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### **"On the Vine": Our Lenten Theme**

As we enter Lent this year, we will journey through Jesus' early ministry – teachings, healings, miracles, parables – and into the drama of Holy Week. In John 15, Jesus tells us that he is the true vine and we are the branches:

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5) We are grafted into Christ, and Christ is our source of life and nourishment. Because we are grafted into Christ, this Lenten journey is our journey and his death is our death. His life is our life: life "on the vine."



Join us in worship on Sundays and Wednesdays and in Adult Forum on Sundays, as we explore what it means to be rooted in Jesus as we follow the life of Jesus.

#### **The themes for Lent will be as follows:**

First Week of Lent, beginning with February 20-21: **Grafted** – What does faith and faithfulness mean? Our youth will lead us in worship.

Second Week of Lent, beginning with February 27-28: **Rooted: Baptism and Beginnings** – We explore the baptism of Jesus and how he is the "root," the one into whom we are grafted in our own baptism.

Third Week of Lent, beginning with March 6-7: **Nourished: Miracles and Ministry** – Jesus gives power and authority to his followers to teach and heal. This is our call as well, as we grow in Christ who is the true vine. It is the vine that nourishes us.

Fourth Week of Lent, beginning with March 13-14: **Growing: Conversations and Controversies** – This is not going to be easy! Jesus' disciples are discovering that Jesus' ministry is controversial and causes division. This is the essential growing point for every disciple: "Will you acknowledge me" before one another? True growth almost always includes pain: growing pains.

Fifth Week of Lent, beginning with March 20-21: **Stewards: Teaching and Trusting** – Before you start something, you need to "count the cost" of contemplating the project. In this vineyard, we are called to "steward" God's gifts as part of living out true discipleship.

*Pastor David*

## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 17, 7 p.m.



An Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will take place at 7 p.m. on February 17. Please sign up for People Power roles on the Kiosk in the Narthex.

A Soup and Bread Supper will be provided by our Confirmation students and families at 5:30 p.m.

## FOTCOH Silent Auction Begins February 13

About 60 items, including several from Haiti, are up for bid at the silent auction to support FOTCOH (Friends of the Children of Haiti). Items will be on display for bidding from February 13 to 21, with the bidding deadline at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 21.

### You can support FOTCOH by:

- Bidding on an item at the silent auction
- Making a financial contribution

All funds raised will go to operating costs of FOTCOH, the primary use being to purchase medications to dispense at the clinic. Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$3 raised, up to \$800.

For special arrangements regarding your bid or financial donation, please contact Trudy Vogel; Sharon Hoy, or Kathy Neil.



## LYO-Led Worship Services

February 20 and 21

The high school Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) will be leading worship at all three services on February 20 and 21.

Our theme this year is TIME.

The LYO band will lead music.

Students are writing the puppet play and preparing videos.

It will be a weekend filled with creativity and enthusiasm.

Please join us.

Invite your family.

Invite your friends.

## LYO Souper Bowl Collection

RLC members and friends donated \$1,260 for Feed My Starving Children (food being sent to Haiti) and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during the LYO Souper Bowl collection on February 6 and 7.

The money will be divided evenly between the two organizations, and Thrivent will match RLC's donations. Thank you for your generosity in helping others!

For a total of all Souper Bowl contributions, see [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org). As of February 8, \$4,514,676 had been generated with 3,136 groups reporting.

## February 13 to 21 RLC Ministry Events

- Sat., 2/13** Grace Hall in Use, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Family Bowling, 1 p.m.  
@ Pheasant Lanes  
Sanctuary in Use 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Alive @ Five Worship, 5 p.m.**  
FOTCOH Auction Begins
- Sun., 2/14** **Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**  
Sunday School/Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.  
"Love Is . . ." Adult Forum, 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.  
LYO, 6:01 p.m.  
February 20 *Spirit* Deadline
- Mon., 2/15** Stretch and Pray, 5:45 p.m.  
Community Relations Team, 7 p.m.  
Sunday School Teachers Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Disciple Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Safe Harbor Meal Served by Wittmans
- Tues., 2/16** Women's Bible Study, 11:45 a.m.,  
@ Olive Garden  
Council, 7 p.m.
- Weds., 2/17** Midweek Prayers, 10 a.m.  
Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
First Communion Class, 5:45 p.m.  
**Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7 p.m.**  
Adult Choir, 8 p.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parents Meeting,  
8:15 p.m.
- Thurs., 2/18** Clergy Conference, 8 a.m. to noon
- Fri., 2/19** No Events Scheduled
- Sat., 2/20** LYO Worship Prep, 1 p.m.  
**LYO-Led Worship, 5 p.m.**
- Sun., 2/21** **LYO-Led Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**  
Sunday School/Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Forum, 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.  
FOTCOH Auction Ends, 10:45 a.m.  
Wings and Prayers Service, 3 p.m.  
February 27 *Spirit* Deadline



### February 21 Lectionary

The **First Sunday in Lent** scripture references for February 21, 2010:

**First Lesson** – Deuteronomy 26:1–11; **Second Lesson** – Romans 10:8b–13; **Gospel** – Luke 4:1–13; and **Psalms** 91:1–2, 9–16.

**Reflection:** These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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### February 13 and 14 People Power Reminders Second Saturday and Sunday Teams

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.

## “Love Is . . .” Adult Forum Sunday, February 14, 9:30 a.m.

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with some of the most well-known verses from scripture! On Sunday, February 14, Pastor David will facilitate an Adult Forum focusing on the “Love” passage from 1 Corinthians 13.



## Ministry Prayers

**Ash Wednesday Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Your Eco-Bit

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



God’s World . . . Our Hands

If you need to warm up or defrost small amounts of food, use a microwave instead of the stove to save energy. Microwave ovens consume around 50 percent less energy than conventional ovens. For large meals, however, the stove is usually more efficient. In the summer, using a microwave causes less heat in the kitchen, which can save money on air conditioning. Adapted from [http://www.energyquest.ca.gov/saving\\_energy/index.html](http://www.energyquest.ca.gov/saving_energy/index.html)

## “Shoeman” Shoe Collection Continues throughout 2010

For the rest of the year, remember to bring your old shoes to RLC and place them in the collection box in the Narthex. They will be recycled, and the proceeds will be used to purchase hydraulic drilling rigs for digging wells that pump clean water for people in Kenya. For details, contact Sharon Hoy or visit [www.shoeman.org](http://www.shoeman.org).

## Family Bowling Afternoon

Saturday, February 13, 1 p.m., @ Pheasant Lanes

Enjoy an All-Congregation Bowling Afternoon at Pheasant Lanes on Saturday, February 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$3.25 per game per person, and bumpers will be available for children. Shoe rental is free.



Contact Sandy McAuley of the Fellowship Team if you haven’t signed up yet but want to attend.

## Ceramic Coffee Cups Needed for Stephen Ministry Workshop

Do you have any ceramic coffee cups that you no longer want?

On Saturday, February 27, Resurrection is hosting a Stephen Ministry Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for area congregations and RLC members. The team would like to give each participant their own mug to use during the day and then take home. Please leave contributions in Kathy Eckert’s office by Sunday, February 21.

**Members of Resurrection are invited to attend the workshop free of charge** (the usual cost is \$15 per person). Participants will enhance their caregiving skills and also learn about Stephen Ministry.

Please pre-register by contacting Kathy Eckert (663-8252; [KathyEckertRLC@verizon.net](mailto:KathyEckertRLC@verizon.net)).



## **A Sunday Afternoon Salon of Love Songs**

**Sunday, February 14, 3 p.m. @ Broadview Mansion, 1301 South Fell Ave, Normal**

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, Immanuel Bible Foundation invites you to enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music in the living room of Broadview Mansion featuring Deana Moore, Bobbi Hynes, Joy Moore, Michael Hull, Jane Smolen, Tonya Smith, and Beth Padgett. All proceeds will benefit the Van Leer Music Scholarship Fund. The suggested donation at the door is \$5 for the concert and tea reception that will follow.

## **Men's Kogodus Retreat**

**February 19 to 21 @ Camp Griesheim**

Kogodus is a renewal ministry with Lutheran origins open to all denominations. Weekend retreats are designed to allow participants a chance to reflect on God's point of view regardless of where they are in their faith. It is hoped that participants will encounter Christ's love and grace through prayer, talks, and discussions centered on the Apostle's Creed.

From February 19 to 21, a "Faith and Life for Men" retreat will take place at Camp Griesheim located near Atlanta, Illinois. If you are interested in attending or have questions, contact Dave Douglass.

## **St John's Players Present "Godspell"**

**February 26 to 28 @ St. John's, Anchor**

From February 26 to 28, St John's Lutheran Church, Anchor, will present the St. John's Players in "Godspell." Dinner theaters will take place on Friday and Saturday, and dessert matinees on Saturday and Sunday. For information and tickets, call 309 824-0353 or email [stjohnsanchor@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnsanchor@yahoo.com). See the bulletin board in the entryway alcove for details.

## **Ecuador Mission Trip with St. John's Lutheran, Bloomington**

A group from St. John's Lutheran in Bloomington is planning another mission trip to Ecuador this summer. An information meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 11, at 7 p.m. in the Adult Discipleship Rooms. The 2009 mission trip provided building materials for a village school and a well, basic health care, and Bible school for more than 130 children. For information on this year's trip, contact RLC member Susan Lash who participated last year and plans to go again or Jan Pritts of St. John's.

## **Connecting Hearts Adoption and Orphan Awareness Conference**

**February 20, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Christ Church, Normal**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual free Normal/Bloomington Adoption and Orphan Awareness Conference is sponsored by local churches and Christian businesses and will be hosted at Christ Church, 1301 North Linden, Normal. For details, see <http://www.connectingheartsconference.org> or contact Cathy Applington (309-660-1162; [cathyapplington@comcast.net](mailto:cathyapplington@comcast.net)).



## **First Communion Classes for All Ages** **Wednesdays, February 17 and 24, and March 3, 5:45 to 7 p.m.** **First Communion Celebrated at 10:45 a.m. on March 7**

Resurrection 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.

**Because we have over five participants signed up, registration has been extended to Sunday, February 14.** However, you can no longer request childcare for your other children during class time.

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

Soup suppers will be served at 5:30 p.m., with classes beginning at 5:45 p.m.

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 sign up or ask questions** ([PastorMaryRLC@verizon.net](mailto:PastorMaryRLC@verizon.net), 663-8252; 212-0888; or 451-8643). You can also fill out a registration card at the display in the Narthex.

First Communion will be received at the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, March 7. A celebration in Grace Hall will follow the worship service.

## **Do You Have a Loved One behind Bars?**

- Are you suffering from the pain that often comes with having a loved one in prison?
- Do you feel alone and that no one understands what you are going through?
- Do you have no one to talk to about what you are experiencing?
- Would it be helpful to meet with others like yourself for support and encouragement?

Starting on Saturday, March 6, Joy Care Center is sponsoring a support group for families and friends of individuals in prison. The group will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at OSF Medical Center at Ft. Jesse Road, 2200 Ft. Jesse Road, Normal.

This will be an opportunity to discover how to better cope with the issues you deal with because of having a loved one behind bars.

Enter the main entrance to Medical Center. Someone will be at the entrance to direct you to the Wes Becker Conference Room located on the first floor. The facility is handicap accessible. No children under 16 years of age should attend.

Joy Care Center, Inc., a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to mentor ex-offenders upon release from prison is forming this support group as an outreach to family and friends of those in prison. Joy Care's offices are located at 510 E. Washington St., Suite 403, Bloomington. If you have questions, please call 827-7919 or email [joycarecenter@yahoo.com](mailto:joycarecenter@yahoo.com).

## **Adopt-a-Family Thank You**

On behalf of the hundreds of children and their families whom we assist each year, please accept my appreciation for your donation of gifts to our Adopt-a-Family program valued at \$700. Your generous donation helps provide Christmas presents and necessities to families who would otherwise have no gifts under the tree. Unfortunately, there are many in our community for whom obtaining the most basic necessities of life seems to be a continuing struggle. These needs must be met for our boys and girls to truly thrive. Thank you for your continuing support in helping us meet the needs of the children and families we serve.



Sincerely, Katie Killian Allen  
Adopt-a-Family Coordinator, Children's Home + Aid Children's Foundation

## 2010 Prayer Partners

Christopher Armstrong-Reiner  
and Debbie Whelton  
Samuel Armstrong-Reiner  
and Jon Helgeson  
Kelsie Ayers and Connie Bryant  
Alison Burrell and Kiersten Douglass  
Mary Burrell and Pastor Mary  
Alaina Domkuski and Brandon Nolan  
Drexel Douglass and Kathy Eckert  
Max Douglass and Kathy Eckert  
Zachary Horve and David Douglass  
Keegan Jones and Mark Scott  
Kenzie Jones and Kathy Neil

Alex Kullman  
and Pastor David  
Rachel Kullman  
and Nancy Kerns  
Kara Luckey  
and Kristen Nelson  
Ryan Luckey and Aaron Frank  
Tommy Scott and Susan Kullman  
Alexandra Slown and Josh Sterrett  
Brigid Slown and Rachel Jones  
Emily Sterzinger and Erin Luckey  
Mia Sterzinger and Megan Kerns Carter



Thank you to the Junior High Sunday School class for assembling our Kick-Off packets, Letha Seip for providing and serving our Jungle Parfaits, Doris and Erin Groves for making our Prayer Partner photo buttons during the Kick-Off, and all the great kids and adults participating in Prayer Partners this year.

The next Prayer Partners event will be a Game and Craft Day at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 7.

The Prayer Partners Team

Kathy Eckert, Aaron Frank, Vicki Huelskoetter, Mary Meier, Brandon Nolan, and Sherri Watson

### Our Giving and Attendance

**Dates** 01/25/10 to 1/31/10

**Offering:** \$9,301.84

**ELCA Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief thru 2/2:** \$2645.00

**Friends of the Children of Haiti thru 2/2:** \$2,848.00

**Weekly Mission-Based Goal:** \$8,557.70

**Year-to-Date:** \$40,998.24

**Year-to-Date Mission-Based Goal:** 42,788.50

**Weekend Worship Attendance:** 210

**Dates:** 02/01/10-02/07/10

**Offering:** \$4,353.84

**Weekly Mission-Based Goal:** \$8,557.70

**Year-to-Date:** \$45,352.08

**Year-to-Date Mission-Based Goal:** \$51,346.20

**Weekend Worship Attendance:** 225



*This information is preliminary and has not been verified by the Financial Secretary, so it may change slightly after verification.*



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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** – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Office Hours:** Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Resurrection Staff

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### RLC Vision:

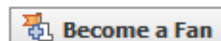
Communities claimed and empowered by God for hope and wholeness

### 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.



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