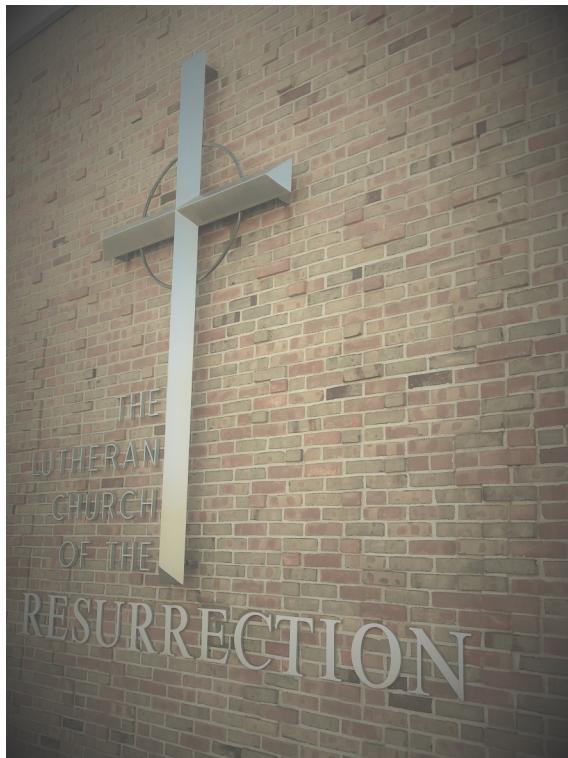


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Resurrection

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Psalm and Readings

February 3: Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalms 84: 1-12; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

February 10: Isaiah 6: 1-8– 13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

February 17: Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

February 24: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38



Adult Forums

Sunday, 2/3

Congregational Meeting

Please join us as we conduct our annual budget meeting and discuss the next phases of the building project.

Sunday, 2/10

Shepherd of the Souls: A book and a focus for the church

David and Gloria Anderson will discuss the reasons for and the major themes of David's latest book, *SHEPHERD OF SOULS: Faith Formation through Trusted Relationships*. They will share with the group shepherding resources they have developed and used in their own home.

Sunday, 2/17

Hymn Fest Preview

Join us as Paul Westermeyer leads us in previewing the hymns that will be sung at this afternoon's Hymn Festival.

Sunday, 2/24

Ministry in the Lutheran Church in Liberia: Challenges and Opportunities

Join us as the Rev. Oretha Miller-Davis tells us about ministry in the Lutheran Church in her home country of Liberia and about her thesis as she works on her M.Th. degree at Luther Seminary.

message from Pastor Tim

You Are Invited...

I recently heard about a guy who lived in Vermont who was getting married and sent out an email inviting all of his guy friends to his bachelor party. When he sent out the email, however, he got one letter wrong in the email address and it went to a total stranger in Arizona named William Novak. The email title read, "Angelo's Bachelor Party" and was intended for Angelo's friend who was also named William Novak. While most people would have simply responded, "Sorry. Wrong William Novak," this guy responded, "(expletive) count me in!" That is when Angelo responded, "You are not the guy we meant to invite, but you sound awesome! Get to Vermont!"

The guy was short on funds so he started a GoFundMe page asking for \$750 stating: "Help Me Go To A Bachelor Party Of A Stranger." The whole trip was funded in two hours and the total donated went way beyond what he asked for. When word got out on social media people started donating to the group free ski rentals, free beer, and they got a Maserati to drive around for the weekend for free!

I liked this story for a couple of reasons. The first is that when we invite we don't know who is going to respond favorably. This means that our role is to invite, invite, invite, and then let the Spirit move the people to discern whether or not they want to accept the invitation. We do not have to pinpoint our invitations, inviting this one but not that one. Why not invite our co-workers and colleagues, neighbors and friends— anyone— to join us for the Hymn Festival, Shrove Sunday, or worship? They may not accept, but they may appreciate being asked.

The second reason I like this story is that in meeting a stranger we also meet heavenly beings. In Genesis 18:1-3 it says, "The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him." Abraham bowed to them saying, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant." Later, the author of the book of Hebrews interprets this meeting, saying, "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:1-2).

The Holy Spirit acts upon invitations, moving people to attend. And when we open our hearts to love the neighbor, dare I say, that is where we meet God.

May we both invite others and accept the invitations of others, and in so doing, may we see God.

Pastor Tim



reaching out TO OTHERS

February Mission of the Month-

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has been a champion of refugees and migrants since 1939. LIRS was formed by Lutheran churches in the United States to assist people displaced during World War II. As a witness to God's love for all people, LIRS advocates for migrants and refugees and transforms communities through its ministry of service and justice.

Currently, the world is facing the worst global refugee crisis in history with over 65 million being displaced by violence and persecution. LIRS plays an important role in the United States resettlement process and works with service partners who help vulnerable refugees. Refugees are connected with essential services and receive assistance integrating into their new communities.

LIRS also works to assist children who have arrived in the United States alone. Primarily from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, these children are often fleeing gang violence, human trafficking, abuse and poverty. Many of the children are seeking reunification with family in the United States. LIRS assists unaccompanied children throughout their journey in this country. Working with partners, LIRS is able to provide a wide range of services for vulnerable children including foster care and family reunification. The health and well-being of the children is supported by the services offered.

Migrants seeking asylum often come to our country's borders and LIRS advocates on their behalf. LIRS believes that no person should be jailed or detained simply because of immigration status. LIRS promotes access to due process and champions alternatives to costly detention

programs. These alternatives prevent family separation and ensure compliance with immigration officials.

In Matthew 25:35 we are called to welcome the stranger. Please remember refugees and those working to help them in your prayers and support the important work of LIRS financially if you are able.

To learn more about LIRS, visit <https://www.lirs.org/>.

Bountiful Backpacks Needs Help from Thrivent Members

Thrivent Members are eligible to apply for, and lead, one to two Thrivent Action Teams per year. Each approved Action Team project receives \$250.00 in funds from Thrivent. The Outreach Committee is looking for Thrivent members who would be willing to lead teams that would purchase food for the Bountiful Backpacks program over the course of the next few months. Action Team leaders would be paired with a Bountiful Backpacks shopper and use the funds from Thrivent to shop for food for the program. If you're a Thrivent member who is interested in helping, please contact Alayne Thoreson at alaynemn@hotmail.com or 651-231-4562.

MN Interfaith Power and Light

Be the Spark

You are invited to join MNIPL for their 2019 Be the Spark training. This two part leadership series will be facilitated by program director Erin Pratt and Executive Director Julia Nerbonne on Friday, February 10 and March 3, each from 2-7 pm. This dynamic and experiential leadership development workshop series will build interfaith community and give participants premier organizing tools and strategic approaches for engaging faith communities in climate change solutions.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, St. Paul

Refreshments and dinner are provided. Sign up at <https://mnipl.org/2019/01/be-the-spark-leadership-development/>. Contact Nancy Nelson with questions!

our life TOGETHER

Thank you to Lock-In Leaders!

A huge thanks to all who helped organize, lead, and plan the lock-in. We had 17 kids in attendance, for an evening of games, bowling, movies, worship and very little (or no) sleep. Thanks especially to Pastor Tim, Melissa & Mark Reichert, Joel McDermott, Nathan Baker-Trinity, David Libra, August Bengtson, Julie & Eric Lindmark for chaperoning, and to Arlin Becker and Linda Hildebrant for purchasing the food!

Book Worms

Each month our book group gathers at 12:30 for a bagged lunch, followed by book discussion at 1:00 pm. Please join us on February 6th for a discussion of best selling local author Leif Enger's book *Virgil Wander*. One might be familiar with Enger's first book, *Peace Like a River*. *Virgil Wander* "is a big, generous, sweeping story of new beginnings against all odds that follows the inhabitants of a small Midwestern town in their quest to revive its flagging heart. Virgil Wander's Pontiac flies off a bridge into the icy depths of Lake Superior. Virgil survives but his language and memory are altered and he emerges into a world no longer familiar to him. Awakened into his new life, Virgil begins to piece together his personal history and the lore of a broken town with the help of a cast of affable and curious locals".

Virgil Wander is a swift, full journey into the heart and heartache of an often overlooked upper Midwest. Welcome, and if inclined, bring your bag lunch to enjoy together at 12:30. Our discussion starts at 1:00.

Hymn Festival

Our annual Hymn Fest will be held on Sunday, February 17 at 4:00 pm. This year's theme is "Alleluia! Voice Raise". Join us for this annual celebration in word and song, led by the poetry of Susan Palo Cherwien, and the music of David Cherwien. We join in the cold of winter to warm our hearts in singing and making music together. A reception will be held following the event. All are welcome. Invite a friend!



She Climbs Mountains Coffee & Convo

She Climbs Mountains is a non-profit organization based in the Twin Cities serving adult women who have experienced mother loss through death at any age. It was founded by Resurrection member, Christine Friberg.

Through workshops, informal gatherings, and formal events, the organization is committed to encouraging women to explore the myriad of emotions and experiences that accompany the loss of a mother.

Our community encourages women to grieve openly, share their stories, ask questions, nurture themselves and each other, examine the loss of their mothers, and seek joy and gratitude in a secure environment with the goal of creating a safe, supportive, and loving sisterhood.

We are grateful for the opportunity to host several of our upcoming Coffee & Conversation gatherings at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. These free gatherings allow adult motherless daughters to create connections and grow our community through discussions that focus on mother loss. Coffee is provided. Space is limited for these gatherings and registration is necessary. Please visit our website at sheclimbsmountains.org for further information!

our life

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Vacation Bible School Save – Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 29-August 2. Please mark your calendar and save the date! This year's musical will be "The Life of the Party". Registration information will be available later in February. If you're able to volunteer, please contact Rachel.

2019 Directories are available

Copies of 2019 phone directories are available in the church office. Please take only one per family. Also, a reminder that our website has an online directory available. You must sign in with a secure password in order to log on. If you would like that information, please email Rachel at rwright@lcrelca.org. Thank you!

Online Giving

Our website has the capability of accepting online donations via paypal. While we receive the lowest price for transaction fees due to our non-profit status, we do still pay for these transactions. In order to offset some of the fees associated with online giving, you will now be given the choice to add in the 2.7% transaction fee to your donation at checkout. Please consider helping us to offset these fees if you donate online.

Find the online donation site at www.lcrelca.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and find the "donate" button. Thank you!

Together in Hope Choir Project Home Concert

The TIHCP is a Twin Cities based ecumenical choral ensemble conducted by Mark Stover (former conductor of St. Olaf Chapel Choir) and Teri Larson (Director of Music at Basilica of St. Mary's). They recently performed two sacred Kim Andre Arneson pieces with the Trondheim Soloists string ensemble for the opening of the International Sacred Music Festival at St. Paul's Basilica Outside the Walls in Rome. Kristina Butler was a part of the group, along with former Resurrection organist Tim Strand.

THICP will be bringing this concert to The Basilica of St. Mary on February 9th at 8 PM. Select members of the St. Olaf Orchestra will be joining them on strings for this concert. No tickets will be needed for this concert, but a free will offering will happen post-concert. All are welcome!

Winter Organ Concert Series

Como Park Lutheran is hosting a Winter Organ Concert Series. Come chase the winter blues away with four fantastic performances. All concerts are free and open to the public at Como Park Lutheran Church (1376 Hoyt Avenue West) in St. Paul.

Sunday, February 3 at 4 pm

Visiting Organist, Joseph Trucano, organist at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Shoreview

Sunday, February 17 at 4 pm

Visiting Organist, Jessica Park, chapel organist at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

Sunday, March 3 at 4 pm

Visiting Organist, Kathy Handford, university organist at Lawrence University, Appleton, WI

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February Birthdays

- 80 and Over

02/10 Terry Romundstad	4739 Carolyn Lane White Bear Lake, MN 55110
02/29 Fred Moore	Carefree Living 600E Nicollet Blvd #306 Burnsville, MN 5533

Our Sympathy

Grace Mitchell

Long-time member, Grace Mitchell, died on January 24. The funeral will be held on Monday, February 4, with visitation at 10:00 am and the service at 11:00 am. A luncheon will follow the funeral, and the burial will take place later in the day on Monday. Please keep the Mitchell family in your prayers during this difficult time of grief.

'Carols We Love to Sing' -- National Lutheran Choir

Carry on the Christmastime cheer, and join the National Lutheran Choir's live concert recording of *Carols We Love to Sing*. Audience members will have the opportunity to both listen to National Lutheran Choir perform special arrangements of carols and participate in the recording session by singing along to popular congregational hymns.

Carols We Love to Sing will be the third volume in the popular *Hymns We Love to Sing* CD series. During the concert, Dr. Cherwien may need to repeat selections, which will allow audience members to experience the

National Lutheran Choir's recording process first hand. After the Winter Concert Recording session, the CD will be curated, produced, and made available on our Recording Shop (NLCA.com/shop). The first two Volumes of *Hymns We Love to Sing*, released in 2005 and 2010, are available today at NLCA.com/shop.

Sunday, February 10, 4:00pm

St. Michael's Lutheran Church

9201 Normandale Boulevard

Bloomington, MN 55437

Tickets: Adult \$28 | Senior \$26 | Students and Children FREE

For tickets and more information, please visit NLCA.com/18-19season or call (612) 722-2301.

Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert- please check NLCA.com for the latest ticket information. Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Contact the NLC office at 612-722-2301 for more information.

The National Lutheran Choir, under the direction of Dr. David Cherwien, seeks to strengthen, renew and preserve the heritage of sacred choral music through the highest standards of performance and literature. To learn more about the choir, visit NLCA.com and Facebook, Twitter and YouTube @NLChoir.

2019 Caring & Coping Series presents:

Normal Aging or Dementia?

Memory loss is not necessarily dementia. Learn the importance of an accurate diagnosis.

Thursday, February 14, 1 – 3 p.m.

Ramsey County Library

2180 Hamline Avenue North, Roseville

Monthly Worship Leaders

Usher Team: Team 5

Arlin Becker, Pete Sauer, Adam Wright

Altar Guild: Gloria Anderson, Sue Strohschein

Communion Bread Baking:

Sherry Kim

Sacristans: Dennis Stolp

Cookie Providers

February 3

Brian & Holly Larson
Ray & Gay Geist
Amber & Tony Stolp

February 10

Stephen Gryzan
Pat & David Libra
Barb Prokosch

February 17

Rebecca & Pete Sauer
Karen Earhuff
Dough & Wendy Wannen

February 24

Susan & Joe DiSalvo
Judy & Virginia Kuck
Sue Strohschein & Phil Peterson

upcoming

EVENTS— February

Woodcarvers: Sundays, 12:00 pm

Late Over: February 1, 6:00 pm

Annual Meeting: February 3, 10:30 am

Youth & Learning meeting: February 3, 11:30 am

Funeral for Grace Mitchell: February 4, 11:00 am

Bach Passion course: Mondays, February 4, 11, 18

St. Paul Needleworkers: February 5, 9:00 am

Daisies Meetings: February 5, 5:45 pm

Bookworms: February 6, 12:30 am

Daisies Daddy/Daughter Dance: February 8, 6:30 pm

Outreach committee: February 10, 11:30 am

Buildings & Grounds Meeting: February 11, 9:00 am

Cookie Baking: February 11, 10:00 am

Loaves & Fishes: February 11, 2:30 pm

Meals on Wheels: February 14

MN Gospel Choir: February 16, 8:00 am

Worship, Music & the Arts committee: February 17, 11:30 am

Hymn Fest: February 17, 4:00 pm

St. Paul Needleworkers: February 18, 7:00 pm

Phoebe Circle: February 19, 1:00 pm

Church Council meeting: February 19, 7:00 pm

Parish Life committee: February 24, 11:30 am

Youth Recital: February 24, 2:00 pm

League of Women Voters: February 27, 6:30 pm



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