

## GET CONNECTED

**Participate! Help out! Join in!**  
Just sign up below and drop this in the offering box.

I am interested in helping deliver Cups of Cheer.

Name (please print)

Please fill out whichever is the best contact for you:

E-mail

Phone

If further information is needed we will contact you.

### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

At Resurrection, all kids are welcome in worship. We expect wiggles and giggles. Parents, we are honored that you choose to have your children as part of our faith community.

You are invited to keep your cell phone on, but please make sure it's in silent mode.

**Free Wi-Fi Network:**

Unifi-RLC-Guest

**Password:** allarewelcome!

### Do you have a prayer request?

Fill out the prayer request form on the other side of this tear-off, drop it in the offering box, and we will add the person to the church prayer list.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU!!** We sent a total of \$943 to St. Matts Food bank so they can provide Thanksgiving meals for those they serve through their food bank.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY!!** The order sheet is in the Welcome Center to place your order and pay for **Poinsettias**. There are options for different sizes and different colors, be sure to get your order and payment in and make checks payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church.

**ADVENT KIDS CLUB:** Children - Preschoolers through Fifth Graders - are invited to join us for Advent Kids Club! We will meet from 5-7pm on 3 Tuesdays (12/5, 12/12, and 12/19) with dinner provided! Pick up a paper registration at the Welcome Center, or follow this link: <https://forms.gle/TtoU3yJRvMmssm14A>. Registrations are due TODAY, November 19th. Anyone able to volunteer at Kids Club or provide a meal, please sign up here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0C4AA9A92FA3F85-45613507-rlcadvent>.

**CUPS OF CHEER** for homebound members: Advent Kids Club will be putting together the Cups of Cheer for homebound members this year. If you're able to help deliver or donate items, please sign up here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0C4AA9A92FA3F85-44822762-2023>. Please have all donations to church by Sunday, December 3rd.

**LSSI Cup of Kindness Christmas Program** With the significant rise in cost of basic needs, such as housing and utilities, Lutheran Social Services of Indiana (LSSI) has changed the Christmas Program model. This Christmas, LSSI is asking congregations to make cash donations to the Cup of Kindness Program. By donating to Cup of Kindness, LSSI staff will be able to provide more families with utility payments to ensure electricity and water stay on or provide them a rent or mortgage payment. A donation box will be located at the welcome center for your contributions beginning November 5th and ending December 10th.

Do you enjoy seeing the **LUMINARIES** all lit up on Christmas Eve? If so, we need your help! We are in need of someone to be in charge of setting up and taking down the luminaries this year and volunteers to help, if that's you, please email the office at [office@rlcfw.org](mailto:office@rlcfw.org).

December 3, 2023, will be **Barb's last Sunday here at RLC**. We will be having one service at 9:30am with Bishop Gafkjen attending and a reception after in the fellowship hall. Spread the news and let's fill the church to show Barb just how much she will be missed and what an incredible blessing she has been to Resurrection!

Adding to the excitement of December 3, we will also be celebrating **Pat Gottschalk's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!** There will be a box in the welcome center to place cards in, wishing Pat a Happy Birthday.

**Prayer List** will reset tomorrow, November 20th. If you have someone you would like to add to or remove from the list, please email Robin at [office@rlcfw.org](mailto:office@rlcfw.org).

**Barb is only weeks from retirement** and to further show our appreciation the council is collecting a monetary gift. If you choose to add to this gift of thanks, any cash or checks can be placed in the designated box at the welcome center no later than December 1. Please make any check payable to "Rob Mundroff, Treasurer". Please add "Barb's gift" to the memo of any electronic gifts.

## RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Mission Statement: Being an example of God's acceptance and grace to all.*



November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### Introduction

*Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

### READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,

"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior

cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**READING 1 Thess. 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**THE GOSPEL Matt. 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in

the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'<sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'<sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'<sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'<sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'<sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**COMING UP...**

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving  
Dec. 1 - Barb's Retirement Party  
Dec. 3 - ONE svc @ 9:30am for Barb's Last Sunday

**PRAY FOR...**

Jack Bigham  
Eddie Carnahan  
Lela & George Dunn  
Becky Schoepp  
Mike Hudecki  
Bruce Schlosser  
Mark Grove  
Darlene Lebrecht  
Debbie Hinnah  
Steve Maxwell  
Andrew Reagan  
Craig Kirkendall

Jan Hieber  
Terra Dunn  
Diann  
Ron Knepper  
Jenny Hobby  
Stephanie Haft  
Pastor John Roberts  
Bob Hobby  
Jo Belans  
Noah Smith  
Suzanne Seele  
Elaine Kirkendall

**Military Service:**  
Bailey Beyer  
Jaidyn Beyer  
Collin Monteith  
Dakota Francis  
Jon Popovich  
Matthew Gephart  
Alex Horvath  
**Homebound:**  
Cindy Dankert  
Bob & Cheryl Goble  
Norma Greener  
Sarajane Hill  
Joyce Svoboda  
Jen Knepper

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
Whether in the building, drive-thru, or at home, all are welcome to receive Communion. Instructions for each option will be given during worship.  
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK...**

**TODAY, 11/19**

Worship Svc 8:30A  
Faith Formation 9:45A  
Confirmation 9:45A  
Worship Svc 10:45  
Jazzercise 1:00P

**MONDAY, 11/20**

Prayer List Reset

**WEDNESDAY, 11/22**

Jazzercise 5:45P

**THURSDAY, 11/23**

Thanksgiving

**SUNDAY, 11/26**

Worship Svc 8:30A  
Faith Formation 9:45A  
Worship Svc 10:45  
Jazzercise 1:00P  
Newsletter Deadline



Today's altar flowers are given by Mary Patty in memory of Jim Patty.



**WELCOME!**

We are glad you're here!  
Would you like to receive more information about things coming up in the church?  
Please let us know what you are interested in:

- Monthly Newsletter (email)
- Weekly e-News (email)
- Please contact me
- I'm interested in joining

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Phone

Please check if you are:

- First-time visitor
- Returning visitor
- New to area

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← Tear off and drop into the offering box after service.  
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**PRAYER REQUEST**

All requests will remain confidential.

Name(s) to pray for:

Reason for prayer:

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Your Name

How many weeks to keep on prayer list? \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)