



# Clifty Cross†Walk



February 2019

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”—1 Corinthians 12:4-7

During this time after Epiphany, our second lessons come from 1 Corinthians. When Paul writes this letter, the major controversy is about spiritual gifts. Apparently there are some superstars in the church who claim to have special knowledge or spiritual insights into who God is and/or can speak in special tongues or languages that no one else can understand. Everyone else's gifts are seen as unimportant or unnecessary. A huge part of Paul's project in this letter is to convince everyone that they have their own spiritual gifts and that they need each other.

I have been reflecting on this a lot lately. As many of you have heard by now, my last Sunday at Resurrection will be March 3. While I look forward to serving two new congregations (St. John Lutheran and Trinity Episcopal, both in Three Rivers, MI), I will grieve. I will grieve most of all because I will miss you all who have been such a warm part of my life the last few years. And I will also grieve because things will not be the same. We will not be in weekly, sometimes more than weekly, contact with each other. We will not worship together. Things will be different, and there's no denying it: different can be hard.

But one thing I will not grieve is this: ministry as the body of Christ in Madison will continue at Resurrection. While I am grateful for and proud of the work I have been able to do alongside all of you, 3.5 years has been more than enough for me to appreciate many of the spiritual gifts that you all bring to the table: love, hospitality, generosity, community, faithfulness, empathy, resourcefulness, stick-to-it-ive-ness, and, of course, the best knifflies in the state, bar none. Those won't change because they are gifts that the Holy Spirit has given all of you. And this is the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the one who promises us, “I am with you always (Mt 28:20),” and, “I will not leave you orphaned (Jn 14:18).”

As I prepare for my final month here, I am especially excited about one thing, and it is this: Since I have been dating, engaged to, and married to Nikki Smith, I have discovered the amazing spiritual gifts that she has for ministry. After several long years of delays, of false starts, of putting things on hold, I am just so excited to get to see her use her gifts when she is finally called to be an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in Kalamazoo, MI.

Her ordination will be on Feb. 17 at 2pm at Resurrection. We chose this location because you are our church family, and we love you from the bottom of our hearts. If you can make it on that afternoon, please consider this your personal invitation. We are grateful for all you have done for us, and it would mean the world to both of us for you to join us in this celebration of what the Spirit is doing in her life and in the life of Christ's Church that is united across all times and places.

Yours in Christ,  
Pr. James

*Resurrection Lutheran Church: Welcoming People in Christ: Caring, Sharing, Serving*

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February 3—Rejoicing Spirits at All Kids Can @ 3:30 pm

February 6—Men's Bible Study at Hanover Pres. @ 7:30 am

February 7—Women's Bible Study at Hanover Pres @ 11:30 am

February 10—Council @ 11:45 am

February 11—Pub Faith at Shipley's @ 7 pm

February 14—Holy Whine at Rembrandt's @ 5:30 pm

February 17—Ordination of Nikki Smith @ 2 pm

February 19—Food Pantry @ 4 pm

February 20—Homemakers at Wirt Baptist @ 1 pm

February 21—WELCA Bible Study @ 4:30 pm

March 3—Pastor James final service @ 10 am

March 3—Rejoicing Spirits at All Kids Can @ 3:30 pm

## WELCOMING PEOPLE IN CHRIST



### **Holy W(h)ine**

All women in our congregation are invited to join us on Thursday, February 14 at 5:30 pm at Rembrandt's.

### **Pub Faith**

All men in our congregation are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and faith filled conversations over dinner and a beer. We meet February 11 at 7 pm at Shipley's.

### **Cards Group**

The church cards group meets every Tuesday at 11:30 am for lunch and at 12:30 at the church for cards or dominos. Please

join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

### **Coins for Kids**

Help support kids in our community who are in need- whether that be with clothing, school supplies, or scholarships to participate in events- by bringing your spare change to church. A box is in the back of the sanctuary to collect your loose change.

## CARING, SHARING, SERVING

### **Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry had a very busy year in 2018 as the number of individuals served soared versus the prior year. Individuals served during the year rose 44% versus 2017 and is up 139% from 2015.

The Food Pantry was able to provide food to 1,278 family members during 2018 compared to 890 in the prior year. Additionally, 357 families were fed versus 261 in 2017. (Note: Some families visit multiple months and therefore are counted multiple times).

Increases were even more dramatic in the last quarter of 2018. In the fourth quarter of the year, families served rose by 66% compared to 2017 and 419 individuals were provided food. During 2018, the pantry expanded by offering fresh produce most months. Additionally, in November and December the needy were given the components for special holiday meals including canned turkey in November and ham in December.

The increase in community need did stress the pantry's resources in the year. However, the Pantry was fortunate to have many different church members volunteer throughout the year. In the final months of the year, between 8 and 12 volunteers helped each month completing various tasks including checking-in visitors, helping guests make food selections, providing hospitality to guests as they wait and carrying food packages out to visitor cars. More volunteers are always welcomed. Additionally, the generosity of congregation members with both special financial gifts and food donations allowed us to have adequate resources despite the significant increase in those served.

### **Souper Bowl**

Bring your A game and your canned goods for the Souper Bowl food drive, which ends on February 24. Please bring any canned and boxed goods to the church and place it on the table in the narthex. So far we have brought in over 250 goods. Please help us keep moving that ball down the field.

## MINISTRIES OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS



*Welcome, Aubrey Kendall, child of God! (Baptism: January 13, 2019)*

### **WELCA**

Our activities this year included:

- Food – for the Annual Meeting, Lenten Lunch, Funerals, and Thanksgiving
- Celebrations – Graduations, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.
- Mission Giving – Free the Girls, Knitting at Hanover, T-shirts for the youth gathering
- Fundraisers – Annual Yard Sale, White Elephant at Thanksgiving
- Bible Study
- Meetings – every two months or as needed, Christmas party, regional gathering in the Fall

In 2018, WELCA started meeting once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 4:30 p.m. for bible study. We are using materials provided in *Gather*, the ELCA magazine for WELCA.

The women of Resurrection are also involved in the life of Resurrection in many ways that are not technically an activity of WELCA including:

Holy W(h)ine – a gathering of the women of Resurrection for fellowship. Holy W(h)ine meets the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at various restaurants around the area and coordinated by Anne Fisse.

Communion – organized by Kim Bockover.

Other – organizing the after church fellowships, playing cards on Tuesdays, singing in the choir, helping with the food pantry, serving on church council, etc.

The officers for 2018 were Gayle Podczerwinski (President), Sue Fairchild (Vice-President), Melissa Dunn (Secretary), Susan Graham (Treasurer) and Anne Fisse (Food Czar).

WELCA's checking account balance at 2018 year end was \$1843.55. The largest expenditures for the year were \$1000 toward kitchen updating and \$450 toward window repair.

Respectfully submitted by Gayle Podczerwinski

### **Rejoicing Spirits**

is February 3 at 3:30 at All Kids Can. Thanks to all who helped provide refreshments and are volunteering!

### **Help Us Pray for Each Other**

starting next Sunday we will be updating the prayer lists on a monthly basis. A sign up will be in the narthex or let Pr. James or the office know if there is someone you would like us to pray for. This helps us remember who we are praying for and why.

### **Nikki Smith's Ordination is Feb 17 at 2pm at Resurrection.**

You are all invited to help us pray and celebrate as Nikki is ordained a minister of Word and Sacrament. We are asking everyone to bring an item for Resurrection's food pantry when they come. Thank you WELCA for providing a meal to follow!

### **The Discipleship Box**

is now in the narthex. Got a faith question? Turn it in, and Pr. James will try to answer them or help us discuss them throughout the year.

### **Altar Guild for 2019**

Thanks to all who have already signed up. Several months are still available. Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to try a month to fill this role that is necessary for worship. For any questions, please speak to Kim Bockover, who will be glad to help.

### **Men's Bible Study**

Ecumenical Men's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 am to continue discussing the book "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans. We will be reading chapters 5-6.

### **Women's Bible Study**

The women's Bible study at Hanover Presbyterian Church is meets February 7 at 11:30 am.

### **Council**

meets Sunday, February 10 at 11:45.

### **Homemakers**

Will meet on February 20 at 1 pm at Wirt Baptist Church.

## **February Worship**

**Assistants** (Spaces  
still available)

February 3 (4th Sunday  
After Epiphany)

Acolyte:

Lector: Dave Ommen

Com Asst: Dave Ommen

Usher:

February 10 (5th Sunday  
After Epiphany)

Acolyte: Bryan Bockover

Lector: Susan Gray

Com Asst: Susan Gray

Usher: Bockovers

February 17 (6th Sunday  
After Epiphany)

Acolyte:

Lector:

Com Asst:

Usher:

February 24 (7th Sunday  
After Epiphany)

Acolyte:

Lector: Rob Graham

Com Asst: Rob Graham

Usher:

## **A Minute from the Council**

I would like to thank the members of our Resurrection Church family for their unwavering support and all the extensive behind the scenes work that is done week after week. It exemplifies a major part of our Mission statement of Welcoming people in Christ: Caring, Sharing and Serving.

I am grateful that despite being a small congregation we have been able to make a difference in our congregational life as well as through outreach and support of other efforts in the community.

We thank Pastor James for his leadership and successful relationship building with other churches in the community and within our synod.

We hope that it will continue to be known that Resurrection Lutheran is a welcoming congregation, willing to participate in outreach as well.

As in years past we have continued some of our traditions, which included Easter breakfast served by the Council (with the always essential help from Anne Fisse and Roselle Schnabel) It is not an accident that our tables are always seasonally decorated and set-up in advance, and that there is enough food and drink. Our Germanfest was another successful event with wonderful food, made possible through much hard work, by many, as well as fitting music by Charley Schnabel and his fellow musicians.

I thank my fellow council members for their varied and many faithful efforts on behalf of the congregation. Special thank you also to Sue Fairchild for teaching Sunday school lessons to our youngest members.

We lost loved ones and friends during the past year. We will keep them in our hearts and prayers.

The cycle of life also brings joy with new additions and responsibilities. We hope to be nurturing and supportive of all who desire to be part of our extended church family.

We continue to be challenged as Christians and as members of our congregation. Community involvement as well as our own internal concerns will be a part of 2019 in various forms. Stewardship of resources and upkeep of property require our continued vigilance. Standing together and trusting in God's guidance will help us find ways to make a difference and fulfill the paths laid out for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Trembley  
Council President

## **Council Positions for 2019**

President Barbara Trembley (Through Spring)

Vice President John Podczerwinski

Secretary Susan Gray


Property Mike Rumsey

Worship and Music Dave Ommen

Social Ministry Sue Fairchild

WELCA Liaison Sue Fairchild

# February Calendar

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## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

### **Our friends and loved ones:**

Robert Alexander, Lydia Berdsley, Austin Cantor, Carol Kost Cantor, Anita Cole, Fran Cull, Ray Dossett, Rick Humphrey, Fred Koehler, Tom Locke, Michael Perry, Laura Reddington, Linda Sweeney, Judy Willmann, Susan Wingham, Lynn Goggins, Sarah Keel, Justin Jones, Brenda Perry, Bob Fisse, Jean Shewmaker, Stephanie Waterson, Edith White, Patricia Garrity, Kristen Rose, Marshall, Karen Kruger, Larian Mills, Doug, Alex and Andrew Bingham, Susan Becker, Duke Family, Karen T, Wayne L, Harry Hawkins, Megan Eades, Patty Naegele, Debbie Stoner, Avery Green, Brian and Lori Sachleben, Michael Dean, Mike Everidge Jr., Bradley Willig, Kayla Ford, Nicole, Colton Shirmer, Cary Everidge, Doris Droege, Nick Stringfellow, Brian Thiede, Daniel Dixon, Ray Watson, Tristan Storie, Clint Bear, Jonathan Wolf, Gerald Reese,Carolynn Reese, Michael Prickett Sr., Lylah Nowak, Ryan Wolf, Ron Sparkman, Family of Andrew Drake, Chris, Peter Upjohn, Helen Van **Woerkom**, Barb Cutter

### **Our Church Family**

Betsy Adler, John Adler, John Conway, Donna Kruger, Patti Love, Art Martin, Jean Rogers, Mike Everidge, Lyda Martin, Ken and Barb Spencer, Kelly Lambert, Opal and Mike Rumsey, Ramon Sauley

### **Loved Ones in the Military**

Nicholas Graham, Stephen Kirkpatrick, Devin Long, Rex Allen, Justin Motenko, Mallory and Tristan McKing

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