

NEW LIFE NEWS

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life...

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



Jesus is...King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Revelation 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

We live in a world that is often affected by tragedy and disaster. Terrorist attacks, war, crime, disease, natural disasters—these are just some of the evils that affect our world. As sinful people living in a sinful world, these are sad realities that we must sometimes face. Even if we aren't directly affected by any great tragedy, problems still affect us all.

Evil in the world around us and problems in our own lives can make us afraid. They can make us feel weak and helpless. Sometimes evil seems to have the upper hand. Sometimes it seems like this world is out of control. We might wonder, "Where is God? Who is in control?"

Our Savior Jesus is in control. The Bible assures us, "The Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers" (Revelation 17:14). Jesus, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," is King and Lord supreme. He is in control of all things. He rules for the good of his people. His ultimate goal is to bring us safely to our eternal home in heaven.

The evidence of his rule is seen in God's plan for our salvation. On the cross, Jesus conquered sin, death and the devil. He wasn't caught off guard and forced to die. He has always been in control, even on the cross. Jesus willingly gave his life for us, only to take it up again. His death on the cross seemed like defeat, but he rose victorious. He has power over life and death. His resurrection is certain proof of our salvation and assures us of his loving rule.

He remains in control today, despite how it may appear to our human eyes. The Savior, whose love moved him to die for us, is the same Savior whose love leads him to rule everything for our eternal good. That truth calms my fears. It gives me strength to face the difficulties of life.

Especially in difficult times, I need to go to the one who is in control. I need to draw near him through his Word, the Bible. There I hear his promises. There I receive his comfort and reassurance.

> He is King of kings and Lord of lords. What comfort I find in that truth!



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FAREWELL WORSHIP SERVICE AND BRUNCH FOR VICAR JACOB HAAG

On July 27th all good things had to come to an end with Vicar Jacob Haag's year of service here at RLC. That day he preached for his final Sunday here. Following the service we held a "farewell brunch," presented Jacob with a gift from the congregation and pastor roasted Jacob at the end of the brunch!

We thank Vicar Haag for his year of service here at RLC and we wish him well on his final year of classroom studies at the Seminary.







INSTALLATION OF VICAR STEVEN PELISCHEK

On August 3rd during the worship service, Steven Pelischek was installed into his Vicar position here at RLC. He will serve our congregation for the next year. We have been bless by our synod to be able to take part in the Vicar program. We wish Vicar Steven a rich year of learning and growing with us here at RLC and we look forward to him sharing his wisdom and knowledge of God's word with us throughout this year.





PASTOR JONATHAN BAUER'S INSTALLATION AT GOOD NEWS

On July 13, Pastor Jonathan Bauer was installed as pastor in a special afternoon service at Good News. 124 people were in attendance including many area pastors and members of Resurrection in Verona (the congregation that daughtered Good News).

Pastor Nathan Strutz presided, Pastor Chuck Westra preached, and Pastor Mark Schroeder led the rite of installation. The members of Good News provided a great spread of food for a wonderful fellowship meal following the service. (See more photos on page 3 of Pastor Bauer's Installation day)

SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM OUR DIRECTOR, KATIE MIKULA

A new school year has begun! Resurrection Lutheran Preschool has been blessed with 14 energetic four and five year olds and 10 three year olds. Everyone is off to a great start and we're looking forward to a new school vear!

For the month of September, each classroom will be spending time talking about classroom rules, friendships, classroom routines, and learning more about each other. The first 2 months of school are really focused on building social skills with classmates and their teachers as well as getting comfortable with the classroom and the classroom schedule/routine.

Everyone had a wonderful time at our "Welcome to School" Night on August 27th. The children explored their classrooms, met their new classmates, and made RLP tie-dye t-shirts that they'll keep for years to come!

A big THANK YOU to those who donated classroom items this year! We're so incredibly thankful for your generosity!



Both our 3 year old and 4K classrooms are in need of some items for the new school year. Copies of the wish list can be found on the preschool bulletin board. No stores have been specified, but all items can be found at local toy and craft stores in Verona and Madison. An Amazon wish list has also been made and can be found at:

http://amzn.com/w/1AQAL260WCV90. Please consider donating and helping out our preschool!

RLC VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

Vacation Bible camp for children ages 3-6 was held at RLC on July 28th - August 1st. They had a TON of fun! The numbers raged from 14-18 children, depending on the day and most were from the Verona community. Some responses from the children: "This is so much fun! I don't want to leave!", "My favorite part was hearing about Jesus and singing songs.", "I liked being a spy and seeing Jesus' cave.", "I liked snack the best." and "I had so much fun playing on the playground!" Thank you all who volunteered their time or donated snacks!



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REMINDER BOARD

Start off the school year right by making this wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

What you do:

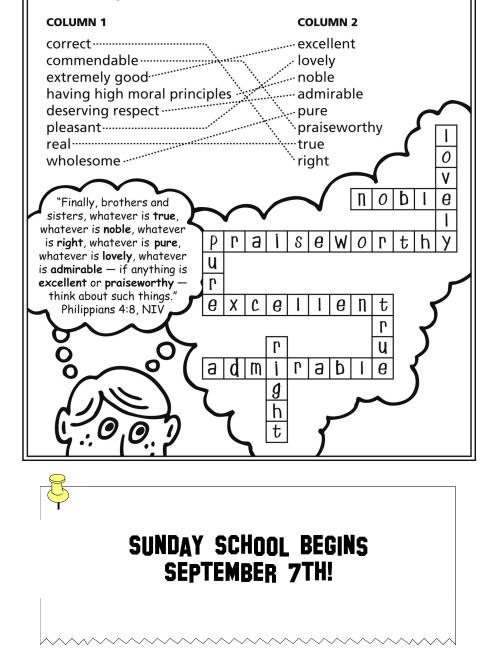
- 1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
- 2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
- Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame. Then attach the pen to the frame.
- 4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.

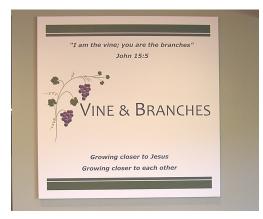


Think about these things ...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

Directions: *Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.*





VINE AND BRANCHES - IN THE NEXT BAG!

Vine and Branches is our next Big, Audacious Goal (BAG). Vine and Branches is a small group, in-home, sermon-based Bible discussion. The two main goals of Vine and Branches are: growing closer to Jesus and growing closer to each other.

During August a special sermon series about Vine and Branches was proclaimed. If you missed the sermons, August 10, 17 and 24, check them out on our website, <u>rlcverona.org</u>. Sign up sheets were also made available. Four groups of twelve each quickly filled up. What a blessing! Additional groups are being offered. Don't delay in signing up as groups will begin meeting in September and meet twice monthly through the end of November.

See the sign up sheets at church or speak with Pastor for more information.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

During July, worship attendance on Sunday averaged 121. Worship on Thursday averaged 26, for a total of 147 each week. God be praised! We currently have 251 members. We also welcomed a total of 78 worship guests during the month.

Adult Bible class attendance was 26 each week. We currently have 190 adult members. We pray the Vine and Branches will help more members be involved group Bible study.

JONAH: GOD'S GRACE TO RUNAWAYS BIBLE STUDY AT GOOD NEWS

Beginning September 3 and continuing each Wednesday until Sept. 24th, Good News Lutheran Church will provide "Jonah: God's Grace to Runaways" bible study. Pizza will be served at 5:30 and class begins from 6 - 7pm. The class reveals the runaway heart beats in all of us, a heart that often leaves us feeling like we're sinking to rock bottom. Thankfully, God's Heart beats with relentless love and tender care. Join us as we dive into Jonah's incredible journey!

Good News is at 1217 Business 18/151, Mt. Horeb. Phone number is 437.4646 and please let them know by phone you are coming or you may also go to: GoodNewsLC.org/Jonah

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 7TH

Sunday School will resume on September 7 at 10:30 a.m. Thanks to all our teachers and especially Lisa Neumann, who is once again coordinating Sunday School under the supervision of our Inreach chairman, Ned Reimer. To enroll your children, contact Lisa: 608.212.5892 lisa.neumann@ansay.com

Adult Choir Begins Sept. 7th

Adult Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 7 from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. All interested confirmed members are invited to come and join us. If you have ever sung in a choir, wanted to sing in a choir, dreamed of being in a choir or just want to socialize with choir members, stop by to sing God's praise! We'd love to see you there. Need more info? Contact Kathi Appelt @ church, @ 424.1406, or Katherineappelt@gmail.com

BIBLE 101 OFFERED AGAIN

Six people attended our most recent Bible 101 class in June. We are praying there will be more than that the next time. Bible 101 is a no-cost, no-obligation introduction to the Bible. The class begins on Thursday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. and lasts five consecutive Thursdays. Each class is about one hour in length.

Topics are:

- ✦Week one: Can I be sure I'm going to heaven?
- ✦Week two: Do I need Jesus?
- ♦ Week three: Does God love me?
- ✦Week four: How can I believe in Jesus?
- ✦Week five: How do good works fit in?

The class is a great review of the basics and a great opportunity to invite a friend who has questions about the Bible. You can ask and get God's answers in a safe environment with no judging. Invitations are available at church to give to friends.

For more information, contact Pastor Strutz at pastorstrutz@rlcverona.com or 608-515-4334 (call or text)

SIS (Sisters in Service) Meeting Sept. 14th

The SIS meeting will be held Sunday September 14th after church. We will have a devotion/bible study before the meeting.

HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR BLOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our blood drive goal was 25 pints. We collected 37 pints! As one blood donation can help up to 3 patients in need, those 37 pints could impact as many as 111 people. The helicopter, police cruiser, fire truck and two ambulances were admired by all. The indoor health and safety fair was very informative. Thanks to those who helped hang posters and get the word out. Also, thanks to all who volunteered several hours on a Saturday to make the fair such a success!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Over the past weeks, we have had the privilege to welcome several new members. We thank God for the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with these precious souls.

✦Rick and Kathy Kindermann from Belleville joined us officially on July 27. They were confirmed as adults after taking the adult instruction class.

◆ Eric Goers and his children Emily and Peter, joined on August 3. Eric transferred his membership from Mt. Olive in Monroe.

✦ Dale Dobbratz and his children Sam and Emma became members of Resurrection on August 3 as well. They joined by profession of faith. Eric and Dale are lifelong friends.

+ Erika McLay and her daughter Heidi Hanson were welcomed into membership on August 17. Erika and Heidi got connected with Resurrection after exploring Lutheran high school options for Heidi.

While a formal welcome was held for each new member during worship, we are looking forward to a more informal welcome as well. Please say hello to our new members.

Pastor Jonathan Bauer's Installation at Good News









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