



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

To my siblings in Christ,

With September comes fall and a seasonal transition of rhythms and priorities. Regardless of the chapter of life we find ourselves in, it's always good to take stock of where we are in our lives and the health of our bodies and minds, our relationships, our activities, our passions and gifts, our resources, and our spirituality.

In this chapter, what are the priorities, pleasures, and needs for all of these aspects of your life and self? And very importantly, have you defined them or has something else used them to define you?

Life will sometimes get away from us and the years will certainly slip by, but we must be mindful to live our life, not chase it. Our life remains our life, but our position in it is always changing, so reflection and re-reflection is essential. So many of the "normal" models, priority systems, and narratives of life that surround us are so limited it's dangerous not to check under the hood.

We are often unaware that we have fallen into traps. It's good for children to dream about "when I grow up", but that is very different from the prison of "someday I'll..." and the slave driver "if only I..." that have no delivery schedule.

Where do these schemes get off measuring the quality of your life by how productive you are? When did busyness get equated with importance? And who has so much power that when they told us that what other people think matters, most of us made it the most important thing in life?

What are the units being used to measure if you're good enough? Good enough at whatever roles you play? Good enough to be enough? As payment for your loyalty to these ways of life, have you become rich in regret, shame, worry, anxiety, restlessness, resignation, hatred, fear? What is the exchange rate these days for a good night's sleep? How about for peace, or joy, or stillness, quietness, personal relationships, meaning, purpose, integrity, compassion, fairness, justice, love, or even a soul? What are these normal models for life offering to pay in exchange for these sorts of things?

In John 10 verse 10 Jesus says, "I came so that you may have life and have it abundantly." The abundant life Jesus offers is of a quality and amount that it is enough. It is enough to provide the space to stop chasing some future version. It is enough to surround the losses that threaten to swallow us whole, and new meaning when time has passed us by. It is enough to provide homecoming, safe haven on the way, and a way out when all we have left are locked doors. It is



Rev. William H. Smith

enough to be the foundation of our relationships and the strength to leave if love is chronically sick with abuse. It is enough to be able to restore and remake what has been defined by shame and regret. It is enough to be a reason for unflappable hope, and a joy and peace that seem to seep in out of nowhere.

This life Jesus has poured out is abundant enough to be a model for what real life looks like. Enough to be the priority system and the narrative for understanding and plotting life's courses. To follow requires persistence not perfection. To follow requires humility and trust.

It requires letting go of bad investments and ending the pursuit of dead ends. These too require persistence, not perfection. It requires being willing to let Jesus in and leaving him to his opinion that you are worth loving, worth trusting, worth remembering. I wonder where you can see Jesus offering this abundant life and in what form it is coming into your world today? I wonder how that impacts your current models, priorities, and narratives that make up your everyday life?

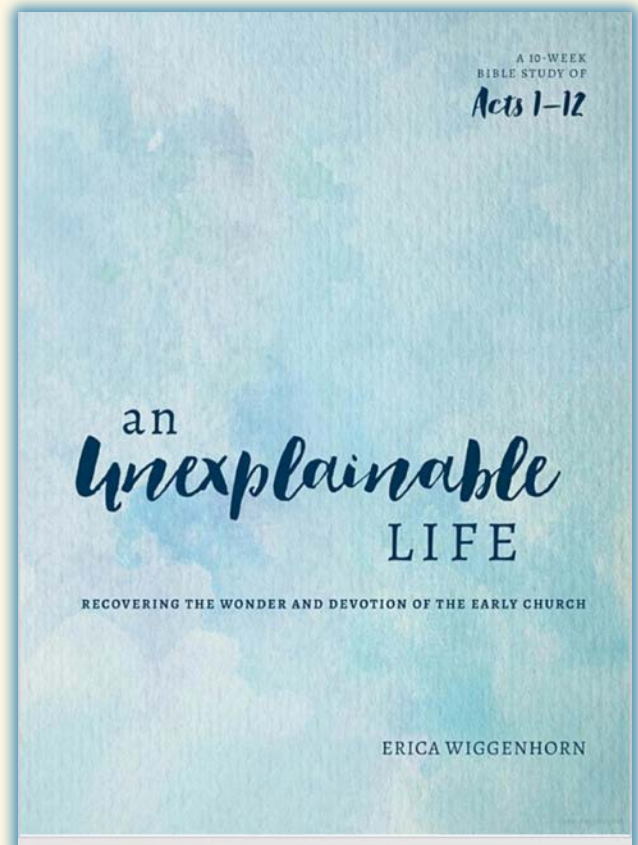
The Lord be with you.
Pastor Smith

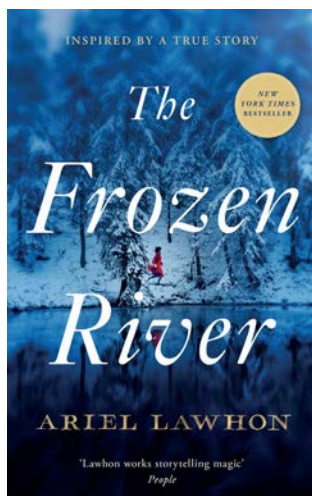
WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Our women's bible study will begin on September 15th at 10:30am. We will be studying the book "An Unexplainable Life" by Erica Wiggernhorn. Brenda Mundroff will lead the 10-week study. All women are invited to attend.

For fifty days, I invite you to dwell in the first twelve chapters of Acts. In this portion of Scripture we meet Peter face to face and encounter the source of his power. We become challenged to grab hold of that power ourselves, believing that God wants to do something in and through us that is unexplainable apart from him. Let's give God fifty days and see what He might do! How about it friend—are you game?

The purpose of this study is not simply to reiterate a message. You can find many Bible studies on the book of Acts. Our purpose here is to reignite a movement of the power of the Holy Spirit in each of us individually and in our churches collectively. Where does He want to take you? Where does He want to take your church? I encourage you to find out and begin to live an unexplainable life!





Join us on Thursday, September 4th for our meeting, 6:30pm at the church.

We will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

Please RSVP to our hostess Marsha Martin at 260-705-2950 if you would like to join us.



Resurrection Community Park News Update

Big things are happening in the park! Plans are in the works to get the pavilion and playground equipment installed sometime this fall. Be on the lookout for new developments and activities happening in our wonderful outdoor space.



IT'S MUSIC TIME!

Rehearsals for choir and chimes
will begin on

Wednesday, September 10th.
We would love to have some new
members join!

Chimes at 5:30 PM
Choir 6:30 PM-7:30 PM.



HAPPENINGS

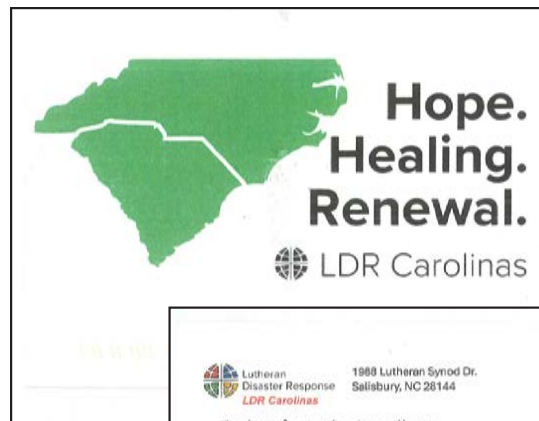
In July we took a group of 8 youth, grades 6th to 12th, and 3 adults to Boone, North Carolina. Last fall when we started youth group and talked about where they wanted to go for their Service Trip this summer, they wanted to go to North Carolina to help with clean up from Hurricane Helena. Through the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, I connected with Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR), Carolina's. We had youth from 6th to 12th grade going on the trip. An LDR representative connected us to projects, helped organize our week and find lodging.

We spent 3 days working and had 1 day to explore. The group cleared debris from a couple different properties, including the Church Council House that we were staying. There were so many branches and many, many trees that had already been cut into logs by other volunteers. We also moved some people from their homes, that they have been living in since last fall, even though their home had flooded. Organizations and volunteers are helping some of these individuals, by building them tiny homes. On our last work day, we spent time cleaning out the very creek that flooded and caused so much damage. The kinds of things found in the creek really made us realize the tragedy of it all. Hoods to cars, a shoe, a shirt, a pair of underwear, and a lot of other stuff like laundry detergent bottles, dishes, and other household items. We volunteered a total of 223.5 hours.

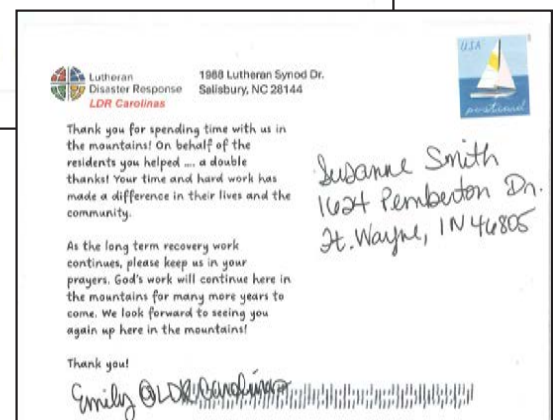
In our free time we spent exploring Boone and the surrounding areas. We were way up in the mountains so had some spectacular views.

We enjoyed some local restaurants as well as did cooking at the house. Each evening before bed we would gather and have family time. This is a time to reflect on the day and discuss info for the next day.

It was a wonderful trip, with some wonderful youth! Our LDR representative as well as those we volunteered with were very impressed with our group. They invited and encouraged us to come back and work with them again. It is estimated that the cleanup and restoring of the areas impacted by Hurricane Helena will take 10-15 years, so we may go back and work with them again. As always, THANK YOU, for your continued support of our youth! You helped this group be God's hands and feet in Boone, North Carolina.



*Thank you
note from
Lutheran
Disaster
Response
LDR
Carolinas*





First Youth Meeting

Our first youth meeting for this year will take place on Sunday September 14th from 11-1:30. We will be having pizza for lunch and will be discussing what the youth want to do this year for volunteering, for fun, for a retreat, and for our Week of Service, next summer. We will also talk about how we do youth group and what the expectations are.

Youth Calendar

September 7

Ministry Fest, After Worship

This is a great time to bring friends or family to come see what Resurrection has to offer. There will be Goodie Bags at the youth table for those in 6-12 grade. Games, food, prizes, bouncy house etc.

September 14

Youth Welcome Meeting, 11am-1:30pm

September 21

Volunteering, TBD

Helping Emmanuel Lutheran Church with their event celebrating 150 Years

September 28

Youth/Parent Meeting, 11am-1pm

October 5

Set up for Garage Sale, 11am-1pm

Parents and siblings encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

October 6-9

Set up/price for Garage Sale, TBD

October 10 & 11

Garage Sale, TBD

October 11

Garage Sale Clean Up, 12pm-2pm

October 24 or 25

Huntertown Halloween, TBD

October 26

Trunk or Treat, TBD

We will also have a youth/parent meeting on Sunday September 28th from 11-1. The youth will be making lunch for the parents. Sue and Pastor will meet with the parents while the youth work on lunch. Then we will eat together, clean up and finish any other business.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

Thrivent has Action Team Grants available to help support RLC ministry team projects.

We have created a spreadsheet to keep track of ongoing projects.

Click here to access the spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-DHMMVoV8ZvHRf6mL2BkbSz1U-YHjfnR6/edit?gid=494955354#gid=494955354>

If you need help updating the spreadsheet or applying for an Action Team grant, please contact:

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or

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The application process is very easy and Thrivent is quick to respond and send out the supplies. Thank you for your support of RLC ministries!

Apply online:

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>

MINISTRY FEST

DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENS AT RLC



Sunday, September 7, 2025 after the service

Ministry Fest is on Sunday, September 7th, with the congregation attending following service. Please hang around, lunch will be served at noon. The Community will be invited from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Bring your family and friends to see what Resurrection does and who we are. We opened the summer with *Outdoor Day*, and we'll end summer with *Ministry Fest*. The community is invited to attend this year.

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP
TO HELP WITH THE EVENT.**

THANK YOU!



September Birthdays

5	Pat Norris
8	Jon Munsch
9	Wendy Jackson Mary Patty George Dunn
10	Don Jackson Timothy Smith
11	Annie Wrobel Carol Hampton
12	Jon Lebrecht Peggy Van Horn
13	Noah Smith
15	Wes DeKoninck Liliana McCudden
16	Liam King
17	Connor Gemlick Andrew Kanzig
18	Karen Phillips
22	Addison Serre
25	Ritch Kline
26	Davin Petereon Sue Shilts
27	Tom Jones
28	September Hughes
30	Kris Eby Brandyn Grosjean/Phillips

September Anniversaries

1	Pat & Joy Poinsett, 57 years
8	Rob & Brenda Mundroff, 41 years Bob & Cheryl Walker, 52 years
12	Dave & Marsha Martin, 55 years
16	Kaleb & Kelsey Hoot, 8 years
25	Brent & Christi Serre, 15 years
26	Steve & Cheri Seigel, 50 years
28	Justin & Amanda Groscop, 13 years Lorenzo & Katie Manquero, 12 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
Bill Busching
Ruby C

Mary Paonessa
Ken Baranowski
Scott Williams
Denise DuBois
Muriel
Ashton Creek
Caleb
Jeff Wolf
Gustave

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



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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>



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

Church Council Members and Ministry Team Leaders

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Rev. William H. Smith

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Dave Avery

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Team in place

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Sue Shilts

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Kelley Bawmann

Fellowship:

Diann Williams & Julie Sonnenberg

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Esther Meyers

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Team in place

Treasurer:

Darlene Lebrecht

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Team in place

At Large 1:

Kay Humbert

Youth:

Sue Smith

At Large 2:

Zach Braun

Education:

Team in place