



Resurrection Life

February 2015



Pastor's Message

On February 18th this year, the Christian community will begin the Lenten observances. Lent is a very significant and meaningful season in the Christian calendar. During this season, the church focuses attention on the suffering and sacrificial death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This focused attention is intended to be a period of preparation for Easter (the Resurrection Jesus from the dead) in the same way that Advent is a period of preparation for Christmas (the birth of Jesus). This 40 days season (not counting Sundays) begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter – the vigil of Easter.

Focused attention on the suffering and sacrificial death of Jesus reminds Christians that he died for the sins of the world in general and more specifically for their sins. As such, this season brings Christians face to face with their own sin. Christians are therefore motivated to stand before God as penitent sinners as a response to the sacrificial death of Jesus. Lent, therefore is a penitential season. Traditionally, this attitude of penitence manifests itself in the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer and works of charity. (Matthew 6:1-18)

Fasting:

Fasting is primarily the willing abstinence from certain foods, drink or even favorite activities for a specific period of time. Martin Luther opposed 'canon laws' outlining the 'rules' of collective fasting for the entire community. However, Luther does encourage individual fasting as a 'spiritual exercise'. The Bible both Old and New Testament attest to the spiritual value of Fasting.



What Are You Giving Up?

Fasting, as a spiritual discipline, does not make the Christian who fasts superior to the Christian who does not. So, what is the value of Fasting? In my youthful years an older member of our Church explained it to me this way: "Christ paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving His life for me. So, during Lent every year, I make a small sacrifice by fasting to remind me of the sacrifice He made and also as a symbol of my own penitence." This has since guided my attitude regarding Fasting.

Prayer:

The Christian community is a praying community. Yet, praying is, for most of us, not easy. There are many resources to help us overcome this difficulty. Most of them however deal more with 'how' to pray rather than 'why' we pray. The Bible underlines that prayer is essentially a two-way communication with God. When we pray, we not only talk with God, but we listen as well. As we talk and listen we discern God's purposes for the world, for those around us and for our own lives. When we talk and listen to God regularly, God enables us to grow more and more each day in His grace and in our growth we become more and more like Christ. We pray, therefore, not just to tell God what we want, but to listen to God, to discern His purposes and to grow more like our lord Jesus. During Lent we are encouraged to make prayer a priority so that we can experience its value in our lives.

Works of Charity:

Works of Charity or almsgiving is a call for us, as the people of God, to be aware of others around us and to reach out in compassion with the love of God. It is a time to affirm that we are our 'brother's keeper'. Indifferent to human need is one of the worst things that can happen to individuals and communities. Such indifference really do rob us of our very humanity. Jesus was not indifferent to human needs. Throughout His earthly life, he demonstrated compassion for the needs of those he came into contact with. Finally he gave His very life to in response to human need to be reconciled to God. When we carry out works of charity, we follow the example of Christ.

So, let us use this Lententide to prepare ourselves to truly celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Spiritual disciplines of Fasting, Prayer and Works of Charity can help us to achieve this goal.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor James Gajadhar

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Ladies Guild February 2015

Living in the Spirit... Enables Us to Love

To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. Jude 1b-2

Of the Word

... the fruit of the Spirit is love ... Galatians 5:22

Jude wishes mercy, peace, and love for his readers: the mercy that shows God's compassion toward us, the peace that comes from trusting Him, and love. God's love is different from the worldly definitions of love. God's love is a never-ending love that He freely lavishes upon us ... even on our most unlovable days. He is able to love us at our best and at our worst because *God is love* (1 John 4:16b).

Love is God's gift: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16a).

We won't be recognized as Christians by our clothing or a piece of cross-shaped jewelry worn around the neck. But we will be known as Christians by the love that pours freely from our hearts toward others. Alone we are unable to give this kind of love but because the Holy Spirit lives in us, we are able to put into action Christ's command: "*Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another*" (John 13:34b)

Walking with the Lord:

Lord, forgive the times we have not been gracious to those who have needed our love. You have given us a great example of love in Your Son, Jesus. Help us to follow it. In His name we pray. Amen.

There is **NO MEETING** during the month of February

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. March 10th @ 7:00pm**

Remember your Mite Boxes . . .

In Christ,

Debbie Sichler

President Ladies Guild



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. James T. Gajadhar

Elder: VACANT

Church Office: (718) 463-4292

Church Secretary: Eleanor Johnson and Karen Carella

Minister of Music and Adult Choir Director: Walter Hartman

Musicians: Flautist - Heather Valente; Percussionist - Ralph Valente

Ministers: All the Members



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

Secretary: Anita Reinert, Financial Secretary: Gerry Reinert, Treasurer: Eleanor Johnson,

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Trustee: Gary Carella, Deanna Bardolf, Gerry Reinert

NEWSLETTER STAFF: Editor: Debbie Sichler, Assistants: Ada Gavora, Madeline Hurster, Gerry Reinert and Anita Reinert.

FOR FEBRUARY 2015

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 1:7

AND

The Lord is my Shepherd Psalm 23:1.



BIBLE TRIVIA

MARCH 2015 TRIVIA QUESTION

THEY DID IT FIRST:

Who was the first person to fall asleep during a sermon?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

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**: Kathy, Tim, Lynn, Marie Cappello, Marilyn Lang, Connie, Karen Carella, Diana Green, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Donna Teekasingh, Khameel Gajadhar, Pastor Sam, Sonja Munzenmaier, Ronnie Sowa, Grace Serro, Brett Gurnee, Sherrie Coluccio, Jennifer Dennis, Jill Terho, Debbie Sichler, Rev. Dien Taylor, and Douglas Gonzalez (Grandson).

Dear Heavenly Father, , Thank you for the privilege of coming to you in prayer. Thank you for hearing us and thank you for answering our prayers in the best way and at the right time. Help us to pray faithfully and wait patiently. In Jesus name, 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 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

TIME CHANGE FOR LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST

The broadcast time for the local Lutheran Hour program has been moved from 8:30am to 7:30am Sunday morning on radio station AM 970. The Lutheran Hour Program was launched on October 2nd 1930 and is the world's longest running Christian outreach program. It is on more than 1400 stations in North America and reaches an estimated audience of 800,000 on a weekly basis.

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES TO HOST REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN NY

Lutheran Hour Ministries will host a regional outreach conference in Tarrytown NY on March 13-14. Featured speakers will be Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Hour Speaker, and David Kinnaman, President of Barna Group. For further information contact Gerry Reinert at 718-229-1988. Subsidies for expenses may be available.

1936 RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH 2015

Resurrection Lutheran Church will be celebrating its **79th Anniversary** on **Sunday, February 22, 2015**, with a special "Coffee Hour" following the worship service. Plan on coming to share in this special time in the life of Resurrection. More information will follow in the Sunday bulletin.



SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES

a ministry partnership between

St. John Lutheran Church, 147-46 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355

and

Resurrection Lutheran Church, 44-10 192nd Street, Flushing, New York 11358

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: THE PARABLES OF LENT



Ash Wednesday - FEBRUARY 18 Imposition of Ashes
Resurrection - 10.00 a.m. & Saint John - 7.30 p.m.
Receive Justification

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Week One - February 25 at Resurrection: 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
Receive the Word

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Week Two – March 4 at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
Receive the Treasure

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Priceless Pearl

Week Three – March 11 at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
Receive Mercy

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Week Four – March 18 at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
Receive Grace

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Week Five – March 25 at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
Receive Forgiveness

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

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PALM SUNDAY - March 28, 2015

Regular Service at 9:15am

HOLY WEEK – THE PASCAL TRIDUUM



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – April 2

Saint John – 7.30

Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday – April 3

Resurrection – 6:00 p.m.

Saint John – 7.30 p.m.

Easter Vigil – April 4

Resurrection – 7.30 p.m.

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant



Easter Sunday

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 5, 2015

Saint John (Early Service) – 7.45 a.m.

Resurrection – 9.15 a.m.

Saint John – 10.45 a.m.

ORDER YOUR EASTER PLANTS

Easter is April 5, 2015 just a few short weeks away. If you would like to order either a Hyacinth or Lily to adorn the church altar, please place your orders early. Look for flyers in the weekly church bulletin or call the church office at 718 463-4292



Serving Schedule: FEBRUARY 2015

February 1, 2015

Usher: Stephen Gavora
 Reader: Eleanor Johnson
 Greeter: Deanna Bardolf
 Altar Care: Anita Reinert
 Jenny Gajadhar

February 8, 2015

Usher: TBD
 Reader: Douglas Gonzalez
 Greeter: Madeline Hurster
 Altar Care:
 Sonja Munzenmaier
 Christel Schnackenberg

February 15, 2015

Usher: TBD
 Reader: Jenny Gajadhar
 Greeter: Sonja Munzenmaier
 Altar Care:
 Sonja Munzenmaier
 Christel Schnackenberg

February 18, 2015



Usher: Deanna Bardolf
 Dee Bardolf
 Altar Care: Cynthia Myers
 Ida Myers

February 22, 2015

Usher: Deanna Bardolf
 Dee Bardolf
 Reader: Joanne Gajadhar
 Greeter: Jenny Gajadhar
 Altar Care: Ida Myers
 Cynthia Myers

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2015 - Year of the Goat

On **Sunday, March 1, 2015** Immanuel Chinese congregation will celebrate Chinese New Year (Year of the GOAT) with a special entertainment / luncheon after their service at approximately 1:00pm. Once again this year, the celebration will be held in the church undercroft.

All members of Resurrection are invited to attend. Please let us know you will be attending by signing the sheet in the back of the church or by calling the church office (718) 463-4292

SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese - Bible Study - 9:30am
 Pastor Sam uses church 2:00pm - 3:30pm
 Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm
 TUESDAY'S - ESL @ 7:30pm
 WEDNESDAY'S - Mid Week BIBLE STUDY - 10am
 Choir Practice - 7:30pm
 Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30-8:30pm
 THURSDAYS - Glory Lutheran Bible Study 7:30 - 9:00pm
 FRIDAYS - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45 - 9:00pm

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 cart located in the Narthex of Resurrection for future distributions at Emanuel, usually the first Saturday of the month. For further information call (718) 229-1988.

Won't you please help to fill
 the cart with non-perishable foods!



DEADLINE:
 Newsletter Articles
 February 20, 2015

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

If you don't have a computer, please write or submit your article to Madeline Hurster and place it in her mailbox at church.

February birthday's



God's Blessings on your birthday...



- Feb. 5 Walter Wichern
- Feb. 20 Jenny Gadjarah
- Feb. 22 Dee Bardolf
- Feb. 22 Valerie Ruiz
- Feb. 22 Kristen Coluccio
- Feb. 22 Mario Coluccio
- Feb. 26 Resurrection Lutheran Church



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:



PASTOR RONALD FINK

from the following individual(s)

- Gary & Karen Carella
- Ben & Jeanette Herbrich
- Eleanor Johnson
- Walter & Wilma Wichern

PRAYERS FOR REV. DIEN TAYLOR: Pastor Taylor slipped on the ice on Sunday, January 25 and was rushed to the hospital, where he had to have stitches over his eye and his neck in a brace. Please keep Pastor Taylor in your prayers as he recuperates from this terrible fall.

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 232

Matt.2:6-16

Fleeing To Egypt

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D	E	E	R	A	P	T	P	N	E	Y	S	R	A	D	DEATH	COUNTRY
R	W	T	N	D	E	E	A	N	G	T	G	E	C	A	DREAM	FURIOUS
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YOU

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

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

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

Immanuel Chinese Lutheran Service 11:15am

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

Sunday Worship 9:15am

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Resurrección Lutheran Church

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.

*"People judge by
outward appearance,
but the LORD
looks at the
heart."*

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT



I PRAY
THAT YOU
MAY... KNOW
THE LOVE
OF CHRIST
THAT
SURPASSES
KNOWLEDGE.

EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV