllis Hildebrand, Linda Morreale, Steven & Becky McNeill, Rita Fischer, Bruce & Pat Fisher for providing communion bread this past year. Thank you,

2025 December Reminder

December 7 nd	Gayle & Bill Lind
December 14 th	Phyllis & Craig Hildebrand
December 21 st	Bruce & Pat Fisher
December 24 th	Bruce & Pat Fisher
December 28 th	Rita Fischer

2026 January Reminder

January 4 th	Gayle & Bill Lind
January 11 th	Linda Morreale
January 18 th	Phyllis & Craig Hildebrand
January 25 th	Rita Fischer

KATIE'S FUND DRIVE

Katie Boxes are here!



Start saving your loose change!
You can pick up a Katie Box in the Narthex.
Please place change and/or bills in the convenient box and return it on March 1, 2026, Bold Women's Sunday. The Women of RLC are grateful for your generous support of Katie's Fund which supports ELCA ministry development.
The endowment fund honors the legacy of Katharina von Bora Luther.





R & R Fellowship



Celebrate New Year's Eve with friends!

R&R Adult Fellowship is that night at Dale & Jan Frum's home starting at 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite snack food or dessert and beverage to share. Do join us for laughs, great food, good memories, fun, and fellowship. And you'll get home before the crowd! We tend to tucker out by 9:00 pm or so!



All adults welcome!

Dale & Jan Frum - 4005 Lost Creek Dr. - Plano 75074

*Christmas Tradition
Beginning December 1st,
read one chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible
each evening.*

There are 24 chapters.

*On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire
account of Jesus's life and wake up Christmas
morning knowing
WHO and WHY
We Celebrate !!!*



Book Discussion



Women's Book Discussion and Field Trip
Saturday, January 10, 2026 - 10:00 am

Attribution by Linda Moore

We're in for a special treat for our next women's book discussion. After reading *Attribution* by Linda Moore, we will be taking a field trip to the Meadows Museum at SMU for a docent-guided tour that connects the novel to the works on view in their galleries.

Our tour is scheduled for 10:00 am and there is a \$15 per person fee. We'll meet at the church and carpool and perhaps have lunch afterward.

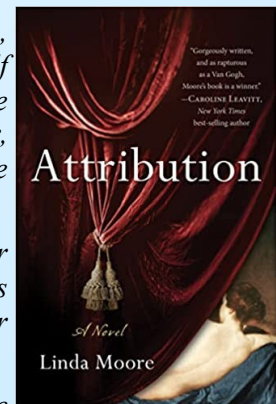
Here's a summary of the book to whet the appetite!

Art historian Cate Adamson, desperate to succeed to console her grieving parents, leaves the Midwest to complete her doctorate in New York—only to find herself assigned to an impossible sexist advisor. She struggles to impress him until she discovers a hidden painting, possibly a Baroque masterpiece. Risking her career, financial disaster, and further alienation from her family, she flees to Spain with the painting to consult art experts.

Antonio, an impoverished duke, meets Cate on the train to Seville, and joins her search while attempting to rescue the decaying legacy of his family. They find clues and uncover evidence that will shock the titans of art history, may destroy her prospects as an art historian, and shatter her future with Antonio.

If interested, please contact Kathy Barrett at kwbarret@verizon.net or just talk to me at church! Look for more information in the Good News/ Green Sheet as the time draws closer.

Happy Reading!



O Come, All Ye Faithful to the Kitchen

Brew Crew Wants You

It is no secret that coffee and treats are available after church in the kitchen hallway. Stop by to grab refreshments for Sunday School or just hang out to chit-chat and snack.

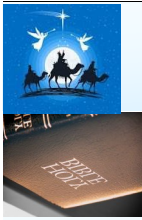
It is also not a secret that volunteers are always needed for this ministry. Brew Crew members make the coffee, ensure goodies are on hand, and clean up afterwards. If you want to serve your church in a way that brings joy to many, consider [signing up online](#) or find the sheet on the kitchen counter. Great for families, friends, or ministry groups with training and reimbursement available.

Please note that coffee hour will be on vacation on the following dates: December 7th (go to the Annual Meeting!), December 28th, January 4th.

So, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do, do all to
the glory of God.



1 Corinthians 10:31



Bible Studies



FIRST TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

December 2025

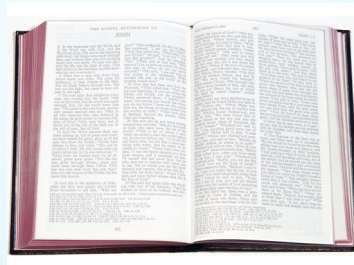
As we begin this Advent season, we will be looking at how we can navigate changes in our lives by using scripture to help guide us to positive emotions and actions. As we await the celebration of the birthday of the Christ child, we want to know how we can bring joy to others and avoid the depression that can sometimes come over us. All Women of RLC are invited to join us in the library on Tuesday December 2nd, at 6:30 pm.

If you plan on joining us, please contact Ruth at 214-533-7554 to receive your copy of the study material.

We wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas.

January, 2026

The First Tuesday Bible Study group will be meeting on Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 pm in the library. Our study for January and February will be a two-session study entitled "Embodied Prayer", from the Gather magazine. Put the date on your calendar and plan to join us. If you don't have the Gather magazine, it is time to subscribe to this interesting publication from the Churchwide Women of the ELCA, first timers pay only \$9.99 for a year's subscription. As soon as you subscribe, you will have access to the study online, as well as receiving the hard copy of the magazine, by mail, three times per year. Any questions, just call Ruth at 214-533-7554



Mid-day Thursday Bible Study

The group meets on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the RLC Library.

11:30 to 12:00—Social Hour

12:00 to 1:00—Bible Study

We will be studying the topic of *John: The Way to True Life*



Advent Calendar



ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day add an item to a box.
On Christmas Eve donate the contents
to a local Food Bank.



December 1:	Box of Cereal
December 2:	Peanut Butter
December 3:	Stuffing Mix
December 4:	Boxed Potatoes
December 5:	Macaroni and Cheese
December 6:	Canned Fruit
December 7:	Canned Tomatoes
December 8:	Canned Tuna
December 9:	Dessert Mix
December 10:	Jar of Applesauce
December 11:	Canned Sweet Potatoes
December 12:	Cranberry Sauce
December 13:	Canned Beans
December 14:	Box of Crackers
December 15:	Package of Rice
December 16:	Package of Oatmeal
December 17:	Package of Pasta
December 18:	Spaghetti Sauce
December 19:	Chicken Noodle Soup
December 20:	Tomato Soup
December 21:	Canned Corn
December 22:	Canned Mixed Vegetables
December 23:	Canned Carrots
December 24:	Canned Green Beans



Angel Tree



Once again we are partnering with Weatherford Elementary School to provide gifts for 25 students.

We are also collecting underwear for Hope Restored Resource Center for the homeless.

Sign ups are on the church website.

Gifts need to be at church by December 14th.

Thank you for your generosity.



Miscellaneous



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.



Small Act. Huge Impact.

Thank you to the 13 members who donated blood at our last 2025 blood drive in November! January is National Blood Donor Month when the need for blood donations rises during the winter as blood donations decline due to weather conditions, holiday travel, and seasonal illnesses.



We will be hosting five blood drives in 2026, with the kick-off event happening on Sunday, **January 18th**, from 9:00 am -1:00 pm.



MLK Day (January 19th) is a national day of service, so start early by giving a little time and a pint of blood to support your community.



50th Anniversary Memoir



Resurrection Lutheran Church **50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMOIR**



Our 50th Anniversary Memoir is now
online [HERE](#).



Thrivent Member Update



ACTION TEAM PROJECTS FOR 2025

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 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 2025 projects:

- ⇒ Chili Cook-off and Bingo – Marilyn Neer
- ⇒ RYOT fundraiser for summer trip – Becky Choi
- ⇒ Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project – Marilyn Neer
- ⇒ Boxes for LWR Quilts – Ron Meyer
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School – Mt Olive Food Bank – Ellen Frost
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School – Middle School and High School Camp – Lorraine Laut
- ⇒ August Baby Shower – Impact Team – Becky Choi
- ⇒ School Supply Project – Richard Laut
- ⇒ Cover Girls Kid's Quilts – Sylvia Meyers
- ⇒ Fall God's Work – Our Hands – Cathie Irons
- ⇒ Fall Festival – Lorraine Laut
- ⇒ Lovepac – Plano -
- ⇒ Cover Girl's Christmas Sale – Sylvia Meyers
- ⇒ Angel Tree – Cathie Irons

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



December 2025 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 pm: First Tuesday Bible Study	3 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls	4 11:30 am-1:00 pm Mid-Day Bible Study 7:00 pm: Executive Council Meeting 6:30 pm Guys' Night Out	5	6
7 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service in Church & YouTube Annual Meeting Following Worship Service 11:00 3:00 Cover Girls Christmas Sale	8	9	10 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 11:30 am: PrimeTimers	11 11:30 am-1:00 pm Mid-Day Bible Study 7:00 pm: Council Meeting	12	13 9:00 am: Book Discussion
14 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service in Church & YouTube 11:00 3:00 Cover Girls Christmas Sale 4:00 pm: Blue Christmas Service	15	16 7:00 pm: Worship Planning Meeting	17 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls	18 11:30 am-1:00 pm Mid-Day Bible Study	19	20 9:00 am: 3rd Saturday Maintenance
21 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service in Church & YouTube 11:00 3:00 Cover Girls Christmas Sale	22	24	24 3:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship in the Chapel 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary	25 	26	27
28 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service in Church & YouTube	29	30	31 5:30 pm: R&R Fellowship			



January 2026 Calendar



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service in Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service Via YouTube	5	6 6:30 pm: First Tuesday Bible Study  Epiphany	7 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 11:30 am PrimeTimers	8 11:30 am-1:00 pm Mid-Day Bible Study	9	10 9:00 am: Take down Decorations 10:00 am: Book Discussion
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