



Our mission: Being an example of God's acceptance and grace to all

To my siblings in Christ,

We are in the season of Easter. Not a singular event on a single day, the impact of Jesus' resurrection ripples out creating events over an extended period after the women's first encounter with the empty tomb. Jesus shows up in many different places to many different people. Each encounter is different, though all are fleeting. Jesus' intent is also different. In some cases, there is a need to address doubt or fear. In others there is a need to remind people of his previous expectation of dying, and how that ties to and fulfills the teachings and prophecies of scripture.

Jesus shows up, and, according to Luke's account in the Gospel and the book of Acts, Jesus' resurrection sets the stage for the next stage of the Kingdom's coming, with the releasing of the Holy Spirit into creation on Pentecost. It is interesting that the Resurrected Jesus doesn't march through Jerusalem as the now unstoppable king of kings. It is interesting that he doesn't march on Rome, the capital of the empire that has occupied Palestine and oppressed the people and the land.

It is interesting that the focus is instead on seeking and restoring his disciples. The ones who had been too dense to comprehend this course of action toward execution. The ones who had deserted him and denied knowing him. Surely, just as he could have marched on the rulers who had killed him, so too, Jesus could have picked new disciples—better disciples—to follow and then carry his message out into the world.

But Jesus' resurrection is not a single event on a single day. It is a quilt of people and places impacted by the rippling implications of the empty tomb. Jesus' resurrection becomes the primary lens for understanding God's priorities and goal in the here and now, as well as the people's scriptures, cultural practices, and heritage.

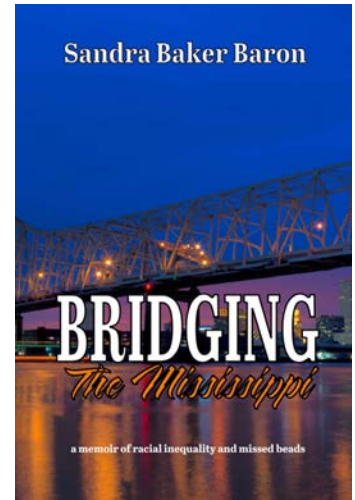
Those ripples of the Resurrection continue to flow through the everyday world. 2000 years later and we are still able to see the Resurrected Jesus impacting people's lives, delivering communities, and challenging the powers of the world that only know how to march on enemies and monetize the least of these.

Jesus isn't going to march on our enemies, but Jesus also isn't going to replace us with better disciples. He shows up in all kinds of places, to all kinds of different people, with all kinds of goals and intentions. I wonder, as those who follow the Crucified and Risen One, where is the Risen Jesus likely to show up in your everyday world? And what do you figure his goals and intentions are for showing up for you?

The Lord be with you.
Pastor Smith



Rev. William H. Smith



Our next book club meeting on **Thursday, May 8th** will be a special event. We are excited to have a local author, Sandra Baron, speak to us about her book, *Bridging the Mississippi*.

A memoir of racial inequality and missed beads

Sandi and Denny Baron both were delighted they landed their first job with ease. Joy turns to surprise when they drive across the nation to find themselves the only White teachers in an all-Black school in New Orleans. Naïve to the strong cultural divisions in the South, Sandi teaches her students to read and write, and they school her about the realities of their life.

“*Bridging the Mississippi* is a rich and valuable unveiling of how brave Americans crossed the racial divide, despite tensions and tightropes to bridge their cultural differences.

With great storytelling savvy, Sandra Baker Baron shows us how to strengthen such diverse relationships, in order to reach vital realms of reconciliation and resolve. How important this book is for our times!”

We would like to invite everyone to come and hear her presentation about her time in New Orleans during the late 1960’s. She is a gifted storyteller and speaker.

Please RSVP to Linda Conkle at 260-348-2449 if you would like to attend.

Date: Thursday, May 8th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Resurrection Lutheran Church

Financial Highlights

BALANCES

Checking Account balance	\$50,220.16	03/31/2025
Restricted Accounts balance	\$43,545.69	03/31/2025
MIF fund (Building) balance	\$12,229.16	03/31/2025

INCOME

March Operating income	\$33,545.00	Budget \$24,960
YTD Operating Expenses	\$33,545.00	Budget \$24,960

EXPENSES

March Expenses	\$26,693.44	Budget \$28,738.83
YTD Operating Expenses	\$26,693.44	Budget \$28,738.83 YTD

Outdoor Day

**Saturday, June 14th from noon to 3 pm
at Resurrection Community Park**

Spend time outside as we welcome the public to join us in an afternoon of free fun in the great outdoors! There will be many activity stations set up in the park for people of all ages and abilities to play and earn prizes. Here are some of the planned activities, all at no cost:

- Kona Ice Truck
- Nature Crafts
- Obstacle Course
- Scavenger Hunt
- Find the Geocache
- Fort Building
- Basketball
- Labyrinth Walk
- Giant Jenga Game
- Giant Connect Four Game
- Certified Therapy Dogs
- Quiet Sensory Area

Invite your friends and neighbors and plan on stopping by to get a free Kona Ice!

Interested in volunteering to help during this event? Sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Mary Ibe for more details at (260) 402-8583.

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COMMUNITY PARK
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FREE!

Outdoor Day

KONA ICE.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 14
Noon to 3pm**

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www.RLCfw.org

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Our partners:



Resurrection Community Park Spring Workday and Landscape Planting

“Please join us as we prepare our Resurrection Community Park for a season of exciting events! This special Spring workday will be held on Saturday, May 31, beginning at 9 a.m.

Bring along your gloves, shovels, and rakes.

Lunch will be provided after the work is complete. “

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Youth Valentine's Dinner

Our Youth Valentine's Bingo was a hit. We had 25 youth including a few visitors! It was great to see the youth living out their mission by welcoming and including their guests as well as each other. The council agreed to including a youth on council. The council are going to have the youth serve as an at large member for a 2-year term. The congregation elected Zach Braun as an at-large member.

Youth Ash Wednesday Dinner Fundraiser

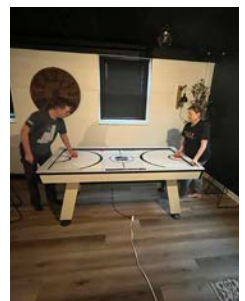
The dinner was well attended and the raised about \$425. Our youth group and their families served homemade soups, Casa salad, Ziano's breadsticks and DeBrand's chocolates. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes have wrapped up for this spring. Please contact Pastor Will or Sue if your child will be getting confirmed. Typically, youth are confirmed during 8th grade. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Youth Retreat

The Youth Retreat was great! 9 youth and 3 adults stayed Thursday to Saturday at an Airbnb in an old church building in Auburn, that has been renovated into an Airbnb. We cooked together, ate together, prayed together, had class time and meditation time. They also had some free time we played games and went to the park.



5th Annual Easter Glow

We had 18 youth for our 5th annual Easter Glow. We were able to have it outside this year. It was windy and a little wet, and they might not have found all the eggs, so if you find any in the park, please return them to the church office. Three Youth from the community attended and two friends of our youth joined as well. It was a great time!



Youth Calendar

May 11-15
Garage Sale set up
Times vary

May 16
Garage Sale
8 am-5:30 pm

June 8
Confirmation
9:30 am

June 15-20
Confirmation Camp
Grades 6-9

July 20-25
Youth Service Trip
to Boone, North Carolina

Youth Garage Sale and Bake Sale Coming May 16th and 17th

FRIDAY | **SATURDAY**
8 am - 5 pm | **8 am - 12 noon**

GARAGE SALE!

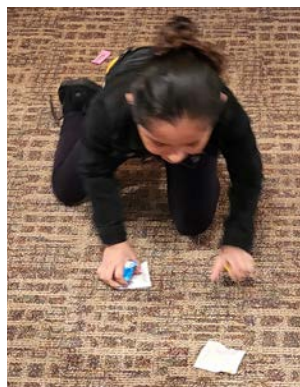
You can now drop off your Junk for Jesus at the church and place it in the first classroom on the right in the classroom hallway. Spring Cleaning, decluttering? We can turn your donations into cash for our youth group. If you have items that you need moved, please contact Sue Smith to arrange pickup. All proceeds will go towards the Youth Summer Service trip in Boone, North Carolina where we will be doing Hurricane Relief Work.

Easter Egg Hunt



Just Neighbors

INTERFAITH HOMELESS NETWORK



Our next rotation to provide meals for Just Neighbors will be Sunday, May 18th to Friday, May 23rd.

Food must be taken to the administration building (2925 E. State Blvd) rather than the adjoining house. Please be sure all foods are in disposable containers.

You may drop off the food anytime on your chosen day before 5 PM.

The exact number of guests will be provided as the dates draw closer. Current guest numbers are updated daily on the Just Neighbors website. Go to: ihnfamily.org

You are welcome to take a whole meal by yourself or partner with someone and coordinate your meal together. You may also reach out to local restaurants to see if they would offer special pricing for meals for this worthy cause. If you use a restaurant, you would still be responsible for ensuring delivery of the meal to JNHN.

Thank you for being a blessing!



PLEASE
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TO SIGN UP.

May Birthdays

1	Jacob Bodenstein Jackson Spencer
4	Kenneth Spencer
5	Mark Grove Roger Lake
7	Cheryl Goble Benjamin Kizer
10	Lucia Hughes Jon Mittler
11	Lauren Henry
12	John Joustra Sonia Schwantes
14	Gavin Cook
16	Rick Skaggs
17	John Hyndman Dawn Neumann
20	Dave Avery Esther Meyers
21	Emma Harter
24	Kelsey Hoot OakLynn Maxwell
26	Robert Soden
27	Tammy Etter
29	Cooper Olson Tom Fuhrman
30	Michael Keith

May Anniversaries

8	George & Lela Dunn, 65 years Dick & Peggy Van Horn, 49 years
17	Roger & Nancy Lake, 45 years
19	Perry & Sue Shilts, 36 years
20	Alan & Jennifer Bodenstein, 35 years John & Cynthia Sherrill, 42 years
30	Wes & Stephanie DeKoninck, 16 years Joseph & Tammy Hyndman, 33 years



Is your birthday or wedding anniversary this month but not listed? Please let us know!

**Send an email to
office@rlcfw.org or
call 260-637-5900
so we can get it listed!**

PRAY FOR



Dot
Ed Carnahan
Danny Carnahan
Susie Carnahan
Dema Saxton
Craig
Annie Wood
Bob Wrobel
Jeff Wrobel

Sue Batsky
Mary Paoness
Ken Baranowski
Scott Williams
Shirley
Muriel
Ashton Creek
Caleb
Denise Dubois

Military Service:
Bailey Beyer
Jaidyn Beyer
Collin Monteith
Dakota Francis
Jon Popovich
Matthew Gephart
Joshua Kenagy

Homebound:
Cindy Dankert
Cheryl Goble
Pat Norris
Pat Poinsett
Wendy Jackson

The family of Sr. Cecile Roeger



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STAFF	OFFICE HOURS
Rev. William H. Smith prsmith@rlcfw.org	Monday Wednesday: 10:30am – 5pm Tuesday: Sermon prep day: Out of office Thursday: 10:30am – 3pm Nursing home worship: 4pm – 5pm Sunday: All day at RLC
Office office@rlcfw.org	Monday – Thursday: 9am – 2pm
Sue Smith youth@rlcfw.org	Monday: 10am – 2pm Wednesday: By appointment Sunday: All day at RLC
Robin Wessley accts@rlcfw.org	Tuesday

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
9am – 2pm

After church hours?

Leave a message or call Pastor Smith at 260.409.6971

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30am
In Person Worship with Communion every Sunday

10:45am Faith Formation
September – May

9:30am live-streamed on our Facebook page:
<https://facebook.comrlcfw>



Church Council Members and Ministry Team Leaders

Pastor: Rev. William H. Smith	Evangelism: OPEN
Council President: Dave Avery	Stewardship: Team in place
Vice President: Sue Shilts	Social Ministry: OPEN
Council Secretary: Kelley Bawmann	Fellowship: Diann Williams & Julie Sonnenberg
Financial Secretary: Esther Meyers	Property: Team in place
Treasurer: OPEN	Worship & Music: Team in place
At Large 1: Kay Humbert	Youth: Sue Smith
At Large 2: Zach Braun	Education: Team in place

Articles for the next month's newsletter are due by the 26th of each month, if you have something you would like to add, please email it to office@rlcfw.org