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The Herald!

RLC WELCOMES ALL!

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

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"Stand Up Comedy"
Brandon Bishop

"Clean House"
Carita Gilmore

"Humor At The Piano"
Paul Paresa

RLC TALENT SHOW & POTLUCK!

Sunday, November 16th after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**We will celebrate Jerry Sharpe's last hurrah, remembering
Dennis Chapple and welcoming Paul Paresa!**

Any questions, please contact Jerry Sharpe or Linda Highman.

"Original Poetry"
Roger Fuchs

"Thanks & Tribute"
Jerry Sharpe

"Within Sight"
Linda Highman

November, 2025



Dear Friends,

The signs of the changing of the seasons are everywhere: my windshield was covered with a gorgeous array of multi-colored leaves this morning! There are more rainy and cloudy days than there are sunny days. Fall decorations are everywhere! Pumpkins on front porches, Halloween skeletons in yards, oranges and browns and yellows and reds cover the ground and mantles and kitchen tables. And in just a few days we will step into the sacred space and time of honoring the ancestors and saints on All Saints Day. The seasons are changing!

And as if on cue, this community is also changing! Last Sunday we bid a tender farewell to Todd Marston, our beloved Minister of Music for nearly a decade. And this Sunday we welcome Paul Paresa, our new and already beloved Minister of Music! And what a gift Todd and Paul are giving us — they are present, real life reminders that change inevitably brings grief, but it also brings new possibilities and new life! Thank you, Todd and Paul, for embodying this truth for us!

The seasons are changing! And as it relates to the call process, I want to let you know that your church council is faithfully, prayerfully and thoughtfully stewarding that change right now.

The council received over 30 nominations for the Call Committee! Of those 30, 18 accepted their nominations and said that, if chosen, they would be willing to serve on the Call Committee. Wow! Just so you know, serving on the Call Committee is truly stepping into a journey into the unknown! It requires trust, prayer, LOTS of time, discernment, excellent communication skills, good will, and the ability to listen deeply to others and speak from your heart. So THANK YOU to the 18 who said YES to setting out on that journey, if selected.

And if you said YES but aren't ultimately selected, please know that your council is considering and discerning MANY, many factors in the selection of the Call Committee, far beyond the gifts that each individual brings. So know that your willingness to serve has given the council many good options to choose from, and it has meant that they have to do deep discernment, because every one of you would bring unique gifts. So thank you for saying YES to being considered.

And I also want to thank each of you who said NO to serving on the Call Committee. I hope you also have taken in the honor of being nominated. I know that in church culture it's often difficult to say no. We can often fall into *scarcity* mode: I NEED TO do this because no one else will. Or *obligation* mode: I SHOULD do this because someone asked me. But that's not how God's call works. God's call works in *GRACE MODE*. Grace mode frees us to honor our limits and listen to our hearts, even and especially when our hearts say "no," because we

know that God's grace is moving in us *as a community*, and grace will find and empower those who can joyfully say "yes!"

So...again, a huge thank you to the council and to all who submitted nominations, to all who said no, to all who said yes, and to all who will ultimately serve on the Call Committee, or be selected as alternates.

Once the Call Committee is selected, the committee will meet and select its chair or co-chairs, and then get to work!

Now...this next piece is really important, so please hear this and remind one another about this, if anyone starts getting anxious about the pace of the process. It will be *several months* before the committee will be engaging with any potential candidates. There is a *lot* of preparatory work the committee needs to do before even receiving the paperwork from any potential candidate. They have to meet and select their chair or co-chairs. We have to commission them publicly; they have to come to fully understand the process they're in; they have to take the time to build relationships of trust with one another; and they have to figure out what rhythm of meeting works best for that particular group of people. And with the holidays arriving, it's very possible that the process may take even a little longer than it might normally take.

So, my invitation to the congregation is to *relax*. Take a deep breath. Trust God's timing. Trust the Call Committee. Don't waste your time asking them questions or pressuring them to move faster. Instead, take the time to thank them regularly for doing their work on behalf of the congregation.

In fact, by some delightful coincidence, thanks to the Holy Spirit, the theme for the Advent season coming up is *Surrendering to the Darkness*. I invite you to get a jump on that surrendering theme by starting now as it relates to the call process. Surrender any anxiety that may arise in you, or any need to know or control the outcome. It's in God's hands and you will have a faithful, dedicated, and competent Call Committee guiding the congregation through the process.

The seasons are changing! I invite you to surrender into the changes and the grace that makes those changes possible. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Solveig

You can listen to Pastor Solveig's article here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jX9EBffeDY>

It's Stewardship Intention Time!

"With our financial gifts of love, which extend far beyond the walls of the building, and with work done in partnership with neighbor and stranger, we worship you with joy. Our cup overflows!" (opening litany for worship, fall 2025)

If you haven't already, you will soon receive in the mail our annual request for you to share your intentions for financial stewardship of the ministry of Resurrection for 2026. Having these intentions from the community makes a huge difference for the council as they put together the 2026 budget. Without these intentions, the budget is more or less a guessing game. But with these intentions, the council can more faithfully create a budget in which projected income and expenses bear some relation to one another!

Please return these intention cards in the offering plates, via snail mail, or email Kym at kym.tangen@rlcpdx.org.

End of Year Gifts!

Many people take the opportunity to make additional financial contributions before year end. If that is you, please consider an additional gift to Resurrection to support the ministry during this "not-very-neutral-zone," and position us even more strongly for the exciting year ahead!

End of year contributions can be made each Sunday during offering, by using the QR code, or by mailing a check to the church. **Thank you!**

Thanksgiving Eve Service!

Wednesday, November 26
5:30pm doors open for meal
7:30pm Worship
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
4244 SE 91st Ave.

All Resurrection folks are invited to participate in this ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service with several of our neighboring Lutheran and ecumenical churches. If you are able to bring something for the shared meal, please contact Pastor Solveig at interim@rlcpdx.org. [Some suggestions are: a cooked turkey, salad, rolls (some gluten free), butter, whipped cream (regular and dairy-free).]



NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE:

November 2 - Pastor Solveig
 November 9 - Pastor Steve Carlson
 November 16 - Pastor Solveig
 November 23 - Pastor Tom Hiller
 November 30 - Pastor Solveig

LET'S WELCOME PAUL!

Paul Paresa (PUH-ree-SUH) grew up in Vancouver, Washington. He attended Pre-K at Memorial Lutheran. Each Sunday Paul would listen to the Praise Team and think, "Gee that looks swell!". This early musical spark led him to eventually accompany choirs at Laurin Middle School, Prairie High School, Clackamas Community College, and Portland State University. After earning his bachelor's degree in Jazz Performance (Piano), he toured the United States extensively, got tired of night clubs, and then settled back down in Vancouver, Washington where he lives with his partner Anja, his grand piano 'Baby', and no pets because he's super allergic to them.



WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR **CONGRATULATIONS RESURRECTION!**

We collected over \$4000.00 in freewill offering & donations and a check was sent to Watoto the end of October. They also collected \$1450.00 in merchandise sales AND we had seven individuals sign up to become sponsors!

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU
 to everyone involved!!!



Tell Me About Bonnie!

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 5th @ 5:00pm for "Tell Me About Bonnie"

This will be a time to share the wonderful memories and stories we all have about Bonnie Nimz!

We will meet in the RLC Chapel. We hope you can join us.

BRUNCH

Event

Sip, Savor, and Support! Join our Brunch Fundraiser for Art & Music.




DONATE



THE ROCKWOOD CENTER

NOVEMBER 8, 2025
10AM

17805 SE STARK ST
PORTLAND OR 97080

RESERVE NOW

503-661-8632

November Men's Breakfast!

Saturday, November 15th @ 9:20am

Please Note – We Changed Our Location!

**We will again be at the Polar King
1030 Powell Boulevard in Gresham.**

(No Host – that means you pay your own:)

**Need more info? Please call or text Rick Johnson
@ 701-721-5056.**





It's that time again!!

1. *Order your wreath for the holidays
Candy Cane or Round
\$25.00 each

*comes with standard red bow or choose one of our
designer bows for \$2.00 additional.*

Pick up November 29th to December 7th

2. *Mark your calender!!

December 4th -7th Christmas Store in
the Luther Lodge 10am to 3pm.

*Proceeds to benefit the work we do
for Disabled Veterans in our area.*

Order wreath here:

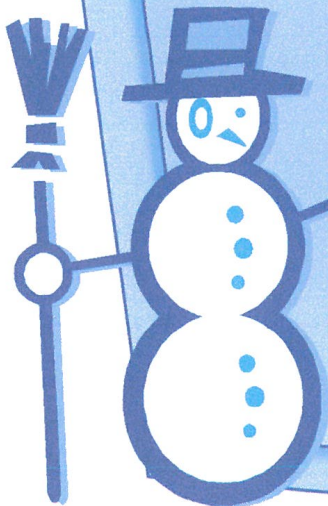
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Total cost: _____

We ask for payment at time of order or make arrangements

*For more information see John Antle or Beth Papasadero
or call/text Dixie at 503-314-6445*



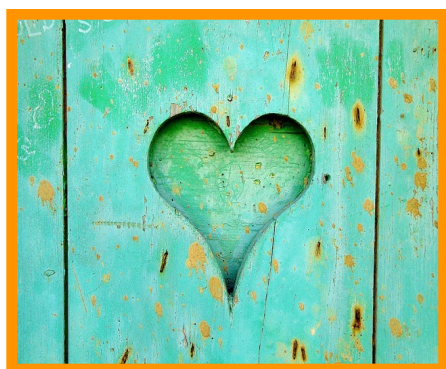
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

**We are decorating RLC for Christmas
after worship on Sunday, December 7th!**

**We hope you can join us! Many hands make light work
and there will be food involved!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st	Cynde Schiewe
2nd	Jazlyn Nichols
	Mark Savre
3rd	Kathy Ogard
4th	Lucas McCall Petke
	Scott Weinberger
9th	Sara Ritchie
13th	Karie Lippert



15th	Pastor Wendell Jacobson
17th	Barb Julian
21st	Orpha Neils
22nd	Bonnie Kuhnau
25th	Jill Bakken
	Joyce Pawson
30th	Jean Fuchs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

17th Cheryl & Jim Beam

35 Years