



Agape!

March 2010

Resurrection Lutheran Church's Mission:

Sharing the Love of God

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4: 9-11

On Thursday, March 18 at 7 PM, Resurrection Lutheran Church is hosting representatives from the Will County State's Attorney's office. They will present "Kids and Technology Today: What Parents and Children Need to Know to Keep Them Safe."

Resurrection is hosting this event for the entire community. The topic is timely for parents, guardians, and youth in the Channahon and Minooka area.

Please invite anyone you think might be interested in this presentation.

Hosting is an important element of Resurrection's ministry. Included in hosting is both invitation and hospitality.

Resurrection is extending many invitations to this event and our hospitality will create a welcoming space where the community can gather to learn, to

Resurrection Lutheran Church Core Values

- **Worship: Gather around Word and Sacrament to receive the good news of God's grace and to respond in daily discipleship.**
- **Discipleship: Grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God through prayer, study, fellowship, worship, stewardship, service, and justice.**
- **Outreach: Invite and welcome our neighbors to experience the love of God here at Resurrection and within the Church universal.**

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meet their neighbors, and to also meet this congregation.

Your help will be needed to spread the word, make cookies, and attend the event.

When Resurrection began in September 2008, we focused on the fact that we as a congregation have an abundance of gifts for ministry today. Hosting is all about sharing gifts.

If it is in a home, the host shares food, drink, and space so the company can enjoy fellowship, nourishment, and fun.

Similarly, when Resurrection hosts an event whether a parenting resource event, worship, or a community garden, we share the gifts of God: a gathering place, Holy Communion, and fertile soil so the community can enjoy fellowship, helpful information, God's love, and fresh produce.

The life of Christian discipleship calls Resurrection Lutheran Church to serve this community, and hosting these types of events is a way we can serve this community.



Prayers

Please keep the ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church in your prayers. If you have any prayer requests, please let Pastor Ben know.

Pass along your prayer requests by using the prayer list by the front door or telling Pastor Ben via phone, email and in person.

Favorite Hymns

We're trying to use everyone's favorite hymns in the worship services.

If you have a favorite hymn, please add it to the "Favorite Hymn List" posted in the fellowship area or write it down on a piece of paper and put it in the offering plate.

Easter Lilies

We will be making it possible for people to purchase Easter Lilies to adorn the worship space for Easter.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship area.



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W o r s h i p

Wednesdays in Lent

Come and worship on Wednesdays at 7:15 PM during Lent (Mar. 3-24). The worship includes prayer, a hymn, Bible readings, and silence. Soup is served prior to worship from 6:30-7:10 PM.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Palm Sunday	March 28, 9:30 AM
Maundy Thursday	April 1, 7 PM
Good Friday	April 2, 7 PM
Easter Sunday	April 4, 9:30 AM

The Three Days:

The Three Days encompasses the time from Maundy Thursday through Easter. All of the worship services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter) work together in one arc.

This worship journey moves us with Christ through death into life.

Plan to attend worship these three days.

Lenten Offering

The offering collected Ash Wednesday, Wednesdays, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will be split between ELCA Disaster Response (Haiti) and the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Thank you for giving generously!

Worship Assistants

By serving as a greeter, usher, communion assistant, acolyte, reader, and offering counter, you play an important role in Resurrection's worship and hospitality. Please consider serving in one or some of these ways.

Talk to **Stacy Borsellino** (467-0605): she makes the schedule of worship assistants.



A big thank you to everyone who helped paint the worship space! Over 20 people helped by donating supplies, choosing colors, prep work, painting, cleaning, and reorganizing.

Freshening up the worship space is an important part of Resurrection's hospitality, and it also communicates that we believe our mission to share God's love is important and vital.

Thank you!

Sanctuary Wish List

Now that we've rearranged the worship space, we've discovered some items that will enhance the sanctuary, such as a processional cross, new paraments (banners on the walls and altar), etc.

Please talk to **Karen Feeney** (467-6692) if you would like to donate an item on the wish list.



D i s c i p l e s h i p

Adult Education—Reading the Gospel of Matthew

Together we'll read the Gospel of Matthew during Lent. If you need a Bible or want to use one, please take one from the church.

Follow this reading schedule and you'll finish by Easter:

Feb 17-20	Matthew 1-3
Feb 21-27	Matthew 4-7
Feb 28-Mar 6	Matthew 8-12
Mar 7-13	Matthew 13-17
Mar 14-20	Matthew 18-21
Mar 21-27	Matthew 22-25
Mar 28-Apr 3	Matthew 26-27
April 4	Matthew 28

Invite your friends and family
to Resurrection!

Haiti Earthquake Relief

Thank you for giving so generously to the Haiti relief effort! You can continue to make donations to ELCA Disaster Response by marking your offering envelope or your check "Haiti Relief" and Resurrection will forward your donation.

Visit www.elca.org/disaster to learn the details of how the collective generosity of the church is helping the relief effort.

Women's Bible Study

You are invited to the Women's Bible study and faith conversation.

LOCATION CHANGE: Women's Bible Study Group meets every Thursday at 9 AM at the church. Please talk to Evelyn Quevillon to learn more.

Adult Education

During Lent we will discuss the assigned chapters from the Gospel of Matthew (see the above reading schedule) at 10:45 AM. Everyone is invited and welcome!

Confirmation Schedule Change

During Lent, the normally scheduled class (6-7 PM) will not meet. Instead, all confirmation students are to attend worship on Wednesday nights at 7:15 PM and during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, April 1, and Good Friday April 2. Parents are encouraged to worship with your children.

The normal Wednesday class schedule resumes Wednesday, April 7.

Land Fund

Resurrection Lutheran Church has a land on St. Paul Ave. in the Channahon Town Center. We currently make payments of \$300 per month that goes directly to principal reduction. Along with the monthly payment, Resurrection also pays to maintain the property.

Please consider making donations to the Land Fund. You can do so by using your offering envelopes or marking *land fund* on your check.

D i s c i p l e s h i p

Funding Resurrection's Ministry

All of us together make the ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church happen.

For Resurrection's ministry to be vital and effective, the general offering each Sunday needs to average \$1,450. Collectively, this congregation can give this much and beyond, and yet, currently, we are below this average.

Growing in giving and generosity expands Resurrection's ministry and the greater Church's ministry, and when all of us give and sacrifice together the ministry grows exponentially.

Please make giving a priority in your Christian discipleship.

Leadership Team Meeting Changes

Beginning in March, the Leadership Team meeting and the Committee meetings will be on the same night.

On Tuesday March 2, the Leadership Team meets at 6 PM and the Committees meet at 7:15 PM. These meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month.

The Leadership Team focuses on the big picture of Resurrection's mission to share the love of God, and the Committees do the planning and implementation work so we live out this mission. All meetings are open.

OPPORTUNITIES

Discipleship Team Member

The Discipleship Team is looking for an individual who would like to serve on the team.

The primary function of the Discipleship Team is to equip the Congregation and the community for daily spiritual growth.

The Discipleship Team oversees the educational programs of the Congregation and has direct responsibility over education programs including, but not limited to such programs as Adult education, Vacation Bible School and Sunday School.

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Margaret Vensel or Pastor Ben.

Church Treasurer

We would like to thank **Dawn Rossetto** for handling the responsibilities of church treasurer this past year. Due to other commitments, Dawn will no longer be able to handle the responsibilities of church treasurer.

If anyone is interested in taking over these responsibilities, please talk to Pastor Ben.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17

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Easter Invitations

Bring a friend, or many friends, with you to worship on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:30 AM!

Easter is often a time when Christians think of worship and it is also a time when people are open to receiving an invitation to worship, especially an invitation from a friend or family member. Give it a try, and you just might discover the ways God works through us to share the good news that Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

Invitations & Hospitality

Would you believe that one of the hardest places to visit the first time is a church?

For people who have been attending a congregation for a long time, this can sound like a strange concept, but in actuality, visiting a church for the first time is not easy. However, an invitation from a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member can make visiting a church much easier. Just knowing a familiar face is waiting on the other side of those doors can make all the difference. Plus, by extending an invitation to Resurrection, you have already communicated this church means something to you as well as God's good news in Jesus Christ.

Similarly, it is all of our responsibility to welcome guests and visitors who take the risk of showing up for worship. We can do this by simply saying "hello" and "welcome to Resurrection." We can do this by sitting next to a visitor or inviting the guest to stay for coffee. If visitors walk in after announcements or late, please be sure they get a bulletin, find a hymnal, and know where we're at in the worship.

Contact Info

Resurrection is compiling a new directory and trying to keep our records current, so please complete the directory information sheets.

Email Addresses

Resurrection will begin using email more frequently to send invitations, reminders, and monthly newsletters.

Please provide the office with an email address you check. Also, paper versions will continue to be available for people choosing not to use email.

Wednesday Souper Suppers

Five local congregations including Resurrection provide free soup suppers on Wednesday nights. All the meals will be served at the Channahon United Methodist Church and a different congregation hosts the meal each week. The meals are intended to be an enjoyable evening with friends and neighbors. Please help spread the word and come for a bowl of soup!

Lori Tucker is coordinating Resurrection's volunteers. Please sign up (or call Lori 815-416-0625) to volunteer. You can sign-up to make soup, donate money, serve the meal and do dishes.

The meals are served 4-6 PM and Resurrection is hosting its last souper supper for the season on March 17.

Making Lap Robes: Women's Group

Thank you to women's group for taking the lead on this ministry. The women's group is making lap robes for people staying at Sunny Hill and the V.A. Hospital. The women's group is asking for donations of fabric and thread. The next meetings are March 1 and March 15 at 6:30 PM. All women are invited to participate, and don't worry if you've never made a lap robe before. Please talk to **Jean Manley** (521-0709) if interested.

Channahon Police Chaplain

Pastor Ben is part of a three person team serving as chaplains for the Channahon Police Department.

In this role, Pastor Ben is chaplain both to the Police Department and to the larger community via the Police Department.

Food Collection on 2nd Sundays

The second Sunday of each month is our food collection Sunday. We deliver the food to the Minooka Bible Church's food pantry. Please plan to bring nonperishable food items on March 14. This food pantry currently serves **150 families**. Our generosity makes a difference in our neighbors' lives.

If you can help deliver the food to Minooka Bible Church, please talk with **Sharon Kurvers** 467-9372 or **Laverne Harkins** 467-5237.

Community Garden: First Work Day

Spring is fast approaching and it is time to start getting the Community Garden going again. Resurrection hosts a community garden on our future building-site property (St. Paul Ave.). The first garden work day is Saturday, March 27 at 9 AM (rain date is April 3). Thursday, April 8 at 7 PM is the night people in town can come learn more about the Community Garden, and Saturday, April 24 is the second garden work day.

Children Internet Safety

Looking ahead to Thursday March 18, 7 PM: Someone from the State's Attorneys Office will give an important presentation on keeping children safe on the computer and keeping children safe on cell phones (i.e. sexting). Resurrection is hosting this event which is open to the public. Anyone raising children or who works with children is encouraged to attend and to bring your friends. **Children are encouraged to attend.** Please spread the word!

March Sunday Volunteers

	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28	April 4
Greeters	Sharon Kurvers Margaret Vensel	Bruce Stefanski Sharon Stefanski	John Stewart Pam Stewart	Karen Feeney Gail Rich	John Stewart Pam Stewart
Reader	Jim Georgantas	Betty Demko	Bob Quevillon	Nancy Lindamood	Bob Quevillon
Communion Assistants	Paige Borsellino Stacy Borsellino	Edna Kluska Erin Rossetto	LaVerne Harkins Mario Ritchie	Karen Feeney Tyler Gleim	Gabby Rich Margaret Vensel
Communion Bread	Iva McClimon	Janet Shride	Sharon Kurvers	LaVerne Harkins	Janet Shride
Ushers	Guy Borsellino Stacy Borsellino	Ginny Gruntman Sylvia Horner	Jacob Stewart John Stewart	Tom Feeney Sylvia Horner	Sylvia Horner Iva McClimon
Offering Counters	Mike Nickel Pam Nickel	Bob Quevillon Evelyn Quevillon	Guy Borsellino Stacy Borsellino	Bruce Stefanski Sharon Stefanski	Bob Quevillon Evelyn Quevillon



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pr. Ben Day Off	2 6 PM— Leadership Team 7 PM— Committees Meeting	3 6:30—7:10 PM— Soup Supper 7:15 PM—Worship	4 9 AM—Women's Bible Study	5	6
7 9:30 Worship 10:45 Education	8 Pr. Ben Day Off	9	10 6:30—7:10 PM— Soup Supper 7:15 PM—Worship	11 9 AM—Women's Bible Study	12	13
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21 9:30 Worship 10:45 Education	22 Pr. Ben Day Off	23 7 PM— Leadership Team	24 6:30—7:10 PM— Soup Supper 7:15 PM—Worship	25 9 AM—Women's Bible Study	26	27 9 AM— Garden Work Day
28 Palm Sunday  9:30 Worship 10:45 Education	29 6:30 PM— Women's Group Pr. Ben Day Off	30	31 6:30—7:10 PM— Soup Supper 7:15 PM—Worship	1 9 AM—Women's Bible Study Maundy Thursday 7 PM—Worship	2  Good Friday 7 PM— Worship	3 9 AM— Garden Work Day Rain Date



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Resurrection Lutheran Church is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). "The ELCA is a community of faith that shares a passion for making positive changes in the world. Our faith is built around a strong belief in God as made known to us in Jesus Christ. Through worship, service, and education, we practice our faith, grow our relationship with God and experience God's grace in our lives." The ELCA consists of almost 10,500 congregations across the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and nearly five million members. Resurrection Lutheran Church is located within the ELCA's Northern Illinois Synod: a collection of ELCA congregations throughout northern Illinois working together in ministry. Fifteen percent of Resurrection's offering goes to the Northern Illinois Synod to support the ministry of the larger church. Resurrection also receives grant support from the ELCA and Northern Illinois synod. To learn more about the ELCA and the Northern Illinois Synod, visit www.elca.org and www.nisynod.org.

Where We're Located:

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The church building is located on Eames St. (Rt. 6) just west of the Arrowhead Community Center on the intersection of Eames and Navajo Drive. We are a couple miles west of I-55 and a couple miles east of Ridge Road on Rt. 6



March Birthdays

Jazmynn Sommerfeld	3/03
Donny Sonnenberg	3/05
Kurt Sonnenberg	3/05
Marlene Schild	3/10
Betty Demko	3/16
Brian Zook	3/20
Tyler Gleim	3/21
Brock Whalen	3/26
Daryl Cole	3/31