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Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From the Pastor's Pen

“The first casualty of war is the truth” is a well-known quote that has been attributed to multiple people, perhaps even as far back as Aeschylus, the ancient Greek dramatist who lived around 550 BC and is considered the father of Greek tragedy.

The quote is often used to recognize the challenges that both sides face during times of crisis. As I watch the many political ads in the run up to the election, I've been thinking that a current adaptation of the phrase could be, “The first casualty of politics is truth.”

It does not have to be so. I have, as many of you I am sure, had those moments where I have shrugged my shoulders and just think, “all politicians lie.” Perhaps it is in line with Pilate's cynical and frustrated comment, “What is truth?”

But we seem to have reached a new height of lies, and the constant repetition of those lies in some minds makes them true. Biblical truth is more than a set of facts that we chose, Biblical truth is more than only listening to the opinions of those who agree with me and calling it truth. Biblical truth is a person, Jesus Christ. He tells the religious and political leaders “You will know the truth and the truth will set you free!” That knowing is more than head knowledge, it is an intimate relationship with *The Truth*.

Our ELCA Conference of Bishops recently issued a statement about truth and when I read it, I felt our church leaders had spoken well. It gave practical advice to the disciples of Jesus to live as truth-filled people in these turbulent days. You can read it [here: https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8247](https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8247).

May we as Jesus' disciples exemplify the words of Paul, “Finally, sisters and brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything, worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” And let us expect, yes demand, that our leaders do the same!”

A prayer for our nation:

“Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delight in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior. Amen.” (from ELW p. 77)

We pray often for our country and as this most contentious and close election draws near you are invited to come to church on Monday November 4 in the evening to pray for our nation the night before the election. Church will be open from 6 pm to 8 pm for quiet prayer and meditation. At 6:30 and 7:30 whoever is present is invited to join in *The Great Litany* praying for a great variety of concerns and needs in collective intercession. Come and go as your schedule allows.



This Week

Saturday, October 26 – Reformationfest 2024 Potluck

6:00 p.m., The church provides the bratwurst, roast pork, wine, and beer. Bring your best German side dish or dessert to share. Red cabbage is always welcome, of course. The kids will make scarecrows, play games and have a Halloween costume parade. Let's see who *nails* the best Martin Luther costume. Is anyone bringing German Chocolate Cake? Asking for a friend.



Sunday, October 27 – Reformation Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall & “My Bible” Class in Room 13

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

11:30 a.m. – Adult Forum in the Chapel. RELC'S Reconciling in Christ (RIC) is sponsoring another important and informative forum. Gordon Lathrop leads discussion on “Applying Biblical Interpretation to Difficult Passages.” RIC reading materials related to this topic are on the RIC table in the Narthex.



Thursday, October 31 – 11:00 a.m. online Bible Study, contact Pastor Harry for the link.

Next Weeks

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

We commemorate all of God's saints by observing *All Saints Sunday* on November 3rd and we will remember friends and family members who have died this past year.

1. Members of Resurrection whose funerals or memorials were held in our sanctuary or presided by our clergy since the last *All Saints Day* will be named in the service and family will be invited to light a candle in their memory. We will include these names in Intercessions.
2. Everyone is invited to add the names of family members or friends who have died during the past year to the Intercessions by sending an email to Pastor Harry at pastorharry@relcarlington.org by Sunday, October 27th.
3. On All Saints Day, if there is someone you would like to commemorate whose name you didn't give Pastor Harry by October 27th, you may still commemorate that person. Our Sunday School students will be at the entrance of the sanctuary with star shapes that they will cut out. You may write names on the stars and place your family member's or friend's name on a memorial banner. The Memorial Banner will be brought forward during the service.



9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall & “My Bible” Class in Room 13

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger

– We receive non-perishable food items donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex on November 3rd. Donations are collected the 1st Sunday of every month.

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

– Adult Forum. Gail Ramshaw will outline the diversity of biblical passages that deal with male and female sexuality and those that touch upon gender, that is, societal ideals and roles that embody masculinity and femininity.



2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Joint Confirmation, Session 10 “God's Surprise” @ Peace

Monday, November 4

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary available for Prayer and meditation

6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. *The Great Litany*

Tuesday, November 5 – 2024 U.S. Election Day

Thursday, November 7 – 11:00 a.m. online Bible Study, contact Pastor Harry for the link.

Saturday, November 9 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Clean-up Day see Ted Mortensen for more details.



Sunday, November 10

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall [No “My Bible” Class]

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

– Adult Forum. Gail Ramshaw will outline the current wide diversity of Christian teachings and practices concerning sex and gender, and she will indicate where the ELCA fits into the complex picture of 21st century Christianity.



Monday, November 11 – RELC office is closed in honor of Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12 – The Piecemakers Quilters Group

Wednesday, November 13 – 7:00 Book Club

RIC's Book Club will discuss "Indian Horse" by Richard Wagamese. There are two copies available in the church office to loan.



Thursday, November 14

11:00 a.m. online Bible Study, contact Pastor Harry for the link.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Church Council

Saturday, November 16 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The final Chrismons workshop

Sunday, November 17

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall & “My Bible” Class in Room 13

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Harry Therwanger

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

– Adult Forum: Shawna Bergman and Valerie Pratt present “Intro to Identities” using inclusive language and appropriate terms of identity when discussing LGBTQIA+ issues.

11:59 p.m. “THE STEEPLE LIGHT” submissions are due today by 11:59 p.m.: office@relcarlington.org.



Friday, November 22

A group from RELC plans to attend 1st Stage's production of The Lake Effect in Tyson's Corner on Friday, January 31, 2025, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. If you are interested, please email office@relcarlington.org your name and number of tickets by November 22. More information about the play: <https://1ststage.org/the-lake-effect>. Directions to the theater: <https://1ststage.org/directions>.

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Feast

We gather at 1:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The church will provide the turkey, stuffing, and wine. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome but must sign up. The Thanksgiving Dinner sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We need to know how much turkey to cook and how many place settings are needed.



RELC Ongoing Programs



Gallon Jugs Needed

The Altar Guild needs gallon-sized jugs for the altar flowers. Please cut each container in half, see photo. They will be collected in the Narthex.

RIC (Reconciling in Christ)

RIC reading materials and an anonymous question box are in the Narthex. The RIC Core Team encourages you to review Lizzie Schoen's June 28th presentation on the RIC process and widening our welcome: <https://files.constantcontact.com/7851c00c001/3388d81a-9d7d-413f-b110-38c83d1341fe.pdf>



Collection of Items for AFAC - www.afac.org

Make sure you see their newly designed website! We receive non-perishable food item donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex on November 3rd. Donations are collected the 1st Sunday of every month.

Chrismon Project

Mark your calendars now. . . The Final Chrismons workshop is Saturday, November 16, 10:00-1:00. Everyone is welcome!! Contact Mimi Van Poole with questions. vanpoole2@comcast.net





Music at Resurrection

The Music at Resurrection committee seeks quality musical groups to perform concerts. Email Cathy Carr, jccarr7@gmail.com with concert suggestions.

RELC Meal Ministry

RELC's Meal Ministry needs volunteers who are willing to cook and bake when the need arises. If you know of someone who needs the Meal Ministry, reach out to Pastor Harry. Contact Mimi Van Poole with questions. vanpoole2@comcast.net



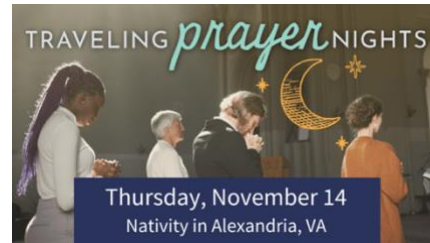
Piecemakers Quilters Group

The Piecemakers Quilters Group meets each month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10-12. Join us to put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief that are sent to refugee camps around the world. No sewing skills needed and no experience necessary. Speak with Gail Flatness for more information, gailflat@gmail.com.

Livestreaming Worship – View past worship services on YouTube by searching for “Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church.” See you online.



ELCA and Metro DC Synod News



Leadership Academy Crucial Conversation

You are invited to continue to the Leadership Academy conversation with Session 3 of Crucial Conversations on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 PM. These sessions will go deeper into how to enter into crucial conversations like how to engage during this election cycle, how to discuss Christian Nationalism, connecting with family who don't share your beliefs during the holidays, and how to go through the Reconciling in Christ process using these tools in your congregation. You do not have to have participated in the first two sessions. A video recording and the PowerPoint of the first two sessions are available online: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11w_lqCyTvWYTV_nDP_CzpXoc1taAqVm.



Register for the Zoom: <https://metrodelca.elvanto.net/form/bb3b3cb0-ae85-4a7c-bef7-5611b3337a5f>.

Discipleship in a Democracy: Responding to the Threat of Christian Nationalism

Scripture gives us a dramatic and eloquent description of the tension between loyalty to gods of particular nations, ideologies, races, places, on the one hand, and loyalty to the one God of universal justice on the other. Yahweh holds a great council and summons the gods of injustice (the gods of blood and soil, country and color, family and race) to account. As the logo for this series proclaims from Psalm 82, the verdict is in: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all nations belong to you.

- Topics: *The Reformation Church: Responding to Threats to Democracy *Nazi Germany's "Christian" Nationalists: Are we having déjà vu all over again? *How to End Christian Nationalism *Christian Without Christian Nationalism: A God-pleasing Alternative *Countering Religious Nationalism through the ELCA's Public Witness
 - Speakers: Amanda Tyler, Lead Organizer: Christians Against Christian Nationalism, Jamie Raskin, U.S. Representative, Video Message from Presiding ELCA Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, Paul Wee, and others
- When: Friday October 25, 2024 5:00PM - 9:30PM and Saturday, October 26, 2024 7:00AM - 1:30PM
Where: Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Register online: <http://173.66.73.2:86/>

Other Announcements?

If committee chairs or those responsible for ministry initiatives have announcements, email both Dale, church admin, office@relcarlinton.org and Leslie, Church Council President, leslie_nolen@hotmail.com before noon Wednesday. Announcements will be published for one week unless specific run dates are given.