

RESURRECTION



NEW LIFE NEWS

Jesus is the Resurrection
and the Life...

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



Jesus is my Savior from Myself

By grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

“I can do it all by myself!” If you have children, you have heard these words. You want them to learn how to do things on their own, but usually they pick times to try when it is least convenient for you. Walking out the door, already late is the time they want to tie their shoes for the first time.

Have you ever thought, “I can do it all by myself?” Doing a project at work by yourself may result in a raise or promotion. However, trying to get into heaven by yourself will never work.

Think about this question: “If you were standing outside of heaven’s gates and God asked you, ‘Why should I let you in?’ what would you say?” Well, how would you answer? “Oh, I was a good dad/mom.” “I was faithful at work.” “I never (fill in the blank).”

If you answered that way, can you hear it? It is the sound of silence; the sound of heaven’s gates NOT opening. God requires us to be perfect like him. That means that if we want to go to heaven we can never do any wrong...ever!

The truth is that no matter how hard we try, no matter how much good we do, we will never be perfect. Even just one wrongdoing disqualifies us from heaven. Honestly, we commit many, many wrongs in life. So for the prospect of heaven, each of us has to admit, “I CAN’T do it by myself!”

But we don’t have to do it ourselves! God tells us in his Word that we have been saved **BY GRACE!** Though we are undeserving, God deeply loved us. He sent his Son, Jesus, to open the way to heaven for us. Jesus did this by sacrificing his innocent life in our place for all of our wrongdoing. Now, through Jesus we are perfectly right before God, all because we didn’t do it ourselves. Jesus did it for us!

Why should God let you into heaven? You can point to Jesus and say, “Because of him.” Jesus is the one who opens heaven.

Thank Jesus for this wonderful gift! He is your Savior who did it all for you!



Grace

Resurrection Lutheran Church

New Life News

Where are RLC's previous Vicars?

Pastor Jacob Haag

My last week at RLC was eventful in more ways than one. Along with a few of you, I attended the 2014 WELS Conference on Worship, Music, and Arts at Carthage College in Kenosha, where I met Megan Watson. After a year of working with him, I could read Pastor Strutz's face quite well. After a game of sheephead, he gave me a look across the room that said, "I didn't know Jacob talked to girls."

Megan and I started dating in January 2015 and got engaged on Coronado Beach in San Diego (her hometown) in June 2015, a month after graduation. For the past four years, she was teaching preschool and organizing school/church music in Tucson, AZ, and so our relationship was defined by plane trips and Google Hangouts. It was an honor for Nathan & Elizabeth to come out to California to marry us this past June. We were able to spend a few days on a honeymoon in Cambria, California, a small beach town on the Central Coast.

After graduation in May 2015, I was assigned to another RLC, Redeemer Lutheran Church, in another Big Ten town, Ann Arbor, MI, an artsy and very educated university town. Redeemer is a small congregation with an average worship attendance of about 45 whose previous pastor retired after 30 years serving here. During the call process, they wanted a refocus on and revitalization of outreach and campus ministry. For that, I am so thankful for my experience in a mission setting at RLC and Good News.

Redeemer is in the heart of the city, less than a mile from the Big House and about 5 minutes from downtown. Over this past year we've been developing long term strategic plans and working to bring back some excitement. We are also in the midst of a big sanctuary renovation and other facility updates. I recently accepted an appointment to the Michigan District's Commission on Worship. Despite Redeemer's small size and the post-Christian culture of Ann Arbor, the ministry opportunities are enormous.

Megan and I love to get out into the city in the restaurant and arts district. After a few very busy summer months, Megan has found a job as an accounting assistant and we are finally settling into our new life in Ann Arbor. In the last few months, I've built a new website and Facebook page for Redeemer. You can find out more at www.rlca2.com or searching @rlca2 on Facebook.

We Hear God's Word

August attendance was 189 per week. We are currently blessed with 308 baptized members. Adult Bible study attendance was 43. We currently have 221 baptized members.



More than 200,000 people are growing in their faith and understanding through the efforts of WELS World Missions



RLC Preschool News from Director Ali Manning



This past month has been a wonderful beginning to our Preschool year! The children have been learning what it means to be a school family. We have been singing songs and sharing daily about each other's family. We celebrated our Grandpeople's Day on September 8th with many Grandparents, Aunts and Friends from Resurrection. The children sang and we enjoyed snacks together.

In Lunch Bunch we have been looking at what it means to be part of God's Family. Each Tuesday, Pastor Strutz or Vicar has lead the children in Chapel. We have looked for crosses, explored the baptismal font, studied the stained glass windows and all the children have been very excited to see and hear our Bible lessons come to life! We take time each day to study God's word, sing with Mrs. Strutz, pray before lunch and do a fun activity together.

During school the children explored their world, learned about their bodies and explored colors. During Bible time we followed that with God's Creation, Adam and Eve, The Fall into Sin and God's Promise of a Savior. The children learned about Forgiveness and just this past week we saw the colors we learned about during the day turn into the Rainbow promise that God gave Noah and all of us!

To close out this month, we will be having a Welcome to the Family dinner and singing at our Thursday night worship service. May God continue to bless this ministry and guide our preschool families in God's word.



In October we will be busy with exploring shapes, building the tower of Babel, exploring musical instruments, meeting Abraham and being reminded that God is always with us!

We also have some exciting events planned for October. The children will be visiting Appleberry Farm on October 6th, Verona Fire Department will be visiting Resurrection on October 13th and the Aldo Leopold Nature Center will be coming to our preschool on October 18th to share about Hibernation. To end our month we will once again invite the church and preschool families to come together on October 20th from 5:30-7:30.

If you would like to volunteer your time or talents during the school day or during our special events, please contact Ali Manning or Mike Korth to see how you can serve our ministry. Thank you! You can reach Ali at amanning@rlcverona.com or Mike at mkorth1422@aol.com.



Grandpeople's Day on September 8th

Life Line Screening, October 22nd

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Resurrection Lutheran Church on 10/22/16. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.



RLC Roadtrip!!!

We'd like to see how many people we can get together to go a Martin Luther exhibit in Minneapolis!

This is truly a ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY. Normally you would have to spend thousands to go to Europe to see Reformation history. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing art works and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time ever.

We plan to leave RLC the evening of Friday November 11 and get back to RLC Saturday night November 12. We estimate the hotel and ticket cost to be around \$60 person.

Details on food and transportation will be determined based on the number of participants. Contact Vicar Phelps or for more information: new.artsmia.org/luther

I'm clean!

Church reformer Martin Luther once had a nightmare about being judged by the devil. From a scroll, Satan was reading all the sins Luther had ever committed.

“What hope of heaven do you have as a miserable sinner?” the devil accused.

Feeling despondent, Luther remembered the cross. “There’s one entry which thou hast not made, Satan,” he said.

When the devil inquired about it, Luther responded confidently: “The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7, KJV).

Praise God that he sent Jesus to be our Deliverer (Psalm 18:2) so we are no longer held hostage by Satan’s accusations!

Lutheran Women’s Mission Society fall rally October 15th...please help support our WELS missions

The fall rally for Lutheran Women’s Mission Society (LWMS), is fast approaching. The rally will be October 15th in De Forest and Keith Free (Caleb’s dad) will be speaking about our Home Missions.

We will be collecting some money for the WELS missions. The wonderful thing about giving to this organization is that none of the money is used for administrative purposes. All of the monies collected go to one of our Wisconsin Synod missions. Some of it goes for home missions (which is what our Rally will be about) and some of it goes for World missions.

*There is a basket marked LWMS on the table in the narthex aka the room where we all stand and talk.



Resurrection Preschool Begins the New School Year

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool officially began the school year Thursday, September 1. An Open House was held the night of August 31 with all students and families in attendance. It was a time to meet and greet the teachers, bring in supplies, games, tie-dyeing of t-shirts, and snacks. Enrollment is 6 students in 3K, and 13 students in 4K. Ten out of our thirteen 4K students are in Lunch Bunch and three of our six 3K students are as well. This is an outreach opportunity as Jesus becomes the main theme here. Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Knippel have their rooms "lookin' good"! Feel free to stop in and see them! Our Aides include Elizabeth Strutz, Katrina Meinel, and soon-to-be Dana Smith. We appreciate their work with the students.

~Mike Korth, Preschool Chairman

Mark your calendar!

Celebration Sunday is October 30th. We will celebrate God's blessings which we have received throughout the year, both in our personal lives and in our common ministry at RLC. We are God's people, doing what God loves; believing in His son, coming to His throne, and telling others what He has done. The worship service this day will prepare our hearts and minds to reflect on these blessings with gratitude and thanksgiving. The study after the service will give opportunity to discuss our response to all these blessings, how we can best praise our God and give Him glory. To cap off our celebration, in proper RLC fashion, we'll have a party! Food, drinks, packer game...watch for more information closer to October 30th!

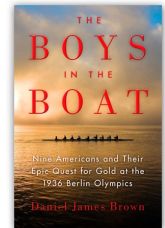
~Philip Meinel

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October RLC Book Club Meeting

October 18 meet at 7:00 pm at RLC in the youth room to discuss *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

Contact Julie Krause at Jkkrause65@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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