



Resurrection Life

December 2015



*From the
Pastor*



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Advent is the period preceding the Christmas season. It begins on the Sunday nearest November 30, and covers four Sundays. Because Advent precedes Christmas Day by four Sundays, the day it begins changes from year to year. This year, 2015, Advent begins on November 29.

The word advent comes from Latin and means 'the coming'. For centuries, Advent has been a time of spiritual reflection as well as cheer and anticipation. Even as the Christmas season has become more secular with the commercial world urging holiday shoppers to buy more and more through aggressive advertising, Advent still brings joy and meaning to Christians particularly in the liturgical community. Many Christian families find quiet moments lighting candles on their Advent wreaths, and children use Advent calendars to count the days until Christmas.

Advent has probably been observed since the fourth century. Originally, it was a time when converts to Christianity prepared themselves for baptism on the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord.

During the Middle Ages, Advent became associated with preparation for the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus. Many Christians still view Advent as a season to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus. In the last fifty years, however, it has also come to be thought of as a time of anticipating the Nativity, the Coming of our Lord Jesus on Christmas Day.

One of the symbols of Advent is the Advent wreath. An advent wreath traditionally is made with evergreen in the shape of a circle. The circle symbolizes the Eternity of God. Like the circle, God's eternal mercy has no beginning and no end. God is

eternal. The green speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal and of eternal life. The wreath contains four candles, three purple and one rose. Purple dyes were once so rare and costly that they were associated with royalty. In liturgical Churches this color is used to symbolize the royalty of Jesus. The color purple is now replaced by the color blue in many liturgical churches. Advent with its focus on Anticipation and Waiting communicates the message of Hope. Blue, the color of the sky, communicates that powerful message of hope. The Christ who came in history assuming our flesh, who continues to come to us in Word and Sacrament, will come again from that same blue sky from which he ascended into heaven. Royal Blue is also used to symbolize the royalty of Jesus. The three purple or blue candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, peace, and love. These candles, are lit on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent. The rose candle, which symbolizes joy, is lit on the third Sunday. A fifth candle is placed inside the Advent wreath and is usually called the 'Christ candle'. This candle is lit on Christmas Day. It is white, the color of purity and completeness and it symbolizes that thorough our Lord Jesus *'though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow'*. During the four Sundays of Advent therefore, we prayerfully anticipate and prepare for the divine gifts of peace, hope, joy and love that comes to the world from God the Father in and through the nativity - the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

This period of anticipation and preparation leads into the joyful celebration of that which we have anticipated and prepared for, namely, God's gift of a Savior – Jesus the Christ, Emmanuel (God with us), the Prince of Peace, the Savior of the world. Christmas is not just about glitter and lights, drinking and feasting, sharing gifts, Christmas trees, Santa Claus with his reindeers and all or any of the other festive things associated with the season. Oh, yes, there is a place for the festivities. The sad fact is that many, too many, folks inside and outside of the Church, attend the party but have no sense of what the feasting and celebration is all about. Let us use this Advent season to walk together as the people of God, through this period of anticipation and preparation, so that come Christmas, we will not only know what the party is about, but we will also have a celebration filled

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Ladies Guild December 2015

Every Good and Perfect Gift

“... Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1: 17

We rush around so much at Christmas time trying to find the perfect gift for someone. It can be a very stressful time, and can take our focus off the real meaning of Christmas.

Most of what we buy is only for a moment in time. There's no real lasting value, especially when buying for Kids! We may lose interest, or it's finished with, or kids toys get broken and clothing is outgrown. Every good and perfect gift comes from God the Father, and His gifts are eternal. He has given each of us 'gifts' to do His will. But the most important gift of all was the gift of His son - Jesus.

Each good and perfect gift that's given comes down from above, from our Father in Heaven. **Don't Forget Jesus**

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. December 8th @ 7:00pm**

Please note at our next meeting we will have our annual chicken dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share. We will also be playing B-I-N-G-O, so remember to bring your extra loose change which will be added to our Mite collection. In addition, please bring small gifts you have lying around your home which will be used as the B-I-N-G-O prizes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very blessed Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

There are NO MEETINGS during the months of January and February.

Remember your Mite Boxes . . .

In Christ,

Debbie Sichler

President Ladies Guild



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Pastor: Rev. James T. Gajadhar

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Ministers: All the Members



2015 CHURCH COUNCIL: President: Gary Carella, Vice President: Vacant
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FOR DECEMBER 2015

Beat the Christmas rush, come to church this Sunday

AND

He who has Christmas in his heart, will never look under the tree.



BIBLE TRIVIA

November 2015 Trivia Question with Answer

OFFERINGS TO IDOLS:

What idol, associated with Moses, was offered sacrifices by later generations?

ANSWER: The bronze serpent 2 Kings 18:4

December 2015 Trivia Question

OFFERINGS TO IDOLS:

What wicked king, a dabbler in sorcery, sacrificed his son in the fire?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF 2 KINGS

PRAY FOR OUR WORSHIP!
PRAY FOR OUR MISSION!
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!
PRAY!



- for all of us at **Resurrection** that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

-Our **Members** who are who are **HOME-BOUND**: Eleanor & Joe Dunlop; in **NURSING HOMES**: Rosemarie Armstrong; Harriet Rose and those with **OTHER CONCERNS**: Marie Cappello, Kathy, Tim, Lynn, Connie, Karen Carella, Diana Green, Brett Gurnee, Pastor Sam, Marilyn Lang, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Ronnie Sowa, Grace Serro, Antony Gajadhar, Arlene Novitske, Tim Fink, Sandra McManus, Maryann Fidler Cathy Daggett and Douglas Gonzalez (Grandson).

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for the marvelous gift you brought into the world on Christmas! Thank you for sending the Savior – your only Son – to take on the enormous burden we had no way of carrying on our own. Thank you for sending Him here to walk the earth, to perform miracles and wonders, to teach, and ultimately, to conquer death on our behalf. Help us to remain focused on the wonderful gift of love you gave us on Christmas through Jesus. During this celebration, help us keep fixed on the reason for the season; and help us to lovingly share this gift with others now and always, In Jesus' precious and holy name we pray. Amen.

Shared Faith Ministries - Dear Heavenly Father, Direct and guide us as the two churches work together in your name spreading the good news of your beloved son Jesus Christ, Amen.

our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, God, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now about to study. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

-our **ESL Classes**, We pray Heavenly Father to send those in need of learning the English language to our doors and we thank all of our volunteers who help in this unique ministry.

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Ministry, the Korean Ministry and the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran that God will continue to bless all of these Ministries and help them to grow.

- for all of our **troops** "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them a They protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire"
1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19



William Patrick Ciminelli infant son of Janet and Billy Ciminelli (grandson of Karen & Gary Carella) was baptized at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 14, 2015.



The Godparents:
Jackie McGrath and Brian Kavanagh





DECEMBER Birthdays



God's Blessings on your birthday...



- Dec 5 Gary Carella
- Dec 5 Valerie Gavora
- Dec 6 Lorene Heppner
- Dec 9 Liane Runco
- Dec 10 Christel Schnackenberg
- Dec 23 Cynthia Myers
- Dec 23 George Bardolf
- Dec 25 JESUS CHRIST
- Dec 31 Dianne Gajadhar



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with meaning and purpose. There are many worldly distractions that threaten to rob us of the blessedness of the season. Here in this Parish, like in many other Parishes, we will have at least eight worship opportunities (Sundays and Wednesdays) that are intentionally prepared to help us walk in anticipation of what God has prepared for us. When that anticipation is fulfilled on Christmas day with the gift of Jesus, we will not only be prepared to receive Him, but our celebration and our joy will be real.

Have a blessed Advent/Christmas Season.

Pastor James T. Gajadhar



We acknowledge with gratitude the following gifts that were made to the Resurrection Memorial Fund or other funds this past month to the Glory of God and in memory of:

CHESTER FISHER

from the following individual
George Fisher

HILDA JULIETTE JONES

from the following individuals
Gary & Karen Carella
Christel Schnackenberg
Eleanor Johnson

TERRY IANIERI

from the following individuals
Walter & Wilma Wichern



happy anniversary

Gary & Karen Carella - December 9th
Delio & Liane Runco - December 28th



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE:

WOW ... 31 shoeboxes were dropped off and are on their way to being delivered around the world. Besides the joy of toys and other items, these children will hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to Liane Runco and her husband Delio for dropping off these Christmas filled shoeboxes in College Point. A special thanks to Heather Valente who turned in 13 gift wrapped shoeboxes from the Sunday School and 18 shoeboxes were donated by the Resurrection congregation. Thanks 4 to one and all for making this year a huge success.



**It cost \$0.00 to Thank God for waking you today!
Can I get an 'AMEN'?**

DECEMBER 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		 10:00am HEALING SERVICE 7:30 pm ESL	2 Advent SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES 7:30pm Service begins @ Resurrection 8:30pm CHOIR	3 Bible Study has been suspended until January 13, 2016	4 Food Pantry At Corona 9am		
	6 Second Sunday in Advent 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran NEWSLETTER Meeting	7 LADIES GUILD @ 7:00pm 7:30pm ESL	8 Advent SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES 7:30pm Service begins @ St. John's 7:30pm CHOIR	9 Advent SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES 7:30pm Service begins @ St. John's 7:30pm CHOIR	10 Please note, there will be a life supper @ 6:30pm before the ADVENT Services on Dec. 2, 9, and 16	11  9:30am Decorating Church for Christmas	12
	13 Third Sunday in Advent 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	14 7:30 pm ESL	15 COUNCIL Meeting @ 1pm Advent SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES 7:30pm Service begins @ Resurrection 8:30pm CHOIR	16 COUNCIL Meeting @ 1pm Advent SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES 7:30pm Service begins @ Resurrection 8:30pm CHOIR	17 Newsletter DEADLINE	18 Altar Guild 10:00am ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS Set-up of Poinsettias and Candles for Christmas	19
	20 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	21 7:30pm ESL	22 NO SERVICE	23 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 6:30pm	24 Christmas 9:30am CHRISTMAS DAY @ St. John's NO Service at Resurrection	25 Christmas 9:30am CHRISTMAS DAY @ St. John's NO Service at Resurrection	26
	27 First Sunday After Christmas 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	28 7:30pm ESL	29 7:30pm ESL	30 New Year's Eve SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES 7:30pm Service @ Resurrection	31 MERRY CHRISTMAS	Happy New Year!	

Serving Schedule:

DECEMBER 2015



<p><u>December 6, 2015</u></p> <p>Reader: Gary Carella</p> <p>Usher: Deanna Bardolf Dee Bardolf</p> <p>Greeter: Ada Gavora</p> <p>Altar Care: Sonja Munzenmaier Christel Schnackenberg</p>	<p><u>December 13, 2015</u></p> <p>Reader: Walter Hartman</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Ida Myers</p> <p>Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson Dottie McNeely</p>	<p><u>December 20, 2015</u></p> <p>Reader: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Usher: TBD</p> <p>Greeter: Deanna Bardolf</p> <p>Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson Dottie McNeely</p>	<p><u>December 24, 2015</u></p> <p>CHRSTMAS EVE</p> <p>Usher: TBD</p> <p>Altar Care: Debbie Sichler Ada Gavora</p>	<p><u>December 27, 2015</u></p> <p>Reader: Jenny Gajadhar</p> <p>Usher: Deanna Bardolf Dee Bardolf</p> <p>Greeter: Sonja Munzenmaier</p> <p>Altar Care: Ada Gavora Debbie Sichler</p>
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December 31, 2015

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Altar Care: Ida Myers
Cynthia Myers

FOOD PANTRY Needs Your Help!
Your HELP is NEEDED during the Winter months for the food pantry at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Corona which serves the hungry in this community. Non-perishable foods can be brought to the FOOD BASKET located in the Narthex of the church for future distributions at Emanuel, usually the first Saturday of the month. For further information call (718) 359-3289.
Won't you please help to fill the basket with non-perishable foods!


DECORATE the Church
SATURDAY Dec. 12th at 9:30am
Please JOIN us to help with decorating the church and tree trimming for Christmas. Many hands make for lighter work. Won't you please come and help!!

SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am
Pastor Sam uses church 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

TUESDAY'S - ESL Classes @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am
Choir Practice @ 7:30pm
Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm

THURSDAYS - Glory Lutheran Bible Study 7:30pm - 9:00pm

FRIDAYS - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm



Altar Guild
SATURDAY, Dec. 19th at 10:00am
Please come and help setting-up the Poinsettias and the candles for Christmas



DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles
December 18, 2015

If you have a computer and would like to e-mail your articles you may do so to: debsichler@yahoo.com

What's missing?

When shopping for gifts became too difficult, an elderly man decided to just send checks to relatives. In his Christmas cards, mailed early he wrote, "Buy your own present!"

After the holiday, the man noticed he'd received few cards in return. Puzzled, he went into his study intending to write to a few relatives and ask what had happened. As he cleared his cluttered desk, the horrified man found the answer. Under a stack of papers were the checks he'd forgotten to enclose with his cards!

The lesson? Don't be in such a hurry to give gifts that you inadvertently leave out what's most important. Without the message of Jesus and his birth, the earthly trappings of Christmas are empty indeed.



Taking several trains on vacation, I noticed how the conductors' "welcome" messages differed. Unlike air travel with identical safety instructions no matter the airline or flight attendant, on Amtrak each speech was unique. One conductor emphasized that parents should always accompany their children. Another warned that restrooms would be shut down if they weren't kept clean. Still another said passengers entering the station during a brief stop risked getting left behind.

No doubt each announcer highlighted matters that had previously been problematic. Similarly, the gospel accounts of Jesus' birth emphasize what each writer thought most important to share.

Matthew, writing for a Jewish audience, highlights similarities between Jesus and Moses; focuses on Joseph, whose lineage connects Jesus to King David and Abraham; and tells of wise men seeking the new "king of the Jews." Luke, meanwhile, writes to Gentiles and society's "underdogs" women and the poor, highlighting Mary, Jesus' humble birth and his first visitors; lowly shepherds.

We, too, might consider how to tailor faith-sharing to our listeners. Long-term friends, new neighbors children and the hurting will be moved by different aspects of God's love.

Shared Faith Ministries Resurrection Lutheran Church & St. John's Lutheran Church

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SERVICES



Mid-Week ADVENT Services

Wed. December 2nd

Mid-Week Advent @ Resurrection @ 7:30pm (lite supper at 6:30pm)

Wed. December 9th

Mid-Week Advent @ St John's @ 7:30pm (lite supper at 6:30pm)

Wed. December 16th

Mid-Week Advent @ Resurrection @ 7:30pm (lite supper at 6:30pm)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve @ Resurrection beginning at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve @ St. John's beginning at 8:00pm

Friday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY @ St. Johns beginning at 9:30am



NEW YEAR'S EVE



Wed. December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE @ Resurrection beginning at 7:30pm



Wednesday, January 6, 2016

EPIPHANY Service at St. John's beginning at 7:30pm



We Appreciate You
Pastor James

We just want to say ...

THANK YOU



On Sunday, November 1, 2015 the Shared Faith Ministries; Resurrection Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church held a combined worship service at St. John's in honor of Pastor James T. Gajadhar's 30 years of Ordination and for Pastor Appreciation Day. Both Resurrection and St. John's choirs joined together to sing two special songs dedicated to the Pastor. After the worship service Paul Albert along with Gary Carella presented Pastor Gajadhar with a clock plaque in recognition of his 30 years of ministry. After the service was a wonderful time of fellowship with a luncheon provided by both of the congregations. The food was plentiful as was the conversations and fellowship. The cake was beautiful as it was delicious. CONGRATULATIONS Pastor on your 30 years of Ordination!

Congratulations on your 30 Years of Ordination

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 242

Matt.6:5-18

The Lord's Prayer

S	S	E	F	S	R	E	H	T	A	F	M	L	H	A
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A	E	T	E	A	M	G	N	N	T	R	S	D	S	B
G	D	H	R	E	R	O	I	K	T	F	B	R	U	A
A	C	H	C	L	T	D	D	V	I	R	D	A	O	B
I	N	E	E	S	N	U	C	G	E	O	H	W	I	B
N	S	A	S	A	R	O	U	A	N	E	Y	E	V	L
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U	O	R	E	M	A	N	I	C	F	A	C	E	S	W
S	S	D	E	L	I	V	E	R	M	O	O	R	K	A
Y	L	I	A	D	Y	A	R	P	A	G	A	N	S	S
W	O	H	S	H	A	L	L	O	W	E	D	L	Y	H

AGAINST	BREAD
BABBLING	DAILY
CORNERS	DEBTS
DELIVER	DONE
DISFIGURE	DOOR
FATHER	EARTH
FORGIVE	FACES
HALLOWED	HEAD
HEAVEN	HEARD
KINGDOM	LEAD
KNOWS	LOVE
OBVIOUS	NAME
PAGANS	PRAY
RECEIVED	ROOM
REWARD	SEES
SECRET	SHOW
SOMBER	SINS
STANDING	TELL
STREET	TRUTH
UNSEEN	WASH

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right



Poinsettia Sign-Up

The annual sale of red or white Christmas poinsettias begins again. If you are interested in donating a poinsettia to the Glory of God as a Memorial or in Thanksgiving, please fill in

the information below and return this form to the church office (or place in the "church office" mailbox at the rear of the church).

Each plant is a 6 ½ inch pot of 5 to 8 blossoms, wrapped in gold foil. The cost is \$10.00 per plant, and all orders must be received by **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th**. The poinsettias will adorn the altar on CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY and may be taken home with you following either service. Thank you in advance for making our altar more beautiful at this special time of year!

In Loving Memory of _____

From: _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

From: _____

Please indicate how many and which color(s) you would like below:

How many
WHITE

How many
RED

() WILL Pick up plant(s) after service.

() WILL NOT take plants home.

ISAIAH 40:11, NRSV
**HE WILL
FEED HIS
FLOCK
LIKE A
SHEPHERD.**



THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM



Our Mission Statement

*As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word,
the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:*

*Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ,
ministering to one another and to those in the
community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers
so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith
relationship with Jesus.*

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship 9:15am

* (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service 11:15am

Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

YOU



PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY