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SEPTEMBER 7TH EVENTS AT RLC



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Pastor Bill's Page



One of the tasks that I take on across the church is that of IT Master. Keeping the internet working, helping everyone with computer problems, and maintaining our web site are all things that I have taken on and that I really enjoy. Lately, I have been upgrading everyone's desktop computers because they are becoming obsolete.

Not to bore you with details, but Microsoft has decided that they are no longer going to support the long lived and very stable Windows 10 platform. They are going to put all of their energy in to Windows 11 and whatever might be next. That means that machines that run Windows 10 will soon become vulnerable to attacks and viruses because Microsoft will no longer be supplying security updates. That's not good for the church. Seven years ago we had a ransomware incident at church and had all of our computers locked down for a week or so. Fortunately, your IT Master kept backups and we didn't have to pay thousands of dollars to get up and running again. But it did take time.

Well, this time around we need to upgrade our computers to Windows 11 to stay protected and there's the rub. You see, our computers are too old to update. They simply won't run Windows 11. Fortunately, "I know a guy." There is a company in San Antonio that recycles business computers—cheap! I was able to replace all of our essential machines for just over \$3500, Windows 11 included!

It's all part of what one might call "planned obsolescence." That's a business strategy that intentionally limits the useful life of a product, either through engineering it to fail or by making it seem outdated, to encourage repeated purchases and boost sales. And it works. This is the second time in my 10 years here that we have had to update our computers. In 5 years, we'll probably have to do it again.

So how is it that the church has been going for over 2000 years and we have never had to completely change? How has the church avoided obsolescence? How has it not lost its meaning and its edge?

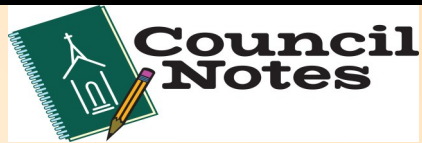
To be sure, there have been transformations. The Reformation probably was the biggest of all, but one could also point to the split between the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox church, or the emergence of various denominations across the centuries. But more than responding to developing theology or cultural changes, I think that there is a deeper reason that the church has not fallen into obscurity.

In our Thursday Noon Bible Study (which is open to all – not just women!), we have been studying the Gospel of John. In Chapter 14, Jesus makes the announcement that he is sending an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to continue his work after he physically leaves this earthy realm. That's interesting in light of Jesus saying throughout John's Gospel how he and the Father are one. To know Jesus is to know the Father, he says; one is an extension of the other. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, the movement of God into our world continues. The people of God have had a connection with the Father since creation itself. That relationship continued through the prophets and the scriptures of the Old Testament. Jesus took up the mantle with his ministry and added his salvific work to the Father's. After his ascension, the Holy Spirit came to God's people at Pentecost to continue the work of the Trinity unabated.

That's why there has been no reboot of the church, no need for a makeover. It is because the Master himself, our Three-in-One God, has always been there to support, uphold, sanctify and empower God's people. There is no planned obsolescence in the Kingdom of God, because the Master of all has been with us all along and will be with us forever! The church cannot become obsolete, even as it changes, because it is the embodiment of the Father's love and work as poured out through the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To that we can all say, AMEN!

Pastor Bill

Church Council



Council Report from Facilities Maintenance Liaison Mark Waterman

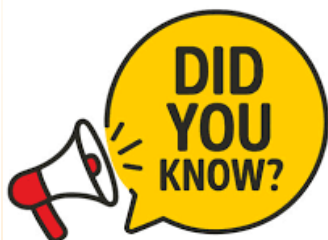
I'm the person that keeps the Church Council informed about RLC building and grounds maintenance and repair, and related expenses. I also work with RLC's contractors for HVAC, lighting, plumbing, landscaping, fire prevention, and pest control. Another of my tasks is to form an ongoing maintenance team of congregation members, some of whom might be willing to take responsibility for certain areas of maintenance. Such tasks as changing lightbulbs, cleaning downspouts and gutters, setting light timers, handling basic plumbing problems, nipping sprouts off the photinias on the south edge and the trees are needed regularly.

Currently about 12 of our congregation are on a volunteer team with a range of talents, skills, and interests. Some volunteers meet the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance tasks, and some come at random times through the week, as their schedule allows, to do specific tasks. Sylvia Meyer heads the Landscape Team and can use more volunteers. Team Trimmer, led by me, trims trees and bushes and cleans up fallen limbs, cuts and sprays vines a few times a year. All the work and effort is appreciated! Two people who deserve special thanks are Charles Mauney and John Hoffman. Both are skilled, talented, and experienced in multiple areas, and both continue to put in a lot of volunteer hours each month.

We chose this house to worship our God and therefore we are privileged to steward it. If you are able to help keep our beautiful facility in tip top shape, please contact me. I am usually at RLC on Sunday mornings, but can also be reached at mvwaterman@sbcglobal.net or 972-832-0427.

I'm waiting to hear from you, so don't be shy!

Mark Waterman



Ann Loeffler and Kenneth Gatherer went on a mission trip to North Carolina with the youth group from King of Glory.

Worship & Music

Fall is almost here and the Ordinary Season—which I call the Green Growing Season—is moving toward its close. September still seems to be the start of the busiest time of year for the church as well as for all going to school.

As you know, Jim was one of the worship musicians at the ELCA National Assembly this summer. He told the Worship Team that he enjoyed that experience very much and it has caused him to think anew about worship and music. As you know, New Spirit has been on hiatus this summer. This year we will incorporate New Spirit ensemble as another music group that offers its gifts in worship on occasion, like handbells and choir do. This will give Jim an opportunity to plan in advance for that group, too, and invite other musicians to participate. We look forward to hearing various styles of music each week.

We as a congregation have become comfortable with our more casual worship style. It seems natural now to have people come up from the congregation to read, pray, sing, ring, serve. Robes seem too formal for most Sundays now. Therefore, the Worship Team agreed that Bill and Jim would wear robes only on festival Sundays.

We look forward to a concert by our own Jim Loeffler later this fall to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the installation of the organ. Watch for more info!

We hope to offer a Blue Christmas Service on the afternoon of December 21st. For many, the holiday season is difficult due to grief, separation, loss, work or family issues. This service is an attempt to come together to acknowledge those feelings and know the strength of gathering in community before our consoling and loving God. If you have questions or have experienced a Blue Christmas service, please talk with any member of the Worship Team so we may share your insights.

Looking ahead:

Sunday, September 7th is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. We thank God for our hands to do the work to make a difference in our communities. Sign up for activities on the table in the Narthex.

Sunday, September 14th is Holy Cross Day. We celebrate this festival only when it falls on a Sunday. This year we invite you to *bring a cross that is special to you* to worship to be added to our cross wall. We will put them on the platform up front before worship or at communion time.



Saturday September 20th is R&R Adult Social Gathering at Beth Smith's house

Sunday, October 26th is Reformation Sunday. **Wear RED.**

Sunday, November 2nd is All Saints Sunday. We will again show pictures and read the names of those who have died in the past year. Send those to Jan Frum please at jlfrum@verizon.net

Sunday, November 23rd is Christ the King Sunday, the last in the church year. We will journey through the church year, remembering what God has done for all people and that the church year gives meaning and pattern to our daily lives.



Stephen Ministry



There's not a word yet for old friends who've just met. Paul Williams

For a lyric sung to the sky by a crooked-nosed puppet who's possibly an alien, this is a striking expression of the joy of connecting. The song, "I'm Going to Go Back There Someday," was written by composer and songwriter Paul Williams and performed by Gonzo (David Goelz) in "The Muppet Movie." In this context, Gonzo twists the emotional paradox even further, as he's longingly awaiting a friend he's yet to meet. Blending hope and grief, he reveals a sense of connection with a kind of presence — a kindred spirit — just beyond his reach. Years later, the presence he longed for finally emerges in the movie "Muppets From Space" — it's his home planet, reaching out after having tracked him down. His emotional journey reflects a universal desire for connection. It assures us of old friends looking to finally meet us, serving as a reminder that ultimately, we're never alone. (Optimism Media, August 9, 2025)

We know the value of friendship. We know our friends listen to us, encourage us, and accept us the way we are. We are very lucky when we have good friends who are there for us. Unfortunately, sometimes those friends are not available. Sometimes we are searching like Gonzo for someone new to come into our lives. This yet to be named friend, would be someone who would listen without judgement and keep every information shared in confidence. That new friend could very well be a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister does not intend on taking the place of friends you have at work or at church. A Stephen Minister may morph into a friend, but the main purpose is to be a non-judgmental listener who is "there" for you.

Carole King probably defined the Stephen Minister best in her song
"You've Got A Friend" in 1971.

When you're down and troubled
And you need a helping hand
And nothing, nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night
You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, oh yeah baby, to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you've got to do is call
And I'll be there, ye, ye, ye
You've got a friend

If you are going through a hard time, or if you just need to talk to someone, call the church and ask to be connected to a Stephen Minister. Everything is kept in confidence and you will have someone to share your concerns.

If a Stephen Minister had to adopt a motto, I would vote for a line from an article in the Dallas Morning News by Christopher de Vinck.

"One kind word, one tender gesture, one word of encouragement will open the heavy door for someone who needs to be loved." That word, that gesture, that encouragement might just come from a Stephen Minister.

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

RYOT & RALLY



RYOT

As I write this article, I don't have dates for going to King of Glory each month, but that's definitely the plan. I'll let you know them as soon as I have them. We will be participating with God's Work, Our Hands on Sunday, September 7th. If you are 16 or older and have parental consent, please consider donating blood that day. Here is the link for a donation appointment: https://ww2.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/159085

Additionally, please see the announcement on a separate page for the Gathering Expedition the weekend of October 3-5.

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!

September: 7th – GWOH; 14th – Lunch and Activity TBD

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

November: 16th - Lunch and Activity TBD

December: 14th - Lunch and Activity TBD



Ann

Youth Retreat

8TH GRADE – HS RETREAT



**Last
Call!!!**

**If you are in 8th-12th grade, this is the event for you!
Meet other kids from our area for a weekend of fun,
faith, and fellowship.**

When: October 3rd – 5th (We will leave early afternoon on the 3rd)

Where: LaGrange, TX

Cost: \$50/per person

Please let Ann know if you are coming ASAP.

Deadline to sign up with \$50 deposit: September 7th!

Google Form Link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/puwZxgP9rZJNzaPA6>

Aluminum Can Recycling

Aluminati had a good month in July. Lots of metal, and lots of cash! And just in time, too, what with the increasing maintenance on our air conditioning systems. So here we go:

Aluminum cans	118 lbs. @	\$0.73...\$86
Aluminum solids	12 lbs. @	.91...\$11
Brass	3 lbs. @	2.44.....\$7
Copper wire	48 lbs. @	1.45...\$70
Steel	300 lbs. @	.06.. \$19

Grand total \$193



Impressive numbers, so let's keep going!!

Bring Cans for "God's work. Our hands."

Since we started collecting aluminum in October 2024 to add more cash to the AOF fund, you all have donated **974 POUNDS** of aluminum cans worth \$787! Including scrap metal donations, we have earned over \$1,150 just from recyclables people had laying around at home. This is a fundraiser for all – whether you donate cans from your daily Coke habit, pick up smashed ones in a parking lot, or salvage cans from imminent doom in a trash can. How ever you get your hands on cans, keep them safe until our next collection on "God's Work, Our hands." Sunday, September 7th. And you bet your brass that we want scrap metal, too. Talk to "Ferrous of us all" Mark Waterman about recycling other precious metals.

Metalfully, Mark Waterman

Mount Olive Blessings

On July 30th, a group of RLC members travelled to Mount Olive Lutheran Church to volunteer at their weekly food pantry, a ministry we have been supporting for many years. We discovered that the primary focus of their ministry is now distributing Blessing Bags (snack packs) to unhoused and low-income members of the Fair Park community. Although the demand grows, donations have been falling and they are now only able to serve 250 people. On the day we visited, all Blessing Bags were gone within 75 minutes. If you want to support this outreach effort, they suggest monetary donations so they can buy in bulk from Sam's Club. You can mail **checks** to 3100 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Dallas, TX 75215 or **Zelle** to mountolivedallas@gmail.com. Make sure to note that your donation is for the pantry program.



Jim Loeffler was invited to be the keyboardist at the Churchwide Assembly recently in Phoenix. Pretty cool!



God's Work, Our Hands



Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

GWOH 2025: Service With Purpose

The ELCA's national day of service – “God's work. Our hands.” Sunday – will take place on September 7th. For 12 years, thousands of ELCA members have engaged in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love. The tradition continues at RLC this year so please participate as you are able!

If you own an RLC, GWOH, or Thrivent **t-shirt**, you are encouraged to wear it on September 7th.

Worship will be held at 10:00 am. During the service, we will bless the Cover Girls' vast collection of quilts their hands created and pray for those who will receive these tangible signs of hope.

After worship, come on up to the Celebration Center for the final and largest **potluck** of the season!

PROJECTS

Service projects are planned after lunch so please stay if you are able. Sign-up sheets are online and at the GWOH table in the narthex.

Litter Cleanup

Litter never ends, and our grounds and surrounding streets have plenty to offer. We'll have supplies on hand for this **8:00 am** project. Project leader: Becky Schuerman Choi

Second (on 1st) Sunday Social Potluck

Our final potluck of the summer. Bring a dish to share and join us in the Celebration Center after worship for good food and great company before the afternoon projects begin. Volunteers requested for set up and clean up.

Pet Beds

Easy no-sew project to support the animal shelter. Project leader: Sallie Diamond

Letters Against Isolation

Write friendly letters to isolated seniors in nursing homes or recipients of Meals on Wheels. Project can also be done at home. FYI – September 7th is Grandparents Day! Project leader: Cathie Irons

Lovepacs Box Decorating

Decorate food donation boxes into a cheerful package! Supplies provided. Project leader: Nancy Parker

Kids Quilts

Tie cute kids' quilts for the Cover Girls. This is super easy and we can teach you on the spot! Project leader: Marilyn Neer

DONATIONS

The Aluminati will be collecting **aluminum can donations** that helps fund our AOF fund for unexpected repairs, like to our air conditioning. Place bags of cans by the west door.

Stamps appreciated for the Letters Against Isolation project.

We are collecting **5 oz cans of tuna or chicken** and **boxes of mac & cheese** to donate to Plano Lovepacs. Look for the donation collection by the west doors. Good, sturdy cardboard boxes for transporting donations would be great, too.

Christian Education

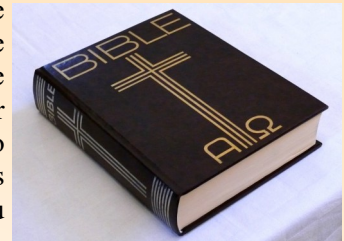
Sundays after worship, in the Library.
This class will resume September 14th.

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.

Contact Bruce Fisher

First Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday, September 2nd will be our first meeting this Fall. We will again be using a study from the Gather magazine. Our topic will be "Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in Relationships". This is the Summer 2025, three session study, and is available free of charge to everyone by going to Gather magazine in your browser and downloading the study. We look forward to having more women of RLC join us each first Tuesday of the month for this small group Bible study. We meet in the Library at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you then.



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



Thursday Mid-day 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 are studying the topic of *John: The Way to True Life*

Cover Girls

The RLC Cover Girls Sewing Group appreciates and welcomes the Fall days of September!!

We are celebrating the “Blessing of the LWR Quilts” on Sunday, September 7, 2025; God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday. The Lutheran World Relief quilts will be in the Sanctuary, displayed as banners and across the pews for all to enjoy before they get shipped off to a Lutheran World Relief Warehouse in November. From there approximately 203 quilts get shipped to various parts of the world as disasters hit. Helping our Neighbors across the continents



AND within the United States is what Lutheran World Relief does. In fact, LWR committed to bringing such Relief to Texas to help with the July 4th disaster along the Guadeloupe River. WE have the Opportunity to be a part of that Mission. LWR commits to bringing gifts such as - JOY, HOPE and Some Form of Normalcy to the people who receive them. Check out the LWR Website lwr@lwr.org to see where YOU might be able to play a PART in this MISSION by donating a monetary gift to help our Neighbors across the globe. Several times a year LWR promotes a “Matching” fund raiser, whereby every dollar you donate will double to serve those fighting disasters.

We will be finishing our summer mission project of sewing kid/baby quilts to donate back to non-profit agencies within our community in the fall. We must have at least 75 quilts in inventory to donate. We are trying to clean out our stock of donated fabrics to sew donated quilts. In the Fall these quilts will be donated to: The Samaritan Inn/McKinney, The Children’s Medical Clinic – Wylie/Plano and the Plano Children’s Hospital. Let me know if you would like to be a part of this dedicated group of women by taking a project home to sew, we can arrange a pick up!



In the meantime, we are also focusing on sewing items for our Christmas Sale which starts around Thanksgiving timeline. More to follow in coming months.

Consider joining the Cover Girls – we meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in Room 16 (outside building).

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

R&R Gathering

R&R in September

R&R Adult Social at Beth Smith's on Saturday, September 20th

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.

You need to travel to Frisco for this adventure, but it is easy to find. 10204 Noel, Frisco, TX 75035. There are steps (with a railing) leading up to the house. If they are too difficult to handle, you can pull around back and come in through the back yard gate. See you then!



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.

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

Women's Book Discussion

Women's Book Discussion

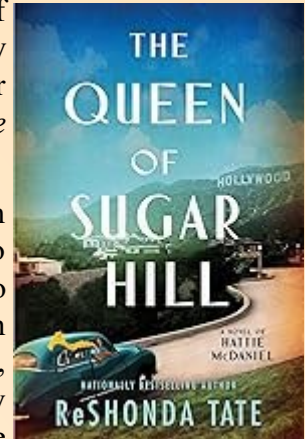
Saturday, September 13th

9:00 am

Our next women's book discussion will be held September 13th on **The Queen of Sugar Hill: A Novel of Hattie McDaniel—The Untold Story of Hattie McDaniel's Life and Legacy.**

Bestselling author ReShonda Tate presents a fascinating fictional portrait of Hattie McDaniel, one of Hollywood's most prolific but woefully underappreciated stars—and the first Black person ever to win an Oscar for her role as Mammy in the critically acclaimed classic film *Gone With the Wind*.

It was supposed to be the highlight of her career, the pinnacle for which she'd worked all her life. And as Hattie McDaniel took the stage in 1940 to claim an honor that would make her the first African-American woman to win an Academy Award, she tearfully took her place in history. Between personal triumphs and tragedies, heartbreaking losses, and severe setbacks, this historic night of winning best supporting actress for her role as the sassy Mammy in the controversial movie *Gone With the Wind* was going to be life-changing. Or so she thought.



Months after winning the award, not only did the Oscar curse set in where Hattie couldn't find work, but she found herself thrust in the middle of two worlds—Black and White—and not being welcomed in either. Whites only saw her as Mammy and Blacks detested the demeaning portrayal. As the NAACP waged an all-out war against Hattie and actors like her, the emotionally conflicted actor found herself struggling daily.

Through it all, Hattie continued her fight to pave a path for other Negro actors, while focusing on war efforts, fighting housing discrimination, and navigating four failed marriages. Luckily, she had a core group of friends to help her out—from Clark Gable to Louise Beavers to Ruby Berkley Goodwin and Dorothy Dandridge.

The Queen of Sugar Hill brings to life the powerful story of one woman who was driven by many passions—ambition, love, sex, family, friendship, and equality. In re-creating Hattie's story, ReShonda Tate delivers an unforgettable novel of resilience, dedication, and determination—about what it takes to achieve your dreams—even when everything—and everyone—is against you.

All women are welcome!

Come for treats at 9:00 am

Stay for discussion at 9:30 am.

Book Donation

**WHICH DO YOU THINK A CHILD WOULD CHOOSE:
candy or books? How about both?**

It's only September but our annual Trunk or Treat is fast approaching. For the past two years I have had a table of gently used books for our young trick or treaters. It is amazing and encouraging to see how their faces light up when they realize they can choose a book or two to keep. The books have either come from my collection or from the former Preschool Library. After two years, those sources are running low. If you would like to help support getting books into the hands of children, some of whom might not have as many resources as our children do, I would be glad to accept your donations of gently used books. These books can be from your library or that you pick up at resale or thrift stores. I frequently find good quality books for less than a dollar. I separate books into categories, Board Books, Picture books, Non-fiction, Early readers, Chapter books and Spanish or Spanish/English bi-lingual. I also add a label that says, "A gift from Resurrection Lutheran Church. All are welcome! Worship at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 11:15. Learn more at www.rlcplano.org" Bring your donations to church any Sunday in September or October ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 19th. There will be a marked donation basket in the North Hallway next to the Game and Puzzle Display. If you have any questions just ask Nancy Parker or any member of the **Impact** team.



Birthday Greetings to:

Jackie Bluhm will celebrate her 98th birthday on September 15th
Sylvia Glendinning will celebrate her 91st birthday on September 15th
Gary Neyer will celebrate his 85th birthday on September 15th
Gil Wiemers will celebrate his 94th birthday on September 31st

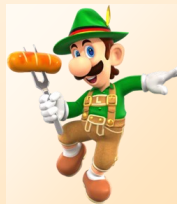
Announcements



The PrimeTimers will meet on
Wednesday, September 10th at 11:30 am
Norma's Café
605 West 15th St., Plano



Guys Night Out will meet for our annual Ocktoberfest meal
on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm.
We will meet at Bavarian Grill located at 3425 Premier Drive, Plano, TX 75023.
Contact Craig Feronti for further information (972) 989-3222.



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.



RLC Blood Drive



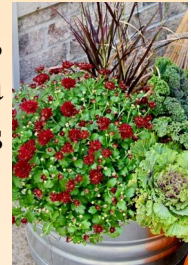
Blood donations are desperately needed. The **Carter BloodCare** bus will be in our parking lot, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, to help you save lives. Sign-up in advance to reserve your spot or just show up. The donor appreciation gift is a Cowboy's / Carter BloodCare t-shirt!



Container Gardening

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!



Sign up by Sunday, September 21st

Cost: \$10 per adult



September 2025 Flower Chart



September 7:	OPEN
September 14:	Sue Riemenschneider—In Memory of my husband, Bert
September 21:	Sue & Bruce Willette—Family Birthdays
September 28:	Beth Smith—Rosemary Barbara's Birthday

The Sunday Service Afterparty

After Sunday services, all are invited to the kitchen hallway to grab some treats before heading off to classes or meetings, or to just hang out for coffee klatch. But this tradition relies upon volunteers who are willing to prepare the morning's event. Individuals, families, ministry groups, or buddies can sign up for hosting duties that involve 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.



Thrivent Financial Member Updates

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 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 –
- ◆ 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 can help or if you have an idea for an Action Team. She will guide you through the application process.

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.

September 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 6:15 pm: Sounds of Joy Rehearsal 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 11:30-1:00 pm: Thursday Mid-day Bible Study 7:00 pm: Executive Council Meeting	5	6 Aluminum Can Recycling 
7 God's Work, Our Hands 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church Blessing of the Quilts 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube 9:00 am-1:00 pm Blood Drive 	9	9	10 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 11:30 am: PrimeTimers 6:15 pm: Sounds of Joy Rehearsal 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 11:30-1:00 pm: Thursday 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 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube	15	16 7:00 pm: Worship Planning Meeting	17 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 6:15 pm: Sounds of Joy Rehearsal 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 11:30-1:00 pm: Thursday Mid-day Bible Study	19	20 9:00 am: 3rd Saturday Maintenance Team 5:30 pm: R&R Gathering
21 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube	22	23	24 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 6:15 pm: Sounds of Joy Rehearsal 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 11:30-1:00 pm: Thursday Mid-day Bible Study 6:00 pm: Guys' Night Out	26	27
28 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube	29	30				



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