



To my siblings in Christ,

As we move toward the summer months and the chance to be outside and on the move, I invite you to consider staying put. In the Gospel readings we have during this time of year, Jesus talks a lot about abiding. English works fairly well in capturing the Greek word Jesus is actually using. Abide is the verb and abode the noun. Abide is the idea of remaining in a single place for an extended period of time. The Greeks used it to refer not only to a physical home, but also to hold ground during a battle or to stay in a place for a period of time while journeying. When Jesus tells the disciples to abide in him, he is saying, “stay put in me.”

How do we even begin to pull that off? It sounds an awful lot like something we have to do, and we firmly believe that Jesus is the one who does it all. Grace means that we don’t have to do anything. And that is true. So, what do we do with this staying put in Jesus? Well, as we consider staying put during this season of being on the move, the first thing that we are invited to realize is that we don’t have to go looking for Jesus. He has already chosen to abide in us—to stay put in us. The heavy lifting has already been done.

This means that no matter where we go or what we may be doing, Jesus is already staying put in us. This makes it a lot easier to consider how we go about staying put in him. Jesus words become an invitation instead of a requirement. Our staying put in him is now a response to what he has already done in us; a way of saying thank you and practicing trust in him.

This is one way our faith goes from being a mental exercise, or a feeling in our hearts, and becomes a way to live. We abide. We stay put in Jesus out of thanksgiving and trust. We do this first by practicing

not taking Jesus’ presence for granted. We make it a conscious effort to look for Jesus when we arrive somewhere in our day or in ourselves. We take a breath to acknowledge that Jesus is already there in whatever we may be doing or facing, especially when it seems that he is not.



Rev. William H. Smith

We are also invited to take the time to focus on being present with the one who is already there with us. Just like we should do with any loved one, we take time in the moment, and we also set time aside to focus on being with Jesus. How you spend that quality time should look like what you would want to do with a loved one.

Which brings us to loving on Jesus. Staying put in Jesus may include other things, but at its core it is about loving on Jesus. We love different people differently, so what does it look like for you to love on Jesus? Loving on someone can look like spending time. It can look like enjoying their company. It can look like conversation, and it can look like not needing to say anything. It can look like walks, and sitting on a swing. It can look like acts of service, showing appreciation, offering words of affirmation, giving gifts, and drawing close.

As we look to a season of being on the move, I invite you to make staying put a part of your daily practice. I encourage you to make loving on Jesus something to intentionally practice as a form of thanks and trust.

The Lord be with you.
Pastor Smith

Deacon Intern Reflections

Hello Resurrection Family! First of all, I want to thank you for your prayers and words of comfort and encouragement as Joyce and I continue to work through the death of our youngest son. Thank you for the many cards that you have sent supporting us as we have walked this most difficult road. We have felt your prayers and as a result of them have felt God's presence with us throughout this time. Thank you.

I am continuing my project of consulting with other ELCA churches that are larger than us in anticipation of our future growth. I am anxious to see what they can tell us about their foundational processes that have helped them to manage their growth. It is my prayer that this project will be completed in June and presented to Council at their meeting that month.

Whenever someone mentions the word "safety" around the church, some have visions of locked doors, bars on windows or other procedures that make us safe but are unwelcoming. As I begin to assess "safety" in terms of our physical building, I am conscious of a very fine line between what is safe and what is uninviting. I also think in terms of inclement weather. If we get caught here by inclement weather (think tornado), are there safe places to go? Where are they? Can we all fit into what is available? Finally, in terms of the worst-case scenario, where there is an active shooter, do we have wound resources that will help save lives. Do we know where the forward emergency exits are and where they lead us to? Can we find our way to safety from where we exit? None of this is meant to scare anyone. It is to raise our levels of consciousness about the possibility of what could happen and being prepared for it. God willing, we'll never experience any of this. But the churches who have experienced it, never thought that they'd experience it either.

Finally, looking out one of my windows, I see the calm of a corner of the sanctuary and the pond. Looking out the other of my windows, I see large excavation equipment that is a reminder of the development that will one day be our residential and commercial neighbors. Right now, I have what some would say are two competing views. But do they have to compete? Amidst all of the development and especially when it's complete, can Resurrection continue to be the cornerstone of calm, the peace and the light of Christ for the new world that is growing out our front door? I believe that we can and that we will. Let us continue to be this "light on a hill" for the world that is here around us and the new world exploding in our midst.

Peace,

Eric

Treasurer Report Highlights

as of 31 March 2024 By J Groscop

BALANCES

Checking Account (Oper)	\$20K	03/31
Restricted Accounts	\$56 K	03/31
MIF fund (Building)	\$ 2.78 K	03/31

INCOME

Mar Oper Income	\$ 34.3 K	Budget \$ 34.3K	<i>(doesn't incl. 5% Mission Support)</i>
Tracking 75.6%			
YTD Oper Income	\$ 34.3 K	Budget \$ 34.3K YTD	<i>(doesn't include 5%)</i>
Tracking 9%			
Other Income	\$ 0 K		

EXPENSES

Mar Expenses	\$19.8 K	Budget	\$28.4 K	Tracking 66.68%
YTD Oper Expenses	\$19.8 K	Budget	\$28.4 K YTD	Tracking 66.68%

RATIO

Month Oper Exp / Oper Income	57.7%	←
YTD Oper Exp / Oper Income	57.7%	←

OVERALL

Operating expenses are good compared to contributions. Opportunities to continue to encourage people to contribute to General Operating bucket.



Fridays in May (12:10-12:40)

Trinity English Lutheran Church
450 W. Washington Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802



FREE concerts scheduled for each Friday in May.

May 3-Krauss Chapel

A Hobby Hymn Sing

Hymns informally introduced and led by the composer,
Robert Hobby (Director of Music at Trinity English).

May 10-Nave

Sun, Moon, and Stars

An improvised organ symphony based on submitted themes.

Dr. John Schwandt (Associate Director of Music at Trinity) Organ

May 17-Krauss Chapel

Piano Trios

Gretchen Lowe, Violin

Ben Morton, Piano

Maria Tan, Cello

May 24-Nave

Music for Trumpet and Piano

Featuring Ball State Professors:

Dr. Stephen Campbell, Trumpet

Dr. Cara Chowning, Piano

May 31-Krauss Chapel

Love Songs and Arias

Jennifer Wenzel, Soprano

Jody Thomas, Piano

JUST NEIGHBORS

Our next rotation for just neighbors is May 19 to the 24th , if you would like to provide a meal or part of a meal, please sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAF23A5F58-48662500-just>



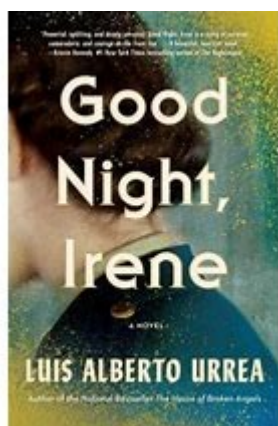
JAZZERCISE @ RLC

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

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 at church. We will be discussing the book The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar and Dana Martin.

For our June 6th meeting, we are reading Good Night Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea. Please join us if you enjoy reading great stories. All are welcome.



In *Good Night, Irene*, Urrea pays moving tribute to his mother and her Clubmobile comrades whose wartime service was largely forgotten because, even though they sometimes served under fire, they *merely* staffed what was called the "chow-and-charm circuit."

Urrea's main characters in this wartime buddy novel are two young women seeking escape and purpose: Irene Woodward, much like Urrea's own mother did, volunteers as a way out of a disastrous engagement back home in New York. Dorothy Dunford, a farmgirl from Indiana, has nothing left to lose: Her parents are dead, and her brother was killed at Pearl Harbor

Youth Happenings

As we continue to prepare for our trip to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering in July, we are learning about different topics that relate to the theme which is *Created to Be*. Recently we have been learning about implicit bias, bravery, and vulnerability. We use bible study, interactive learning and personal experiences to discuss these topics. Our preparations will continue as we move into summer. I am already seeing growth in the youth in their personal lives as well as their faith formation. We have a great group going on this trip and I continue to enjoy getting to know each one of them better.



Youth Fundraiser

On Sunday May 5th our next Youth Gathering fundraiser will begin. Donations will go towards our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. There will be a big poster board covered with envelopes on the wall by the nursery, with \$ amounts written on them. You simply take the envelope or envelopes that total the amount you wish to donate, put in cash or a check, or write on the envelope if donating through Vanco or Venmo and put it in the offering plate. As envelopes are removed a picture will be revealed. The Youth Gathering takes place every 3 years. It is a time for spiritual growth, bonding as a group, making a difference through service in the community, as well as bringing needed revenue to the host city, and all with over 15,000 other ELCA Lutheran youth. The growing in faith, as a group and simply as individuals that takes place on these trips is very moving. We have 13 youth, and 3 adults attending the Gathering. Please keep our group in your prayers as we continue preparing for the trip and while gone July 14th – July 22nd. Thank you for your continued support of Resurrection's Youth!

Elizabeth Mundroff Camp Work Day at Lutherwald

Some youth joined us at the Elizabeth Mundroff Camp Work Day at Lutherwald. For their project they worked on spreading and filling in dirt around the caretaker's house, getting it ready for grass seed. It was chilly! Some of us may have put on work gloves more because they were keeping our hands warm than needing them for the work. There was a great turn out and the youth were remembered by camp staff. They were able to catch up with their past counselors which was neat.



Calling All Current 5th Graders

It is time for our current 5th graders to get a taste of what youth group is like! September will be here before we know it and that means those who will be in 6th grade next year will be able to join us for Youth Group and Confirmation! We will be cooking for JNHHN, a homeless shelter for families, on Sunday May 19th and current 5th graders are encouraged to join us. We will prepare a meal at church from 11 to 12:30.

Youth Calendar

May 5 Youth Gathering Meeting 11-12:30

May 19 Cook for JNHN 11-12:30

***5th graders are invited to join us for this service project to give them some idea of what youth group is like.**

June 2 Confirmation 9:30 service

June 16-21 Confirmation Camp at Lutherwald

Register ASAP

July 14-22 Youth Gathering

August 23-25 Youth/Confirmation Retreat



EXPERIENCE

Adventure

REGISTER FOR
CAMP TODAY!



Riding into God's Grace

June 16-21 at Lake Luther
Grades 1-6
Cost \$650



Red River Gorge Adventure

June 16-21 at Lutheran Hills
Grades 9-12
Cost \$675

LEADERSHIP

Servant Leaders

June 9-14 at Lutherwald
June 23-28 at Lutheran Hills
Grades 10-12
Cost \$450

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Church Directory

Our digital photo directory is 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](tel:2605801954) or cwalk82@hotmail.com.



PRAY FOR...

Duane Steffen
Jack Bigham
Eddie Carnahan
Lela & George Dunn
Craig Kirkendall
Elaine Kirkendall
Danny
Dave Martin
Jan Hieber
Dot
Patty Gray

Chris Jr.
Nathaniel
John
Roberta
Jeff Wrobel
Hannah
Jerry Claxton
Deb Claxton
Hannah
Mary Van Wormer
Bev Rodocker

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

May Birthdays

1	Jackson Spencer
4	Kenneth Spencer
5	Mark Grove Roger lake
7	Cheryl Goble
10	Lucia Hughes Jon Mittler
11	Lauren Henry
12	John Joustra
14	Gavin Cook
17	Dawn Neumann
20	Dave Avery Esther Meyers
21	Emma Harter
24	Kelsey Hoot OakLynn Maxwell
26	Robert Soden
29	Barb Limbach
30	Michael Keith

May Anniversaries

8	George & Lela Dunn – 64 Dick & Peggy Van Horn – 48
17	Roger & Nancy Lake – 44
19	Perry & Sue Shilts – 35
20	John & Cynthia Sherrill – 41
30	Wes & Stephanie DeKoninck – 15



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
Robin Johnson office@rlcfw.org	Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 2 PM
Sue Smith youth@rlcfw.org	Monday: 10 AM - 2 PM Wednesday: By Appointment 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**

9:30am
In Person Worship w/
Communion every Sunday

10:45 am Faith Formation
September-May

9:30 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	Evangelism - Open
Council President - Dave Avery	Stewardship - Team in place
Vice President - Mary Ibe	Social Ministry - Open
Council Secretary - Kelley Bawmann	Fellowship - Diann Williams & Julie Sonnenberg
Financial Secretary - Esther Meyers	Property - Team in place
Treasurer - Justin Groscop	Worship & Music - Team in place
At Large 1 - Lorenzo Manquero	Youth - Sue Smith
At Large 2 - Bryan Burgett	Education - Team in place