

February 2025 WOW News

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31b

Dear Friends in Christ,

So many things are different it seems. Have you noticed that? Here it is already soon February, and as the old poem I learned long ago says: “The North wind doth blow, and we shall have snow. And what will poor robin do then? Poor thing! He’ll sit in the barn, and keep himself warm, and hide his head under his wing. Poor thing!” Well, we don’t have snow at this writing, but I can hear the wind howling outside, so I’m glad it’s not blowing snow! It can be a dreary time of year, especially being so very cold, but perhaps like the robin we can sit in in our homes in our favorite chair, cover up with a blanket and read a good book!

I hope you have had a chance to look over the coffee fellowship chart down in the dining room. If you are a frequent patron of that fellowship time, you might look to see if you are down to take a turn at serving a treat. It’s nice if you can team up with someone to serve. It’s easier and “two hands make less work.” Besides it counts as fellowship, too. All worshippers are always welcome.

We are planning on getting together for a Women of the Word meeting on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. This is open, of course, to all women of Resurrection Lutheran and guests are welcome, too. We always enjoy some fellowship, coffee/ treats, a devotion, some “business bits” and this time we will be having a speaker. Since Concordia Classical Academy is one of our benevolence recipients, we will be hearing all about it from Pastor LeRoy LaPlant. Pastor LaPlant serves as pastor at Good Sheperd, and headmaster of CCA. It should be interesting to hear more about this classical Lutheran school.

February is a month of love, so I hope you have someone who is special to you to remember with a kind word, a smile and maybe a thanks for being in your life. Some of you may send cards. Remember as a child all the valentines you wrote out? Isn’t it wonderful that Jesus loves you so much He has sent you one too. You know it as the Bible.

In His Love,  
Karen Jaeck  
WOW Coordinator



RLC will again be preparing and serving an evening meal at the Connections Ministry homeless shelter on Thursday, February 27th. 4 people will be needed to arrive here at Church at 4pm to help prepare the meal. A different team of 4 individuals will arrive at Church at 5:15 to help load up the meal, carpool together to the shelter, and serve. Meal service lasts from 6pm to 7pm. Sign-up sheets will be out on the Welcome Center desk soon.

FEBRUARY  
GOSPEL TEXTS

February 2: Luke 4:31-44  
February 9: Luke 5:1-11  
February 16: Luke 6:17-26  
February 23: Luke 6:27-38

January 19, 2025 Church Council Minutes

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

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

**Devotions:** Ruth Heilman provided a devotion from *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young citing Isaiah 43:18-19.

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

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** Report was approved and filed.

**Pastor’s Report:** Written report was provided and filed. Pastor commented that he is in planning mode for the Augustana District First Call Pastor’s Retreat and Annual Convention in May. It was noted that all our Christmas activities (from midweek soup suppers to Christmas Eve worship) went well. A reminder that Pastor Aaron will be out of the office February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> attending the Augustana District Theological Convocation in Bloomington, MN.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Benevolence/Stewardship:** No meeting.
- **Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** Activities coming up that the committee is working on include serving a meal at the Connections Homeless Shelter and a pancake supper fundraiser for CADA. More information on these events will be coming soon.
- **Personnel:** No action items.
- **Property/Facility:** The committee has received bids from Guaranteed Electrical and MRI for electrical and plumbing work to improve the downstairs bathrooms and kitchen. A motion was made to allow the committee to approve bids up to \$7,500 for the bathroom and kitchen improvements. **M/S/P**
- **Worship:** No action items.

**Old Business:**

- No old business to discuss.

**New Business:**

- No new business to discuss.

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:05AM and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

Finances

December Income	\$19,533.23
December Expenses	(\$26,663.62)

Account Balances (as of December 31, 2024)	
Checking Account	\$45,991.49
Savings Account	\$12,322.09
Edward Jones CD	\$35,392.65
Building Loan	(\$147,090.21)

February 2025 RLC Church Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am: Worship	3	4	5 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women’s Bible Study 2:00pm: Worship Committee 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study	6 8:00am: Men’s Bible Study  11:00am: EEO Committee	7	8
9 9:30am: Worship	10 10:00am: Morning Prayer	11	12 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women’s Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study	13 8:00am: Men’s Bible Study	14	15 10:00am: WOW Gathering
16 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Church Council	17 10:00am: Morning Prayer	18	19 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women’s Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study	20 8:00am: Men’s Bible Study	21	22
23 9:30am: Worship 7:00pm: Young Adults Group	24 10:00am: Morning Prayer	25	26 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women’s Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study	27 8:00am: Men’s Bible Study  <i>Connections Meal Serving</i>	28	

Birthdays	
5 <sup>th</sup> - Marilyn Larson	23 <sup>rd</sup> - Kevin Leffel
12 <sup>th</sup> - Dave Blum	24 <sup>th</sup> - Rebecca Blum
19 <sup>th</sup> - Jane Diel	25 <sup>th</sup> - Karen Jaeck
21 <sup>st</sup> - Tim Davidson	26 <sup>th</sup> - Joann Leffel
21 <sup>st</sup> - Ross Heilman	27 <sup>th</sup> - Ny Aina Rakotondrainibe
22 <sup>nd</sup> - Dorothy Enfield	

Anniversaries
26 <sup>th</sup> - Dave and Wendy LaFavor

Worship Assistants					
	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
February 2	Daryl and Rita Schoemaker	Victor and Helen Kurth	Doug Mayer	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Tony and Becky Miller
February 9	Dave and Rebecca Blum	Pat and Karen McGregor	Karen McGregor		
February 16	Doug Mayer Kevin Leffel	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Karen Jaeck	Pat and Karen McGregor	Ron and Sue Brooks
February 23	Brad Matthes Dave Blum	Myrna Chamberlain Karen Junker	Helen Meschke		

# The RLC Messenger

February 2025

## Who was St. Valentine?

Ever wondered how Valentine’s Day came about? It actually started off as the remembrance of a Christian martyr named Valentine. Gradually, it developed into the secular holiday we know today. A physician and priest living in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius, Valentine became one of the noted martyrs of the third century. The commemoration of his death, which occurred in AD 270, became part of the calendar of remembrance in the Early Church of the West. Tradition suggests that on the day of his execution for his Christian faith, Valentine left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer written on an irregularly shaped piece of paper. This greeting became a pattern for millions of written expressions of love and caring that now are the highlight of Valentine’s Day in many nations.

## Devotion

Where is the love? Our lives are filled with loathing, and there is bitterness in our souls. We feel oppressed and beaten down by the cares of this world, and we wonder about the hand of the Mighty One. We agonize as we contemplate the One who has made us. He has fashioned us, but now it is as though He destroys His creation. Shall we be returned to the dust of death in pain and suffering? Shall we be poured out, our life seeping into the lifeless clay? Is there no deliverance from the hand of God? Where is the love? The LORD God has granted us life and steadfast love, His care has preserved our spirit, but we do not feel it. We do not see the love, do not feel the warmth, and cannot discern its purpose, for it is hidden in the heart of God. Where is this love? Guilty or innocent, wrong or right, if there is no love, then for what purpose, O LORD?

Yet, it is the hand of the Almighty who opens our eyes to His love. It is He who reveals His heart and its purpose. It is He who sends the light into the gloom and shadow of our world so that we might indeed see love. God’s love for us is seen in Christ Jesus. Only the Son reveals the heart of the Father. Only the Son reveals and acts out this love so that we might see. As His life is poured out upon the ground, as His blood flows from a cross into the lifeless clay, our lives are raised up. As He carries our sin and bears our iniquity, our burden is removed and our guilt is acquitted. As He is an expression of the Father’s love for His creation, so we see this love in a rare and wonderful way. This love, which illumines the darkness of our world and our souls, is now for us to share so that others might see. So is the joyous expression of God’s love that pours forth from our hearts. As He has loved us, so we also love one another. His steadfast love, which endures forever, is the love that motivates our own expressions of love. His steadfast love, clearly seen in Christ, shines forth from His people. Here is love that is boundless in its grace and mercy. Here is love.

## Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You kindled the flame of Your love in the heart of Your holy martyr Valentine. Grant to us, Your humble servants, a like faith and the power of love, that we who rejoice in Christ’s triumph may embody His love in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(This biography, devotional reading, and prayer are from Concordia Publishing House’s *A Year in the Old Testament* and *The Treasury of Daily Prayer*)