

RESURRECTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From the Pastor's Pen

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”

This quote is from Sunday's Gospel Reading. John the Baptist's testimony makes the baptismal connection of water, Spirit, and the body of Christ. These connections remind us that baptism is a gift given by God, empowered by the Spirit, and belongs to all.

The Spirit's work is not in *my heart*, but in *our hearts!* The Spirit does not live only in my heart, but in all our hearts and binds us together in ways we can never fully comprehend or explain.

Baptism belongs to the community, benefits the community, and is practiced in the community. These are not theological details but the very essence of what it means to be the baptized people of God.

No one can do it all alone. Jesus calls us to community. Although each of us is called to do individual acts that care for our neighbors, together we pool our wisdom, physical strength, imagination to do such things as plant a community garden, financially support good causes, stand for justice, and so much more.

Through the Spirit, in the body of Christ, the Word is proclaimed and the Christian community formed. In that Spirit-filled community the Risen Christ lives!

Let us be who we are – the Spirit-filled Body of Christ!

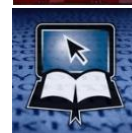
See you on Sunday.



CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall & “My Bible” Class in Room 13
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Pastor Harry Therwanger
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in the Parish Hall
After Fellowship: Budget Discussion in the Parish Hall



Tuesday, January 14

10:00 a.m. The *Piecemakers* Quilters Group

Thursday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall, No “My Bible” Class
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Pastor Harry Therwanger
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in the Parish Hall

Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Events

A Day On, Not a Day Off

- “Annual MLK Holiday DC Peace Walk & Parade,” Saturday, January 18
- The Arlington “Day of Service” is Sat., Jan. 18; more info. at volunteearlington.org
- AFAC Food Drive at MLK events; more info. can be found at afac.org
- Arlington, MLK Tribute: *Dreams, Faith, and Justice in Action*, Sun., Jan. 19, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



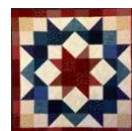
Thursday, January 23

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



Sunday, January 26 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall & “My Bible” Class in Room 13
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Vicar Jessica Zurcher preaching, Pastor Harry Therwanger presiding
11:00 a.m. *Annual Meeting*

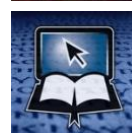


Tuesday, January 28

10:00 a.m. The *Piecemakers* Quilters Group

Thursday, January 30

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



Sunday, February 2 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall & “My Bible” Class in Room 13
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Pastor Harry Therwanger
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in the Parish Hall
2:00 p.m. Joint Confirmation Class @ Faith, 3313 Arlington Blvd.



Thursday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 9 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

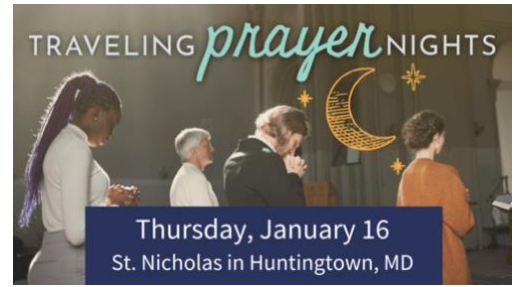
9:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall & “My Bible” Class in Room 13
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Pastor Harry Therwanger
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in the Parish Hall
35th Annual “Souper Bowl of Caring”





Traveling Prayer Night

Join the next Traveling Prayer Night on Thursday, January 16, at Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church in Huntingtown, MD. A potluck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a prayer and meditation service at 7:00 p.m.. All are welcome!



National Day of Racial Healing (NDORH)

Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central time, for a free, online event to observe the 2025 National Day of Racial Healing (NDORH). Presented by the ELCA in partnership with Augsburg Fortress Publishers, this educational event will feature worship, workshops, music and guided reflection while centering the voices of ELCA leaders of color.



Our exceptional lineup of workshops and speakers was designed to raise awareness of the need for racial healing and to inspire collective action toward building common ground for a more just and equitable world.

The event is open to all ELCA rostered ministers, lay leaders and members. We welcome all ELCA synods, congregations, colleges, universities, seminaries, separately incorporated ministries and anti-racism teams, as well as the church's affiliate organizations and ecumenical and interreligious partners. More information can be found at: www.elca.org/national-day-of-racial-healing.

Living Faithfully in Fractious Times

Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfax is excited to invite you and your faith community to join us for an exceptional opportunity to spend an afternoon with Dr. Diana Butler Bass. She will speak on "Living Faithfully in Fractious Times," followed by a book signing and reception.

We are honored to host this prolific author, world-famous theologian, and historian, Dr. Diana Butler Bass, who will lead an inspired and informed discussion on progressive Christianity renowned commentator on contemporary Christian issues.



This community-wide event is co-sponsored by the Metro DC Synod of the ELCA and will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 3:00-5:30 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax, VA 22032 Fairfax, VA. Free childcare for children between 3-10 years old will be provided for those who register in advance.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If we have 10 participants sign up, the office will register us as one group and we will qualify for the discounted registration price of \$15.00. If we do not get 10 signed up by February 16th, you will be contacted to register individually at the standard ticket price of \$20.

Bruce Onobrakpeya: The Mask and the Cross

Nigerian sculptor and printmaker Bruce Onobrakpeya began creating works depicting Christian iconography in 1966, when Catholic priests petitioned the artist to interpret the Passion of Christ. The resulting body of work is titled *Fourteen Stations of the Cross*. *Bruce Onobrakpeya: The Mask and the Cross* showcases the earliest of these commissions, from the late 1960s, on display through January 21 at the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC.



Virtual Town Hall: A Transition Conversation with Bishop Ortiz

All Metro D.C. Synod lay and rostered members are invited to a virtual Town Hall with Bishop Ortiz on Thursday, January 30, as she shares her personal insights and experiences in the role of bishop ahead of the upcoming bishop election at the Synod Assembly on June 6–7. This is a unique opportunity for all synod members to hear directly from Bishop Ortiz, ask questions, and gain a deeper understanding of this important role and the transition process. Hosted by the Bishop Election/Transition Team, this event will be held on Zoom from 7:00 PM–8:30 PM. Please register on metrodcclca.org.



Council Orientation & Training

All congregations are encouraged to gather their new and returning council members for an in-person orientation with Bishop Ortiz. During this Leadership Academy session, participants will walk through church leadership best practices, constitution & bylaw processes, and answer any questions you may have about your leadership role on Saturday, February 8, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield, VA. In-person attendance is strongly encouraged, but a Zoom option will be available upon request. Registration is open until Saturday, February 1 on metrodcclca.org.



RELC Ongoing Programs

Your 2025 Offering Envelopes Are Here!

Offering envelopes for the new year are available for pickup now in the Narthex. If you don't find envelopes for you or your family, please see Glen Mason or contact him at gdmason@verizon.net – there are plenty of envelopes available!

What is in Resurrection's proposed 2025 budget?

Thanks to the 47 members and families who have indicated how they intend to financially support Resurrection's ministries in 2025, covering 61 percent of the church's proposed budget. But what is in that budget? What happens if our offerings aren't enough to cover all of our planned spending? Find out more about the budget and what it includes at a special discussion with members of Resurrection's Congregation Council and committees after coffee hour on **Sunday, Jan. 12**, in the Parish Hall. Speakers will review the proposed budget and answer your questions about the church's plans for ministries and programs. Please make plans to participate in this important conversation.



Christ in Our Home

The January, February, and March edition of *Christ in Our Home* has arrived. If you would like one of the daily devotional booklets, the remaining booklets are in the document rack in the Narthex.

RIC (Reconciling in Christ)

In the Narthex there are RIC reading materials 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

We receive non-perishable food item donations in the Narthex for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Donations are collected on the 1st Sunday of every month. The next collection at RELC is February 2, 2025.

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.



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



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 on Wednesday. Announcements will be published for one week unless specific run dates are given.



Sights of the Seasons

