



# Resurrection

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## The Herald!

### RLC WELCOMES ALL!

Sunday Morning Worship In-Person & Livestream @ 10:00am

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### HAPPENINGS AT RLC!!



July-August, 2025



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Summer greetings to you all! Last Sunday we received the gift of watching the video that Joel prepared to share with the congregation as we bring his ministry to closure. You can find that video [HERE](#). There were tears shed in the congregation as we watched. Grief is like that. It rises up in waves and flows down our cheeks, sometimes when we aren't anticipating it. ("I thought I was done grieving!") And now as I write, the last video greetings and cards for Joel are coming in.

THANK YOU to all of you who have taken this grief and closure process to heart. Your willingness to do so will serve you and the congregation well as we move through the transition process into the future that you will create together! And because of your willingness, and Joel's willingness as well, you can begin to shape a new relationship with Joel and family as NEIGHBORS!

As you may recall, a while ago I shared a very simple framework about transitions articulated by William Bridges. His framework is simply that **in any transition there are three parts: The Ending. The Neutral Zone. And The New Beginning.**

Every one of those three stages is necessary and important, and healthy transition can't happen without any of them! So bravo to all of you...we have just completed the first stage! The Ending! Now we can move freely and confidently into the next critical stage of the transition process: "The Neutral Zone."

Despite its laughably uninspiring title, a LOT happens in The Neutral Zone. The Neutral Zone is kind of like "winter" in the cycle of the seasons. Or it's kind of like the time we spend sleeping. It doesn't LOOK like anything is happening, but SO MUCH is happening! We and the earth are processing, regenerating, replenishing, and dreaming!

So, we are officially entering The Neutral Zone. Does this Zone last until the new pastor is called? Or just until you officially start the call process? I think there's probably a gray area there, but most certainly right now through mid-September we are in The Neutral Zone. What does that mean? What will be happening?

**First and foremost**, I really invite you to rest. To allow yourself to recognize the journey you have been through to this point and savor it. Get together with one another just for fun. Allow yourself to slow down and, literally, stop and smell the roses. Treasure the gift of this community. Your "resting" makes space for the Spirit to do the work in and through you in ways you can't even imagine.

**Second**, there will be a special gathering each month for the next three months. Thank you, Vision Team, for your awesome leadership with these! There are more details elsewhere in The Herald, but please mark these dates and plan to participate:

- **Sunday, July 20: Coffee and Conversation** with me to ask all the questions you have about the transition process (whether I can answer them or not!)
- **Sunday, August 24: Salsa Sunday!** With a Visioning activity to encourage your dreams for the future!
- **Sunday, September 21: Celebration Sunday!** Kick Off of the Transition process, invite Stewardship, and Welcome New Members

**And third**, you'll notice in the liturgy the language from the prophet Joel about our youth seeing visions and our elders dreaming dreams. As we move into August, **I'll be inviting you to write down some of those visions and dreams** for the congregation, neighborhood, and community. Just as we wrote down our prayers of grief, and then gratitude, now we write down our visions and dreams and offer them up to God as well!

As William Bridges reminds us, especially in The Neutral Zone, "Creativity is Key!" So allow yourself to daydream, imagine, wonder, ponder... All this will prepare your hearts and the congregation for the new beginning that is to come.

Blessings in The Neutral Zone!

Pastor Solveig



#### **RLC PREACHING SCHEDULE:**

**July 6 - Susan Kintner**

**July 13 - Pastor Solveig**

**July 20 - Pastor Solveig**

**July 27 - Pax Stewart/Dave Brauer-Rieke**

**August 3 - Pastor Solveig**

**August 10 - Susan Kintner**

**August 17 - Pastor Solveig**

**August 24 - Pastor Solveig**

**August 31 - Dave Brauer-Rieke**

#### **Readers and Communion Assistants?**

**If you are interested in helping during our worship services by being a scriptures/prayers reader and/or a communion assistant, and you're not already, please**

**contact Mary Brown at:**

**503-310-7813 (cell) or brown\_mar@hotmail.com**

## Happy Summer from the Vision Team!

We hope you all enjoyed the Sweet Sunday we hosted in May. Pentecost / Salad Sunday was so special to hear about the Montessori Preschool that is in our building. Yosuary's enthusiasm for Montessori School and children is so wonderful. The Vision Team had a good time planning these events. Now, we have a few things coming up this summer, so mark your calendars.

**July 20th "Coffee and Conversation"** After worship, Pastor Solveig will lead another coffee and conversation. We want to hear from the congregation as to how they are doing. We acknowledge that the past six months have been hard with the absence of Pastor Joel. This will be a time to bring any questions that have been in the back of our heads, share feelings and wonderings about the process we've been through and the process ahead.

**Vision Cards in August.** In the past months we filled out Grief Cards, and then Gratitude Cards. And now in August, you will be asked to share your Vision for RLC on a Vision Card.

**August 24th** we are having a Salsa Sunday – A "Taco Bar" type meal is planned for after worship and we will share in a visioning activity together.

**September 21st** – This will be a special Sunday with another meal after church that will kick off several things: 1. Todd, our pianist, will be back from his summer break. 2. Welcome / recognize new members. 3. Kick off the transition process. 4. Explore ways we can be good stewards.

We are also beginning to explore the possibility of a new RLC picture directory!

If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, please contact one of the members of the Vision Team. (Von Cary, Sandy Getman, Laura Gifford, Nora Papasadero, Nicole Bontty, Marcia Thomas, Cheryl Beam, Katherine Petke)

## The Relationship with Parkrose Montessori Deepens!

A big THANK YOU to Yosuary, Valentin and Bertha, of Parkrose Montessori, for taking time out of their weekend to spend with us on Pentecost Sunday. Their love for the children was palpable, and the tours of the classrooms were inspiring!

In the sermon/conversation with Yosuary, he shared his dream of someday having an intergenerational classroom. Wow! What a beautiful vision is arising within our building!

Visions and dreams, of course, take some time to manifest, but RLC members can start planting the seeds of that dream right now by volunteering at the school!

Yosuary invites RLC members to consider volunteering at the school — either on a regular basis, or for a special activity. He is especially curious if there are any folks who are KNITTERS, READERS, or who like doing CRAFTS. Is that you? Is that you and a friend together? Volunteers will never be alone with children and always supported by teachers.

If you're curious, wondering, or might want to even dip your toe into the possibility, reach out to John Antle at [sjint@live.com](mailto:sjint@live.com) or 503-314-6473. John can answer your questions and will go with you to connect with Yosuary.



## **PARKROSE MONTESSORI EVENT!**

RLC is invited to join this activity:

**July 17 - "BarbeSun Day" from 5:00-7:00pm**

This is a community event with hamburgers and hot dogs for the families.

A Memorial Service for Dennis Chapple will be on  
Saturday, July 19th @ 2:00pm at Resurrection.

There will be a reception following  
in the Fellowship Hall.



### **Memorial Hospitality Team!**

Joann and Rick Johnson have volunteered to head up the team which provides the refreshments after memorial services here at RLC. The work is not heavy or hard and extra hands make light of our labors!

They are asking for anyone who is interested in either helping to set up the fellowship hall, serve and clean up after, or just willing to provide cookies or bars for the receptions to please contact Joann to have your name on the list and you will be contacted when needed. If you have previously been on a list, please put yourself on the new list(s). You may also reach out to Joann should you have any questions or concerns. They say Thank You!

Joann Johnson 701-720-1895 (cell and text) or email: [jjohnson703@hotmail.com](mailto:jjohnson703@hotmail.com)



### **GRIEF SHARE**

Do you need help and encouragement after the death of someone you loved? We hope you can join us for  
**Grief Share September 8th - December 1st!**

We will meet **every Monday morning** in the Luther Lodge from 10:00am to Noon. The cost is \$10 for the book, but there are scholarships available!

If interested or have any questions, please call or text  
Leslie Sawyer @ (503) 679-6882 or email:

[sawyerjle@aol.com](mailto:sawyerjle@aol.com)



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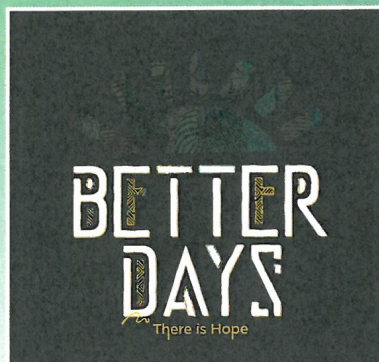
## **YOU'RE INVITED**

Join the **Watoto Children's Choir**  
as they sing, dance, and share their  
stories of restoration and hope.

**Resurrection Lutheran Church**

**Friday, September 26th @ 7PM**

Enjoy this **FREE CONCERT** featuring  
music from the new album,  
**"Better Days—There Is Hope".**



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# BETTER DAYS

There is Hope

All the way from Uganda, East Africa, the Watoto Children's Choir is performing songs from their brand-new album, "Better Days—There Is Hope". Come join us as they sing, dance, and share their stories of restoration and hope.

Watoto Children's Choirs have traveled extensively since 1994. In fact, almost every day of the year the choir is performing somewhere throughout the world. That means thousands of people get to meet some of our future leaders. As people see their smiles and are embraced by their hugs, our children have the privilege of telling people, "No matter what you're going through, Jesus is our hope and there are better days ahead. Look at what God has done in my life."

Other than coming to Africa yourself, what better way to learn about all the good work God is doing through Watoto than by meeting the children and hearing their stories. This one-of-a-kind experience will inspire and encourage you, your friends, and your family.

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## Oregon Synod Assembly Update

From May 31-June 2, the Oregon Synod Assembly of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) met. The "Oregon Synod" refers to the organization of ELCA churches in Oregon. The Oregon Synod is one of 65 synods of the ELCA. Thanks to our delegates this year: Pastor Solveig, Sally Ritchie, and Meredith Gifford for participating as voting members in the Assembly! Thanks also to Roger Fuchs who participated and to Deacon Laura Gifford for serving as the chair of the Bishop's Election Taskforce.

Every year, delegates from each ELCA congregation in Oregon gather to do the "business" of the church. What is that "business?" Standard things like adopting a budget, and hearing reports from various ministries. It also includes electing officers and members of the Synod Council, as well as discussing "Resolutions." These Resolutions are statements or recommendations about topics of concern brought by active ELCA members or congregations throughout the synod. The Assembly discusses each resolution and votes on whether to affirm it or not. (Note, "Memorials" are also brought for discussion. The difference between a Resolution and a Memorial is that a Resolution is directed only toward the Synod. A Memorial is a statement or a recommendation directed toward the entire ELCA. Memorials that pass are then sent on to the ELCA to be considered when delegates from all 65 synods gather for the "ELCA Churchwide Assembly" that happens every three years.)

This year we also had a Bishop's election. Bishops serve six-year terms. Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar was elected in 2019 and stood for reelection during this assembly. She was elected handily on the third ballot. Congratulations, Bishop Laurie!

Below are the Resolutions and Memorials that were discussed and voted on, as well as the recipients of offerings received at the Assembly.

If you're interested in watching any of it, you can find each of the three days of the assembly [HERE](#). Pastor Solveig led a bible study for the assembly on the second day, which you can find at minute 5:29:30 of the Saturday, June 1 video.

### Resolutions and Memorials

All the following resolutions and memorials brought before the 2025 Assembly passed.

**Resolution:** [A Response to Executive Order 14169, "Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid," in the Oregon Synod](#)

**Resolution:** [Toward Liberation of our Land](#)

**Resolution:** [Affirming and Supporting Transgender and Nonbinary Individuals](#)



**Memorial:** [Requesting Educational Materials Regarding The Word and Service Roster](#)

**Memorial:** [For an End Occupation and Recognition of Palestinian Statehood in the United Nations](#)

### **Assembly Offerings**

Thanks to your generosity, the assembly offerings raised:

- **\$6,525.91 for the** [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land](#). This offering will go to the schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land where life has been disrupted for many months by horrific violence. The Lutheran Church there has worked to keep the Lutheran schools open to families to offer some regularity and activity in a traumatizing time.
- **\$4,229.55 for the** [Flooding Recovery on the Burns Paiute Reservation](#). In April, the Burns Paiute Tribe Reservation near Burns, OR (home of the ELCA congregation Church of the Living Waters) suffered destructive flooding. Disaster relief for this tribe of about 200 members is caught up in the federal funding chaos and it is unclear if/when any will arrive.

### **Interested in “Official” Membership at RLC?**

Have you been joining us for worship in person or online for a while? Are you interested in getting to know people more deeply? Or sharing your gifts and becoming more involved in the life of the community?

It's been a minute (or a few years!) since folks have been invited into official membership with RLC. If you're interested in exploring membership, or are curious about what membership in a church even means these days, email Pastor Solveig at [interim@rlcpdx.org](mailto:interim@rlcpdx.org).

We're looking to welcome new members during the worship service on September 21 (but if you're not ready...no worries...that won't be the last opportunity)!

## **MILLION MEALS!**

Congrats Resurrection! We sent a check in June for **\$969.00**  
to Snowcap for the Million Meals money we collected.

We will continue to collect for Million Meals the last Sunday of every month.

**Thank you for your donations!**



Thank you to my RLC family for the many cards, prayers and visits. I want to especially thank Joann Johnson and Diane Kern, these women have been so warm and giving during my 106 day odyssey. What started out as a routine PT appointment in February took a turn and I ended up in the hospital followed by acute rehab at Marquis Mill Park. I broke my right ankle in 3 places and tore the patella tendon and fractured the fibula in my left leg. Fortunately the replacement knee was not damaged. In amongst this situation, my brother passed away and I'm beginning to deal with this.

I continue to watch the streaming worship service on Sunday's and I continue to feel apart of the RLC community.

Thank you to everyone!  
Joyce Gibson

### **New Phone Number!**

Linda Highman has a new phone number.  
It is: 971-349-8602.

Please update your records.

## **GODS WORK-OUR HANDS**

The food pantry affiliated with St. Vincent DePaul out of St. Therese Catholic Church is in need of volunteers to box food and get food to low income families.

Do you have 1-2 hours a couple times a month to help them out?  
In lieu of current cutbacks, they can use your help to get food out to the many families that are impacted.

If interested, please call Diane Kern (503) 284-0664 OR Jennifer Clark (503) 255-0147.

Thank you for considering helping 🙏💕

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3rd	Audrey Holm
4th	Devyn Lutz
8th	Michelle Lutz
15th	Kevin Kahl
19th	Emma Mohr
	Mike Petke
23rd	Austin Weinberger



24th	Glenn Rogers
26th	Geoff Gifford
27th	Gene Heil
	Nancy Medler
28th	Dale Anderson
29th	Katherine McCall Petke



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1st	Mary & Ed Brown	30 Years
15th	Nancy & Doug Medler	42 Years
	Sara & Robert Zimmerman	58 Years
20th	Rhonda & Glenn Rogers	34 Years

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



<b>2nd</b>	<b>Gary Benson</b>
	<b>Sharon Felbinger</b>
	<b>Mary Sommer</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Karen Vincent</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>Jan Bakken</b>
	<b>Marcia Frater</b>
	<b>Sheila Schmitz</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>Susan Henry</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>Charleen Bergquist</b>
<b>13th</b>	<b>Myra Bakken</b>
	<b>Joann Johnson</b>
	<b>Bonnie Nimz</b>
	<b>Kathy Savre</b>

<b>17th</b>	<b>Wally Lafrenz</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>Charles Angell</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Gary Crook</b>
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Jim Frater</b>
	<b>Jill Simonis</b>
<b>24th</b>	<b>Ron Herreid</b>
<b>26th</b>	<b>Jim Beam</b>
	<b>Janice Spradlin</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>Joyce Gibson</b>



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

<b>2nd</b>	<b>Bonnie &amp; Ron Kuhnau</b>	<b>57 Years</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Karie &amp; Dave Lippert</b>	<b>23 Years</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Von &amp; Bill Cary</b>	<b>53 Years</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Charyl &amp; Wendell Jacobson</b>	<b>68 Years</b>
	<b>Michelle &amp; Troy Lutz</b>	<b>34 Years</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>Jill &amp; Ron Bakken</b>	<b>36 Years</b>
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Elizabeth &amp; Scott Weinberger</b>	<b>21 Years</b>
<b>26th</b>	<b>Laura &amp; Geoff Gifford</b>	<b>25 Years</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>Kathleen &amp; Gary Benson</b>	<b>60 Years</b>