

RESURRECTION



NEW LIFE NEWS

Jesus is the Resurrection
and the Life...

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



Jesus is the Ascended Savior

"Jesus was taken up into heaven."
Luke 24:51

Mary, the mother of Jesus, received the angel's announcement that her son would be the Son of God and the King of God's people (Luke 1: 32). What amazement must have filled her heart! Yet Simeon's prophecy would also come true, that a sword would pierce Mary's heart. What agony must have filled her spirit as she gazed on her son being tortured to death! But then came his glorious resurrection, proving that he is the eternal Son of God and that he fully accomplished his heavenly Father's plan of salvation for the world.

The risen Lord Jesus appeared to many people proving that he was alive. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus returned to heaven. His ascension is celebrated in the Christian church on the fortieth day after Easter. This year *Ascension Day* falls on May 5th.

While churches may or may not have a special worship service on the actual day that Jesus' ascension is observed every year, Christians always glorify our living, ascended Savior. We lift up our voices in praise of Jesus who was lifted up to the highest honor of heaven. Our hearts are filled with the excitement of Jesus' ascension as the Bible relates in Philippians 2:9-11:

God exalted [Christ Jesus] to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Having fully accomplished the work of salvation, Jesus returned to heaven and now reigns in the highest position of all authority. And he proclaimed, "I will come back" (John 14:3). Eventually, everyone will know the truth that Jesus is the eternal Son of God who came to be the world's Savior. His return will be the most fearful time for those who rejected Jesus in unbelief. They will be sent away to eternal punishment in hell.

The Lord Jesus, however, wants people to have life with him forever in heaven. So before he ascended into heaven, he commanded that the good news of the salvation he won by his death and resurrection be proclaimed to everyone.

That good news is for you too! Jesus is your Savior. One day, perhaps soon, he will return from heaven. How will you meet him? By trusting in Jesus who rescued you from eternal death, you can join the people who will be rejoicing to see Jesus in all of his glory. At his return, he will take all believers to the place he prepared for them in heaven. What an awesome ascension day that will be!

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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We Hear God's Word

Worship attendance in March averaged 205 per weekend. Current membership is 305. God be praised! Average adult Bible study attendance was 52. We currently have 221 adult members. Thanks be to God!

Confirmation

During the worship service on May 1st we have the privilege of participating in the confirmation of: Elijah Strutz, Michael Watters, Elijah White and Alan Woller. These wonderful young men have faithfully studied God's word and will make his confession of their faith in the Lord.

Special Ascension Service May 5th

Ascension is the final exclamation point on our Savior's work! He didn't rise to die. He rose to live and rule for all eternity. We will have a special Ascension service on Thursday, May 5 at 6.30 p.m. Communion will be offered to members and for the first time for our confirmands. This will be a joint service with Our Redeemer in Madison and Good News In Mt. Horeb, as has been the case the last several years. A joint choir of youth and adults will sing.

Also, following the service, teens from RLC who are attending the WELS International Youth Rally will be serving ice cream sundaes to thank the churches for support in attending this event.

The WELS Wind Ensemble - Sunday, May 8th

Join us on Sunday May 8th the WELS Wind Ensemble will be here at RLC and play during our service.

Upcoming RLC Book Club meetings

Please join the RLC book club in the upcoming months at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room to discuss the following books:

- May 17: "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes

You don't have to be a member of the group or commit to attending every month. We welcome you for discussion and fellowship whenever you are able to attend.

Hometown Days Parade June 5th

Sunday, June 5th will be the Verona Hometown Days parade. Church and prek work together to have a float in the parade and promote our ministries. Parade begins at noon. If interested in helping design or put the float together, or walking along with the float, speak with Gene Cate, Katie Mikula, Ali Manning, or Pastor.

Heartsaver CPR/AED Training:

We will be holding a Heartsaver CPR/AED course on Wed, 6/1 at 6:00 pm at RLC. We will be done by 9:00 pm. This is a 2 year certification through American Heart Association. The special rate for RLC members, family and friends is \$25 per person. Please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board if interested. Maximum of 9 students. Please contact Denise Reimer with questions at 608-225-0902 or reimer1@charter.net.

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May News from Our Director, Katie Mikula

Happy spring! It's hard to believe the school year is almost done! Here's what is happening in our classrooms this month:

3 Year Old Preschool

The 3's will be busy learning about different occupations and working together. Mrs. Melso will be asking parents to come in and talk about their jobs with the kids. How exciting! They'll also be celebrating Mother's Day, focusing on fitting one ordered set of objects to another and enjoying a new dramatic play center- a grocery store!

4 Year Old Preschool

The 4's will have a few different themes this month: nursery rhymes, outer space, transportation, and trees and birds. The kids will be making special gifts for their wonderful moms. Math and literacy assessments are due by the end of this month so the children and I will be very busy getting those done! I'm ready to test those smart brains. ☺

Bible Stories

Our stories for this month are "Jesus Teaches Us to Pray", "Jesus Raises Lazarus", "Jesus Seeks the Lost", "Jesus Heals the 10 Lepers", and "Jesus Blesses the Children".

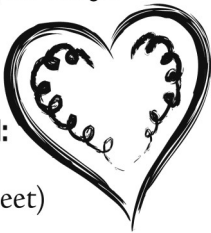
Both classrooms are headed to the hospital this month to see the Comm center, CHETA ambulance, and the helicopter! Thanks to our member, Denise, for getting us set up with this awesome field trip!

Ali Manning recently accepted the call to be our new director, administrator and teacher. Thanks be to God! We ask for prayers and encouragement as we begin the transition period. If you have questions about the upcoming school year, please send them to Ali.



A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift – and a hug!

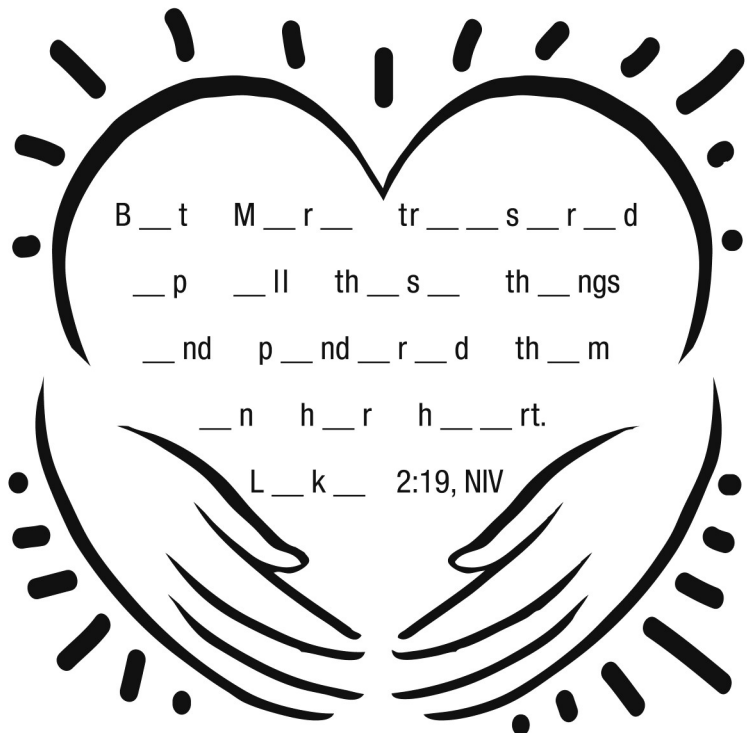


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

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Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

Soccer Camp 2016



Please think about volunteering to help out with soccer camp July 2016. The camp is planned to take place from Monday, July 11th through Friday, July 15th at Veteran's Park in Verona. If you'd like to volunteer to be a coach or assistant coach just talk with Vicar Melso or email him at: vicarmelso@rlcverona.com.

No experience required, training and soccer drills will all be provided for the volunteers.

