

# The Resurrection Connection

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## What's in Worship?

### Psalm and Readings

**June 3:** Deuteronomy 5: 12-15; Psalm 81: 1-10; 2  
Corinthians 4: 5-12; Mark 2: 23-3:6

**June 10:** Genesis 3: 8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:  
13– 5:1; Mark 3: 20-35

**June 17:** Ezekiel 17: 22-24; Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15; 2  
Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34

**June 24:** Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32; 2  
Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41



## message from Pastor Tim Whose Ministry Is It Anyway?



There used to be a television show called “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” There were four comedians and a host for the show. The host would describe different skits that the comedians had to act out without any lines or rehearsal, just enter wholly into that character or sketch, feed off the limited information given and the other characters, and creatively find a way forward, and deeper, into the story.

I thought of that show when I was thinking about the ministry at Resurrection. We are baptized into, and made members of, the body of Christ. Our life’s journey is to enter wholly into being who God created us to be, and not be what other people expect us to be. We are to be our true self. That is our “character,” if you will.

We, too, are given limited information. How many of us came into this world complete with an Owner’s Manual? How many of us are still learning about our bodies, our minds, our emotions, our spirits and how we live and move and have our being in the world? And once we figure out our bodies, we have this thing called “aging” that changes our bodies just after we think we have it all figured out.

And how many of us can see into the future? How many of us can adequately plan for every situation that will happen to us ten years from now, or next year, or evening this afternoon? All it takes is one accident and our lives are changed forever, if we survive at all. Since we don’t have all of the information we need to fully prepare for the future, we move forward as best we can, given what information we do have.

And how do we do this? Essentially, we are story-makers at heart. Not just storytellers, but story-makers, too. Human beings are fundamentally

oriented toward taking our past events and crafting them into a story that helps us ‘make sense’ of who we are. Are these stories factually true? Often only parts of the story are factually true. Eyewitness accounts change and morph over time. For example, as someone is waiting for a trial each person’s story of their involvement changes and becomes less factually reliable, which is why body camera footage for police officers is so that we get the truth.

But we don’t simply create our life’s story. Our stories have to fit into larger narratives that are “owned” by our society. Just think of how individual stories of freedom are placed into the larger narrative of “this is a free country.” How do you think our stories of freedom would sound in a country like Syria, or Afghanistan, or Israel-Palestine? It can be said that all of our wars are fought over competing narratives and who gets to control the story. In patriarchal societies it became history, or what we more commonly call it today: history.

I digress. We attach our stories to others so that our story fits into a larger narrative of life, which then gives our lives meaning and purpose, scope and definition. There is, perhaps, no larger narrative of human existence on our planet than the Judeo-Christian story. Christians (along with Jews) are even considered by Muslims to be “People of the Book.” The story of God’s interactions with humanity that has been recorded in the bible becomes the foundation of our own narratives; a lighthouse to guide us into a safe harbor (to pile on different metaphors).

I mention all of this because sharing the story of a faithful God who gives us second, third, fourth... even seventy times seven chances is not Tim’s mission, nor *insert your name here*’s mission, nor the council’s mission, nor Resurrection’s mission, nor the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s mission. It is Christ’s mission. The Holy Spirit of God in Christ Jesus is the narrative of Whose We Are: We are the Lord’s.

So, Whose Ministry Is It Anyway? It is God’s mission of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. May we remember this in everything we do as servants of the Lord.

Pastor Tim

## reaching out TO OTHERS

### The Family Place

June's Mission is The Family Place (TFP) in downtown St. Paul. TFP provides safety, encouragement and opportunities – seven days a week, 365 days a year –partnering with Project Home who provides nighttime shelter.

The Mission of TFP is: ***To assist families with children in shelter to gain confidence in building future goals that will lead to success of the entire family***

The Family Place opened its doors in 2001 after the head of Project Home, a night emergency shelter through the St. Paul Council of Churches identified the need for a safe, appropriate place for families with children staying in the emergency overflow night shelter program to go during the day in Ramsey County.

Today, TFP remains Ramsey County's only day center for homeless families. In 2014 TFP expanded services to not only include caring for the basic needs of families experiencing homelessness, but also administer a comprehensive, familial educational platform called **Going Home**. **Going Home** includes Montessori education for children, a 16 week adult Life Skills training course and a Youth Development and Leadership program with a goal to end repeated and generational homelessness.

Please read more about their programs at: <http://famplace.org/> and consider contributing this June through your Monthly Mission Offering, or through volunteer service.

### Fair Trade Coffee Bars Are Back!

**What?:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting Fair Trade coffee bars once per month again this summer.

**When?:** Please join us on **Sunday, June 10** for the first coffee bar of the summer. We'll feature Fair Trade coffee and traditional coffee shop baked goods.

**What Cause Are We Supporting?:** We will be accepting free will offerings at each coffee bar to benefit the charity **Re-Member**.

Re-Member is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which works with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Re-Member works to improve the quality of reservation life through relationships, shared resources and volunteer services.



### Vacation Bible School Donations



This year's Vacation Bible School mission will be Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement Services. We will be collecting offering during the week from students, as well as an offering during the program itself to donate to this program.

We'd also like the VBS kids to create School Supply Kits to welcome refugee students. To that end, we are collecting school supplies for these kits. Here are the items that we need: 3 Folders with pockets, 3 Wide ruled notebooks, #2 pencils, erasers, child scissors, glue sticks, pencil/ crayon sharpener, crayons, and backpacks.

If you can donate, please bring supplies to church and put them in the box labeled "VBS school supply donations." See Rachel with any questions. Thank you!

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### Bountiful Backpacks

Our Bountiful Backpacks program has ongoing needs for volunteers. Here are some ways that you can help:

**Pack produce:** The Good Acre CSA has once again committed to donating extra produce to the families in the Bountiful Backpacks program. We need folks who are willing to divide this produce and pack it into wax boxes for delivery. Packing needs to be done Thursday late afternoon or evenings beginning on Thursday, June 21. A sign up sheet is in the narthex, or you can sign up online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044bacad22a20-packing>. Speak with Rachel Wright or Nancy Nelson with questions.

**Pack Bags:** You can sign up to pack bags for our families online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044bacad22a20-packing>

**Deliver Bags and Produce:** Delivery takes about an hour and takes place on Fridays at a time that works for you. Sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044bacad22a20-delivering>

**Donate:** make checks out to Resurrection with "Bountiful Backpacks" in the memo.

See Rachel Wright with any questions. Thank you!

### VBS Needs

Set up June 24: we will set up for VBS after worship on Sunday, June 24. We will need to reset the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and a few classrooms. Any and all help is welcome. If you can stay to help, meet Rachel in the narthex following worship.

Video Recorder: we would like to record the performance of our VBS musical on the evening of June 29. If you can record, please talk with Rachel.

Photographer: we also have a need for someone to take photos during the week of VBS. Please see Rachel if you are able to help!



### Fundraiser for Will Marotti Wright

On Saturday, June 9, Kinderhaus Montessori is holding a rummage sale/ carnival/ silent auction at Resurrection in order to raise much needed funds for Montessori preschool student Will Marotti Wright (please note this is a different boy than Will Wright of Resurrection). Will was diagnosed with an aggressive childhood cancer in 2016. Traditional treatment methods have not been successful in curing the illness, which has returned in the past several months. The family is now seeking a promising new protocol of treatment, which requires the family to travel, and unfortunately is not covered by their medical insurance.

The rummage sale organizers are in need of volunteers to help accept and sort donations, check people out at the sale, help with carnival games, and clean up. They are also accepting donations for the sale. If you are able to help or would like more information, contact Amy Perkins at [allforwill@gmail.com](mailto:allforwill@gmail.com) or 612.655.1027.

To sign up directly online, go to <https://rebrand.ly/hopeforwill>.

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### Graduates

#### Jonah Smithson

Jonah Wee Smithson will graduate with high honors from Mahtomedi High School. He enjoyed playing football and baseball all years, and rec basketball rounded out the year. He was also active in music with percussion and piano in band and jazz band. He will be starting at St Olaf College in Northfield, MN this fall after spending his summer playing Legion baseball and working at his yard work business. His plans at St Olaf are to explore a math major, and see how football, baseball and finding a jazz group fit into his days!



#### Hannah Afwerke

Hannah, Pat Libra's daughter, graduated from dental school from the University of Minnesota this May. She has secured a job at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

#### Hannah Schroeder

Hannah graduated on May 14th from Minneapolis Community and Technical College with an associates of fine art in Visual Arts degree. Next year she is going to Metro State to continue her arts degree.

#### Travis Albrecht

After earning his Bachelor of Arts in Technical Communication from Metro State University in 2012, Travis decided he really did want to be a lawyer. In addition to working full time at USBank, corporate offices in St. Paul, he has spent the past 4 years pursuing his Juris Doctorate at Mitchell Hamline. He graduated on Saturday, May 20. He'll spend the next two months preparing for the bar, so any prayers and good wishes for success would be much appreciated!

#### Ryan Albrecht

Ryan has always done things according to his own time line. While he began working toward a business degree right after high school, he spent some time pursuing his career with Nordstrom. He has lived in Orange County, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Seattle and New York City. A couple years ago, he felt that his life had calmed down enough that he could successfully complete his bachelor's degree. He graduated in December 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Metro State University. He is currently in the process of moving back to the Twin Cities to pursue an MBA, hopefully at Carlson School of Business. Once he gets settled in his apartment, he'll be studying for the GMAT, so any prayers and good wishes you care to send his way would be much appreciated, also!

### Meet Our New Members

#### Bev Price

Recent new member Beverly Price, prefers to be known as Bev. She and husband Fred, have lived in Roseville for



over fifty years. They have four grown children and a total of 12 grandchildren, all of whom live out of state, but provide them with numerous travel and visiting opportunities. In addition to travel, they also enjoy gardening.

Bev graduated from the University of Minnesota with a nursing degree and moved to New York, working at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY), where she met and married Fred. Meredith Hedenstrom happened to be a classmate in Bev's nursing class and after reconnecting some years later, it was Meredith who suggested that Bev visit Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

The day of Bev's first visit to Resurrection happened to be on the day of the Blessing of the Quilts. The

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quilts brought an instant and welcome memory of her Grandmother Anna Ziebell, who taught Bev to quilt. Upon opening the bulletin, she noticed Don Zibell's name at the top of the prayer list. Spelled just a little differently than her grandmother, she was so surprised to see that name as it is not very common. She has since been able to meet and talk with Lu and Don and they have enjoyed trying to determine any family links.

From these signs, Bev recognized that she had arrived at exactly the right place of worship and community. In a further coincidence, Don and Bev became members on the very same Sunday. Welcome Bev, we are happy that you are here.

## Baptisms

### Vivian Nina Gavett

We give God thanks that Vivian Nina Gavett was baptized and welcomed as our newest member on May 5. Vivian is the daughter of Kristin and Scott Gavett and granddaughter to Ruth and Wally Johnson. Welcome to the Lord's family, Vivian!

### Tessa Joni Williamson

We give God thanks that Tessa Joni Williamson will be baptized on June 3, and welcomed into the body of Christ here at Resurrection. Tessa was scheduled to be baptized on April 15, but the late spring blizzard made worship impossible. Tessa is daughter to Beth and Nick Williamson, younger sister to Emily, and granddaughter to Barb and Greg Ensberg. Welcome to the Lord's family, Tessa!

## MN Boychoir concert at Ted Mann

The Minnesota Boychoir features their annual spring concert on June 10 at 7:00 pm at Ted Mann Hall. ( 2128 South 4th Street, Minneapolis 55455). Tickets are not needed– the concert is free and open to the public. Resurrection members Alden Wright and Thomas Baker-Trinity sing in the choir. All are welcome!

## Pilgrimage to the Land of Jesus

Reverend John Setterlund, retired ELCA pastor, is leading travel experience through Israel and Palestine from October 22 to November 2, 2018. Tour highlights include Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee, the Samaritan village and Jacob's Well, Masada, Qumran, the Dead Sea and Jericho, Bethlehem & the Sheperds' field, the Holocaust Memorial and Israel Museum, and more.

Reverend Setterlund served as a volunteer missionary at the Lutheran Church in Beit Jala, Palestine from 2006 to 2008 and has since returned many times, both alone and as a group leader. He is particularly eager to introduce you to the legendary hospitality and warm friendship he has experienced. He recently led the class on Bach Cantatas here at Resurrection with Paul Westermeyer and is happy to answer any of your questions about this trip. Contact him at [john.setterlund@gmail.com](mailto:john.setterlund@gmail.com).

## Online Directory

The new pictorial directory is also available online. This can be a handy tool for contacting Resurrection folks as you are out and about and don't have your directory with you. The directory is available on a password protected page on our website. If you would like access, please email Rachel. Thanks!

## Monthly Worship Leaders

### Usher Team: Team 3

Tom Lind, Mark Cunningham, Jon Christianson, Roger Larson

**Altar Guild:** Sara Hasse,  
Beth Kessler

**Communion Bread Baking:**  
Sara Hasse

**Sacristan:** Ruth Johnson

## Cookie Providers

### June 3

Beth & Brad Kessler  
Jon & Sandra Bengston  
Kristin & Scott Gavett

### June 10

Nick & Beth Williamson  
Eric & Becca Bertram  
Barbara Abrahamson

### May 20

Josh & Christine Friberg  
Jon Lundin  
Jim & Linda Lee

### May 27

Carolyn Cushing  
Jeff & Brenda Washburn  
Tom & Nancy Lind



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## upcoming EVENTS— June

**Woodcarvers: Sundays, 7:00 pm**

**Retirement party for Nora Cruden: June 2, 1:00 pm**

**Graduate Recognition: June 3, 9:00 am**

**St. Paul Needleworkers: June 5, 9:00 am**

**Meals on Wheels: June 7**

**Rummage Sale Benefit for Will Marotti Wright: June 9, 9:00 am**

**Coffee Bar: June 10, 10:30 am**

**Buildings & Grounds Meeting: June 11, 9:00 am**

**Cookie Baking: June 11, 9:30 am**

**Loaves & Fishes: June 11, 2:30 pm**

**St. Paul Needleworkers meeting in Fellowship Hall: June 12, 13, 14 all day**

**Worship, Music & the Arts committee: June 17, 10:30 am**

**Newsletter deadline: June 18, 4:00 pm**

**St. Paul Needleworkers: June 18, 7:00 pm**

**Church Council meeting: June 19, 7:30 pm**

**Liturgy Planning committee: Jun 21, 7:00 pm (Gary's house)**

**Vacation Bible School: June 25-29, 9-11:30 am**

**League of Women Voters: June 20, 9:30 am**

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**Parish Life committee: June 24, 10:30 am**

**Meals on Wheels: June 28**

**Vacation Bible School performance: June 29, 7:00 pm**

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