

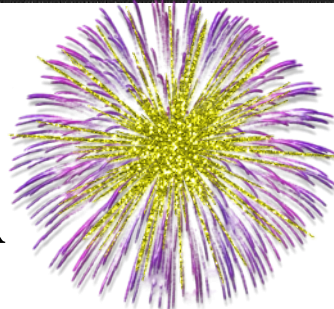


Resurrection Life January 2016



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

A NEW YEAR



The beginning of a new year is always a very significant and exciting time for many. It marks the end of one period of time and the beginning of another. This is the time when many of us get serious about our weaknesses and failings. We take stock of our lives and we identify all those areas that we are not happy with. Then, we make those noble New Year's resolutions with the firm conviction that if only we try a little harder we can fix those things that are wrong with our lives. Many of us become disillusioned just a few weeks into the year, others of us a little later on, when we find ourselves unable to live up to those lofty 'resolutions' that we made with such passion. We find that no matter how hard we try, our weaknesses and failings remain with us because even our best efforts are just not good enough.

You see human endeavor can get us so far and no more. The fact is that our lives are dotted with weaknesses and failings because we have sinned. Therefore, in order to deal with our weaknesses and failings we have to deal with our sin. Human endeavor cannot deal with sin. Only God can deal with sin. God has dealt with sin. God sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world for that very purpose to deal with sin once and for all. Sins are dealt with through forgiveness. Only God can forgive sin. The truth is that Jesus Christ is the only answer to all of our weaknesses and failings. For in Christ there is forgiveness of sin.

If we are serious about our weaknesses and failings, let us be sure that new year's resolutions alone will not do it. We need Jesus. Let us therefore humble ourselves before God, receive his Son Jesus Christ into our lives, confess our sins and

receive the forgiveness that He gives through Christ. Then, through prayerful devotion to his Word and grateful acceptance of the sacraments with which He has blessed the church, surrender our lives to Him. Then our weaknesses and failings no longer burden us, God's power makes us strong. As God said to the apostle Paul:

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
" Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (2nd Corinthians 12:9)

Happy New Year to you all

Pastor James T. Gajadhar

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

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SERVICES



Wednesday, January 6, 2016

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

Ladies Guild January 2016

Family Ties

"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:35

The ties of family, the ties of friendship, the ties of love and affection keep us in relationship with one another. Where there is relationship among us, feelings and experiences are shared. Care and concern are shown. Help, support, and encouragement are given whenever they are needed.

Jesus was born among us to bring us into relationship with Him. When He stepped down from heaven and took on human form, He forged eternal ties between Himself and us. He came to express God's love, share the Good News of forgiveness and salvation, and show us how much our heavenly Father desires a vibrant, living bond with us. To make sure we know what kind of relationship He means, He calls us His brothers and sisters. He assures us of His friendship and His presence in our lives. He promises us His love and affection now and forever.

Our connection to Jesus opens another magnificent relationship, too, and that is an eternal relationship with one another. Through the glorious ties of faith in Him, we are more than friends today. We are family forever. What glorious ties! What a magnificent relationship!

There are NO MEETINGS during the months of January and February

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

Remember your Mite Boxes . . .



In Christ,
Debbie Sichler
President Ladies Guild



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. James T. Gajadhar

Elder: Tom McNeely

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



2016 CHURCH COUNCIL: President: Gary Carella, Vice President: Vacant
Elder: Tom McNeely; Secretary: Dottie McNeely; Financial Secretary: Vacant,
Treasurer: Eleanor Johnson; Deacons: Walter Hartman, Henry Troue, Karen Carella
Trustee: Gary Carella

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



FOR JANUARY 2016

Count yourself blessed every day and you'll find yourself living in a world of blessings.

AND

Relax, God is taking care of everything.



BIBLE TRIVIA

December 2015 Trivia Question with Answer
OFFERINGS TO IDOLS:

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

ANSWER: *Manasswh 2 Kings 21:6*

MARCH 2016 Trivia Question

OFFERINGS TO IDOLS:

What goddess did Jeremiah accuse the people of Judah of making sacrifices to?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

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, Pastor Sam, Marilyn Lang, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Ronnie Sowa, Grace Serro, Antony Gajadhar, Arlene Novitske, Sandra McManus, Maryann Findley Cathy Draggett Nancy Michaelis, Yvonne Schadei and Douglas Gonzalez (Grandson).

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2016 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord in all our decisions and actions day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' 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

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Trustees:	Gary Carella

Recording Secretary: Dottie McNeely

Many thanks to all who have previously served on the Church Council your dedication and input was greatly appreciated.

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS . . .

The Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (AD LWML) is collecting cancelled stamps that will be sold to a dealer. The money we receive from the sale of the stamps will go to the Interpreter's Fund for The Deaf of the AD LWML. Help us by collecting stamps for this cause. The stamps can be given to any Ladies Guild member or mail them to Honey Pabst at 386 Grundy Avenue, Holbrook, NY 11741.

PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS EFFORT A SUCCESS! The following are the requirements for collecting cancelled stamps:

commemorative stamps -- those honoring a person, place or thing; **foreign stamps**, **holiday stamps**, and **love stamps**. We are concentrating on these stamps. We aren't saving the bell and flag stamps any longer as they are not earning us much money for all our work. Stamps cannot be **damaged or torn**. The stamps should be cut from the envelope and have 1/8 inch of the envelope left around it. Do not send stamps that do not have some of the envelope around it. We will have to throw them away as they are not accepted by the dealer. If possible we need more people to cut and sort the stamps too. This is an ongoing project and we are excited about it. Remember to save all the stamps from your Christmas mail. We do get more money for commemorative stamps so please purchase them whenever you can. The dealer will also take any pages or books from a collection or first day covers. If you have any questions please contact Honey Pabst 631 589-8353.

We received \$103 from the stamp dealer this year bringing our total contribution to the Interpreter's Fund for the Deaf to 41,467. Please continue to support this mission. 3



God's Blessings on your birthday...

- Jan. 7 Joseph Dunlop
- Jan. 28 Sabrina Gmuca
- Jan. 29 Debbie Sichler



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Under the leadership of Heather Valente and Julie Ahn, after the worship service on 12/20/15 the Sunday School children acted out the birth of Jesus and sang three songs.



- The Sunday School children are:
- Penny Valente
 - Ryan Kwon
 - Lauren Choy
 - Andrew Choy
 - Katie Kim
 - Rex Kwon
 - Ryan Kim
 - Lily Kim

Bible Wordsearch



Sermons of Jesus 3

Wordsearch 243

Matt. 16:19-34

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- GOOD
- GRASS
- GROW
- LABOR
- LAMP
- LIGHT
- MOTH
- REAP
- RUST
- SERVE
- STEAL
- STORE
- WEAR
- BARN
- BIRDS
- DRINK
- EARTH
- CLOTHE
- DEVOTED
- DRESSED
- ENOUGH
- FATHER
- HEART
- HEAVEN
- KINGDOM
- LILIES
- MASTERS
- MONEY
- SINGLE
- SOLOMON
- THIEVES
- THROWN
- TREASURE
- VALUABLE

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

JANUARY 2016

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"Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews. We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him"
 -- Matthew 2:2

 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	1 2 Food Pantry At Corona 9am
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Second Sunday After Christmas 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran NEWSLETTER Meeting	3	4	 10:00am HEALING SERVICE 7:30 pm ESL	5	 Epiphany SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES 7:30pm @ St. John's 7:30pm CHOIR	6	7		8	 9:30 am UN-Decorating Church from Christmas	9
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**Newsletter
 DEADLINE**



Serving Schedule:

JANUARY 2016

January 3, 2016

Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: George Fisher
 Usher: Stephen Gavora
 Greeter: Ada Gavora
 Altar Care: Ida Myers
 Cynthia Myers

January 10, 2016

Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: Eleanor Johbson
 Usher: TBD
 Greeter: Deanna Bardolf
 Altar Care: Karen Carella
 Jenny Gajadhar

January 17, 2016

Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: Debbie Sichler
 Usher: TBD
 Greeter: Sonja Munzenmaier
 Altar Care:
 Sonja Munzenmaier
 Christel Schnackenberg

January 24, 2016

Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: Joanne Gajadhar
 Usher: Deanna Bardolf
 Dee Bardolf
 Greeter: Ada Gavora
 Altar Care:
 Christel Schnackenberg
 Sonja Munzenmaier

January 31, 2016

Elder: Tom McNeely
 Reader: Gary Carella
 Usher: Stephen Gavora
 Greeter: Deanna Bardolf
 Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson
 Dottie McNeely

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!



SATURDAY
Jan. 9th at 9:30am
IT'S TIME TO
UN-DECORATE
THE CHURCH.

Please JOIN us to help with un-decorating the church and Christmas tree. 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

HAPPY NEW YEAR



DEADLINE:

Newsletter Articles
January 22, 2016

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

SINGING WITH THE LUTHERANS

by Garrison Keillor

I have made fun of Lutherans for years - who wouldn't, if you ever lived in Minnesota? But I have also sung with Lutherans, and that is one of the main joys of life, along with hot baths and fresh sweet corn.

We make fun of Lutherans for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like they do.

If you ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Lutheran-less place, to sing along on the chorus of 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore', they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Lutherans they'll smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Lutherans are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony. It's a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing.

Alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Lutherans to sing in harmony. We're too modest to be soloists too worldly to sing in unison.

When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the 7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment.

I once sang the bass line of Children of the Heavenly Father in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us, partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: These Lutherans are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you're dying, they'll comfort you. If you're lonely they'll talk to you. And if you're hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.

The following list was compiled by a 20th century Lutheran who, observing other Lutherans, wrote down exactly what he saw or heard:

1. Lutherans believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
2. Lutherans like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
3. Lutherans believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital even if they don't notify him that they are there.

4. Lutherans usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
5. Lutherans believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
6. Lutherans feel that applauding for their children's choirs would make the kids too proud and conceited.
7. Lutherans think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while Passing the peace.
8. Lutherans drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
9. Some Lutherans still believe that an ELCA bride and an LCMS groom make for a mixed marriage. (For those of you who are not Lutheran, ELCA is Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and LCMS is Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, two different divisions of the same Protestant religion. And when and where I grew up in Minnesota, intermarriage between the two was about as popular as Lutherans and Catholics marrying.)
10. Lutherans feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
11. Lutherans are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church
12. Lutherans think that Garrison Keillor stories are totally factual.
13. Lutherans will still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna noodle casserole add a little too much color.
14. Lutherans believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you're a Lutheran when:

- * It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service;
- * You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can;
- * Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee;
- * The communion cabinet is open to all, but the coffee cabinet is locked up tight;
- * When you watch a 'Star Wars' movie and they say, "May the Force be with you", you respond, 'and also with you';
- * And lastly, it takes 15 minutes to say, 'Good-bye'.

May you wake each day with His blessings,
Sleep each night in His Keeping,
And always walk in His tender care.

Article submitted by Ada Gavora

2016
begins
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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



JANUARY

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

YOU

