



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From the Pastor's Pen

Let me share something as Thanksgiving comes into view this week:

Gary Langness is a pastor and stewardship leader. He expresses very well the positive impact that gratitude can have on others. "Just up the street from the church where I work there is my favorite place to eat, McDonald's. It is more than just another restaurant. It is owned by a woman who has a commitment to hiring and patiently nurturing folks with disabilities. One young man from this congregation was hired and it gave him pride and self-esteem. One day as the owner handed me my favorite meal I looked at her and said, 'Jane, I just want to say thanks to you for what you do on behalf of so many people. You really make a difference.' She was a bit surprised at my comment, blushed and smiled. Every time I see her, she is smiling and still hiring and working with people to change their lives."



Say it! Thank you! Write it! Look for opportunities to say it or write it!

Thankfulness builds up the body of Christ. Say a word of thanks. Write a note of thanks. Develop the habit of passing on a compliment that you have heard. A stewardship of life includes a large dose of saying, "Thank you." A spirit of thankfulness begins as a child reaches out a hand to take a cookie. Thanks, Mom or Dad, for insisting your child learns to say, "Thank you." It builds up the body of Christ.

That's retrieved from the Luther Seminary blog. Let me make another timely connection. This Sunday we return our intention/pledge for the coming year. Our stewardship of all God gives goes beyond returning a "thank you" in the offering plate. It is how we steward our whole life finances, time, relationship, talents and more that the Love of God and the Grace of Christ may be seen in us.

Happy Thanksgiving and may our whole lives be an offering in thanks to God.

"always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 5:20)



ELCA and Metro DC Synod News



Woven Together: A Post Election Message

Following the 2024 Election, Bishop Eaton reminds us in a video message that no matter who is elected president, our call to be Christ in the world doesn't change.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4HrySysWAO>



This Week

Saturday, November 23 2:00 p.m., Worship Committee meets in the Lounge

Sunday, November 24

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship, Christ the King Sunday, Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Harry Therwanger, presiding; Vicar Jessica Zurcher, preaching
– Please return your Pledge Card in the offering plate November 24.

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship in the Parish Hall

Pledge Cards



Tuesday, November 26 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., The Piecemakers Quilters Group



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.

ADVENT



Sunday, December 1, Advent 1

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship, First Sunday of Advent, Pastor Harry Therwanger

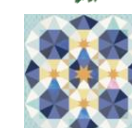
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship in the Parish Hall

– We receive non-perishable food items donations for Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in the Narthex on December 1st. We collect donations the 1st Sunday of every month.

– Chrismon Display. The excitement builds while we wait with anticipation for the birth of the Christ's birth. Before the Chrismons are placed upon the tree in the Sanctuary, view all the new Chrismons up close and learn the meaning about each in the Narthex.

– Wreath Making. The supplies will be provided: foam ring, candles, candle holders and greens. We have a couple of pruners to share but if you have one, please bring it. Also, bring greens to share for extra variety. Suggested donation: \$10.00, donations will support our youth attending the 2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please RSVP to Angie Brooke. randy_angie@hotmail.com

– Create a Quilt Square. Our RELC quilters the *Piecemakers* will guide us, details below.



Tuesday, December 3

6:30 p.m. – RELC Handbell Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, if you would like to join the Handbell Choir or if you have any questions speak with Suzanne Tsitsibelis, suztsi@gmail.com.



Wednesday, December 4 – Midweek Advent Devotional

– 7:00 p.m. Information about the Midweek Devotional can be found below.



Thursday, December 5

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



Sunday, December 8, Advent 2

- 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School in the Parish Hall & [No “My Bible” Class]
- 10:00 a.m. – Worship, First Sunday of Advent, Pastor Harry Therwanger
- 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship in the Parish Hall
- St. Nicklaus will visit Worship. The children can bring a shoe for St. Nick to fill.
- Chrismon Display. The excitement builds while we wait with anticipation for the birth of the Chris’s birth. Before the Chrismons are placed upon the tree in the Sanctuary, view all the new Chrismons up close and learn the meaning about each in the Narthex.
- Create a Quilt Square. Our RELC quilters the *Piecemakers* will guide us, details below.



Tuesday, December 10

- 6:30 p.m. – RELC Handbell Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, if you would like to join the Handbell Choir or if you have any questions speak with Suzanne Tsitsibelis, suztsi@gmail.com.

Wednesday, December 11 – Midweek Advent Devotional

- 7:00 p.m. Information about the Midweek Devotional can be found below.

Thursday, December 12

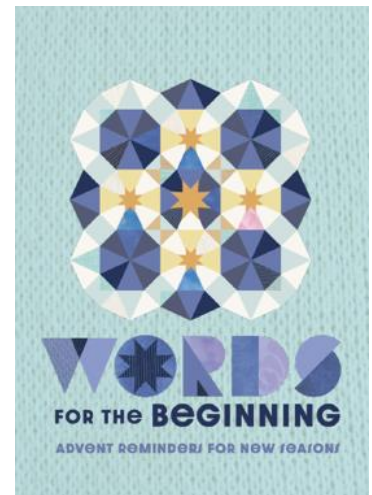
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Midweek Advent Devotions

Our Midweek devotions for the Advent season are back, on December 4, 11 and 18. The theme for the Advent Devotional is “Words for the Beginning.” This will coordinate with our special Advent Devotional Booklets from *Sanctified Art*. Let me share the words of Rev. Sarah Speed, one of the creative folks at *Sanctified Art* to introduce our theme.

“When I was a kid, my dad came up with “four things,” four truths that he wanted my brother and I to memorize. Those “four things” were four reminders about love, responsibility, our choices, and God’s care for us. Anytime I left the house as a teenager, my dad would simply hold up the number four to remind us: four things! We knew what he meant. We knew it was love. Friends, I think Advent offers that same invitation. Tucked into the end of the year when it can often feel like we’ve run out of time, Advent invites us to begin again. In the depths of winter, and on the heels of an election season in the United States, Advent declares: this is not the end, this is yet another beginning. With that hope and encouragement in mind, we have selected simple truths that we believe a mother would want to tell her baby, that God wants to tell the world, and that we need to tell each other. My prayer is that these weekly themes can be a foundation for beginning again, a foundation built on hope and love, as we once again begin again. May it be so, with God’s help.”



Create a Quilt Square

The creators of *Sanctified Art* also felt these words were “like a warm blanket bringing comfort.” Sundays during fellowship time quilt patterns will be provided that relate to our theme. Materials will be available for you to be a bit creative. Our RELC quilters, the *Piecemakers*, have agreed to be on hand to help. Many creative options are available. Some may want to color the patterns. Others may want to cut and glue materials to the pattern. Some may want to use the pattern to create a real quilt square! You may take materials home to finish your creation and bring it back to display at church.

The *Piecemakers* will incorporate any completed square into a congregational quilt that we will display and send off with to Lutheran World Relief.

A Time for Burning Revisited

"A Time for Burning" is film about one Lutheran pastor's efforts to bridge the racial divides in his community in the 1960s. You are invited to an online discussion and preview of a new documentary that revisits this classic film on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 8:00 p.m. (EST).

A link to the film:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4A3HDcbP-U>

Register to join the zoom discussion:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qf-iurT4sHtV03HUfXrf0H_5_DNx3H_ME#/registration



RELC Ongoing Programs

RIC (Reconciling in Christ)

There are RIC reading materials in the Narthex. With an anonymous question box. The RIC Core Team Encourages you to go to the RIC official website for additional information: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/>



Collection of Food 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. Donations are collected on the 1st Sunday of every month. The next collection is on December 1st.

Chrismon Project

Beginning December 1 you can learn about the Chrismons which will adorn the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. All the new Chrismons will be displayed with short descriptions in the Narthex. Thank you to all who contributed talents and time to this rejuvenating project. 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 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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.



Other Announcements?

If committee chairs or those responsible for ministry initiatives have announcements, email both Dale, church admin, office@relcarlington.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.