

RESURRECTION COURIER

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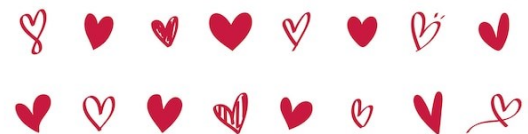
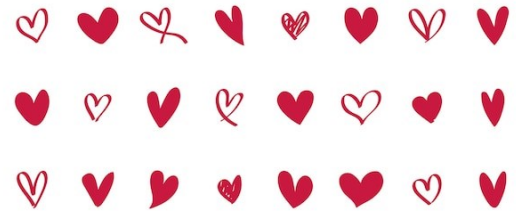
Worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday: February 12th at 7:00pm

Wednesday, Lenten Services at 7:00pm

(February 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20)

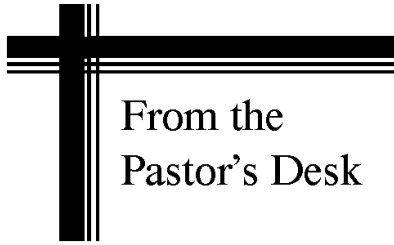
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join us*



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From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings, People of Resurrection!

I am delighted to be here with you as your new called pastor, and I look forward to a fruitful association with you in the years to come! I am so thankful for the warm welcome that I have received! Candi, Sharrie and Greg made my first day wonderful beyond my wildest expectations, and Miranda prepared my office so well that I couldn't believe it was the same room I had seen on my previous church tour. I am settling in nicely, but please be patient with me as I learn the rhythms of your congregation and preschool's lives - there is a LOT going on here, and I don't want to miss a thing!

Thank you to everyone who filled out an index card on my first Sunday, January 14th, with information about yourselves. I have read all of your responses and take them dearly to heart. If you were not here on the 14th and/or did not have an opportunity to fill out a card, please feel free to forward me your responses in writing or email.

The questions were:

1. Name (that you want to be called)
2. Any jobs/tasks you have ever done for a church (officially or unofficially)
3. Any job you haven't done but would love to do
4. Your big dream for the future - what would you do if you knew you could not fail?

This exercise was designed to help me get to know all of you better and also to help you think more deeply about your calling as a disciple of Christ. I hope that this exercise also helped "prime the pump" for the All-Committee meeting Saturday, January 20th. Rest assured that Resurrection needs you and your skills, and there will be ample opportunities for you to deploy them as we journey together in mission, led by the Spirit.

I will be having regular office hours at the church on Mondays and Wednesdays, with less-regular hours on Tuesdays (due to off-site meetings) and will work from home on Thursdays (my sermon-writing day). I am available to meet with you in person or virtually at your request. Please feel free to email me at pastorkelly@rldublin.org or to use my Calendly link (<https://calendly.com/prkelly>) to schedule an appointment. You are welcome to just "drop in" on a Monday or Wednesday as well (but please bring cookies - just kidding!).

I thank you for your patience as I learn the routine and ramp up. Like many of you, I have high expectations for our work together. May the Spirit of all inspiration and wisdom help us to breathe, to listen, and to move forward boldly together.

Peace and blessings to each of you,
Pastor Kelly

A Reflection from Bishop Jeff

Take time to breathe...

Over the holidays, within our home and family, there was a lot happening. Too much, perhaps. Preparations started early; the house was filled with branches and greenery, flowers, candles, lights, and wrapped things. Cards started arriving in the mail every day from colleagues, former students, family, and friends. Lots of people came for parties and gatherings. Our parents and siblings and their families visited multiple times over many days. Good energy, stories, joy, laughter, and lots of wintertime food filled our home for weeks!

Now the year has turned, a new one arriving. The twelve days of Christmas have passed. The Epiphany Magi have come and gone. Pepe's fresh baked Rosca is eaten and the cast iron æbleskiver pan is back hanging on the kitchen wall. The sweet rice pudding is finished, and this year's tamales were steamed, eaten, and given away. Ornaments and lights are packed into their boxes and stored again in the attic. Wooden leaves from the expanded dining room table are under the bed. The green garland composted. The carpet vacuumed of pine needles and vacuumed again. And we've said goodbyes to everyone who stayed with us, waving farewell to our parents as they drove down the street back home to the central coast, taking our relatives from Guanajuato, Mexico, back to the Oakland airport for their flight to Leon and then home. January is here. Three Kings/Epiphany, Christmas, and New Year are now all behind us. Our house feels emptier, and our routine a bit simpler.

It's time to take a breath.

In seminary, I was a student chaplain at a small hospital in Iowa. In a spiritual crisis, I took some time away for retreat and drove to the Benedictine monastery in Dubuque. I had prepared a written list of things to do and spiritual practices to explore while on retreat. Upon my arrival at the monastery, I was ushered into the abbot's office. He asked about my intentions, and I showed him my carefully curated list. He took my piece of paper and, in a rather dramatic fashion, tore it into small pieces in front of me. He asked me to give him my watch.

Forget what you planned to do, and all the things you wrote down, he said. While you are with us, be. Just be. Be and breathe. Notice how God is showing up in your life while you are here. Rest, sleep in, shower long, eat, sing, pray, rest more. But mostly, just be. And breathe.

The abbot's advice is good advice for this time after the holidays. January is here, and it's time to take a breath. I realize that there are many things already cluttering our agenda. Annual meetings. End of the year reports. Visitation catch-up. Liturgical preparation for the high holy days of Lent, Triduum, and Resurrection not that far away. Community organizing that never stops. So much cries out for our urgent and necessary attention — the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, climate chaos, the affordability crisis, political instability — all of which affect us and those we care deeply about all the time.

But even as we jump back into all of it, we are wise to apply the advice of a Benedictine abbot from Dubuque. Take time this January, dear siblings, to pause, stop, rest, eat, sing, shower... be. Notice how God is showing up within you and all around you. And breathe.

I'm grateful to be traveling alongside you as your bishop,

+Jeff

bishopjeff@spselca.org

WORSHIP/MUSIC MINISTRY:

**Please join us every Sunday, 9:30am for Worship
Invite a friend, neighbor or relative... All are welcome**

Our first concern is the health, safety and comfort of our members and all who attend. Masks are not required for indoor assembly, all are welcome to wear them if desired (we do have masks available). We recommend those with concerns ask the ushers to seat them towards the back so those who may be singing will be in front of them. We will continue with Holy Communion as we are currently doing it.

9:30 a.m.

Worship Schedule



We are excited to let you know that the Worship services are posted on our website and on YouTube. Our goal is to post the Sunday Service by that evening.
Links are: <https://rldublin.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGffWr0GnK6S4xRkIBG45NA>

Make a Joyful Noise....

Our music team is working together to make a joyful noise to the Lord on Sundays. Please consider joining them for the holidays.

Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Needs for the music ministry upcoming:

- ◆ More singers
- ◆ Guitar and keyboard instrumentalists

You are welcome to join us.

Let us praise the Lord together, singing Alleluia!

Betty Gail Hunt

Music Director



WORSHIP NOTES

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th, a day usually associated with expressions of our love for spouses, children, friends and family with candy, flowers and anything heart-shaped. With Ash Wednesday also falling on this day we have an opportunity to express our love of God by accepting God's reminder of how fragile and valuable each of us is by attending a service and receiving ashes. There will be two services at 1pm and 7pm: 1) the 1pm service will be a brief service without music or Communion; 2) the 7pm service will include music and Communion.



To continue the journey of Lent there will be 7:00pm Wednesday evening services where all can participate in the beautiful **Holden Evening Prayer** by Marty Haugen. *All are invited. Seriously consider making this service part of your Lenten journey.*



We are also planning to have a **Soup Supper** on the second Wednesday of Lent, February 21st, a gathering that was discontinued during the pandemic. Supper will start at 6pm preceding the 7pm service. You will find more information in the Weekly and February Courier. Signup sheets to volunteer to bring soup, bread and butter, dessert or help with set up or cleanup will be in the narthex. Plan to come. Share your favorite soup recipe.

Note: During Lent we will be using the **Taize Liturgy**. We sang this liturgy during Lent last year. The Gospel Acclamation will be **"In God Alone"**; after the Prayers of the People we'll sing **"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"**; before Communion **"Lamb of God"** will be sung.

For more information or a desire to join one of the Worship Ministry teams, contact Mary Gagliardi at m_gagliardi@comcast.net or anyone on one of the Worship Ministry teams.

Come Holy Spirit!

Mary Gagliardi (Worship Ministry chair), Betty Gail Hunt (Music Director), Erika Hidley (Sound Booth), Candi Llano, Beverly Riggs (Altar Guild chair), and Carol Zientara (Shaping Worship)

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Prayer and praise is very important at Resurrection. God hears and responds to our prayers just as a loving parent responds to a child. There are a number of levels of confidentiality in our organized prayer here at RLC. If you ask Pastor for prayer he will not share it unless you ask him to. (If you feel your prayer concerns would be best handled with a pastoral visit, please call the office or Pastor directly.) If you ask someone on staff for prayer we will assume it can be shared unless you tell us otherwise. We try to respect people's feelings and will use our best judgment in these matters.

Submit your prayers and praises by email: scott-jim-services@comcast.net or office@rldublin.org



- Submit your prayers and praises by written message.
- Attach to Prayer board in Sanctuary by the Angel window.
- Write on the back of the white card and give to an usher.
- Deliver prayer directly to Pastor, Candi Llano or Jim Scott.
- Phone the prayers and praises to the above mentioned persons.

At Resurrection prayer is a part of our worship as well. In the prayers of the people individuals are given a chance to mention their prayer concerns in the worship it can be done either aloud or in your heart God certainly knows our needs even before we speak them. Prayers in our weekly will stay in for a period of one month. Prayers on our prayer chain will remain active for a four week period. If you feel you would like your prayers to remain active for a longer period feel free to contact us.

We remember in prayer...

Sandy Swenson
Carl Gothan (*Sharrie Shreeve's Dad*)
Ashley Olson
Alisa Terrazas (*Vince's Daughter*)
Sandi Bangayan (*Candi's sister*)
Gregory Shreeve
Sharrie Shreeve
Tom Simpson (*Mary Gagliardi's brother*)
Kelly Reynolds/parent at our CDP
Jim McKenzie
William McKenzie
Heidi Miller
Rich Bionez
Barbara Woodward
Cliff Woodward III
Miranda Rebholz
Jack Hidley
Erika Hidley
Clark Vandell
Nancy Vandell
Jackson (*Scott May's Grandson*)
Jade Stevenson (*Sharrie's future daughter-in-law*)

Harvey Riggs
Ken Adams
Sako Adams
Martha May
George Strosina

Our RCD Teachers & School
RLC and our search for a Pastor

Loss of Loved one:

The Vandell Family for the loss
of Nancy's Mother

Mary Gagliardi, Family & Friends
for the loss of Vince Gagliardi

Paulette Field-Stubbings & Family
(*McKenzie Llano's future Mother-in-law*)
for the loss of her father, Rory.

*We pray for our Community,
Elected Officials, All Military,
First Responders, Essential Workers
and All those in need.*

PROPERTY NEWS:

THANK YOU to all who worked on our annual Leaf Cleanup Day on Fridays January 5th. Despite several postponements, we had great attendance with nine members and friends working very hard to clear up most of the leaves from our RLC property. It looks great and should take us through the winter months until spring.

Thank you to Gregory Shreeve who is replacing the side door to the choir room (outside the street gate to the courtyard) which has been damaged for some time. We appreciate Gregory's knowledge, expertise and skills!

The sanctuary lighting project is nearing completion with the changeover to all LED lighting in the sanctuary. Thank you to Erika Hidley for spearheading, overseeing and coordinating this very big project and for her help on many other property-related projects around RLC.

We are looking at possibly scheduling an interior spruce-up of the church building (windows cleaned, pews vacuumed, baseboards repainted in the area of the angel window, etc.) prior to Pastor Kelly's installation. Watch your bulletins and emails for further information.

Our spring cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, when we will be doing property cleanup and spring trimming, as needed. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Details will follow.



February



January recap: More rains, lots of flu illnesses and some new friends who joined. We are excited for our New Toddler Playground and can't wait to share that news!!!

Month of February is about Peace and Love

Color is Red, Shape is Heart, Numbers 12 and 13, Letters are O, P, and Q

Jesus blesses the children
Jesus heals a Blind Man

Jesus Feeds 5000
Jesus Calms the Storm

"God cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

We are having some special graphics Designed in our courtyard, come check them out!

Our summer program will be changing to give parents and families more options to choose from weekly sessions.

Session details and pricing coming up soon!

February Staff Development Day:
February 16th

School Deep Cleaning Weekend"
February 10th & 11th

Parent / Teachers Conferences:
February 29th

Parent / Teachers Conferences:
March 1st



Reminders

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY:
FEBRUARY 19TH
SCHOOL CLOSED



Birthdays and Other Important Dates

Ms. Angelika in the Owls - February 6th
Ms. Gen in the Guppies - February 9th

Children's Page



Ash Wednesday and Lent: Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

Ash Wednesday begins a holy season for many Christian religions, marking the start of the 40 days leading up to Easter (not including Sundays). This 40-day period is known as Lent, and it usually includes a focus on fasting and prayer.

<https://ministryspark.com/ash-wednesday-activities-kids/>





PLEASE JOIN US!

February is our Lenten Offering Kickoff.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
February 14th at 1pm and 7pm

(1pm service will be a briefer service ; 7pm service will include music and Communion.)



Wednesday Lenten Services
Worship is on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
February 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20

Social Media: If you use social media follow us or you can also share with friends/family.



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ResLuthDublin/>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/resurrectiondublin/>
Web Page: <https://www.rldublin.org>

Web Master: Jordan Vereen



New member/inquirer classes will be starting soon. Have you considered joining Resurrection, or do you have questions about what Lutherans believe and practice?

Pastor Kelly is organizing a six-week class for those wishing to learn more about these topics. If you might be interested in such a class, please call us at 925.828.1580 or email Candi at office@rldublin.org or Pastor Kelly at PastorKelly@rldublin.org to get on the "interested" list, or for more information.

RLC Courier Bulletin Board

TOO SOON TO ASK?



Before we know it, Ash Wednesday will be here. Then it's Lent - It's been a long time, but we thought we would Kick off the Lent services with a soup supper (just this one this year). So on Wednesday, February 21st there will be a Soup Supper at 6:15pm prior to the service. There's a sign up sheet in the narthex with What we will need. Pick an item to help out with, one that suits you!

Thank you from the Fellowship Team

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING

THANK YOU to all of you (17 strong!) that attended our All Committee Meeting on Saturday, January 20th. We met via Zoom rather than in person, as planned, due to the weather and all of the illness going around. There was much discussion as we shared upcoming events and visions for our ministry together.

The next All Committee Rep Meeting (only one person per committee need attend) is scheduled for Monday, May 6, at 7:00 pm via Zoom to plan for the annual meeting and summer activities through the beginning of September.

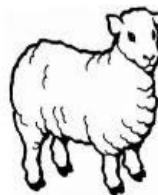
The next All Committee Rep Meeting for all committee members is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, at 9:00 am. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

FEED MY SHEEP

Please remember to sign up for bringing something to share for Fellowship. the signup sheet is under the bulletin board in the Narthex. (*Once a month or every other month. Anything helps and is appreciated.*)

We also have a new Fellowship Fund, you may choose to donate.

Blessings to all,
Mary Gothan
Fellowship Chair
mathin@comcast.net



FEED MY SHEEP IS BACK!

RLC FINANCE REPORT:

DECEMBER FINANCE NEWS

CHURCH:

INCOME:	\$ 36,546.88
EXPENSES:	(\$ 48,193.43)
NET:	(\$ 11,646.55)



**Note* Transfers were not done until January for lighting*

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS: \$208,591.28

CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

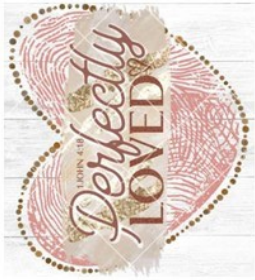
INCOME:	\$ 84,740.16
EXPENSES:	\$ 81,740.16
NET:	\$ 2,999.39

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS: \$ 312,510.40

We are still waiting for one check from the IRS. A moratorium was recently put in place that impacts new ERC applications, but since we filled and submitted our documentation prior to this, they are still supposed to process our claim.

Blessings and Grace be with you always,

Sharrie



FEBRUARY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 AM - Worship 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM JPC Worship & live stream	5 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM - Eclectic Rehearsal	6 RLC - Resurrection Church RCD - Resurrection Child Development IRF - Indonesian Reformed Fellowship JPC - JooSonGil Presbyterian Church CE - Chorus Eclectic	7 7:00 PM - Resurrection Singers	8 7:00 PM - Resurrection Singers	9 RCD CLOSED Staff Development	10 6:00 AM - JPC Prayer 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Piano Recital/Tamriko
11 9:30 AM - Worship 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM JPC Worship & live stream	12 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM - Eclectic Rehearsal	13 14 VALENTINE'S DAY ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM - Worship Service 7:00 PM - Resurrection Singers	15 7:00 PM - RCD Board Meeting	16 RCD CLOSED Staff Development	17 6:00 AM - JPC Prayer	18 9:30 AM - Worship 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM JPC Worship & live stream
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GOD IS GOOD

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Do you have a question regarding a ministry taking place at Resurrection or would you like to volunteer in a particular area?



The Committee spokesperson in that area would be glad to hear from you:

Church Council President: Cliff Woodward, cgibbons49@aol.com

Child Development Board: Covered by the Council at this time

Christian Education: Vacant at this time

Fellowship Committee: Mary Gothan, mathin@comcast.net Church Office

Finance Committee: Sharrie Shreeve, sharrie@rldublin.org

Property: office@rldublin.org Church Office

Social Ministries Committee: Kathy Young, Kathy309@gmail.com

Stewardship Committee:

Worship Committee: Mary Gagliardi, m_gagliardi@comcast.net

Pastor

Pastor Kelly Miller-Sanchez

Office Staff

Parish Administrator: Candi Llano

Finance Director: Sharrie Shreeve

Ministry Staff

RLCDP Director: Wazhma Masarweh

Christian Education: Vacant

Women's Group Minister: Sharrie Shreeve

Altar Guild: Bev Riggs

Music Director: Betty Gail Hunt

Drummer: Jimmy Genzale

Sound Booth: Erika Hidley, Scott Young,
Sarah Peterson

Property: Property Team

Church Treasurer: Randy Gustavson

Web Masters: Jordan Vereen

RLC Council

Council President: Cliff Woodward

Council Vice President: Scott Young

Secretary: Mary Gothan

Treasurer: Randy Gustavson (not on council)

Council Members: Bill Donaldson, Liz Meuser,
Gregory Shreeve

Child Care Board

Vacant

Randy Gustavson

Wazhma Masarweh

Ms. Jeanette Kuneli

Pam Powell

Justin Lowell

Cliff Woodward

Kelly Miller-Sanchez

Board Chairperson/Church Member

Church Treasurer/Church Member

Director RLCDP

Teacher Rep RLCDP

Church Member

Church Member

Council Representative

Pastor

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