



# Resurrection Life

## MARCH 2016



### THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY, A NEW DAY HAS DAWNED

This year we will celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, March 27. So, by the time you receive this Newsletter we will be deep into Lent and getting ready for our Easter celebrations. As such, let me say a few words about Holy Week and Easter.

On Sunday, March 20, we will begin the final week of our Lenten Journey. The week is aptly called Holy Week and begins with Palm Sunday and includes Maundy (Holy) Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil. On Palm Sunday, we see Jesus deliberately and intentionally choosing to be obedient to the Father as He made His entry into Jerusalem. He knew that capture, punishment and death awaited Him in Jerusalem, but for Jesus, fulfilling the Father's will was of paramount importance to Him. So on Palm Sunday, and throughout this week, as we learn from the example of our Lord Jesus, we seek God's grace to offer ourselves in obedience to God.

Being Obedient to God has many implications for us. Firstly, we are called to embrace what God has done for us through our Baptism. In Baptism, God forgives our sins and makes each of us His own child and thus invites us into His household. We have become God's child and heir to His kingdom. Secondly, as a child of God, we avail ourselves to His grace which comes to us in Word and Sacrament. So we do not only receive the broken body and shed blood of our Lord, but we also hunger and thirst for His Word. Thirdly, this means that we have to join with others in study of the Word of God. It is in our study of and our conversations about the Word of God that the Holy Spirit works to enlighten us so that we can discern what God is saying to us through His Word. As we begin to have that spiritual discernment of what God is saying to us, then we can begin to walk down the road of obedience. So Holy week reminds us of our Lord's obedience to the Father and helps us to focus on our own growing in obedience.

Holy Thursday, the Thursday in Holy Week, reminds us of our Lord taking the Jewish Passover Feast and transforming it into this wonderful sacrament of His body and His blood. In instituting this sacrament on the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord has given to His people of every generation this awesome gift through which we can experience the fruits of his sacrifice on the cross. He died that we might be forgiven. Every time we receive this sacrament we receive forgiveness.

Good Friday is a powerful reminder of the price God paid to remove the consequence of our sins. He did not keep back His own Son, but gave Him as a sacrifice of our sins. Some people look at events of this day and they see only injustice, torture and death. The Child of God sees all of that, but more importantly, the child of God see God's immeasurable love for each of us. God loves, you and me, with an everlasting love as demonstrated in Him offering His Son to take our place and enduring such a gruesome death.

On Saturday of Holy Week, we observe the Vigil of Easter. During this time, we wait in anticipation for the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. As we wait we come together as His people to renew our baptismal covenant and thus prepare ourselves to receive our Resurrected Lord with great joy and thanksgiving.

The next day, the new week breaks with the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. Christ rose from the dead just as God had promised. Sin and death is defeated once and for all. Forgiveness and life rules the day. Behold all things have been made new. The old has passed away, a new day has dawned. Let us joyfully celebrate the dawning of this new day. God is good, His mercy endures forever.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor James T. Gajadhar



# Ladies Guild March 2016

## Good Grief = Relief

... the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Psalm 32:10b

When things go wrong for poor cartoon character Charlie Brown, he often says, "Good grief!" Can grief ever be good?

Yes! Grief over sin leads to repentance, repentance to confession, and confession to forgiveness. Though the world may advise, "You mess up, you cover it up," the Word of God says otherwise. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" – and you forgave the guilt of my sin (Psalm 32:5).

How can we be sure of God's forgiveness? He sent Jesus to live and die and rise again. Over and over in His Word, He promises forgiveness. God's love and forgiveness are sure.

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



**Wishing  
You a  
Blessed  
and a  
Happy  
Easter!**



**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 MARCH 2016

We are a distribution center for the bread of life.

AND

Jesus paid the price; You get to keep the change.



## BIBLE TRIVIA

**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, Brett Gurnee, Antony Gajadhar, Sandra McManus, Maryann Findley, and Yvonne Schadei.

Dear Heavenly Father, Lord, work in us Your active love; let everything we do proclaim our thanks for all You've done for us, with praise-in-action in Your 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, 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 as 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



By the Profession of Faith, we welcome *Sharon Rouzier* as a member of our church family at Resurrection Lutheran Church on the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany of our Lord, Sunday, January 31, 2016.

On the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany of our Lord, Sunday, January 31, 2016, our Council Members were installed as Congregational Officers. Pictured above are from left to right: Dottie McNeely, Walter Hartman, Gary Carella, Tom McNeely and Eleanor Johnson.




For Valentine's Day the Sunday School children sang for the congregation after the worship service on Sunday, February 14, 2016. The children handed out a special treat for everyone to enjoy. A chocolate dipped pretzel stick with sprinkles.



God's Blessings on your birthday...



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|----------|---------------------|---|
| March 7  | Tom McNeely         |  |
| March 15 | Ralph Valente       |   |
| March 16 | Henry Troue         |   |
| March 20 | JoAnn Gajadhar      |   |
| March 25 | Rosemarie Armstrong |   |



*Jesus & Valerie Ruiz - March 24th* 



**It is with Sympathy and Sadness** that we announce the passing of Liane Runco's mother; **Hilde Eftikides** on Sunday, January 17, 2016.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Runco's and Eftikides' family and friends during this difficult time.



**It is with Sympathy and Sadness** that we announce the passing of Eleanor Johnson's niece **Cindy Urban**, on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Eleanor, her sister Anna Lee Rife and her family and friends during this difficult time.



## 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: **Living Lent as Easter People**

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Week Three – March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service  
Focus is on: **PROCLAIM**



Week Four – March 9<sup>th</sup> at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service  
Focus is on: **PRAISE**



Week Five – March 16<sup>th</sup> at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service  
Focus is on: **PAIN**



# MARCH 2016

| Sun  | Mon | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
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|  <p>... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may <b>live a new life.</b> ROMANS 6:4</p> |     |  <p>10:00am<br/>HEALING SERVICE</p> <p>7:30pm ESL</p> |  <p>10:00am<br/>MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES<br/>7:30pm Service begins @ Resurrection<br/>6:30pm Lite Dinner<br/>8:30pm Choir Practice</p>   |   |   | <p>Food Pantry<br/>At Corona 9am</p>  |
| <p>Fourth Sunday in Lent 6</p> <p>9:15am Resurrection Lutheran<br/>11:15am Immanuel Lutheran<br/>2:00pm Indo-Pak<br/>4:00pm Glory Lutheran</p> <p><b>Newsletter Meeting</b></p>                                    |     |  |  <p>10:00am<br/>MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES<br/>7:30pm Service begins @ St. John's<br/>6:30pm Lite Dinner<br/>7:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00pm Ladies Guild<br/>7:30pm ESL</p> |   |   | <p>Atlantic District<br/>Festival of Workshops<br/>Concordia, Bronxville</p>  |
| <p>Fifth Sunday in Lent 13</p> <p>9:15am Resurrection Lutheran<br/>11:15am Immanuel Lutheran<br/>2:00pm Indo-Pak<br/>4:00pm Glory Lutheran</p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b></p>                          |     |  |  <p>10:00am<br/>MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p><b>Council Meeting 1:00pm</b></p> <p>SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES<br/>7:30pm Service begins @ Resurrection<br/>6:30pm Lite Dinner<br/>8:30pm Choir Practice</p>    |  <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>   | <p><b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b></p>   | <p>Altar Guild Members meet for the Stripping of Palms @10:00am</p> <p><b>Immanuel Chinese Fellowship 7-9:30pm</b></p>          |
| <p>PALM SUNDAY 20</p> <p>9:15am Resurrection Lutheran<br/>11:15am Immanuel Lutheran<br/>2:00pm Indo-Pak<br/>4:00pm Glory Lutheran</p> <p><b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b></p>  |     |  |  <p>10:00am<br/>MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice</p>   |  <p><b>Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p>SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES<br/>7:30pm Service begins @ St. John's</p> |  <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p> <p>Resurrection - 10.00 a.m.<br/>Saint John - 7.30 p.m.</p> | <p>Altar Guild Members meet for the Set-up of Easter Palms @10:00am</p> <p><b>EASTER VIGIL</b><br/>Resurrection - 7.30 p.m.</p> |
| <p>EASTER SUNDAY 27</p> <p>9:15am Resurrection Lutheran<br/>11:15am Immanuel Lutheran<br/>2:00pm Indo-Pak<br/>4:00pm Glory Lutheran</p>  |     |  |  <p>10:00am<br/>MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice</p>   |   |   |   |

# Serving Schedule: MARCH 2016

March 6, 2016

Elder: Tom McNeely  
 Reader: Debbie Sichler  
 Usher: TBD  
 Greeter: Dottie McNeely  
 Altar Care: Karen Carella  
 Jenny Gajadhar

March 13, 2016

Elder: Tom McNeely  
 Reader: Eleanor Johnson  
 Usher: Deanna Bardolf  
 Dee Bardolf  
 Greeter: Sharon Rouzier  
 Altar Care: Sonja Munzenmaier  
 Christel Schnackenberg

March 20, 2016

**PALM SUNDAY**  
 Elder: Tom McNeely  
 Reader: Joann Gajadhar  
 Usher: Stephen Gavora  
 Greeter: Deanna Bardolf  
 Altar Care: Sonja Munzenmaier  
 Christel Schnackenberg

March 24, 2016

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
 Usher: TBD  
 Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson  
 Dottie McNeely

March 25, 2016

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
 Usher: TBD  
 Altar Care: Dottie McNeely  
 Eleanor Johnson

March 27, 2016

**EASTER**  
 Elder: Tom McNeely  
 Reader: Gary Carella  
 Usher: TBD  
 Greeter: Sonja Munzenmaier  
 Altar Care: Debbie Sichler  
 Ada Gavora



**Saturday, March 19, 2016 @ 10:00am Stripping of the Palms**

**Saturday, March 26, 2016 @ 10:00am Setting-up of Easter Plants**



## FOOD PANTRY Needs Your Help!

Your HELP is NEEDED NOW 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!**

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



**PALM SUNDAY - March 20, 2016**  
Regular Service at 9:15am

**HOLY WEEK – THE PASCAL TRIDUUM**



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – March 24  
Saint John – 7:30  
*Stripping of the Altar*

Good Friday – March 25  
Resurrection – 10:00 a.m.  
Saint John – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil – March 26  
Resurrection – 7:30 p.m.  
*Renewal of Baptismal Covenant*



*Easter Sunday*

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
Sunday, March 27, 2016

Saint John (Early Service) – 7:30 a.m.  
Resurrection – 9:15 a.m.  
Saint John – 10:45 a.m.

**\*\*\*\*\* ORDER YOUR EASTER PLANTS \*\*\*\*\***

Easter is March 27, 2016 just a few 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 flyer in this newsletter, the weekly church bulletin or call the church office at 718 463-4292

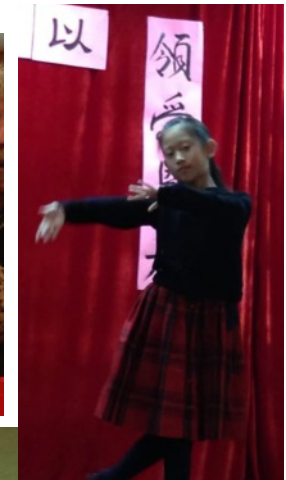


**CHINESE NEW YEAR 2016**

*Year of the Red Monkey*



On Sunday, February 21st, 2016, Immanuel Chinese Lutheran congregation celebrated Chinese New Year (year of the Monkey) with a special luncheon after their service held in the undercroft of the church. Resurrection Lutheran congregation, the Korean congregation and the Indo-Pak congregation were all invited to join in the celebration. The food was plentiful and delicious. There were many performances of singing by members of all congregations, and a beautiful dance was done by a young girl. Many gifts were raffled off at the end. We humbly thank our Immanuel Chinese brothers and sisters for a wonderful day of fellowship all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



# REMEMBER~REJOICE~RENEW

## HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

On February 26, 2016 the 80<sup>th</sup> year was celebrated with a dinner and a special anniversary worship service.

Bishop Rev. Derek G. Lecakes was a celebrant. Pastor James T. Gajadhar's message was through the spirit of faith & love, we are to be made worthy of our heritage.

There was much joy and fellowship with the many who attended, coming from near and far. Mrs. Claire Siebert, traveling from Connecticut spoke of being the first baby baptized in this sanctuary at Resurrection. Pastor David Elseroad (former pastor of Resurrection) and his wife Belinda were able to join us. Former Bishop Rev. David H. Benke was able to come to the dinner. Many various churches were also represented by those in attendance.

Heartfelt thanks to Heather & Raph Valente who lovingly prepared a delicious feast which was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Eleanor Johnson who competently met every challenging detail to provide a memorable celebration. In great appreciation to Walter Hartman for making our worship service so beautiful. This celebration was also made possible by the many who willingly gave time and effort to give back to a church that has been an important part of everyone's life.



Bishop Lecakes, Jenny, Pastor Gajadhar



Mr. & Mrs. Siebert



John & Marilyn Leipold  
Dottie & Tom McNeely  
Doris & John Ulinicy



Bishop Lecakes, Pastor Elseroad, Belinda,  
Jenny and Pastor Gajadhar





**HAPPY 80TH ANNIVERSARY  
RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 26, 2016**





**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.*

**"Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another,"**  
**JOHN 13:34, ESV**



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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



**March 13th**



**MARCH**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

**YOU**