

RESURRECTION



NEW LIFE NEWS

Jesus is the Resurrection
and the Life...

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



Jesus is...the Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on
his shoulders.*

And he will be called....Prince of Peace

Are you ready for the frenzy? By now, we all know that it's coming. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and that means turkeys to carve, tables to set, guestrooms to prepare—the list seems endless. And when it's all said and done, what is waiting for us but...Christmas! And that means presents to buy, trees to trim, cookies to decorate—that list is even longer than Thanksgiving's! It kind of makes us long for when it's all over, doesn't it? For a time when we can finally sit back, relax, and say, "Peace, at last!"

Peace. That is a concept the Bible talks about too. Only when the Bible talks about peace, it is referring to something far greater than a little bit of rest and relaxation after a frantic holiday season. It is referring to peace with God.

So do you have it? Do you have peace with God? Or perhaps a better question is this: Is it even possible for unholy, imperfect, sinful people like we are to have peace with a holy, perfect, and sinless God? After all, God himself demands in his word that, if we are to have peace with him, we must be holy and perfect just like he is. So is peace with God even possible?

It sure is. And not because we are somehow going to become holy and perfect on our own. It is because we have one who has been holy and perfect in our place. His name is Jesus, the one the prophet Isaiah so aptly calls the "Prince of Peace." Through his perfect life and innocent death, Jesus removed all of our sins and gave us his perfection. In doing so, the Prince of Peace has given us exactly what our holy and perfect God demands of us. Through faith, we now have peace with God as our personal possession forever.

Perhaps you are looking forward to the peace you will experience after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is all over. As you do, never forget about the peace that the Prince of Peace brought you. Jesus brought you peace with God. And that peace will last forever.

Jesus is...the Prince of Peace!

Resurrection Lutheran Church

New Life News

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

During September average attendance at worship was 22 on Thursday and 134 on Sunday, for a total of 156. We currently are blessed with 254 baptized members. We also had the privilege to welcome 13 first time guests to worship. This does not count out of town guests or visitors.

Weekly adult Bible study attendance number 38. We currently have 190 communicant members. This does not count Vine and Branches attendance. Vine and Branches has 70 people signed up and 62 in attendance for twice a month gatherings.

Thank God for each person in worship and Bible study.

OKTOBERFEST...ON NOVEMBER 2ND

Sunday, November 2nd, after Bible study, RLC will be hosting Oktoberfest, a celebration of German heritage. Come enjoy great German food, beer (for adults only) and, of course, that famous RLC fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

PRESCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP ON NOVEMBER 25TH!

RLP will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal for all of our preschool families on Tuesday, November 25th at 11:30am. Our teachers will be busy teaching that morning and will not be able to get things ready, so help is strongly needed! We are looking for one family to donate a cooked turkey and 3-4 people to help set up, serve food, and clean up. The cooked turkey can be dropped off early that morning and can be warmed up during class time and later shredded for sandwiches. If you are able to help, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin. Contact Katie Mikula with any questions (848-4966) or (kmikula@rlcverona.com).



Resurrection Lutheran Church, Verona, Wisconsin



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!

A special service of Thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the Holiday. Please join us.

There will be no Thursday evening worship or Bible study on November 27 in recognition of Thanksgiving.

SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICES AND MEALS IN DECEMBER

Advent means coming. It's the time of the year when we get ready for the coming of Christ at Christmas. This year we will again have special services to prepare our hearts.

Advent Suppers will be on Thursdays at 5:30 PM and the services will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. December 4, 11 and 18. These will serve as our Thursday evening Worship for those weeks.

Theme of services: The angels' messages.

December 4: The angel's message to Joseph.
Pastor Phil Moldenhauer from Our Redeemer, Madison.

December 11: The angel's message to Zechariah.
Pastor Nathan Strutz

December 18: The angel's message to Mary.
Vicar Steven Pelischek.

On December 11 and 18, Communion will be offered following the service for those members who desire.

No communion will be offered December 4. Communion will not be offered on Sunday December 14 due to the children's service being held on that date. Those desiring the Lord's Supper could receive communion December 11, 18 and 21.

Thanks to Pastor Moldenhauer for preaching for the service on December 4.

NOVEMBER NEWS FROM OUR DIRECTOR, KATIE MIKULA

Happy November!

We're ready to start our 3rd month of school. Our classrooms have been extremely busy with lots of learning going on. The kids had a BLAST at our field trip to Sutter's Ridge Farm on October 28th and we're so thankful parents and siblings could join us as well! They rode a hay wagon, picked out a pumpkin, and played with bikes and other toys.

The four year olds just ended their two week long assessment period. An assessment kit called PALS is used and tests children on literacy items: letters, beginning sounds, letter sounds, rhyme, and reading. Each section is scored with numbers 1-10 and then reported online to the state of Wisconsin. It was a tough and exhausting two weeks, but we all survived and will rest up until the next round of testing in spring. For the month of November, this classroom will talk about farms and farmers, farm animals, and turkeys/thanksgiving. Thanksgiving break begins on Wednesday, November 26th. There will be only 1 day of school that week, and we'll celebrate by having a parent involvement day and ask parents to join us in the classroom for learning activities. Our Bible Stories for this month will be about the journey of Joseph-getting sold by his brothers, working for the king and becoming a ruler, and meeting and forgiving his brothers many years later.

The three year old class has been very busy as well! This month they will talk about the food we eat and where it comes from (farms and the grocery store) and turkeys/thanksgiving. Bible stories for next month are *The Ten Commandments*, *Golden Calf*, *Twelve Spies*, and *The Bronze Snake*. The 3's also only have school on November 25th and will have the same three days off for Thanksgiving break.

On Tuesday, November 25th at 11:30am, RLP will be hosting a thanksgiving meal for all of our preschool families. Pastor Strutz will do a small devotion before we eat. Help is strongly needed that day with getting food warmed up and on the table, serving, and cleaning up. We are also looking for someone to donate a turkey for this meal. A sign-up sheet is available for anyone who would like to help and can be found on the church bulletin board.

November snack list is also up on the church bulletin board. Please consider helping our preschool by purchasing the designated snacks for that day. Our Support Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 11th and will begin discussing a 5 year plan for the preschool.

I pray you all have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING SUPPER TO PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Take a look on the bulletin board and see the note for on the upcoming opportunity to provide a Thanksgiving Supper to someone needy in our community. It's very easy to do:

- *Pick up a list of the items needed to purchase everything for a great supper
- *By Nov. 16th leave the items in a bag in Sue's office along with \$15 of cash in an envelope to pay for a turkey for the families to enjoy. If you only have a check make it out to RLC.
- *This will all be picked up on Sunday Nov. 16th by the Verona Food Pantry.
- *Just a note...nothing can be accepted after the morning of Sunday, Nov. 16th unless you would like to drop it off at the Food pantry yourself.



TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY

"Comfort, Comfort my people" says your God, "speak tenderly..." Isaiah 40:1

In the months and days leading up to Christmas, do people come to you for comfort? Is your voice tender when you rush from store to store; clean the house for guests; frantically wrap presents?

Too often we let the stress of the season take away our joy, and the long list of to-do's keep us from giving comfort. Dear woman, come! Be filled with God's Word, so you may give comfort and joy to those you love.

**Advent by Candlelight 2014
"Tidings of Comfort and Joy"
Sunday, November 30, 6:30pm
Resurrection Lutheran Church
All women are invited to come and bring a guest.**

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

The 2015 Men of His Word conference will be held on January 31st, 2015 in Oshkosh. This conference is a wonderful opportunity to gather Christian men together around God's Word, to consider the blessings, challenges and opportunities in their lives. We will carpool from church. Sign up on-line soon (www.menofhisword.org) for this wonderful conference. Space is limited and it fills up fast.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB MEETINGS AND BOOKS

All women are invited to participate in the RLC Book Club, whether it is for just one month or every month. There is no commitment or sign-up required. We would love to have you pick up one of the books and join us for an evening of discussion and fellowship. We meet in the youth room at church at 7:00 p.m.

Our upcoming meetings and the books are:

- *November 18: Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
- *December 16: Shirley, Goodness and Mercy by Debbie Macomber
- *January 20: The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

CAROLING EVENT - DECEMBER 5TH

Please join us for our third annual caroling event on Dec. 5th, at 4:45 pm. We'll meet at the corner of Paoli Rd and Main St in Verona. We'll start just before 5 p.m., have the tree lighting, and then move over to the chili supper at the Senior Center around 5:20. We carol indoors for a bit then eat together. This is a fun event for Vine & Branches groups to do together. All ages and musical talents welcome!

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING UP! SEVERAL SPECIAL EVENTS!

Friday, December 5, at 4:45 p.m. we will meet at the Verona Senior Center for caroling. We have the chance to carol during a local weather forecast, distribute invitations to Christmas events and enjoy a free chili supper hosted by the Verona Area Fire Department. Meet at the Senior Center, 108 Paoli Street in Verona.

Saturday, December 6 starting at 9:00 a.m. we will invite people to our Christmas services and Christmas for kids. No previous experience is necessary and you can be paired with an experienced inviter. We have about 100 people we would like to invite. Please join us. We will provide breakfast and be done by noon.

Saturday, December 13 will be a busy day. Christmas for Kids takes places from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Children will be served lunch and be ready for practice for children's Christmas service from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. A member of RLC is hosting a piano recital at 2:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. on December 13 we will be hosting a special concert by Chris Dreisbach. Chris is a WELS member from Alabama who has put together a special pre-Christmas concert with guitar, sing a longs and Scripture readings. Chris is a former athiest who travels the country telling the story of how God's Word changed his hard heart. His friendship with a pastor led to taking a Bible study. At first Chris was going to argue and show the pastor wrong. But God's Word changed Chris' heart and now he loves to tell his story. This is a great and non-threatening way to introduce a friend to Jesus. All are welcome. The concert will last about one hour.

Christmas Eve candlelight worship will be held on December 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day worship will be held on December 25 at 9:00 a.m.

There will be no Thursday evening worship on December 25 or January 1 due to the special services and holidays.

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