

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.”

Proverbs 18:10

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the mornings when I sit in my chair by the fireplace I can look up and see the verse above on a canvas I painted long ago. There are times when I am uncertain about something or maybe even apprehensive, and I am reminded of how strong my Lord is. We are safe in His love for us. He’s trustworthy and true.

We had a special WOW meeting last Saturday. If you were there, you felt it too. Deb Thompson gave a devotion pertaining to food, and how connective it is. It helps create relationships. Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.” (*John 6:35*) We have new books in our church library. One is a Karen Kingsbury title and there are also two devotionals. They have been approved and will be ready to check out soon.

We continue to collect items for our Global Health Ministries hospice kits. Last year we did 35 kits, so let’s try to do 40 this year. We have a good start on collecting items, so check the WOW bulletin board for the numbers of what we have so far. I will try to keep it up to date. Be on the lookout for white cotton/blended sheets for bandages. We have some new bandage rollers, collaborated by Deb Thompson, Barb Riessen, and made by Reinhard Riessen. Our mission meeting is tentatively set for August 30th.

Our special guest was Anna Lokkengard. Anna works at KJLY and recently hosted one of the breakout sessions at the KJLY Women’s Conference. Her subject was “*What’s for Dinner?*” Anna lives on a farm, and used to plan 20-29 meal menus ahead. She is an expert in saving time and money. She gave us some good hints and encouraged us to try menu planning by making a menu plan for one week. After all, “time is money” and which of us couldn’t stand to have more TIME!

May your summer plans be blessed. Do you know the song “I Speak Jesus?” Look it up. It’s sung by *Here Be Lions*. Jesus is your strong tower. In Him we are safe.

In His Love,
Karen Jaeck
WOW Coordinator

June Birthdays

1st – Myrna Chamberlain

24th – Gene Ziegler

5th – Daryl Schoemaker

26th – Doug Mayer

5th – Rita Schoemaker

27th – Brad Matthes

9th – Emilia Olstrom

28th – Nikki Basel

15th – Thomas Fu

29th – Deb Bjur

21st – Julie Smith

30th – Terry Groth

22nd – Jim Lambert

June Anniversaries

2nd – Ron and Pam Eccles

12th – Victor and Helen Kurth

15th – Bob and Karen Spiegler

17th – Tony and Becky Miller

23rd – Darrell and Ginny Eastvold

LCMC CONVENTION

The 25th Annual Gathering & Convention of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ will be held October 5-8 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville, MN. The theme will be “**Our Help and Hope.**” Looking back on the last two and a half decades of LCMC, the theme of the conference will explore the theological and historical foundations of our association as well as how our diverse makeup of congregations continues to build upon those foundations today. The LCMC Annual Gathering & Convention serves as an opportunity for pastors, leaders, and church members from all types of congregations to join together for an intentional time of worship, prayer, fellowship, networking, learning, and inspiration. Would you like to attend this year’s gathering as a voting delegate from Resurrection Lutheran Church? Talk to Pastor Aaron today!

Members Present: Susan Mayer, Harvard Jaeck, Ruth Heilman, Jerry Roust, Reinhard Riessen, Marilyn Anderson, and Pastor Aaron Deutsch.
Members Absent: Rebecca Blum.

President Jerry Roust **called the meeting to order** at 10:30 AM.

Devotions: Pastor Aaron provided a devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries, citing Proverbs 31:10-11.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda. **M/S/P**

Minutes: April regular meeting minutes were approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Treasurer’s Report: Report was approved and filed. Discussion was held on the \$2,400 currently set aside in savings for payments from the Augustana District to Resurrection for Pastor Aaron’s work as the District Coordinator. It was decided to apply that money toward our building loan principle. **M/S/P**

Pastor’s Report: Written report was provided and filed. Pastor noted that the Augustana District First Call Pastors Retreat and Convention went very well. A reminder that Pastor Aaron will be teaching a 14-week adult education series May through August entitled “Adult Confirmation.” Planning is underway for a Vacation Bible School (with Pastor Julie Smith and Pastor Sarah Deutsch assisting) tentatively set for August 12th through the 14th. Pastor Julie will be preaching on May 18th while Pastor Aaron attends his nephew’s graduation.

Committee Reports:

- **Benevolence/Stewardship:** No meeting.
- **Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** No action items. The committee is finalizing plans for Amanda Ellison “*The Preacher’s Daughter*” concert on Sunday June 1st at 4:00 pm. Publicity will begin soon.
- **Personnel:** No action items.
- **Property/Facility:** Mike and Cliff are looking at a time to trim trees on the backside of the church. The step outside the back door of the Fireside Room will be addressed, as it needs repairs. Bids will be received to pour a new step and perhaps replace the entire sloped walkway down to the west parking lot, while also adding a railing.
- **Worship:** No action items. Now that the new altar furniture is set, the committee will begin looking into options for paraments.

Old Business:

- Pastor Aaron will be attending a CPR/AED training session on May 19th. The council discussed a date for Pastor Aaron to give a safety procedures update to the congregation, highlighting our new safety protocols and apparatuses. This will take place on Sunday, June 8th after worship. It was noted that we should also look into getting sharps containers for the bathrooms.

New Business:

- Membership request for Tim and Jean Bye and Tom, Jessica, and Charles Bye was approved. **M/S/P**

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:10 AM and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, June 15, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

April Income	\$18,602.81
April Expenses	(\$30,489.27)

**April expenses include \$6,681.14 paid out in quarterly benevolence gifts.*

Account Balances (as of April 30, 2025)	
Checking Account	\$33,874.71
Savings Account	\$24,937.53
Edward Jones CD	\$35,318.41
Building Loan	(\$130,330.01)

June 2025 RLC Church Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am: Worship 4:00pm: Amanda Ellison Concert	2 10:00am: Morning Prayer	3	4 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 2:00pm: Worship Committee 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Confirmation	5 9:00am: Men's Bible Study 11:30pm: EEO Committee	6	7
8 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Church Safety Presentation	9 10:00am: Morning Prayer	10	11 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Confirmation	12 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	13	14
15 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Church Council	16 10:00am: Morning Prayer	17	18 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Confirmation	19 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	20	21
22 9:30am: Worship	23 10:00am: Morning Prayer	24	25 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Confirmation	26 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	27	28
29 9:30am: Worship	30 10:00am: Morning Prayer					

Worship Assistants					
	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
June 1	Dave and Rebecca Blum	Jerry and Joyce Roust	Ross Heilman	Carol Severson Vicki Youngerberg	Bob and Meridel Kellogg
June 8	Doug Mayer Brad Matthes	Ross and Ruth Heilman	Ruth Heilman		
June 15	Ron and Sue Brooks	Tony and Becky Miller	Tony Miller	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Tony and Becky Miller
June 22	Kevin Leffel Brad Matthes	Bob and Meridel Kellogg	Doug Mayer		
June 29	Daryl and Rita Schoemaker	Victor and Helen Kurth	Donna Krahmer		

The RLC Messenger

June 2025



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! Resurrection Lutheran Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School **August 12-14** from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Supper will be served each night at 5:30pm. Our theme “*Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace*” will invite the kids to explore first-hand the culture of Joseph’s world. Alongside Joseph, they'll experience the heartbreaking trials and joyous victories of this unforgettable and unique Old Testament hero! Vacation Bible School is open to all children ages 3 through just finishing 5th grade. However, younger children under the age of 3 can still attend, but will need an adult with them. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for registration information, but in the meantime, set the dates aside on your calendar and help us spread the word!

In Concert

AMANDA ELLISON

The Preacher's Daughter

Join us as acclaimed vocalist Amanda Ellison sings treasured hymns of faith, sharing her testimony through song, and stories growing up as a preacher's daughter.

Sunday, June 1 | 4:00pm
Resurrection Lutheran Church
1735 East Main Street - Mankato, MN

No tickets necessary. Attendance is free.
But a love offering will be taken.

CHURCH SAFETY PRESENATION

Over the last several months, the church council has been investing time and budget dollars into updating our safety resources here in the building. Included in this has been the purchasing of new AEDs - automated external defibrillators. On **Sunday, June 8th** after worship, Pastor Aaron will be giving a brief safety presentation about our new equipment, how to use it, and where it will be found once installed. He'll also share information he learned at a seminar on how to be prepared for active shooters and other disruptors in the building.

JUNE GOSPEL TEXTS

- June 1: Luke 24:44-53
- June 8: John 14:23-31
- June 15: John 8:48-59
- June 22: Luke 8:26-39
- June 29: Luke 9:51-62