

## RESURRECTION



## NEW LIFE NEWS

Jesus is the Resurrection  
and the Life...

A Life He gives and a Life  
we share...



## God's Encouraging Word ...

### *when I am fearful about the future*

2019 is here. For some, it's scary how quickly 2018 disappeared. For others, they can't wait to turn the page because this is the year they plan to graduate or perhaps get married. In either case, however, who of us knows what 2019 will bring? In all seriousness, who of us knows what tomorrow will bring?

If you've ever worried or fretted about the future, our gracious God has given us a very powerful verse, nestled right in the middle of the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. The prophet Jeremiah was one who had very good cause to be worried about the future. Day after day he took a beating because he stood up for God's truth and proclaimed God's Word. But God lifted Jeremiah's eyes up to see the future and to know the truth about what was in store for him. God said to Jeremiah and he says to you: **"I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

Talk about comforting and encouraging words! This is God's ultimate plan for all believers—a plan that meets its fulfillment in heaven, and yet believers find fulfillment of these promises even now.

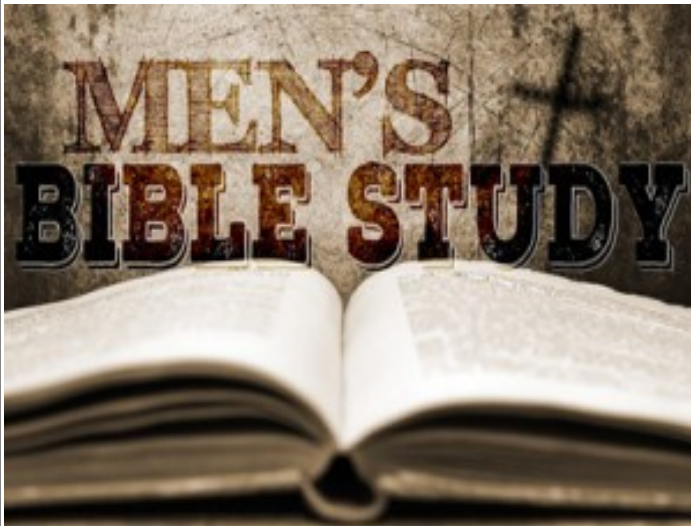
Let's be clear, God is not promising you an extraordinary amount of money in a sweepstakes. He's not saying that you won't ever get cancer or some other disease. He's telling you and me that HE KNOWS. He knows the plan—the ultimate plan—which centers upon Jesus.

Because of Jesus we have the sure hope of heaven. Because of Jesus we have a future that is free from all sin, shame, sorrow and sadness. Because of Jesus our Savior who lived and died and rose in our place, we don't have to worry or fret about what 2019 will bring. No matter what happens, through faith in Jesus our future is set. God knows it and he wants you to know it too.

As we journey into 2019, we can make plans, we can set goals. Above all, we can have confidence because our LORD God knows the ultimate plans he has for us—and he's already shared them with us! Live in this confidence and share these promises, for there are many around us who are deeply concerned what the future holds. Tell them about Jesus who knows!



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TUESDAY'S

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Are you a man? Do you love Jesus? Then take the plunge!

Join us at RLC Verona as we dive into God's Word with our fellow men. Come for breakfast at 6 am, or come just for Bible study at 6:30.

Our men's study will be held weekly on Tuesday beginning January 8.

Bring your Bible.

Bring a friend.

Be a man!



SPRING SIGN-UP

*Vine & Branches*



Please prayerfully consider joining one of our Vine & Branches groups. The sign-up for Spring groups begins on January 6, 2019.

Feel free to contact Ned Reimer for more information or if you have any questions.

Join us 11:45AM

CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2019

The next meeting for the congregation is planned for Sunday, January 27th at 11:45am. Come and hear updates on our ministry and plans for moving forward.

Technology is planned to connect both campuses. Attend in the location of your choice.





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**2019 COMMUNION TEAM /ASSISTANTS**

<b>Verona</b>	<b>Monroe</b>
<b>Set-Up</b>	<b>Set-Up</b>
January 13: TBD	2nd Sun. Lori Plenge
January 20: TBD	3rd Sun. Sue Lyons & Nancy Elmer
January 27: TBD	4th Sun. Jean Schoenike & Diane Kreft
	5th Sun. Jean Schoenike & Diane Kreft

**Assistants (Cup, Serve, Bread)**

January 13: Woller/Moore/Neitzel
January 20: Baumann/Pudlo/Hermanson
January 27: Krueger/Neitzel/Moore

**2019 FELLOWSHIP TEAMS**

<b>Verona</b>	<b>Monroe</b>
Team 1: Kate & Scott Neitzel/Pat Dahl/ Andrew & Gale Hellpap/Ron & Linda Groffy	Sign up posted in Luther's Court Please sign up for whichever Sunday works into your schedule.
Team 2: Rhonda Pierce/Diane Sippel/ Alex & Lisa Pudlo/Steve & Julie Krause-Dumas	
Team 3: Amber & Denny Moore/Penny Schultz/ Kent & Tami Woller/Ruth & Carl Pudlo	
Team 4: Becky & John Deegan/Ann Rule/ Randy & Sonya Huebner/JR & Annette Jopp	
Team 5: Mark & Jenny Hobson/Elizabeth Strutz/David & Carol Larsen/Jen & Brian Kretz	
Team 6: Lori & Gene Cate/Jennifer & Dale Dobbratz/Mark & Laura Westphal/ Kimberly O'Neil	
Team 7: Carrie & Ken Henderson/Eric & Ann Goers/Sara Sievers/Tammy & Jeff Streich	

**2019 GREETER TEAMS**

<b>Verona</b>	<b>Monroe</b>
1st Sun. Carl & Ruth Pudlo	Rufer//B Meyer/J Meyer
2nd Sun. Casey & Dana Smith	Plenge/Ewings/Keegan/Erikson
3rd Sun. Dale Dobbratz & Ted Hall	S Lyons/Elmer/H Lyons
4th Sun. Dave & Carol Larsen	Bethke/Kreft/Andrews
5th Sun. Ken & Carrie Henderson	Schoenike/Meske/Kind

**2019 USHER TEAMS**

<b>Verona</b>	<b>Monroe</b>
1st Sun. Raschka/Baumann/ S&K Neitzel	Edenhauser/Rufer/ J Gempler
2nd Sun. Krueger/Reimer/ Reichert	Plenge/Hammell/ Erikson
3rd Sun. Korth/Appelt/Larsen/ Kreutz	Lyons/Schmid/ Uptegraw
4th Sun. Goddard/Woller/ Deegan/Moore	Bethke/Bethke/Andrews
5th Sun. & Special Services	
Cate /Hermanson/Pudlo	Bischoff/Meske/Kind

**2019 JANITORIAL TEAMS**

<b>Verona</b>	<b>Monroe</b>
Dec 31-Jan 6: Roudenbush Team	January: Connie Rufer
Jan 7-13: Donna Behn	
Jan 14-20: Julie Krause & Steve Dumas	
Jan 21-27: Ruth Pudlo	
Jan 28-Feb 3: Kate Neitzel	

**VERONA**

**ONLY:**

**2019 AUDIO/VISUAL TEAMS**

January 6: Liam D
January 13: Alan W
January 20: Caleb H
January 27: Tim M

**2019 OFFERING TEAM**

Jan 6: Joyce - Diane - Annette
Jan 13: Mark Krueger—Katrina Meinel
Jan 20: Alex Pudlo
Jan 27: Tom Schloesser



## MULTI-SITE MINISTRIES

Check out the article in the January edition of Forward in Christ! The story of how Resurrection went from one to two campuses is featured in an article by Julie Wietzke. Pick up your copy of the magazine at church.

Those of you who were part of the journey may appreciate a stroll down memory lane. Those of you who weren't may enjoy learning about what transpired to bring Resurrection Lutheran Church to where it is today.

Read about a sister congregation in Arizona that also has become a multi-site congregation.

To subscribe to the magazine, go to: <https://wels.net/news-media/forward-in-christ/about-the-magazine/>



*Resurrection Lutheran Church, Verona, Wisconsin*



## BIBLE TRIVIA

# ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ

### ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ

This set of letters spells "Christ" in Greek. It may be written using the Roman alphabet (from which the English alphabet descended), but is also often presented in Greek characters, as shown here.

## JANUARY 25TH

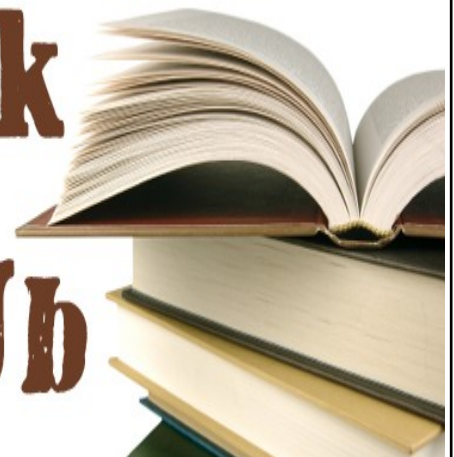
### 7:00PM

- *The Alice Network*

by Kate Quinn



# book club



# DEBORAH

*A Woman Leader?*

**TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 15  
6:30 - 8:30**

Join us for food, fellowship and Bible Study as we admire Deborah's actions and attitude that brought her to a powerful leadership role, few women in Scripture obtained. What attributes can we learn to implement into our own lives, to become the strong leaders God uses in impactful ways?



Please RSVP to Ruth Pudlo at  
RuthPudloCleaning@gmail.com



**WOW** exists to build up the body of Christ among the women of Resurrection so that we can know Christ and make Him know.

**WOW**  
WOMAN of the WORD



## ?? Bible Quiz ??

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above



Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

## WELS APP AVAILABLE

Daily devotion? WELS Missions blogs? Latest synod news? There's an app for that! Nearly 20,000 people have downloaded the WELS app to their phone or tablet. It's free! Available through Apple, Google play, and Amazon apps



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

AND PRAY IN THE SPIRIT ON ALL OCCASIONS WITH ALL KINDS OF PRAYERS AND REQUESTS

## COUNCIL NOTES IN BRIEF

The church council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18.

Here are the highlights.

✝ The council began as always with Bible study. Pastor Ewings led a study on Proverbs, chapter I, with a focus on wisdom.

✝ The following membership changes were presented and approved:

Release of Dave Nelson and his daughter Lauren due to a move from the area.

God has recently declared three children his children through baptism. Wells Thomas O'Brien. Isabella Mina Boerner. Jacob Robert Cate.

Verona membership stands at 331 baptized members. Monroe campus membership stands at 78 members.

✝ November average attendance. Monroe: 47 on Sunday, 7 on Monday for 54 total; 21 attended Thanksgiving service. Verona: 163 on Sunday, 35 on Thursday for a total of 198.

✝ The council was in unanimous agreement to apply for funding assistance for a Vicar for the 2019/2020 year. The application will happen in January/February, with decision if we will get a vicar in March or April, and call day May 23 most likely.

✝ The next congregational meeting was set for January 27 at 11:45 am. Technology will be used to connect both campuses.

✝ Treasurer reported with gladness that November offerings were \$10,000 higher than budget and cash flow is very good. However, for the year, offerings are about \$20,000 lower than budget.

✝ Several facility repairs have been done at both locations. Additional stain glass windows have been installed in Verona.

✝ The next council meeting is set for January 15, 2019. Input is always welcome.

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Website: [www.rlcmonroe.org](http://www.rlcmonroe.org)

## Worship Opportunities

*Verona*

6:30pm Thursday

9:00am Sunday

*Monroe*

10:30am Sunday

7:00pm Monday

Pastor Nathan Strutz - cell: 608.515.4334, Email: [pastorstrutz@rlcverona.com](mailto:pastorstrutz@rlcverona.com)

Pastor Andrew Ewings - cell: 608.535.6531, Email: [pastorewings@rlcmonroe.com](mailto:pastorewings@rlcmonroe.com)

Vicar Jordan Uhlhorn - cell: 480.326.7557, Email: [vicaruhlhorn@rlcverona.com](mailto:vicaruhlhorn@rlcverona.com)

Ministry Coordinator- Kathy Delikat

RLC office: 608.848.4965, [ministrycoordinator@rlcverona.com](mailto:ministrycoordinator@rlcverona.com)



## **God's grace has opened doors to an unprecedented mission opportunity in communist Vietnam.**

It all started when Zang Lou, a leader within the Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC) in Vietnam, viewed an online sermon by WELS Pastor Bounkeo Lor in 2011. The clear proclamation of law and gospel and the message of pure grace through Jesus Christ was something he had never heard before . . . and he wanted to learn more. That same year, Zang Lou invited Lor to come to Vietnam to train the HFC in the truth of the gospel. Lor made his first training visit in 2012. Since that time, Lor has made over 24 different trips to Hanoi, Vietnam. To assist in his training, members of the Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) began to accompany him on some of these trips starting in 2016.

With every visit Lor has made to conduct training in Hanoi, approximately 60 church leaders have attended to learn more about the truths of the Bible. These same 60 leaders have been taking the message back to their rural congregations, preaching the message of salvation by faith, not by works – something the members had never heard before. The HFC was a church body of 55,000 members when Zang Lou first reached out to WELS. In the years WELS has provided training, the HFC has grown from 55,000 to over 100,000 members and formed many new churches. HFC leaders have seen the growth and the joy that Lutheran teaching has brought to their congregations and have expressed a desire to become a confessional Lutheran church body. Learn more about WELS mission history in Vietnam on the WELS website: <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/asia/vietnam/history/>

### **The Opportunity**

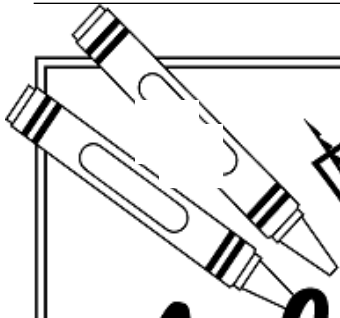
The message of free grace received from Jesus Christ has replaced their old law-based preaching: Grace has brought peace to the Hmong Fellowship Church, and church leadership has stabilized as a result. The communist government in Vietnam has noticed this positive change.

### **The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi.**

This is an incredible, unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach the more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. However, this door can close at any time. Our WELS World Missions team is working quickly to ensure WELS is taking full advantage of the time the lord has provided.

**WELS is collecting a special offering through June 2019, with the goal of raising \$2 million to purchase land, construct the campus, and cover the initial two years of operational costs.**

Donate online at <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/asia/vietnam/> or pick up a brochure at church with a mail in envelope.



# PUZZLE

## A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

*Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.*



We were therefore buried with him  
through baptism into death in order that,  
just as Christ was raised from the dead  
through the glory of the Father,  
we too may live a \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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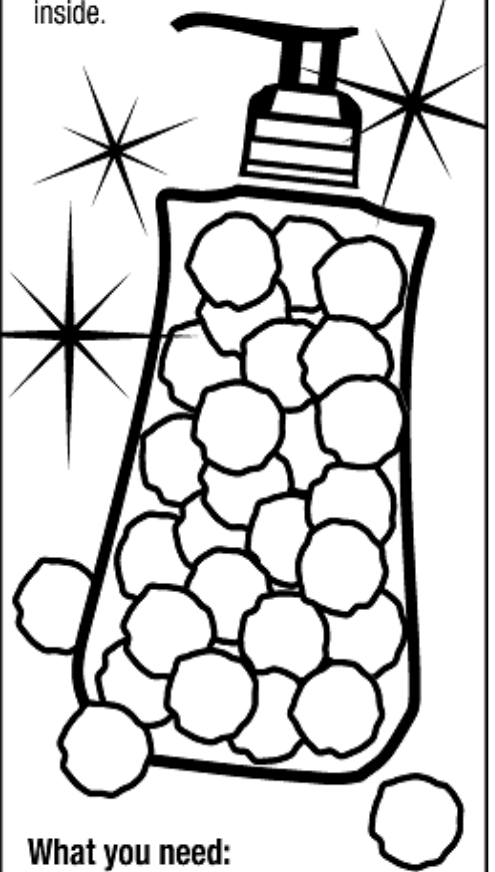
Answer: f i e l e w n y, new life



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## Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



### What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

### What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

