



October 2025 The Butterflier



Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 4th
4:30-7:30



**Celebration Organ
Concert**
October 26th at 4:00 p.m.
**Celebrate the 10th
Birthday of the
Faithful Servant
Leadership Organ**



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Pastor Bill's Page



Every 500 years or so, it's time for a change.

Let's start back about 2000 years. That's when our journey as Christians began with the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. In just three years, Jesus changed the whole course of humanity, calling all to a life devoted to God the Father. He, himself, was singularly focused on the Father (read through the Gospel of John and you'll get an inkling of how connected he was). Those who knew him knew that he was truly God's Son and built the Church on their belief in him.

Skip forward about 500 years. Those who knew Jesus first hand were long gone. Only their writings and the oral traditions remained. Still, the Church flourished even as generations tried to stamp it out. But now, centuries after Christ walked the earth, the leaders of the people had come to believe in Jesus and to collect his stories and the writings about him. They were codified in the Bible. In an effort to coalesce the nascent Church around who Jesus was and how he related to the Father and the Holy Spirit, the early Church leaders met to formulate a statement of faith – a creed. They met in Nicaea in AD 325. More work was done in Constantinople in AD 381. And there, about 500 years or so after Jesus, the Nicene Creed was born. It is essentially the same one we use today. Well, almost.

Skip forward to the AD 1050's. The Latin Church was faced with many heresies, including one called Arianism. Arian taught that Jesus wasn't truly divine. To counter this, the Latin Church added a word to the third article of the Nicene Creed: "filioque," or "and the Son." In the Latin Church they confessed that the Holy Spirit proceeded "from the Father and the Son," ensuring that Jesus was on equal footing with the Father. The Eastern Orthodox Church protested this insertion. That one word became a stumbling block and was a contributing factor to the Great Schism that separated the Eastern Church from the Western Church in AD 1054.

Some 500 years later, another reformer, Dr. Martin Luther, had issues with the Latin Church. His focus was not on the filioque, but on issues of leadership, polity, transparency and access in the Church. His followers broke away from the Latin Church and formed their own denominations, taking with them many of the traditions of the Latin Church including the altered Nicene Creed.

Skipping ahead once more, we find ourselves in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. In these modern times, various Churches across the world have been looking for ways to come together in their service to God and their understanding of theology. For the past 40 years, the Lutheran World Federation and the Orthodox Church have been in conversation about finding common ground. In 2024, they came to an agreement on the matter of the filioque. In an effort to heal the "age-old divisions between [these two] communities," and to further a "renewed focus on Trinitarian theology in the life of churches," both bodies have agreed to emphasize the translation of the original Greek Creed first formulated in Nicaea and Constantinople, without the filioque. Further, they encourage "renewed theological reflection on the Trinity and the role of the Holy Spirit" every time the Creed is confessed.

"What is that to us?" you might ask. Well, in keeping with Luther's understanding that "the Church is always reforming," we will begin using the Nicene Creed without the words "and the Son" beginning on our next festival Sunday, Reformation. That option is already a part of our cranberry Evangelical Lutheran Worship's offerings. Those words are footnoted in the Nicene Creed and the footnote reads: "*Or, 'who proceeds from the Father.' The phrase 'and the Son' is a latter addition to the creed.*" So with that, we will be taking one more step in the building up of God's Kingdom on Earth which is the Church!

I can't wait to see what the next 500 years hold!

Pastor Bill

Church Council Update



Celebrating 10 Years of Music and Ministry: The 10th Anniversary of the Pipe Organ Installation



As we approach the 10th anniversary of the installation of our beloved pipe organ, it is a fitting moment to reflect on the story behind this extraordinary gift to our church. Falling on Reformation Sunday, this anniversary serves as a celebration not just of the instrument itself, but of God's timing, the generosity of spirit, and the collective effort that brought it into being.

The journey to installing the pipe organ at RLC began long before the first pipe was ever unloaded. One key figure in making this vision a reality was George Schuler, a longtime member of the church whose generous donation helped set the wheels in motion for the organ project. His gift was the spark that ignited what would become a remarkable journey of collaboration.

But there were other key moments and individuals who played vital roles. Shelbie Simmons, the church's organist at the time, was an enthusiastic advocate for bringing an organ to the church. Shelbie's vision for a vibrant worship experience and the musical leadership she provided during her time at Resurrection were invaluable in pushing this project forward. Then, when Jim Loeffler came on board as organist, his deep spiritual and musical gifts brought a fresh vision and a new energy to the endeavor. It is clear that the Holy Spirit was at work through God's perfect timing and the people He brought together for this purpose.

Before it found its home at RLC, the pipe organ resided at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. It was a beautiful instrument but in need of restoration to fully meet the demands of the church's vibrant worship. This is where the Rueter Organ Company of Kansas came in. Renowned for their expertise in restoring and refurbishing organs, the company carefully restored the instrument, ensuring that it would be ready to serve our congregation for many years to come.

In September 2015, the refurbished organ was finally ready to make its way to RLC. The task of preparing our worship space for the organ was no small feat. Our sanctuary underwent extensive remodeling to ensure that it could properly accommodate the organ and its components. This process was led by project manager Ron Meyer.

Volunteers from the church came together to help unload the organ's many components: the pipes, the console, and all the other elements that would make the organ whole. It was a shared effort, a reflection of the community's collective commitment to bringing this powerful tool of worship to life.

The 10 year anniversary celebration on Reformation Sunday will not just be a time to reflect on the history of the organ but also a time to rejoice in its continuing ministry. This milestone is more than just a celebration of an instrument; it is a testament to God's provision and the faithful work of His people. The pipe organ at RLC is a reminder of how God works in powerful ways, through His timing and the collective efforts of His people, to bring beauty, joy, and meaning to our worship. May it continue to be a source of spiritual enrichment for the entire congregation in the years to come.

Amy Gebrian
Worship Liaison

Note: For those who may wish to revisit the details of the installation process, there is a commemorative brochure available that chronicles the entire journey—from the initial vision to the completed installation. Jim Loeffler has copies available for anyone interested.

Worship & Music



October is an exciting month for music at RLC. It is the 10th anniversary of our organ and Jim is planning a concert on October 26, Reformation Sunday, at 4:00 pm to celebrate 10 years of hearing it and playing it. This organ is very well-suited to the wonderful music acoustics of the Sanctuary and we are fortunate for George Schuler's financial support and Shelbie Simmons' dedication to its acquisition. Plan to come and celebrate with the music department. There will be cake....

Of course, we will also celebrate the ongoing reformation of the Church on Reformation Sunday, October 26th. Martin Luther started it all and we continue reforming to this day, WEAR RED, the color of the day, to celebrate the Holy Spirit's work in reforming us still.



Please send to Jan Frum (jlftrum@verizon.net) the name, relationship to you, and a picture of those who died in the past year so that we will read and show them in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 2nd. We will again have candles on side tables for you to light to remember any others. Someone will be at each table to assist in using the lighters.



Calendar:

Saturday, October 4th	Oktoberfest 4:30-7:30 pm
Sunday, October 5th	A little faith goes a long way.
Sunday, October 12th	Miracle of miracles! Don't forget to give thanks for each and all of them.
Sunday, October 19th	Pray always. Do not lose heart. Persistence in prayer is blessed.
Sunday, October 26th	Reformation Celebration. Wear RED to indicate our ongoing reformation.
Sunday, November 2nd	All Saints Sunday. We remember those who have died in the past year.



See you in worship where we gather in love and are refreshed by God's grace.

Lynn Waterman for The Worship Team



Stephen Ministry



32 years ago, a book was published which took the world by storm. The original Chicken Soup for the Soul was what everyone seemed to need. 1993 was the year of the bombing of the World Trade Center, the siege in Waco, the Storm of the Century Blizzard, and the great floods of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. That's just the big stuff! We were introduced to Jurassic Park and the World Wide Web was released to the public domain. It is easy to see why everyone was drawn to inspirational and motivational messaging. But why the title of "Chicken Soup". Doh! Everyone knows that chicken soup is a cure for anything.

Lutherans have always been drawn to food. We are famous for our potlucks. If you grew up in a Scandinavian area, you might have noticed one strange thing about potlucks. According to the book, Scandinavian Humor and Other Myths, the food at Lutheran potlucks was always white except for the Jello dishes of many colors and types. (Remember the Jello dish with shaved carrots in it and a dab of mayonnaise on top?) But white food or not, we all went to the dinners because they gave us a sense of well-being and community. We needed each other and food brought us together.

We still need each other. When we are grieving, people bring food. When we are lonely, people bring food. When we are celebrating, people bring food. But the most important word in each of those sentences is not "food". It is "we". We need each other. That is one reason the Stephen Ministers ministry was organized. It is a formal way of organizing the "we" to help others by being there when they are grieving, lonely or celebrating. We are there to listen and support. We may not bring food but our presence can have the same effect of love and warmth.

If you are in need of emotional support of any kind, call the church and ask to be set up with a Stephen Minister. That is much better than ordering one of the 232 Chicken Soup for the Soul books now on the market! And...we've been around 50 years!

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

Stephen Ministers invite you to join us for our October 6th meeting at 7:00 pm in Room 1.



A fear of falling is a common concern as we age, and a real risk. According to the National Council on Aging, every 11 seconds an older adult in the US goes to the emergency room because of a fall; but, there are things we can do to help reduce your risk of becoming one of those statistics! Led by Alesia Pearson, PT, DPT, and Board



Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist, join us for information and discussion related to fall risks, common causes, and things you can do for yourself or loved ones to help reduce your risk of falling and improve home safety.

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest

Come join us for Oktoberfest Saturday, October 4th,
for food, drink, and fun!

Cost \$10 per person for:

Bratwursts
German Potato Salad
Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage
Sauerkraut
Fresh Bread
Applesauce
A Shiner Bock (21+)
Soft Drinks Also Available

For the younger crowd

Free hot dog
Free Chips
Free Soft Drink

Please bring your favorite desserts to share!

Sign up on the table near the church entrance no
later than September 28th, and place payment
envelope in Misti's office door slot.

Or send an email to:
misti@rlcplano.org for alternate payment method.

Resurrection Lutheran Church
October 4th

In the Beer Garden (Courtyard)
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Pretzels!



September / October



Weiners!



Events

Ladies and Gentlemen

**You are invited to our catered salad luncheon on
Sunday, October 5th, at 12:00 noon in the Celebration Center.**

Candace Warncke, a Dallas master gardener and RLC member, will give us pointers on container gardening while she creates a lovely container garden for us. Let's cultivate our green thumbs and enjoy a tasty lunch together!

Cost: \$10 per adult



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

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.

Welcome to our home, the door will be open.



RYOT & RALLY



RYOT

We are back in business for meeting each month with King Of Glory! On Sunday, October 5th, will be going to lunch and heading to Dallas after Sunday School. We will be back around 3:30 pm. Let me know if you can join in the fun!

RALLY

Every month after Confirmation is done, we will have lunch and do an activity. Here is the tentative schedule through 2025. As I'm writing this, we haven't met yet to decide our activities, but they'll be posted soon. Let me know if you're able to be here!

October: 3rd-5th – Gathering Expedition (See separate announcement)

October 4th – Church Event: Oktoberfest

October 19th – Lunch and Gaga Ball/outdoor games

November 16th - Lunch and Activate! \$10

December 14th - Lunch and Trampoline park \$15

For our November and December activities, you can bring a friend. Let me know if you (or anyone else!) is coming so I can get you the waivers ahead of time!



Ann

Organ Concert



**BREAKING THE RULES
SINCE 1517**



**Celebration Organ Concert
October 26th at 4:00 p.m.**

**Join us 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, Praetorius and others!
Admission is Free AND there will be cake!**

Aluminum Can Recycling

In August the members of RLC collected a record number of aluminum cans, as well as some scrap steel and an old electric motor. Here are the totals:

Aluminum cans130 lbs \$.73 \$95

Steel 330 lbs \$.06 \$21

Electric motor 9 lbs \$.35 \$3

Grand Total \$119

Thanks to everyone, it keeps growing every month!

12 MONTHS OF METAL

The Aluminati is grateful to our RLC friends for listening to our awful puns and actively participating in our can-do FUNdraising venture. Collecting your precious metals during the past 12 months has resulted in **over \$1,250** donated to the AOF fund — money reserved to cover some of our unexpected but crucial repairs like broken HVAC systems.



Your next opportunity to get your cans and scrap metal to church is **October 5**. Although brass and copper are particularly valuable, we'll accept a wide range of miscellaneous metal. Questions about your stash of scrap? Talk to Mark Waterman, the Metal Man.



The impressive GWOH load!! ➡

MONTH	CANS (LBS)	CAN \$\$	OTHER METAL \$\$	METALS
OCT 2024	57	\$42.18		
NOV 2024	78	\$64	\$6	tin/steel
DEC 2024	96	\$81		
JAN 2025	65	\$52	\$42.50	brass
FEB 2025	88	\$78	\$32	gutters
MAR 2025	92	\$93	\$59	painted alum., brass
APR 2025	88	\$70	\$41	misc alum., brass
MAY 2025	97	\$77.60		
JUNE 2025	140	\$112	\$74	brass, copper, aluminum
JULY 2025	55	\$41		
AUG 2025	118	\$86	\$107	brass, copper, aluminum
SEPT 2025	130	\$95	\$24	steel, electric motor
TOTAL	1104	\$881.78	\$385.50	

Miscellaneous

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. (Please note that several of the usual hosts will be on vacation in October – a chance for someone to step up & save the day!)



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.



Book Discussion

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. Here is a summary to whet your appetite!



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.

When a shocking blow scatters their fragile trio, Georgette tries to distance herself from reminders of her parents. 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, *The Bright Years* is a tender, true-to-life novel that explores the impact of each generation in a family torn apart by tragedy but, over time, restored by the power of grace and love.

All are welcome to join us! 9:00 am treats/coffee and social time, followed by the discussion at 9:30 am.



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.

October 5th	Gayle & Bill Lind
October 12th	Phyllis & Craig Hildebrand
October 19th	Rita Fischer
October 26th	Pat & Bruce Fisher

50th Anniversary Memoir

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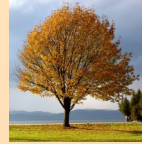


Resurrection Lutheran Church
50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMOIR

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

Cover Girls

HAPPY FALL!



“HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!” We look forward to the “Cooler Fall” days whereby we don’t have to demonstrate the “blood, sweat & tears” of sewing in the HEAT of the summer! However, we have been able to sew 204 LWR quilts that were blessed and displayed in our sanctuary on September 7th. They will be boxed up and delivered to Messiah Lutheran Church/Plano on November 8, 2025. Many “Thanks” to all who made this mission possible – Cover Girls fabric cutters, designers, sewers, tiers; plus, Cover Guys who move quilts back and forth! It demonstrates the Love, Care & Comfort these quilts give to the receivers.



Our summer mission project is – sewing kid quilts to donate within our community – always a FUN project. We have many quilts in the “warehouse” at this time with more quilts ready to sew. If you would like to sew some of these at home, please stop by the Cover Girls Dropoff (top of stairs) to pick up and return to same area. They will be donated in November/December time frame to Plano Children’s Hospital, The Samaritan Inn/McKinney (helping families get back on their feet) and Plano/Wylie Children’s Medical Clinic.

We are also kept busy sewing items for our Christmas Sale which will be held on Saturdays and Sundays, starting November 15th thru December 21st. It has been a great event in the past. Last year our shoppers enabled us to donate \$6000 to various non-profit organizations within Collin County. Watch for more Details!

Join us on Wednesdays! We are open to all who would like to sew or tie with us from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in Room 16 (Outside Building). Consider joining a great fellowship group so we can get to know you and you can get to know us! AND – you get that great feeling of sewing for others! If you would like to sew at home, stop by to pick up a kit or two OR pick them up in our “Drop Off” at the top of the stairs in the Narthex.

Any questions, please contact:

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

God’s Peace and Blessings to ALL!

We had 10 machines cleaned, repaired and brought up to speed – ready to tackle years of sewing for others!! Now all we need is sewers, those machines don’t like to sit on the shelf!



All Saints' Sunday



Sunday, November 2nd All Saints' Sunday

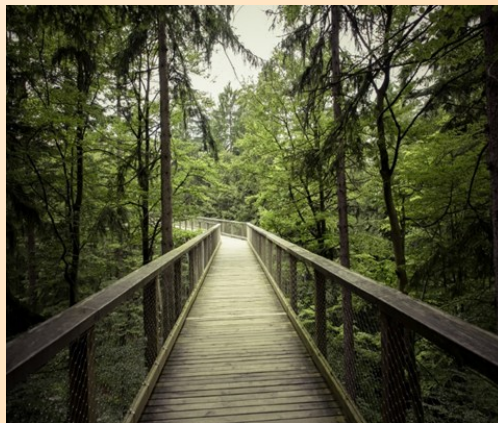
On All Saints' Sunday (November 2nd), we remember and celebrate the lives of those near to us who have died this past year. If you have a loved one who has died in the past year and you would like to have that person remembered in worship, please send an email to Jan Frum at jlfrum@verizon.net with the 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 no later than October 29th.

Christian Education

A new Adult Education Class will be offered October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16 entitled Faith and Science taught by David Pruessner. The class will explore Richard Dawkins book, *The God Delusion*, but also address much more. Reading the book is not a requirement. Come to Room 1 and join in the discussion.

Faith and Science. Does modern science contradict our faith in God, or compliment it?

Science and Christianity have sometimes clashed. Modern cosmologists now largely agree that we live in a “finely tuned universe.” Many factors seem to have been crafted “just right” for life to form on Earth. But, what does that mean? Come explore your faith through new lenses.

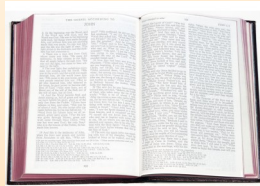


Sunday School, Confirmation, Coffee Talk and Adult Education Schedule for October:

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| Sunday, October 5th: | Sunday School, Confirmation, Coffee Talk, Faith and Science and Narrative Lectionary. |
| Sunday, October 12th: | No Sunday School, Confirmation or Coffee Talk due to Fall Break.

Faith and Science and Narrative Lectionary will meet on this Sunday. |
| Sunday, October 19th: | Sunday School, Confirmation, Coffee Talk, Faith and Science and Narrative Lectionary |
| Sunday, October 26th: | Sunday School, Confirmation, Coffee Talk, Faith and Science and Narrative Lectionary |

Christian Education



Mid-day Thursday Bible Study

The group meets on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

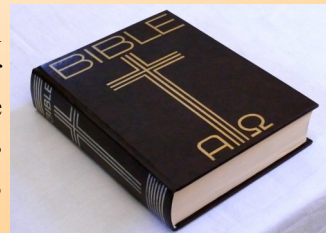
11:30 to 12:00—Social Hour

12:00 to 1:00—Bible Study

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

First Tuesday Bible Study

On Tuesday, October 7th we will be looking at the relationship of Ruth and Naomi to see an example of friendship that sustains one another through grief and hardship. We will look at our own friendships that we have had through the years and see how hope and faithfulness sustains us even through difficult times. We can trust our earthly friends and Jesus, who has promised to be by our side forever.



Come join with our friends as we deepen our relationships with God and one another on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. You can view the study on line, if you would like, by going to Gather magazine, Summer 2025 Bible study, session two. Hope to see you there.

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

The Narrative Lectionary, developed at Luther Seminar in St. Paul, is a chronological approach to studying scripture beginning with Genesis and progressing sequentially through the old and new testaments. The class meets in the Library each Sunday about 11:15. The format is an interactive, participatory discussion led by a facilitator using the reading, commentary and additional insights from scholarly sources such as the texts used in the Synod's Parish Lay Ministry Academy (PLMA). Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the discussion or simply listen, if they choose. Preparation is not required. (Although it will enhance your experience.) So, get a cup of coffee and a pastry and join us at 11:15. We look forward to seeing you.

Announcements



The PrimeTimers will meet on
Wednesday, October 8th at 11:30 am
Norma's Café
605 West 15th St., Plano



RLC Guys' Night Out

In September, Guys' Night Out was at the Bavarian Grill, and there were 11 attendees.
See the attached photo.



October Guys' Night Out:

Guys Night Out will be held at Dos Arroyos/Frankies at 6:00 pm October 30, 2025. Dos Arroyos is located at 2701 Custer Parkway, #807 in Richardson. Contact Craig Feronti (972) 989-3222 for further information.

Katie's Fund Boxes

Katie's Fund Boxes

Start saving your loose change!

You can pick up a Katie Box in the Narthex on Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025.

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.



October 2025 Flower Chart



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| October 5: | Jane Oestreich—Memory of William Oestreich |
| October 12: | OPEN |
| October 19: | Ruth Parker—Celebration of Ruth & Bruce Parker's 50th Wedding Anniversary |
| October 26: | Rita Fischer—Memory of Adam Schroeder |

Trunk or Treat



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT AND FALL FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26: FROM 12:30 TO 1:45 WITH A MAGIC SHOW AT 1:45 TO END THE FESTIVITIES!

ALL ARE INVITED TO TRUNK OR TREAT, CREATE IN ARTS AND CRAFTS, AND FIND FREE BOOKS AT THE BOOK TABLE. HOTDOGS, CHIPS AND DRINKS FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE.

ALL ARE INVITED!!!!



Help Needed: Donate Candy in the Monster Box located in the Narthex, Help lead kids in Crafts, Grill Hotdogs and host the food tables and decorate your trunk for trick or treating. We often have lots of kids at this event and we love to have people come great the community and welcome them to RLC.

Sign up online or in the Narthex

Birthday Wishes

Birthday Wishes to:

Joan Stenerson
is celebrating her
94th Birthday on
October 5th

We wish her
the warmest of
Birthday wishes



Greenery Fundraising Sales!



Troop 1000 and Troop 3000 Scouts are raising funds
for camping and adventure!

You can find details and place orders on the Troop
1000 website by scanning this QR code or going
here: <https://t1000.org/product/greenery>



God's Work, Our Hands



God's work. Our hands. Sunday. September 7.

A lot of activity happened during "God's work. Our hands." Sunday as shown below. Additionally, many others did God's work by fulfilling their roles during worship, weeding, building maintenance, making food, driving people to church, and just being awesome. We should all be proud of RLC's contributions within our church, our region, and our world!

- **Aluminum:** 130 pounds of aluminum plus 339 pounds of scrap metal added an extra \$119 to the AOF fund.
- **Blood:** 15 units were donated at the blood drive, including two units from first-time donors! FYI – last 2025 blood drive is November 16.
- **Care Team:** team members did their own project – making goodie bags and delivering them to a dozen of our homebound members.
- **Letters Against Isolation:** 42 letters were written to seniors in nursing homes and Meals on Wheels recipients. (Talk to Cathie Irons about doing this the rest of the year.)
- **Litter:** 10 heavy bags of trash plus a decent collection of recyclables were removed from sites in the neighborhood: creek bed in Evans Park, Park Blvd, and around the former CVS on 15th.
- **Lovepacs boxes:** 35 boxes used by Lovepacs for food deliveries were decorated by members of all ages.
- **Lovepacs donations:** 220 boxes of mac & cheese, 140 cans of tuna and 10 cans of chicken were given to Lovepacs Plano.
- **Pet beds:** 9 beds were donated to the Plano Animal Shelter.
- **Potluck:** over 70 people enjoyed the bountiful potluck. Special thanks to the crews who set up, washed dishes, and cleaned up afterwards.
- **Quilts:** 10 kid's quilts were tied and three more started. Additionally, we blessed 204 quilts during the worship service made by the talented Cover Girls that will be distributed around the world through Lutheran World Relief.

After lunch, everyone split up into their service project groups and then beautiful things happened. I overheard people introducing themselves to fellow members and building upon the foundation of our community. Kids were lovingly and meticulously decorating boxes destined to hold food for other kids. The room was full of relaxed chatter that we don't experience on a typical Sunday. Priceless!



God's Work, Our Hands



Thrivent Financial 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 **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 2024 for a total of approximately **\$3,250!** Keep this Thrivent program in mind as you plan activities for 2025. 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
- ◆ 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

SUPPORT TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF

In the wake of the catastrophic flooding across Texas, many of our clients and friends have expressed a heartfelt desire to support the recovery efforts. At Thrivent, we're standing alongside you—committed to helping all who are impacted by this devastation. Together, we can provide meaningful support and hope to individuals and families as they navigate the weeks and months ahead.

Here are three ways to help:

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

Donate to support disaster relief efforts. 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, up to \$250,000.* Thrivent will also pay the processing fees so 100% will go directly to the cause.**

Organizations included in the matching opportunity:

Austin Disaster Relief Network, Austin, Texas
Convoy of Hope, Springfield, Missouri
TEXSAR Inc (Texas Search and Rescue), Wimberley, Texas

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

Jump into action and lead a Thrivent Action Team with your friends, family or co-workers. When you apply, input "Disaster 2025" In the Promo Code field to expedite the shipping of your Thrivent Action Kit.

Note: Apple Pay 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.

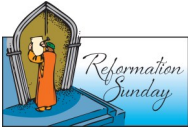
3. **Direct Choice Dollars®**

If you are an eligible Thrivent client, direct Choice Dollars to organizations helping with disaster response efforts.

Thank you for joining Thrivent to help Texas communities in need.

Contact Lorraine Laut at 214-205-0886 or at lbaut@outlook.com if you can help or if you have an idea for an Action Team. She will guide you through the application process.

October 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls	2 11:30-1:00 pm Mid-day Bible Study 7:00 pm: Executive Council Meeting	3	4 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm: <i>Oktoberfest</i>
5 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube	6 7:00 pm: Stephen Ministry Program	7 6:30 pm: First Tuesday Bible Study	8 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 11:30 am: Prime Timers	9 11:30-1:00 pm Mid-day Bible Study 7:00-9:00 pm: Council Meeting	10	11
12 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	13	14	15 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls	16 11:30-1:00 pm Mid-day Bible Study	17	18 9:00 am: 3rd Saturday Maintenance 5:30 pm: R & R Gathering
19 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube	20	21 7:00: Worship Planning	22 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls	23 11:30-1:00 pm Mid-day Bible Study	24	25
26  10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube 4:00 pm: Organ Concert	27	28	36 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls	30 11:30-1:00 pm Mid-day Bible Study 6:00: Guys' Night Out	31	



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