

Resurrection Life FEBRUARY 2018



*From the
Pastor*



THE SEASON OF LENT

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry.

Matthew 4:1-2

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent is a time set aside to prepare for the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. It is a time that offers us an opportunity to open the doors of our hearts and to seek a deeper understanding of our Lord, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of grace that God has to offer.

Lent is an intensely penitential time as we examine our sinful natures and return to our gracious God whom we have, through our own rebelliousness, hurt time and again. Lent is also an opportunity to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the Cross. But ultimately, the purpose of Lent is to point us to the hope of the Resurrection and the day when every tear will be wiped away (Rev. 21:3).

The Cross is where our faith stands when all else fails. Christ's sacrificial death and his subsequent resurrection are the most significant aspects of the Christian faith. Without the crucifixion there would be no salvation, and without the resurrection there is no hope. This is why Good Friday and Easter Sunday are the most important dates on the Christian calendar. Lent helps us to prepare our hearts and minds to embrace the salvation and hope of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord.

The Lenten season is a part of the historical Christian calendar and is typically observed by Christian churches that follow a liturgical calendar. Although its format has varied throughout the centuries and throughout different cultures, the basic concept

remains constant: to open our hearts to God's saving grace through prayer, confession, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent traditionally lasts forty days, modeled after Christ's forty day fast in the desert. In the Western Church, Lent officially begins with a reminder of our mortality on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday.

Here are some of the key elements of the Lenten season, along with some of the symbolism that comes with it. Many of these practices can be celebrated both individually and as a community:

Purple is the official color for Lent. Usually, churches that celebrate Lent choose the deepest, darkest shade of purple for this special season. They may also strip their churches bare of some of the usual decorations adorning the walls. Purple is the color of repentance for sins and also symbolizes the state of our souls outside the light of Christ. During this time, we do not only pray for ourselves but we also pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who have sinned gravely against Him.

Since Lent is a penitential season, this time is set aside to really examine areas of recurring sin in our lives that prevent us from being conformed to God's Will. So, this is a time of self-examination. The focus is on self not so much on others. The focus is on 'me' and 'my' relationship with God. Keep in mind the idea here is not

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Shared Faith Ministries

Resurrection Lutheran Church & St. John's Lutheran Church



Wednesday, February 14, 2018
God's Will and God's Promise

**10:00am at Resurrection and
7:30pm at St. John's**

Ladies Guild February

Joy — an attitude of the heart 

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.." Habakkuk 3:17-18

Where do we find joy? Commercials would have us believe it is found in the latest anti-aging cream, the newest diet, the finest automobile. If that were true, what happens when the wrinkles appear, the pounds don't drop off, or the car breaks down?

Young Mary knew the source of true joy when she sang ... *my spirit rejoices in God my Savior* (Luke 1:47).

Joy is not dependent on having or not having things. It is an attitude of the heart. When we rejoice in the Lord, environment and possessions take their proper places in our lives.

Today's woman might reword Habakkuk's words in this way: "Though gasoline prices are higher than I like, though my hours at work are long and stressful, though my responsibilities weigh heavily upon me, though my house is too small and my bills are too big, yet I will rejoice in the Lord."

Walking with my Lord

Lord, when earthly things block my heavenly view, remind me that You are God. Help me to find my greatest joy in You. Thank You for Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

There will NOT be a meeting during February.

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. March 13, 2018 @ 7:00pm**



Always Remember your Mite Boxes . . .

In Christ,
Debbie Sichler
President Ladies Guild



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Pastor: Rev. James T. Gajadhar

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RESURRECTION
LUTHERAN CHURCH 

Upcoming Outdoor
Church Sign Sayings

FEBRUARY 2018

Valentine's Day, give your heart to Jesus

AND

LENT: Preparation for the SONRISE



BIBLE TRIVIA

MARCH 2018 TRIVIA QUESTION

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

Who came out dancing after David killed Goliath?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK 1Samuel



- 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 Home-Bound: Joe Dunlop, Sonja Munzenmaier and Dorothea Gruenwald; **in NURSING HOMES:** Harriet Rose; and those with **OTHER CONCERNS:** Lynn, Connie, Grace Serro, Nicole, Kathy, Pastor Sam, Tim, Marie Cappello, Antony Gajadhar, Jennifer Gajadhar, Karen Carella, Diana Green, John Ulicny, Tim, Marilyn Lang, Healthier Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Ronnie Sowa, Melissa Samuels, Eileen Alvarez, Nancy Michaelis, Trina Seibel, Peter Seibel IV, Anthony Novitske, June Kippeny, Ricky Stanton, Tom McNeely, Billy Ciminelli, Julie and Baby Brielle Timmers, Chris, Joanne, and Audrey Jones.

Heavenly Father - We thank you for all those people whose faith and faithfulness have inspired us. We thank you for the lessons we have learned from them and pray that, as the Holy Spirit works in and through us, we may pass along the light that they kindled in us. May our days and our deeds bring glory to Your name for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen

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

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran 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 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"
1 Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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to become self-righteous or to deceive yourself into thinking you can earn heaven through your own goodness. The goal is to honestly examine your life in light of God's Word and to make a commitment to change in any areas you have not submitted to the Lord. A good way to start an examination of conscience is by praying Psalm 139, verse 23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Then, hold up your life to the Ten Commandments. Confess, to your pastor or to an accountability partner (James 5:16), the ways you've sinned against God, thank Him for His forgiveness, and ask Him for the grace to change.

Fasting and Prayer: Fasting is a practice that has really gone by the wayside in many Christian circles. Yet, if done correctly, it can be a powerful time of renewing your relationship with God. Fasting can be found in both the Old Testament and the New, with Moses (Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 9:9,18), Elijah (1 Kings 19:8), and our Lord (Matthew 4:2) all participating in 40-day fasts. Fasting is a way of denying ourselves the excesses of life so that we might be more attuned to the Lord's voice. It is also a way of disciplining yourself, strengthening your "spiritual muscles" so to speak, so that when temptations arise in life, you are already used to saying "no" to your desires. And finally, fasting is also a way of participating, in a small way, in the sufferings of Christ and can be particularly powerful when accompanied by prayer and confession. Although fasting can be a wonderful spiritual exercise, it is not an obligation. So make sure that before you fast, you take into account any medical conditions or nutritional needs that you may have. On the spiritual front, Jesus warns us to guard against pride while fasting (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18).

In addition to fasting and prayer, we should meditate on Christ's suffering for Mankind. For our scriptural meditations we could read Old Testament Scriptures prophesying the suffering of Christ and the New Testament Gospel accounts.

A very important element of the Lenten season is charity or almsgiving. That is, becoming aware of not only the suffering and sacrifice of Christ but also to the suffering of others. Between now and Good Friday, choose one way you can increase your giving to those in need. It could be through extra financial offerings, donating goods you no longer need or use to charity, or increasing your personal time commitment to a ministry or cause close to your heart.

Lent is a time when Christians separate from the world; when we find out our faith is not just a feel-good, self-help religion but one that answers the deepest questions of life and eternity. Those who journey through the Lenten season will enter the Easter season with an increased appreciation for who God is and what He has done for us. And the joy of the Resurrection, as well as the promises of eternity, will become real in our lives.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor James T. Gajadhar



God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- Feb. 5 Walter Wichern
- Feb. 20 Jenny Gajadhar
- Feb. 22 Dee Bardolf
- Feb. 22 Valerie Ruiz
- Feb. 22 Kristen Coluccio
- Feb. 22 Mario Coluccio
- Feb. 26 Resurrection Lutheran Church (82 yrs. old)

Chinese New Year 2018 Year of the Dog



Chinese New Year officially begins on February 16th, 2018, and ends on March 2nd.



On Sunday, January 28, 2018 Douglas Law returned back to Resurrection and once again is a member of our Resurrection family.

WELCOME BACK



2018 Church COUNCIL





On **Sunday, January 14, 2018** the following individuals affirmed / re-affirmed their commitment to Resurrection's Church Council. Please pray for these individuals as they meet monthly to discuss the future of Resurrection.

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| President: | Gary Carella |
| Vice President: | Vacant |
| Elder: | Tom McNeely |
| Financial Secretary/Treasurer: | Eleanor Johnson |
| Deacons: | Walter Hartman, Henry Troue,
Karen Carella and Sharon Rouzier |
| Trustees: | Henry Troue, Walter Hartman, Tom McNeely |
| Recording Secretary: | Dottie McNeely |

FEBRUARY 2018

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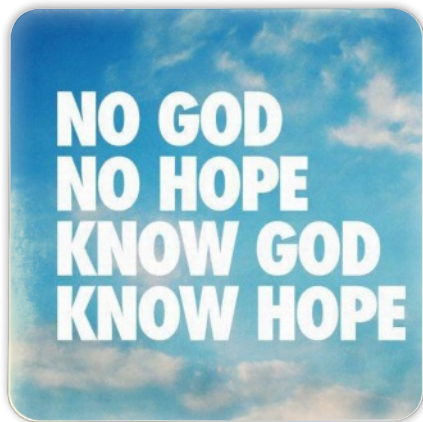
"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; hold on to what is good. Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles and pray at all times." Romans 12:9-10, 12

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Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany 4 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	5	6	7  HEALING SERVICE 9:00am MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY 10:00am 7:30pm Choir Practice	8	9	10 Food Pantry At Corona 9am	
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Serving Schedule:

♥♥ FEBRUARY 2018 ♥♥

<p><u>February 4, 2018</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Walter Hartman</p> <p>Usher: TBD</p> <p>Greeter: Dottie McNeely</p> <p>Altar Care: Karen Carella Jenny Gajadhar</p>	<p><u>February 11, 2018</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: George Fisher</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Sharon Rouzier</p> <p>Altar Care: Debbie Sichler Ada Gavora</p>	<p><u>February 14, 2018</u></p> <p><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Altar Care: Ada Gavora Dottie McNeely</p> <p><i>(Service begins at 10:00am)</i></p>	<p><u>February 18, 2018</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Debbie Sichler</p> <p>Usher: Douglas Law</p> <p>Greeter: Eleanor Johnson</p> <p>Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson Dottie McNeely</p>	<p><u>February 25, 2018</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Eleanor Johnson</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Ada Gavora</p> <p>Altar Care: Dottie McNeely Eleanor Johnson</p>
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For God so loVed the world
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thaT whoever
belIeves
iN him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

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, the second 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

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

THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Glory Lutheran Bible Study 7:30pm - 9:00pm

FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 266

Matt. 14:16-33

5 Loaves of Bread

R I C L I M B E D B R E A D L
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AHEAD ALREADY
 ALONE BUFFETED
 BREAD CAUGHT
 BROKE CHILDREN
 CRIED CLIMBED
 CROWD COURAGE
 DOUBT DISCIPLES
 GRASS DISTANCE
 JESUS EVENING
 LORD FOURTH
 PETER HEAVEN
 PICKED HIMSELF
 PIECES LOAVES
 PRAY LOOKING
 TRULY PEOPLE
 TWELVE REACHED
 WALKED REPLIED
 WIND TAKING
 WOMEN TOWARD

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

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: "Thy Will Be Done"



Ash Wednesday -February 14th, Imposition of Ashes
 Resurrection - 10.00 a.m. & Saint John - 7.30 p.m.

"GOD'S WILL AND GOD'S PROMISE"

Week One - Feb. 21st at Resurrection: 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"GOD'S WILL AND MY INADEQUACY"

Week Two - Feb. 28th at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"GOD'S WILL AND MY DREAMS"

Week Three - March 7th at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"GOD'S WILL AND MY IDENTITY"

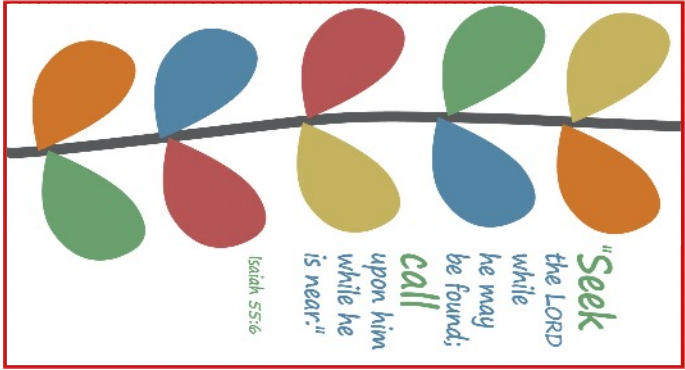
Week Four - March 14th at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"GOD'S WILL AND MY WORLDVIEW"

Week Five - March 21st at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"GOD'S WILL AND MY RESPONSE"





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.

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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

