

RESURRECTION



NEW LIFE NEWS

Jesus is the Resurrection
and the Life...

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



Knowing Jesus Knowing about Jesus What's the difference?

Isn't social media wonderful for staying in touch? Watch a video of your nephew's first step. Share your grandmother's recipes. Make personal contact with your best friend on his birthday. Monitor your classmate's battle with cancer.

Even though separated by a distance, you carry your friends and family around with you in your pocket or purse. But it's not the same as being there in person, is it? There's no substitute for holding your mom's hand at the clinic when she gets the bad news, or sitting by your dad's side at the funeral. A relationship is more than following a news feed, it's being an eyewitness to history and experiencing it.

What kind of relationship do you have with Jesus? Most people know the facts about his life, as told to them by parents and preachers. In Nazareth, the people knew who Jesus' parents were. They heard reports about his preaching and his miracles, and they were thrilled to have him come for a visit. But they didn't know him as well as they thought. He announced, "No prophet is accepted in his hometown" (Luke 4:24). And when Jesus started to tell them what needed to change, the people of Nazareth tried to kill him.

Just knowing the facts about Jesus doesn't change my behavior or attitude. Just following the story with my head won't make me feel ashamed of my sins and lead me to trust him as my Savior. And it certainly won't get me to heaven, because knowing about Jesus isn't the same thing as knowing Jesus. Knowing Jesus means taking to heart what he says about my sins. Knowing Jesus means there's nothing I can do to make this relationship work, but that he makes it all possible. Knowing Jesus means experiencing his love and forgiveness. Knowing Jesus means walking with him through the darkest days of my life. Knowing Jesus means a relationship that never ends, no matter how bad the news is.

How can you be close to someone who lived so long ago? Read the eyewitness accounts written in the Bible. Put yourself in their place and apply what they saw and heard to your own life. Stay in touch with your Savior by regularly reading and listening to God's Word, and speak to him in prayer. Join together with other Christians to grow in your knowledge about Jesus and what he means for you.

It's true: No Jesus, no peace. Know Jesus, know peace.

For more Questions & Answers, go to www.WhatAboutJesus.com, then *Questioning God*.

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VICAR CALL DAY AND OUR 2015/2016 VICAR

On Tuesday, May 19th, several RLC members attended the vicar call worship service at the WELS Seminary in Mequon, WI. At this service seminary students received an assignment to serve as a vicar at a WELS congregation for a year.

Eric Melso was chosen to serve as RLC's 2015/2016 vicar. Eric and his wife Jennifer will move to our area and he will serve at our congregation throughout the next year. Please keep the Melsos in your prayers as they plan to join us later this summer.

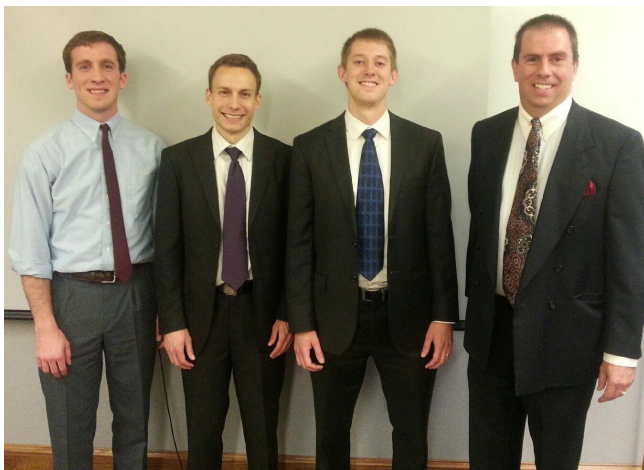


Photo on the left: left to right:

*Steve Pelischek RLC's current 2014/2015 vicar

*Jacob Haag RLC's 2013/2014 vicar who graduated from the seminary May 21st and will service as a pastor in Ann Arbor, MI

*Eric Melso RLC's upcoming 2015/2016 vicar

*Pastor Nathan Strutz

Save these dates for exciting upcoming summer events at RLC!

- ◆ June 17th - Youth Group Great America trip
- ◆ July 24th - Vicar farewell bonfire
- ◆ August 14th - WELS Night at Brewers game
- ◆ August 15th - Health and Safety Fair
- ◆ August 23rd - Church Picnic

PRESCHOOL NEWS FROM OUR DIRECTOR, KATIE MIKULA

It's the final countdown! We are only a few short weeks away from summer vacation and yet there is SO much that needs to be done! We're finishing up the school year with a lot of learning and fun themes!

3 Year Old Preschool

Themes: Zoo, Frogs, and Summer Fun

Books: *Frog and Toad Stories*

Activities: Animal paw print painting, paint with koolaid, and outdoor water play

Bible Stories: *Coming of the Holy Spirit and Jesus Blesses the Children*

4 Year Old Preschool

Theme: Insects and Bugs (oh my!) and Summer Fun

Books: *What Is An Insect? I love Bugs, The Very Quiet Cricket, Because A Little Bug Went Ka-choo!, Beach Bugs, and Manuelo the Playingmantis*

Activities: Make a chart about insects (insects are...insects can...insects have), go on a nature scavenger hunt, write and draw a story about if you were fly, talk about the 3 main parts of an insect, dance to our alpha-bet boogie song, graph our favorite insects, talk about what we're most excited for about summer and more!

Bible Stories: *Mary Sees Jesus and The Coming of the Holy Spirit*

June 10th is our official last day! We have been blessed with 14 amazing little 4 and 5 year olds and they can't wait to become kindergarteners! We'll end our last day of school with a small graduation ceremony at 12pm. The children will sing a few of their favorite songs and be awarded with their preschool diploma.

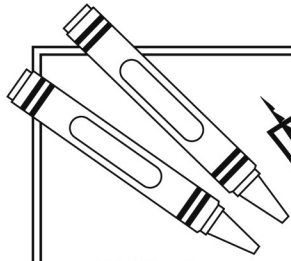
A HUGE thank you to our wonderful staff here at RLP! Without all of you, our school wouldn't function. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and serving with a Christ-like attitude every single day.

Make sure you look for some of our preschool graduates on our RLC/RLP float on June 7th during the Hometown Days Parade! Parade begins at 12pm.

Looking for wrap around or extended care for your 3 or 4 year old next year? Send them to RLP! We still have spaces available for our Monday-Friday care! Speak with our director for more information or grab a brochure by the church doors or main preschool doors.

Happy summer and God's blessings!





PUZZLE

Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask	do	eternal	If	good	good	Why
	good	Jesus	life	man	One	Teacher	

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
 “_____, what _____ thing must I _____
 to get _____ life?” “_____ do you
 _____ me about what is _____?” Jesus replied.
 “There is only _____ who is _____.
 _____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, NIV

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments.”



“SUNDAE” PARTY

Invite your Sunday school teacher(s) to a special thank-you celebration.

What you need to make a card:

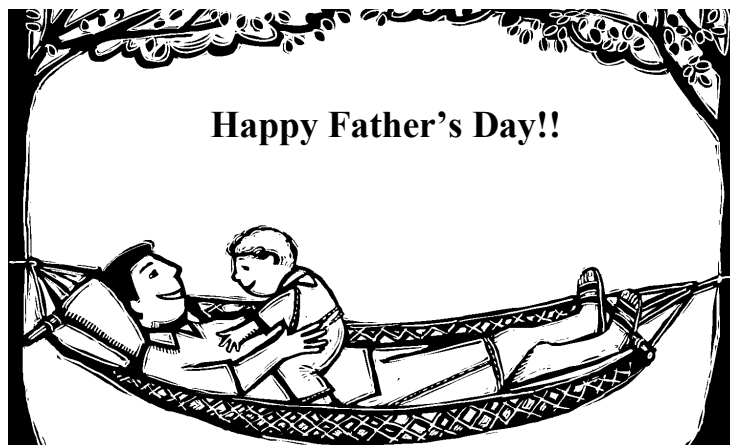
- 8" x 11" cardstock (or blank cards)
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold the cardstock like a card. On the outside, write “Thanks for being my teacher!”
2. On the inside, write a personal message and sign your name.

Celebration options:

- Buy a gift card from a local ice cream parlor and tape it inside the card.
- Invite your Sunday school class to bring all the makings for sundaes for your teacher(s).
- Invite your teacher to an ice cream parlor or to your house to enjoy sundaes together.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

In April, Sunday worship attendance averaged 165. Thursday attendance was 17, for a total of 182. Of those, on average, 35 were guests each week. Praise God! Current membership is 274.

Bible study attendance was 35. Adults attending Vine and Branches groups numbers 65. Current adult membership is 205.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The church council held its regular meeting on May 12. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ The council began a Bible study entitled, "Psummer Psalms," led by Vicar Pelischek.
- ◆ In July, the church council will begin reading through the Bible in one year and discuss the reading at each month's council meeting.
- ◆ Recently elected council members were welcomed: Randy Huebner, secretary; John Deegan, building and grounds; Mike Korth, preschool chairman. Their terms will officially begin in July.
- ◆ Katelyn Paul was welcomed as a new member by transfer from Immanuel in LaCrosse. Welcome Katelyn! Her welcome is still being scheduled.
- ◆ Adult instruction classes for those wishing to become members of RLC are being done individually with Paul and Laura Konkol, Case Baio, and Mike Nikas. We look forward to welcoming them as members soon, God-willing.
- ◆ The council authorized a door offering to be given through WELS Christian Aid and relief for flood victims in Malawi and earthquake victims in Nepal.
- ◆ Blessings of Vine and Branches were reported, along with encouragement to promote even more participation for the fall session.
- ◆ The treasurer reported that congregational offerings are above budget. God be praised!
- ◆ The council reviewed a report from the preschool task force on staffing hours and options for 2015/2016 with all day care, Monday through Friday. Preschool chairman Mike Korth was encouraged to begin the process of seeking the additional staff needed.
- ◆ A meeting of the Education Support Committee, Preschool task force and outreach team will be held on May 20 to discuss helping to connect more preschool families with church and improve the mission outreach aspect of preschool.

The council exists to serve our congregation. Input is always welcome. Contact Pastor, Denny Moore, Ken Harwood, Ned Reimer, Gene Cate, Ken Henderson, Rick Hermanson, Mike Korth, Randy Huebner, or John Deegan with comments and suggestions.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS

The Educational Support Committee is currently seeking two members to replace Tony and Heather Schumacher who will soon be moving to Seattle, WA. Meetings are held once a month. We are focused as a support group for the Preschool program at Resurrection Lutheran. Please contact Mike Korth at MKorth1422@aol.com if you are interested. A big THANK YOU to Tony and Heather Schumacher for sharing their time and talents in service to the Lord and His children! It has been a pleasure to have them on the committee! They will be missed! We wish them His Blessings in Seattle.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILD CARE

We are putting together a group to provide child care for children 3 and under during Bible study time on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. This will allow parents with young children the opportunity to attend Bible study. Please speak with Ned Reimer if you are interested in using this child care and/or volunteering to help out.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Gals the Ladies Bible Study is still going to be meeting for a few more weeks. Now that school is out you may have a bit more time on Monday mornings! We are going to be studying Jezebel on Monday, June 1st. She was BAD TO THE BONE!! We will complete the book on June 15th. We will then take a summer vacation, if you will. Starting up again on August 3rd. If you have an hour and a half or so to spare, join us!

HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR HELP NEEDED

The 2nd Annual Health & Safety Fair will be held at RLC on 8/15, from 9am - 1pm. Help is needed at the blood drive registration table, assistants helping get snacks/water for blood donors, possible child care/face painter needed and anyone interested in helping with the health fair portion (i.e. health care provider, mental health provider, etc). Please see Denise Reimer for more info and thanks for your help!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT EVENT PLANNED

God's plan for marriage is under attack from all sides. Did you know that people married over 30 years are the most likely to get divorced? Even more common than those married a short time?

We want to be a church that supports and strengthens God's plan for marriage. We want to help married couples have stronger marriages and stronger families.

Pastor Strutz and his wife Elizabeth attended a marriage enrichment seminar weekend recently and are bringing the seminar to RLC, Saturday, October 10 will be the date. Think of it as a date day. After the Bible study portion in the afternoon, attendees will be encouraged to have a date night. Child care will be provided for those desiring it. Speak with Pastor or Phil Meinel for details.

DONATIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY

We have the privilege of collection food donations for the local Verona Food Pantry. Here is a list of the specific needs at this time: canned pineapple, healthy soups (those lower in sodium), bagged rice, and cooking oil. We will take any other donations, except fresh food items. A complete list is on the bulletin board. Please put your donations into the food pantry bin in the hallway by the bulletin board. Bruce and Sherry Woods deliver our donations to the food pantry.

If you would like to support the food pantry on your own they also accepts fresh garden produce and any unopened/unexpired food items at their pantry facility at 130 N. Franklin St. in Verona. They are open Mondays and Thursdays 3:30 – 6:30pm. They want to provide healthy food options, including low sodium and low sugar items. They have many clients with restricted diets and the donations of healthy food items are especially appreciated.

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