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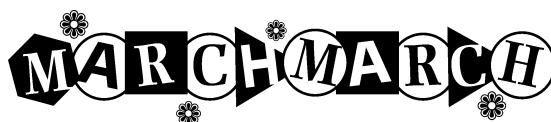


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Special Ministry Events

Wednesday, March 3

Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Knitting and Crocheting Lesson, 6 p.m.
Lenten Service with Kristen Woodside Speaking, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 7

First Communion Celebration, 10:45 a.m.
First Communion Reception, noon
Prayer Partners Game and Craft Day, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9

Women's Bible Study, 11:45 a.m., @ Olive Garden

Wednesday, March 10

Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Service of Renewal with Greg Basford Speaking, 7 p.m.

**Friday, March 12 to
Saturday, March 13**

Confirmation Lock-In, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 14

Spring Ahead – Daylight Savings Time Begins
Pancake Breakfast, 9 to 11 a.m.
"Connect" Worship Gathering, 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17

Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Holden Evening Prayer Service with Nancy Kerns Speaking, 7 p.m.

**Friday, March 19 to
Saturday, March 20**

LYO to Construction Zone, Oakbrook

Sunday, March 21

Wings and Prayers Worship Service, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24

No Soup Supper (Spring Break)
Holden Evening Prayer Service with Chris Hoy Speaking, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 27 and
Sunday, March 28**

Procession of the Palms during All Three Worship Services

Sunday, March 28

Congregational Meeting to Elect Council Members, 12:01 p.m.

Stay “On the Vine” with Lenten Resources Available at the Table by the Entryway



- Calendar cards listing Lent and Holy Week worship services
- Weekly Toolkit Handouts (new versions every week!)
 - “DailyWalk” — One-page devotional including Scripture verses and discussion questions for each day of the upcoming week
 - “FaithWalk” — Two-page tool for small groups featuring Bible study and discussion
 - “SeniorWalk” — One-page devotional with super-sized print that gets right to the point
 - “KidsWalk” — Two-page activity sheet with art, puzzles, and prayers

✂ ✂ ✂ Pancake Breakfast ✂ ✂ ✂

Sunday, March 14, 9 to 11 a.m.

The RLC Fellowship Team will be serving a Pancake Breakfast in Grace Hall on Sunday, March 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, muffins, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice will be served.

A free will offering will be taken, with the proceeds going toward Vacation Bible School expenses. If you would like to assist with preparing, serving, or cleaning up, please contact Sandy McAuley.

Prayer Partners Games and Crafts Day

Sunday, March 7, 2 to 3:15 p.m.

All Prayer Partners are invited to enjoy fellowship, games, crafts, and refreshments at RLC on Sunday, March 7, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Please bring board and other games appropriate for a church event to share with your Prayer Partner and others. You'll also have an opportunity to try some rainforest-related and other crafts together.

Before March 7, Prayer Partners should contact each other to make plans for attending the get-together.

★ Thank You! ★
★ THANK YOU! ★

FOTCOH Auction Results

The FOTCOH auction was a huge success!!! With our Thrivent grants, we netted over \$4000 for the Children of Haiti!! Thank you to everyone for all their donations of time, talents, goods, and money!

Winners who have not already claimed their prizes have been emailed or called. Please claim your items at your earliest convenience so that we can submit the donations to Thrivent for a matching grant.

Thank you for your generosity,
Friends of the Children of Haiti

February 27 to March 7 RLC Ministry Events

- Sat., 2/27** Stephen Ministry Workshop, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Alive @ Five Worship, 5 p.m.
- Sun., 2/28** **Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**
Sunday School/Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.
"Being Rooted" Adult Forum, 9:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.
LYO September to November Birthday Lunch,
noon
LYO, 6:01 p.m.
March 6 *Spirit* Deadline
- Mon., 3/1** Stretch and Pray, 5:45 p.m.
BBB Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Worship Team, 6:30 p.m.
Disciple Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Safe Harbor Meal Served by LYO
- Tues., 3/2** No RLC Events Scheduled
- Weds., 3/3** Midweek Prayers, 10 a.m.
Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.
First Communion Class, 5:45 p.m.
Knitting and Crocheting Lesson, 6 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service, 7 p.m.
Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., 3/4** No RLC Events Scheduled
- Fri., 3/5** No RLC Events Scheduled
- Sat., 3/6** **Alive @ Five Worship, 5 p.m.**
- Sun., 3/7** **Worship, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**
First Communion Celebration, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School/Zero 39, 9:30 a.m.
"Being Nourished" Adult Forum, 9:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.
First Communion Reception, noon
Prayer Partners Game and Craft Day, 2 p.m.
LYO, 6:01 p.m.
March 13 *Spirit* Deadline



March 7 Lectionary

The **Third Sunday in Lent** scripture references for March 7, 2010: **First Lesson** – Isaiah 55:1–9; **Second Lesson** – 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; **Gospel** – Luke 9:1-6; and **Psalm** 63:1–8.

Reflection: The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!"

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February 27 and 28 People Power Reminders Fourth Saturday and Sunday Teams

From Monday to Thursday, please contact Marcia (663-8252; 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.

On the Vine: Growing in Jesus Sunday Morning Adult Forums during Lent

During Lent, we will explore what it means to be "on the vine," to be connected to Jesus. Come join us in Adult Forum on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall as we explore the following topics:

- February 28: **Being Rooted:** The Sacraments as a source of growth
- March 7: **Being Nourished:** What faith practices will help us grow?
- March 14: **Producing Fruit:** Stewardship and Giving as a lifestyle of faith
- March 21: **Growing and Drought:** How do we grow in the rough times and in conflict?



"When God Calls - Extreme Home Makeover"

Laymen's Lenten Breakfast

Wednesday, March 17, 6 to 7:30 a.m., Calvary United Methodist Church, Normal

This year's Laymen's Lenten Breakfast will feature speaker and local businessman Ed Brady. Ed will reflect on his experience with the Extreme Home Makeover project that took place in August and was aired in October of 2009. To purchase tickets, send \$10 per person and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Immanuel Bible Foundation, 1301 S Fell Ave, Normal, 61761. Ticket sales end March 12.



Girl Scout Recognition Weekend

March 6 and 7

On Saturday, March 6, and Sunday, March 7, Resurrection will recognize and pray for our Girl Scouts. All Girl Scouts are encouraged to wear their official uniforms to the worship services. Any Scout who would like to participate in a worship service should contact Pastor Mary by Sunday, February 28.

Northeast Conference Assembly – Central/Southern Illinois Synod

The Northeast Conference Assembly of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod will take place at St. John Lutheran Church in Flanagan on Sunday, March 14. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 2 p.m. The conference business to take place includes the election of three Synod committees (Mission and Outreach/ Synod Council, and Stewardship Subcommittee). We have people to be re-elected for all positions, but nominations from the floor will be accepted as well. Following the business meeting, there will be a special presentation by Terry Moore, DM, the new Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission. For additional information about attending the assembly, contact Pastor Priscilla Geerdes (217-395-2520; stpaul@illicom.net).

Our Giving and Attendance

Dates: 02/15/10-02/21/10

Offering: \$6,236.45

Weekly Mission-Based Goal: \$8,557.70

Year-to-Date: \$63,420.29

Year-to-Date Mission-Based Goal: \$68,461.60

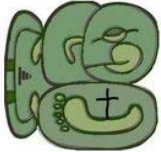
Ash Wednesday Worship Attendance: 107

Weekend Worship Attendance: 288, including 36 for Wings and Prayers



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

Journeys of Hope - Caminos de Esperanza



Two ISU students with Lutheran Campus Ministry, along with Pastor Marty and Kathy Eckert, will be traveling with Journeys of Hope - Caminos de Esperanza, a joint group of NIU and ISU students and adults on their spring break mission trip to Guatemala.

Journeys of Hope began in 2007 by NIU ELCA campus pastor Diane Dardon and her husband, Estuardo, a native of Retalhuleu, Guatemala. Their dream was to provide a school for children who live too far from the city. Our goal will be to complete work on the School of the Saints, so it can open in January of 2011. We will paint more classrooms, build and paint desks, lay floor tiles, do some landscaping, and pray. Everyone who travels with Caminos de Esperanza carries hope: for each child will be given a nutritional meal (each participant will carry one suitcase filled with food packages from the Feed My Starving Children organization), blankets, shoes, and a smile.

Our mission: as we journey to Guatemala, we are the hands and face of Christ in the world, serving with joy, ushering in hope, loving one another, and promoting mutual respect and unity through our every word and every deed. Please keep the "Journeys of Hope" team in your prayers: for safe travel, for good health, and for servant hearts and hands.

You may learn more about this mission trip at <http://www.isulsm.org> under "Journey's of Hope," and check out the video and display at this weekend's worship services. The mission trip costs \$1300 per person. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to Resurrection Lutheran Church, and one check will be presented to ISU Lutheran Campus Ministry.

March People Power FYI

The March People Power Schedules are complete and posted in the Nursery alcove. With Spring Break occurring for many during this month, please take a moment to check the schedule and make any necessary changes.

New Restroom Light Switches

Motion-sensitive light switches were recently installed in the men's and women's restrooms. The lights will stay on for 30 minutes each time they are activated. Please don't turn the lights on or off. Thank you to Alan and Alison Burrell for taking care of this energy-saving task.

Knitting and Crocheting Lessons

Wednesday, March 3, 6 p.m.

Members of the RLC Prayer Shawl Ministry Team will offer knitting and crocheting lessons from 6 to 7 p.m. (before the Lenten Service) on Wednesday, March 3. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and indicate whether you want to learn knitting or crocheting.



Supplies Needed: Those wishing to learn to crochet should bring a size H (also sometimes labeled as size 8 or 5 metric) crochet hook. Those wishing to learn to knit should bring a set of size 11 or 13 needles. We will supply the yarn, but, if you want to bring your own, we recommend medium weight (not fuzzy or bulky) yarn for beginners.

Ministry Prayers

Rooted – Beginnings and Baptism Prayer for the Day: God, you initiate this relationship we have in baptism. You seek us and find us. You make promises to us and you keep your promises. You are the one who forgives sin and initiates faith. We thank you for your awesome love and amazing grace. Amen.

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Advocate BroMenn Partners in Healing: During the month of March, we pray for the patients and staff of the Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center Pediatrics Unit. This is a colorful 22-bed unit on 4 North, dedicated to the care of families with children who require hospitalization. Many of the children are on the unit for only a day as they recover from tonsil and adenoid surgery.

“Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.” Proverbs 1:5 (NIV)

◎ ◎ Healthspot: Be a Wise Health Care Consumer ◎ ◎

In an effort to help people become better health care consumers, The American Institute for Preventative Medicine is promoting Wise Health Consumer Month in February.

10 Tips for Being More Involved in Your Health Care:

1. Take the time to carefully select a doctor or health care provider. Ask friends or relatives for recommendations.
2. Prepare for visits to your health care provider by compiling lists of questions or concerns you wish to discuss during your appointment.
3. Ask questions about medications you are prescribed. Understand why you are taking them and how they should be taken. Finish all medications, even if you are feeling better.
4. Keep a checklist of all medications you are taking and share this list with your health care provider. This is especially important if you are seeing more than one doctor.
5. Be aware of routine medical tests and examinations and the recommended times to have them. You may be able to avoid unnecessary and expensive tests.
6. Use home medical tests when available. They are less costly and can be used without a visit to the doctor.
7. Keep a well stocked home pharmacy with commonly used medicinal items. This can help you deal with routine problems and save you costly trips to the doctor.
8. Understand your health insurance plan. A list of basic questions about what is covered as well as knowing the answers to these questions can save time and money.
9. Take care of your mental health as well as you would your physical health. States of emotional upset can interfere with daily living routines and can ultimately affect your physical well being.
10. Keep a list of health agencies handy as a reference. Most can serve as a resource for free information and support.

From the American Institute for Preventative Medicine, Wise Health Consumer Month Materials, Advocate BroMenn’s Delegate Church Health Tips, Spiritual Care Services

If you have health concerns or questions please contact one of RLC’s Parish Nurses, Sharon Hoy or Brenda Hieb.

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

Climate Justice Lenten Series



God’s World . . . Our Hands

This year, the ELCA is teaming up with the National Council of Churches to offer a Lenten Resource exploring Climate Justice and how it relates to each one of us in our daily lives and communities. The resource is being written with the help of clergy, activists, and friends from around the country. Each week, the series will explore a new issue, lifting up stories from around the globe and providing ways that you and your congregation can help address climate change in your own lives.

Here are the topics that will be covered during Lent:

- Climate Change and Health
- Climate Change and Economics
- Climate Change and Development
- Climate Change and Disaster/Migration
- Climate Change and Food Security
- Holy Week Reflections on Climate Justice

If you would like to receive these Lenten reflections and explorations on climate change, sign up at http://ga6.org/elca_advocacy/notice-description.tcl?newsletter_id=28993431 In addition to the Climate Justice series, you will also receive a monthly reflection specifically from the ELCA on caring for creation topics.



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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.

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RLC Vision:

Communities claimed and empowered by God for hope and wholeness

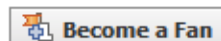
RLC Mission:

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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