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## **First Communion Classes for All Ages**

**Tuesdays, October 6, 13, and 20, from 5:45 to 7 p.m.**  
**First Communion Celebrated at 10:45 a.m. on October 25**  
**A Parent Is Required to Attend Each Class**

This year, Resurrection Lutheran Church is offering a class for children and adults of all ages to prepare for First Communion. The course will be a three-week basic introduction to First Communion and will include materials appropriate for different age groups.

We know that each child is unique, and each family has different faith backgrounds with experiences of receiving First Communion at a variety of ages. Also, because we see the parents as the primary teachers of the faith, with the church standing behind the family for support and learning, we want to offer this opportunity for young and older children and adults alike to learn about the sacraments, First Communion in particular.

A donation of \$3 per participant for class materials is suggested. At least one parent is required to attend each class with their child.

Childcare will be available for those needing to have their other children watched during class time. In addition, supper will be provided before classes begin for families who wish to gather for a meal.

Dinners will be served at 5:30 p.m., with classes beginning at 5:45 p.m. A free will offering will be taken to cover the costs of the meals.

You must register by Sunday, September 27, if you require childcare and/or want to participate in the meal on October 6.

If your child has special needs and can't participate in the class, please let Pastor Mary know, so she can make arrangements for one-on-one classes.

**Please contact Pastor Mary to register or ask questions** ([PastorMaryRLC@verizon.net](mailto:PastorMaryRLC@verizon.net), 663-8252; 212-0888; or 451-8643).

First Communion will be received at the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, October 25, Reformation Sunday. Please wear Red! A celebration in Grace Hall will follow the worship service.



## RLC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photos and Scrapbook Help Needed!

We need your help! We want to put together a pictorial story of Resurrection Lutheran as part of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration this fall, but we need pictures!

You can either send photos to us via e-mail in .jpg format or drop them off at the church office in an envelope with "Photos" and your name on the outside. We'll scan the pictures and place them on the table outside the church office for you to pick up.

Send pictures to [pastormaryrlc@verizon.net](mailto:pastormaryrlc@verizon.net) or bring them to the office by Sunday, October 4.

Make sure you include the following information for each photo: **the event, the date of the event, where it took place, and who is in the picture.**

Help is also needed for making scrapbook pages! Please contact Pastor Mary if you'd like to participate in this project.



## Food, Fun & Fellowship Kick-Off Friday, September 25, 7 p.m., Grace Hall

Would you like to be a part of a group of eight or ten adults who want to have Food, Fun & Fellowship?? The Fellowship Team is organizing an ongoing activity that will put people together who would like to meet once a month for a meal, either in their homes or at a restaurant.

Each group will decide what they would like to do each month and share the planning and organizing. You may sign up as a single or a couple, and groups may meet during the week or on weekends.

An organizational activity will take place on Friday, September 25, at 7 p.m. in Grace Hall. We'll play cards and games at the get-together to help people meet each other. You can sign up at the display in the Narthex before, during, or after September 25. Contact Sandy McAuley if you have questions.

## All-Congregation Hayrack Ride and Hot Dog Roast Sunday, October 11, 4 p.m., @ Moraine View

- Date:** Sunday, October 11
- Time:** 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place:** Moraine View State Park Concession Shelter, LeRoy
- Who:** All RLC members and friends
- Cost:** \$5 per person, kindergarten through adult (family maximum of \$20)
- Menu:** Hot dogs, chips, s'mores, and drinks
- Enjoy:** Hayrack rides (from 5 to 7 p.m.), playground, and campfire
- Bring:** Veggie hot dogs, lawn chairs, sports equipment, flashlights, and roasting sticks (if you have them)
- Sign Up:** By October 4, so food can be ordered
- Contact:** Sandy McAuley



Arranged by RLC's Fellowship Team

## September 19 to 27 Calendar

- Sat., 9/19** Habitat Work Day, 8 a.m.  
WELCA Convention, 8 a.m., Springfield  
**Alive @ Five Worship, 5 p.m.**  
Confirmation Covenants
- Sun., 9/20** **Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**  
Confirmation Covenants  
Sunday School/Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.  
“A Gardener, Two Travelers, and  
a Cheat” Adult Forum, 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.  
LYO Parent and Student Meeting, 6:01 p.m.  
September 27 *Spirit* Deadline
- Mon., 9/21** Stretch ‘n Pray, 5:45 p.m.  
Community Relations Team, 7 p.m.  
Disciple Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Safe Harbor Meal Served by LYO
- Tues., 9/22** Stephen Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
- Weds., 9/23** Midweek Prayers, 10 a.m.  
Confirmation, 5:50 p.m.  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- Thurs., 9/24** Building in Use Most of Day and Evening
- Fri., 9/25** Wedding, 6 p.m.  
Food, Fun, and Fellowship, 7 p.m.  
Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Good News  
thru 9/27
- Sat., 9/26** **Alive @ Five Worship, 5 p.m.**  
Three-Year-Olds Receive Bibles
- Sun., 9/27** **Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**  
Three-Year-Olds Receive Bibles  
Sunday School/Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.  
“A Gardener, Two Travelers, and  
a Cheat” Adult Forum, 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.  
Grace Hall in Use, 2 p.m.  
LYO CORE, 6:01 p.m.  
October 4 *Spirit* Deadline



## September 27 Lectionary

The **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** scripture references for September 27, 2009: **First Lesson** – Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29; **Second Lesson** – James 5:13–20; 4:7–8a; **Gospel** – Mark 9:38–50; and **Psalm** 19:7–14.

**Reflection:** Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

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## Adult Choir Rehearsals Begin

Starting September 20 and 23, RLC's Adult Choir, under the direction of Doug Reiners, will practice on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The choir frequently sings a variety of contemporary and traditional choral settings at Sunday worship services throughout the school year. New members are welcome, even if you can attend just one weekly rehearsal. For more information, please contact Doug Reiners.



## Pictorial Directory Appointments

We are producing a new pictorial directory for our congregation this fall. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 color portrait and a directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends.



### Our Photography Dates are:

Thursday, October 29 – 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, October 30 – 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31 – 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Schedule Your Appointment On-Line:

Via the Resurrection website – [www.reslutheran.org](http://www.reslutheran.org). Links are included in the “Get Connected” and “Upcoming Events” sections of the home page as well as the “Upcoming Events” section of the Events page.

Via this link: [Schedule Your Appointment](#)

1. Select the NUMBER to be photographed.
2. Click on the DAY you are available.
3. Click on the TIME you are available.
4. Enter your name, phone number, and e-mail address.
5. Create a user name and password.
6. Review information and then click FINALIZE to complete
7. An e-mail confirmation will be sent to you immediately along with an e-mail reminder three days prior to your session.

Or

**Schedule Your Appointment at Church on Sundays, October 4, 11, and 18**

**Contact:** Heather Young with questions.

## Calling All Friendly, Enthusiastic Folks to Assist with our Pictorial Directory Project

**Phone volunteers:** You will call members who haven't scheduled their sessions during the week of October 19. We will also need phone volunteers to make reminder calls a few days before our photography dates.

**Host/Hostess Volunteers on Photo Dates:** Two people per shift – you should arrive early for training.

October 29: 2:30 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

October 30: 2:30 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

October 31: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

**Please contact** Marcia Fetzer (663-8252; [marciafetzerrlc@verizon.net](mailto:marciafetzerrlc@verizon.net)) if you can help with any of these tasks.

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR  
*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*

## **Women's Christmas Celebration**

**Marriott Conference Center, Normal**

**Friday, December 4, 7 to 9 p.m., or Saturday, December 5, 8 to 10 a.m.**

**Sign up and Pay \$15 for Tickets by Noon on Sunday, October 4**

Two separate Immanuel Bible Foundation Women's Christmas Celebrations will be held this year, one on Friday, December 4, from 7 to 9 p.m., and one on Saturday, December 5, from 8 to 10 a.m., at the new Marriott Conference Center in Normal.

This year's speaker is Jill Savage, the founder and CEO of Hearts at Home. The author of six books on marriage and parenting, a *Pantagraph* columnist, and a frequent radio show guest, Jill is passionate about encouraging women.

The cost is \$15 for either event. On Friday, desserts and chocolate will be served, and, on Saturday, a hot breakfast will be provided.

Starting on October 5, tickets will go on sale and tables will be assigned. If you would like to attend with a group of women from RLC, please sign up at the Welcome Center and leave a check for \$15 payable to the Immanuel Bible Foundation in the marked lockbox by noon on Sunday October 4.

Make sure you register for the correct event – there are two different sign-up sheets. Kathy Eckert will purchase the tickets, so contact her ([kathyeckert@verizon.net](mailto:kathyeckert@verizon.net); 663-8252) if you have any questions.

## **LYO Parent-Student Meeting**

**Sunday, September 20, 6:01 p.m.**

All high school parents and students are asked to attend a very important joint meeting on Sunday, September 20, from 6:01 to 7:30 p.m. The LYO adults will share essential information for the coming year. Call Janie or Terry Houchin; Kristen or Chris Ayers; or Chad Jennings for details.

## **Your Eco-Bit**

**Earth-Saving, Energy-Saving Tips and Tidbits  
from the Eco-Justice Team**

If you change your own motor oil, take your used oil to a collection center for recycling instead of dumping it and polluting our water supply. Automotive service outlets usually recycle oil, but ask if you're not sure.

Recycling just two gallons of used oil can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost 24 hours. Check <http://earth911.com/> for a list of local collection centers for oil and many other recyclable items. Adapted from <http://www.recycleoil.org/more.html>.



**God's World . . . Our Hands**

## **“Discover Your Spiritual Strengths”**

**Thursday, October 1, Wesley United Methodist Church**

Recharge your spiritual batteries and be blessed with a day of spiritual introspection and enlightenment. By popular demand, Faith in Action and BroMenn Health Care are welcoming back Dr. Richard Johnson who was overwhelmingly well received at last year's Spirituality Conference. He will speak on “Discover Your Spiritual Strengths” at Wesley United Methodist Church, 502 East Front Street, Bloomington, on Thursday, October 1. For the schedule, costs, registration information, and contact information, please see the brochure posted in Grace Hall or call 309-827-7780.

## ***A Gardener, Two Travelers, and a Cheat* Adult Forums**



Through Sunday, October 4, join us in Adult Forum for *A Gardener, Two Travelers, and a Cheat*. This is one of several titles in the “People of Faith” Series which is designed to explore Bible characters in the belief that the stories of God’s people in the Bible are not just information about men and women who lived long ago, but are also about us.

This unit of study considers the first set of major characters in the Bible – Adam, Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob. But remember, the point of studying these stories isn’t to peek under the dusty sandals of some people who died more than 3,000 years ago. The point is to meet the living God. We hope you will join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall.

## **Friends of the Children of Haiti Soseyete Potomitan**

**Friday, October 9, @ the Butcher Block in Peoria**

Soseyete Potomitan is the central means of support for Friends of the Children of Haiti. On Friday October 9, members and guests will gather at the Butcher Block at Junction City, 5901 North Prospect Road in Peoria.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and an informational program will be provided along with a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit Friends’ medical efforts in Haiti. For more information, please contact Friends at 309-369-2634 or [email@fotcoh.org](mailto:email@fotcoh.org).

### **Our Giving and Attendance**

**Dates:** 08/31/09-09/06/09

**Offering:** \$3591.34

**Weekly Mission-Based Goal:** \$8,583.52

**Year-to-Date:** \$290,783.49

**Year-to-Date Mission-Based Goal:** \$309,006.72

**Weekend Worship Attendance:** 138

**Dates:** 09/07/09-09/13/09

**Offering:** \$12,182.78

**Weekly Mission-Based Goal:** \$8,583.52

**Year-to-Date:** \$302,966.27

**Year-to-Date Mission-Based Goal:** \$317,590.24

**Weekend Worship Attendance:** 206



## **Susan Klotzbach Organ Concert**

**St. John’s Lutheran, Bloomington, September 20, 3 p.m.**

The St. John’s Music Series kicks off the 2009–2010 season with guest artist, organist Susan Klotzbach, in a recital the afternoon of Sunday, September 20, starting at 3 p.m. Klotzbach serves as the Illinois Wesleyan Organist, Opera Music Director, and staff accompanist.

The annual Music Series is offered as an outreach to the community, to showcase the St. John’s organ, and to promote the featured musicians. All programs are free and open to the public.



## Find Hope in the Little Gethsemane Prayer Garden

Many of us are suffering from various reasons from the economy to relationships. The Old Testament speaks often of the comfort that hope in God brought to ease the anxiety and fears of the Israelite nation and its people. God's loving kindness to the people of Israel gave them confidence that he would fulfill his promises for their future.

Our caring God seeks to be the basis of our hope, too. God will continue to pour out his loving kindness on us, just as he did Israel, when



we place our hope in him. We read in Psalm 33:18, "Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love."

Hope in anything other than God leads to chaos and disaster. Let us reap the peace offered to us by our loving God by spending some time contemplating various "Hope" scriptures in the Little Gethsemane Prayer Garden by the church entrance.

By Erma Kahle

## RLC Grounds Coordinator Needed

The RLC Support Team is searching for one or two persons who love lawns and gardening to plan, organize, and oversee the servants who care for the Little Gethsemane Prayer Garden and the RLC grounds. If you have a passion in this area and a "green thumb," contact Ron Fetzer, Support Team chair.

## Habitat Work Day

**Saturday, September 19, 8 a.m. to noon**

Habitat for Humanity's construction on the home of Caire Brown continues at 618 Indianapolis Street, Bloomington (a block south and west of the Oakland Avenue and Morrissey Drive intersection).

**RLC's last official work day is Saturday, September 19, from 8 a.m. to noon.** Please contact RLC's Habitat coordinator, Kevin Fuhrman if you plan to participate.

## September 19 and 20 People Power Reminder NEW Third Week Green Team

We will not be publishing People Power substitutions in the *Spirit* from now on. Marcia Fetzer, Administrative Assistant, will be sending out reminders to team members and substitutes during the week.

From Monday to Thursday, please contact Marcia (663-8252; [marciafetzerrlc@verizon.net](mailto:marciafetzerrlc@verizon.net)) to report trades or substitutions. On Friday, Saturday, or Sunday morning, call the Steward for your worship service with changes.

You can also note changes on the People Power calendar posted on the bulletin board in the Nursery Alcove. Stewards: be sure to always check the calendar for the most recent information prior to the start of worship.



## Ministry Prayers

**Faith in Action:** We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the spiritual, emotional, and physical ministry that our Faith in Action volunteers provide to the senior citizens of our community, especially the RLC members who spend over 300 hours every year in transportation, shopping, telephone reassurance calls, friendly home visits, or home repair and maintenance services. We also pray that those who are receiving care will be strengthened and encouraged by this ministry.



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## Schedule of Services

Alive at Five Saturday Worship – 5 p.m.  
Sunday Worship – 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

## Sunday School for All Ages

Classes Begin September 13, 9:30 a.m.

## Resurrection Staff

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### RLC Vision:

Communities claimed and empowered by God for hope and wholeness

### RLC Mission:

Resurrection Lutheran Church exists to:

- Invite** people into the body of Christ,
- Ignite** passionate growth in faith, and
- Excite** believers for lives of service.