

The Herald!

RLC WELCOMES ALL!

Sunday Morning Worship In-Person & Livestream @ 10:00am

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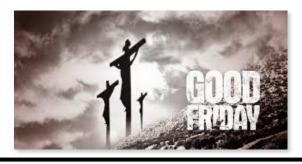




Palm Sunday, March 24th
Worship @ 10:00am



Maundy Thursday, March 28th
Worship @ Noon (Gethsemane)
Worship @ 7:00pm (Resurrection)



Good Friday, March 29th
Worship @ Noon & 7:00pm
(Resurrection)



Easter Sunday, March 31st
Worship @ 10:00am

"Questions for the Holy Spirit"

April 2024

Dear Beloved Community of Resurrection:

As we prepare for Easter on March 31st, I want us to continue thinking about the questions that have emerged during the Lenten season. For the early communities of disciples and followers of Jesus who experienced his death and resurrection, the resurrection would have been more of a question than a theological or spiritual answer. What does it mean that Jesus was raised from the dead? How are we to live if God has demonstrated power over death? Who are we called to share this news with and in what forms? Where will this experience of resurrection life lead us?

You can only imagine the depth and power of those questions as communities of diverse people thoughtfully and courageously transformed their lives and relationships as they responded to them. In our current day in age, I believe we are in a similar situation. It is quite possible that holy and faithful questions are more important than having the "right answers." These questions can lead to new and enlivening conversations and reconsiderations of how we are responding, not only in words, but in how we live.

Over the course of five weeks of conversations and group reflections in the "Why Church?" series I led after worship, I invited the participants to write out a one sentence prayer, which needed to be a question posed to the Holy Spirit. I want to share some of those questions with you to reflect on during this upcoming Holy Week and Easter season:

"How can the Holy Spirit guide me and the church through the many changes of the next generation of young and old?"

"How can we be more open to receiving the Holy Spirit's guidance?"

"How can you help me/us to be more aware of what I can do to help our church family?"

"Please help me discern your will on how I can help to serve your church and your people better."

"Have you heard us pray for your guidance to lead us to be your church, and your presence, in this ever changing world?"

"Where do we more fully meet and know Christ in 2024?"

"How will you open our eyes to learn and relearn what has been taught to us?"

"Why does it seem that Christianity is wavering during our current cultural climate?"

"What are we missing about the lives of non-believers that is keeping them from wanting to know you?"

"What does it take to have peace among different peoples and cultures?"

As we experience Jesus' death and resurrection again this Holy Season, what would be your question posed to the Holy Spirit? Before reading any further in the newsletter, write it below and keep it close to you in prayer in the weeks ahead:

Hello Friends—recently, it was my pleasure to announce the signing of a new 3-year lease with Parkrose Montessori School. This new expansion agreement added the library to the space they had already been using.

In my announcement, I called this new agreement a WIN for RLC; a WIN for Parkrose Montessori; and, a WIN for the additional 25 kids from our neighborhood that will be served in this expansion.

Today, I want to share with you some of the reasons your council felt this was a good thing for RLC.

First off, it was with a partner organization that we have an 8 year record of working together. Montesorri has been an excellent tenant and partner, and, it is mainly through them that our congregation is impacting our neighborhood in a positive way.

The second reason has to do with dollars and cents--the bottom line that the council and finance committee look at and work with every month. Here are the numbers expressed on a per month basis:

Prior Lease Amount		\$2,020.00
New Lease Amount Utilities	\$2,770.00 988,00	
Total New Lease Amount		\$3,758.00
POSITIVE Difference		\$1,738.00

Now, let's go back to our Annual Meeting and the two budget meetings prior to that. In those meetings, we presented, discussed, and passed a deficit budget. This positive difference helps address that. It also helps us to maximize the overall use and maintenance of our campus.

I know there are questions about whether the library is gone forever or what are we going to do for meeting space. The NEW library will soon appear in the Luther Lodge and new meeting areas have already been created. Again, the idea is to maximize and better utilize our existing space.

If you have questions or thoughts to share, PLEASE talk to me or another council member.

Thanks—until next month.

John Antle/Council President



We hope you can join RLC for our Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th @ 11:00am.

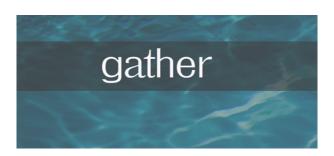
Please invite your family, friends & community.

All Are Welcome!



You are invited to join Pastor Joel Thursday mornings @ 11:00am for Bible Study in the RLC Chapel.

We hope you can join us!



The Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 17th @ 11:30am in Luther Lodge.

We hope to see you there!

Bill's Retirement!

The RLC Council and RLC Finance Committee are announcing that our bookkeeper, Bill Leonard, has made the decision to retire from his part-time position this spring. We are immensely grateful for Bill's service to the congregation over more than the past decade he has served in this position.

The RLC Council and Finance Committee has been actively working on a transition plan, and we will be sharing more about the transition in April. There will be a Sunday selected in April for a retirement celebration for Bill, and that date will be communicated to the congregation as it is available.



Thank you John & Dixie!

During the ice storm in January, we lost a tree in front of the Luther Lodge. Many thanks to John & Dixie Antle for their resources to help get everything cleaned up. Thank you! Thank you!

Kym Tangen will be on vacation beginning Monday, April 1st ~ Monday, April 8th.

The church office will have limited hours, so please call ahead to make sure someone is in the office.

Thank you for your patience!



Resurrection Lutheran Church is proud to present live in concert the Portland Chamber Music ensemble.

Portland Chamber Music has been around for many years and is composed of professional musicians. These musicians come from a variety of professionals, some have graduated from Juilliard, some make their living playing for the symphony, others the Portland Opera, and others are music professors.

This is a FREE neighborhood concert for the Parkrose and Russell neighborhood. The mission of the PDX ensemble is "Making music accessible to all people through performance and instruction."

The PDX Chamber Music ensemble celebrates diversity and humanity. Although they perform music from the "greats", they like to focus on local composers, minority composers, and composers that have been forgotten or alienated through history - i.e. Jewish composers. More recently, the PDX ensemble performed a concert focused on the works of Ukrainian composers.

Join us in experiencing "works by world-renowned women composers" at their upcoming concert at 7PM on April 20th at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

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Michael Liu - piano Lynda Hess - flute Chris Cox - clarinet Regina Sadowski - violin Jonah Thomas - cello Anya Kalina - soprano

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Russell Neighborhood April 20, 2024/7 P.M.

Resurrection Lutheran Church 1700 NE 132nd Ave., Portland OR 97230

Performing works by world renowned women composers

Clara Shumann, Alice Verne Bredt, Amy Beach, Undine Smith Moore, Madeleine Dring and more.

Game Night at RLC



- Friday, April 26th from 6-10pm
- In the Fellowship Hall
- Ages 18+ (13-17 okay if attending with an adult)*
- Pizza and games will be provided, but please bring a snack or non-alcoholic drink to share and any additional games that you may want to play.
- Please RSVP to Mike Petke at <u>mdpetke@comcast.net</u> or (503) 307-6195

* Adults attending with minors agree to supervise them and accept responsibility in the event of an emergency.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3rd	Ed Brown
4th	Jodie Wittren
6th	Nancy Heil
	Cindy Holden
9th	Dennis Chapple
11th	Kim Dougherty
13th	Annetta Anderson
15th	Deirdre Chapple
	Rick Johnson
	Maleena Nichols



16th	Martha Ralph	
18th	Ron Bakken	
	Rhonda Rogers	
24th	Steve Schiewe	
26th	Jakob Mohr	
28th	Elizabeth Neketin	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

25th Sharon Felbinger & Tom Lindberg 9 Years

29th Myra & Brad Bakken 41 Years