



Resurrection
Lutheran
Church

Resurrection Report

November 2023

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“Being an example of God’s acceptance and grace to all.”

Barb is retiring and I am going to miss her here as a colleague and a friend. But before she steps away, we have the opportunity to celebrate her and all that she has done for Resurrection. There is no way that a person can fully appreciate all that she has been for this congregation and all that she has given to its life and ministries. Pastors are a lot alike in their gifts and shortcomings. Barb’s call to ministry began with a realization that her gifts addressed those common gaps. The greatest of these is that she is an excellent administrator. She has a knack for seeing the right questions and details. There is little at Resurrection in which she has not had a direct role.

But what makes her such an asset is her diversity in ministry. Like many administrators, she can sometimes be a little too direct, but as most of us know, she is also excellent at ministering to others. Her strong emotional and relational awareness and her gift as a listener makes her a person in whom others naturally confide. What’s more, she is also a capable worship leader. It is not her calling and the thought of preaching makes her physically ill, but she’ll lead worship, read a sermon, preside at communion, and is not above cracking out a Dr. Sues book for a children’s sermon. She has been the one at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings tying up loose ends and identifying guests; the person to call for some bit of information; the shepherd of small groups; and an invaluable part of the day-to-day running of Resurrection.

In the end Resurrection is Jesus’ church, and it will continue to grow and shine even without Barb. We will continue to do the intentional planning and work to raise up Resurrection’s ministry priorities as well as the volunteer, paid staff, and rostered positions they will

need. But right now, we will celebrate and give thanks for Barb and all that God has and continues to give us! I encourage you to join in! Here’s how you can do that:

- Join us for Barb’s retirement banquet on Friday, December 1. This is a catered meal so don’t forget to RSVP with your \$20 deposit.
- Add to Barb’s retirement gift. The purse will help her traveling and pottery plans.
- Help us pack the house for her last Sunday, December 3, as we host Bishop Gafkjen in worship.
- Take the time to make the call, write the email, or send the card to thank her and wish her well. Share with her your memory of a time when she made a difference in your life or the lives of those around you.

The Lord be with you.

Pastor Smith



Rev. William H. Smith

Treasurer Report Highlights

as of 30 Sept 2023 By RFMundroff

BALANCES

\$-6.5K (As of 10/17/23) Working Capital **-1.0 weeks** (TARGET 7.5-11 wks)
1 week = \$6,613

Checking Account (Oper) **\$7.1 K** (includes \$10K loan from Restricted.)
Restricted Accounts \$38.9 K (includes deduction of \$10K loan to Operating reduction)
MIF fund (Building) \$ 2.78 K

INCOME

Sept Oper Income \$ 19.9 K Budget \$ 28.6 K (doesn't incl. 3% Mission Support) Tracking 69%
YTD Oper Income \$ 155.8 K Budget \$200.6 K YTD (doesn't include 3%) Tracking 78%
Other Income \$ 1.5 K (Restricted)

EXPENSES

Sept Expenses \$24.3 K Budget \$28.6 K Tracking 85%
YTD Oper Expenses \$183.9 K Budget \$200.6 K YTD Tracking 92%

RATIO

Month Oper Exp / Oper Income 122% ←
YTD Oper Exp / Oper Income 118% ←
Expenses to Contributions are differing by ~\$4.5K / Month ←

OVERALL

Operating expenses in line with Budget & slightly below the plan
HOWEVER General OPERATING OFFERINGS are Lower than planned, over the past several months have used Working Capital to fill void. However the Checking Account (Operating) at ~\$0.0 K.
The members of the Council have approved the use to borrowing from restricted accounts to pay the general operating expenses.
This is not our wish; however, it is currently a must effective late September 2023.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The Council asks that you prayerfully consider your contribution intent for the year and whether you can modify it.
Continue to ensure your offerings are timely.
Consider automating contributions so they continue even when you are on vacation or can't be here.
Continue to pray for Resurrection Lutheran Church and all the good we are doing with our members (of all ages); in the community; as well as our larger outreach (Benevolence, Penny collection, etc.).

NEEDS

Have started collecting needs for the 2024-2025 Budget. If you are a ministry team lead and /or are responsible for a group or activity and have needs, please let me know NEED theses by 15 Nov 2023

With Council elections coming in Feb for the March 2024-Feb 2026 Term

We are looking for individuals who might be interested in the Treasurer position. I will be finishing up the maximum of my two 2 year terms (for a total of 4 years), If interested or if you know someone who would be a great candidate please let them and myself know.

If you have questions, please let me know,
Respectfully submitted Rob Mundroff – Treasurer

SAVE THE DATE

for a
*Retirement
Celebration*

Honoring

Barb Limbach

Friday, December 1, 2023

6:30pm

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14318 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818



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We are trying something new to help fundraise for the 2024 Youth Gathering! We will be having several restaurant nights throughout the fall and spring months. Our first restaurant night will be on Wednesday, November 8th at Blaze Pizza. What can you do to help? EAT PIZZA! Its simple. Dine-in or carryout pizza from Blaze Pizza on this day and they will donate 20% of the proceeds back to the church. All you need to do is present the flyer or show a copy of it on your phone before you pay, scan the QR code below for a copy. If you order online be sure to enter our unique code (1200A) into the "coupon code" field at check out. Thank you for your support!



JAZZERCISE @ RLC

The Auburn virtual class is meeting online on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM. In-person classes meet at Resurrection on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM & Sundays at 1 PM. Cost is \$5 per class for RLC Members who would like to try a class & \$7 per class thereafter. The monthly cost remains \$25 per month or a 10 class pass for \$50 may be purchased. Join anytime! Questions? Contact Robin at 260.570.3385

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be coming from Armstrong Flowers. Orders and payment are due by Sunday, November 19th. Please see the form in the Welcome Center to place your order.

Our digital photo directory is now active! Members can download the Instant Church Directory app in the apple app store or the google play store. Or if you prefer to view the directory on the computer you can go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com. After you download the app, you will need to create a login using the email the church office has on file for you. If you have not yet submitted a photo to the directory you can use the menu option and click on "Edit My Family" to upload a photo. You can also use this menu option to update any of your information such as address, phone number, email etc. If you have any questions contact Christie Serre at (260) 580-1954 or cwalk82@hotmail.com.

Church Photo Directory



RLC Family Night is BACK!

WHAT: Family Connection is considered a small-ish group for families raising kids.

WHEN: Monthly on Saturdays 4-6pm for family games & potluck-style meals.

WHERE: @ Church or other locations

Below are all the FALL dates for you to RSVP.

Contact Andrea Munsch with questions. 320-428-1980

All are welcome.

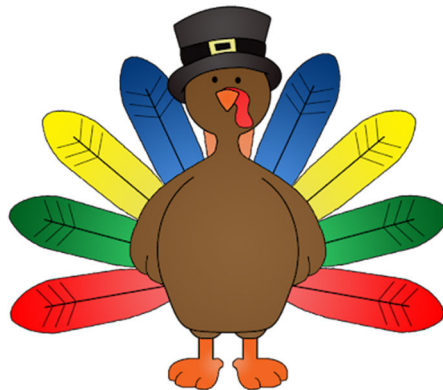
NOV 11th GAMES: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BADAE22A6FC1-rlcfamily7>

DEC HOLIDAY PARTY & SVC PROJECT: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BADAE22A6FC1-rlcfamily8>

Its Turkey time!

We are now collecting money and food for St. Matts Food bank so they can provide Thanksgiving meals for those they serve through their food bank. We also have bags available for nonperishable sides to provide the sides for a meal. Please place your food items on the table by the front doors where the Food Bank sign is and your monetary donations in the Turkey Box in the Welcome Center!

Thanks so much!



Daylight Saving Time

The office will be closed November 23rd & 24th and December 25th



DST ends on Sat./Sun. November 4/5. You get to roll your clocks back and enjoy another hour of sleep!



Huntertown Park Halloween Treat Trail

For the last several years Resurrection has participated in the Huntertown Park Halloween Treat Trail. The youth group volunteers one night and the McCroy and Lowenstein families volunteer the other night. Over 2,700 people came through the trail for this event. We handed out candy and flyers for our Trunk or Treat. Thank you to all who volunteered or donated candy!



Garage Sale Thank you!

Thank you to all who volunteered in any way with the Youth Garage Sale! We raised over \$2,000! We had a ton of help from youth, their families and members of the congregation. It took approximately 250 hours to pull it off. We donated leftover items to Martha's Closet, Blue Jacket, the Re-Store and the Salvation Army.



College Care Packages

Finals for our college students is just around the corner. Resurrection has a long history of sending college students care packages. Many current and former students have shared how much it meant and how appreciative they were. If you would like to help, follow the Sign-Up Genius link below to sign up to donate items. Please drop off items to church by Sunday November 19th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/45744463/share/>

Thanksgiving

When I was in 2nd grade the newspaper came and asked some of us what we were thankful for this thanksgiving. As cute 2nd graders we had all kinds of things we said. They took pictures and had the quotes in the paper right at thanksgiving. My thing I was thankful for was "my parents because they loved me even when I was bad."

At this time of transition I reflect back on those in my life who have guided me, prodded me, challenged me, loved me, helped me, taught me, the list goes on and on. Many of you are on my list of people I am thankful for. You have listened when I ask you to volunteer for something. You haven't said yes every time but you said yes sometimes. You have embraced my crazy ideas, some of which worked and some that didn't. You have shown up, participated, given of your time and talents, been there for me in the bad times and now are rejoicing with me as I retire! Don't worry I won't be bored.

As we are thankful we also remember to thank God for everything he entrusts to us because it is all from God! And even when we fall short in our thanks to God how great it is to have a heavenly Father who loves us even when we are bad.

Peace, Blessings and Thanks for your time with me in ministry these last 20 years. It has been quite a ride!



We want to say THANK YOU so very much for participating in the Treat Trail of the Halloween At the Park for 2023! We had over 2,700 people come through over the two nights.

Thank you again for your willingness to help create such a spooktacular event for our community! We hope you will join us again next year!

Heather

Christmas Eve Service Times

Sunday December 24th Christmas in the Barn 9:30 am
Allen County Fairgrounds

Sunday December 24th Traditional candlelight service
9:00 pm at church



RLC Advent Kids Club

- *All children* – Preschoolers through Fifth Graders
- *3 Tuesday nights during Advent*
- *December 5th, 12th, and 19th from 5:00 – 7:00PM.* We will meet in the Gathering Space. (Parents do NOT need to stay!) All children need to be pre-registered, so we have enough supplies, food, and help!
- Register online or pick up a paper registration form at the Welcome Center. Registrations are due by Sunday, November 19th.



Tentative Schedule

- 4:50 – 5:00 Drop off and sign in
- 5:00 – 5:30 Kid-Friendly Supper
NOTE: If your child has specific dietary restrictions, please send a sack supper.
- 5:30 – 6:30 Keepers of the Mysteries in the Sanctuary with Pastor Will Smith
- 6:30 – 7:00 Group activity and making small gift baskets (Cups of Cheer) for our homebound members
- 7:00 Pick Up

PARENTS:

Please register each child here:

<https://forms.gle/TtoU3yJRvMmssm14A>

RLC COMMUNITY:

We will need some adult helpers and a meal each week. Please sign up to help here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4AA9A92FA3F85-45613507-rlcadvent>

We are also in need of donations to fill our Cups of Cheer for homebound members. Please sign up to donate items here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4AA9A92FA3F85-44822762-2023>

THANK YOU! Please contact the church office if you have any questions (office@rlcfw.org or 260-637-5900). The office can also put you in touch with Lauren Henry for more information.

Youth Calendar

November 5	Confirmation	9:45-10:30 @ RLC
November 12	Confirmation	9:45-10:30 @ RLC
November 12	Outing TBD	12:30-TBD
November 19	Confirmation	9:45-10:30 @ RLC
December 10	Angel Tree @ Salvation Army	TBD
December 17	Christmas Bingo	TBD

*2024 Confirmation January 21 & 28 & February 4 & 11 between services 9:45-10:30

*Family Retreat February 23-25

*Easter Glow March 22

*Confirmation Retreat (over spring break, dates TBD)

*Confirmation June 2

*Confirmation Camp June 16-21

*National Youth Gathering July 14-22



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

October was a busy month for the youth! It started off with our first youth meeting of the year, followed by a youth parent meeting. Then we jumped right into Garage Sale time. The youth and their parents, as well as others from the congregation, worked hard to get it all set up, torn down, and delivered to other places. There were a total of 245.5 volunteer hours, plus our bakers' time, that went into the Garage Sale. We raised over \$2,000! The week after that the youth participated in the Hunteertown Park Halloween Treat Trail. We handed out candy and flyers, walked the treat trail and those who wanted to go through the Forest of Fear did that. Confirmation also started in October. We are meeting the first 3 Sunday's in November between worship services from 9:45-10:30. We have 13 people, 10 youth and 3 adults, registered for the National Youth Gathering that will take place in New Orleans in July. Thank you for your continued support of our Youth Ministry Program!

2023 Lutheran Social Services 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. The Christmas Family gift and gift card donations did not address families most significant needs. 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. Families in need are identified through referrals from social-service agencies and Lutheran congregations. The Cup of Kindness Program offers supportive services to these families through case management, financial-literacy education and/or financial assistance to help them move toward financial stability. LSSI is committed to helping families improve their financial futures. They do this by integrating financial education into all programs. Financial education offers families an opportunity to understand and manage their finances, enabling them to take steps to create a secure and independent financial future.

A donation box will be located at the welcome center for your contributions beginning November 5th and ending December 10th.

Thank you for being a part of LSSI Cup of Kindness Christmas Program.

Margo Grove



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

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

November Birthdays

2	Christie Serre Cynthia Sherrill
3	Mason Lowenstein Forrest Van Gundy
5	Joshua Braun
7	Dave Berggren
8	Misty Burgett Eileen Kiser
11	Blain Keith
14	Kay Humbert
15	Kenzie DeKoninck Janet Eby
16	Jeff Dennis
17	Dave Ibe
20	Cole Hoot
21	Darlene Lebrecht Ken McCrory
24	Dave Exner Joy Poinsett Steph Spencer
27	Sammi Gerber
30	Dana Godfrey Patricia Gottschalk

November Anniversaries

5	Tom & Glennie Monroe - 46
12	Cheryl & Bob Goble - 40
21	Will & Sue Smith - 25
29	John & Diane Joustra - 20



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!



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STAFF

Office Hours

Rev. William H. Smith
prsmith@rlcfw.org
Monday | Wednesday: 10:30 AM - 5 PM
Tues. - Sermon prep day: Out of office
Thursday: 10:30 AM - 3 PM,
Nursing home worship - 4 PM - 5 PM
Sunday, all day @ RLC

Barb Limbach
aim@rlcfw.org
Monday - Wednesday: 9 AM - 4 PM
Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM - 1 PM

Robin Johnson
office@rlcfw.org
Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 2 PM

Sue Smith
youth@rlcfw.org
Monday | Thursday: 10 AM - 3 PM
Sunday, all day @ RLC

Robin Wessley
accts@rlcfw.org
Tuesday

Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9 AM - 2` PM

After church hours?
Leave a message or call
Pastor Smith at 260.409.6971

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30am & 10:45am
In Person Worship w/
Communion every Sunday

9:45 am Faith Formation
September-May

8:30 am live-streamed on our
Facebook page.
<https://facebook.com/rlcfw>

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

Church Council Members and Ministry Team Leaders

Pastor - Rev. William H. Smith
Minister of Word and Service - Barb Limbach
Council President - Dave Avery
Vice President - Mary Ibe
Council Secretary - Kelley Bawmann
Financial Secretary - Esther Meyers
Treasurer - Rob Mundroff
At Large 1 - Lorenzo Manquero
At Large 2 - Evan Bosecker

Evangelism - Open
Stewardship - Team in place
Social Ministry - Open
Fellowship - Diann Williams & Julie Sonnenberg
Property - Open
Worship & Music - Team in place
Youth - Sue Smith
Education - Team in place