

We give thanks to you, O God.
We give thanks for Your name is near.
We recount Your wondrous deeds.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Dear Friends in Christ,
How true that verse above has been to me in these days of transition from dear ways we have known, to a hope realized by the grace and love of a Savior whose promises are trustworthy and true.

It’s been that way for those who are working to make the 2026 Augustana District Women of the Word Gathering a wonderful and spiritually memorable day here next year at Resurrection Lutheran. Myrna Chamberlain and Vicki Youngerberg are currently on the district board to aid in that preparation. Five women from our WOW group attended this year’s gathering held at New Creation Lutheran Church in Perham on September 20th. Special bookmarks were printed with our theme “*Resurrection*” and included in the registration folder. Pastor Aaron brought greetings from the district, and Myrna extended the invitation to join us next year. Listening to their reports and seeing the little boxes that were made by the men and youth (who engraved New Creation WOW’s theme *Be Still*) reminded us that time away with other Christians is important and surely a time to give thanks and praise for a God who knows what we need and draws us close because He loves us.

Fall is certainly here, and many wonderful things are happening at Resurrection Church to encourage all age groups in our faith walk. Ahead for us here in our WOW group is the possibility of a Fall “spruce up.” Although we try to keep things clean and in order as we serve, there is always a time to zero in on areas that might need a little extra care. We, in our own lives, have Fall clean-ups, both inside and outside. Now, if it happens that your Fall clean-up includes a major one like ours, moving after being in our home for 50 years, well, all I can say to you is: may the power, mercy and grace of your loving Father be with you. You will find yourself making both trivial and major decisions, and having scavenger hunts daily for things that seemingly have disappeared with the help of your very own children and your own mindless self!

It's always hard to say goodbye to friends who have become our family, but because we hold you close as our church family, we know there’s understanding, prayers, and good wishes, knowing in one’s lifetime there’s the pull of being near to one’s biological roots and family. However, when your children ask you over the phone, “How are you doing?” one may not get away with just saying, “I’m fine.” There’s a new path ahead, but for all of us, we can thank our Lord for His presence with us and the promise He’ll never leave us. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:14)

In His Love,
Karen Jaeck



Hey, Pastor! What’s the deal with...?

Question: “Hey, Pastor Aaron, what’s the deal with the public confession and forgiveness of sins during worship? We’ve gone to other church services that don’t include it. Do we really need to talk about ourselves as sinners?”

Answer: Yes, we do, because that’s who we are. In Lutheran worship, confession and forgiveness at the top of the service provides the heartbeat of what we’re about. We begin each Sunday by naming the truth: we are sinners in need of mercy. That may sound heavy, but it’s actually freeing. Luther once said the whole Christian life is repentance, turning from ourselves toward Christ. So, every week we confess together, not because God wouldn’t forgive us otherwise, but because we need to hear it announced to us again: *for Christ’s sake, you are forgiven*. That word of absolution is pure gospel, and it sets the tone for everything else in worship. We come as sinners, but we leave as forgiven and redeemed children of God. Without that, worship risks becoming about us instead of God’s grace.

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

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

Devotions: Ruth Heilman provided a devotion from the book *Jesus Calling*, citing Hebrews 10:23.

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

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

Treasurer’s Report: Report was approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Pastor’s Report: Written report was provided and filed. Pastor reminded council of his attendance at the National LCMC Gathering on October 6-8 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville. Pastor also noted we are back to our full, regular programming schedule here at church and that choir rehearsals will resume next month. The trip to St. Dysmas Prison Ministry in Sioux Falls was an amazing experience and will be attempted again in the future.

- Committee Reports:**
- **Benevolence/Stewardship:** No action items.
 - **Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** No action items.
 - **Personnel:** Vice-President Ruth Heilman met with Pastor Aaron for his annual review, and all is well. We are so grateful and blessed with Pastor Aaron’s ministry.
 - **Property/Facility:** The property committee is assessing several upcoming building improvement projects for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, which may require additional line-item funds in the next budget.
 - **Worship:** No action items.

- Old Business:**
- RLC’s 2025 Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, October 26, 2025, with Annual Meeting books available Sunday, October 12. 2025-2026 proposed budget updates were discussed. The nominating committee will put forth three names to fill open council positions: Donna Krahmer, Clark Diel, and Meridel Kellogg

New Business: The current copier lease has expired and a new 5-year lease with River Bend Business Products was discussed and approved. **M/S/P**

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:20 AM and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

August Income	\$20,181.92
August Expenses	(\$18,334.16)

Account Balances (as of August 31, 2025)	
Checking Account	\$25,922.28
Savings Account	\$14,369.78
Edward Jones CD	\$36,016.42
Building Loan	(\$111,850.45)



October 2025 RLC Church Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 2:00pm: Worship Committee 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Forum	2 9:00am: Men's Bible Study 11:30am: EEO Committee	3	4
5 9:30am: Worship	6	7	8 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Forum	9 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	10	11
	Annual LCMC Gathering – Lakeville, MN					
12 9:30am: Worship	13 10:00am: Morning Prayer	14	15 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Forum	16 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	17	18
19 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Church Council	20 10:00am: Morning Prayer 5:30pm: SALT Night	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am: Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

Birthdays	
2 nd – Tony Miller	14 th – Don Peterson
3 rd – Lee Young	15 th – Michelle Pilgrim
4 th – Barb Riessen	21 st – Becky Miller
5 th – Victor Kurth	24 th – Ruth Heilman
6 th – Vivian Ziegler	28 th – Eric Litynski
12 th – Ron Eccles	28 th – Erika Pierson
12 th – Vicki Youngerberg	30 th – Charles Bye

Anniversaries
4 th – Kevin and Sandy Leffel
26 th – Gene and Vivian Ziegler
28 th – Dave and Rebecca Blum

Worship Assistants					
	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
October 5	Dave and Rebecca Blum	Sharon and Eric Litynski	Sharon Litynski	Donna Krahmer and Helen Meschke	Victor and Helen Kurth
October 12	Doug Mayer Kevin Leffel	Myrna Chamberlain	Helen Meschke		
October 19	Brad Matthes Ron Brooks	Jim Lambert and Carolyn Rewitzer	Jim Lambert	Carol Severson and Sharon Litynski	Bob and Meridel Kellogg
October 26	Daryl and Rita Schoemaker	Don Peterson	Mike Youngerberg		



NEW ADULT FORUM SERIES: LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Join Pastor Aaron for a new 3-week Adult Form series as we dive into the rich significance of Lutheran worship. Together we'll look at the history of worship, our understanding of the Sacraments, why we use a liturgy, along with behind-the-scenes details on logistics and practice. Whether you're new to Lutheran worship or have been part of it your whole life, you'll find something meaningful. The series begins on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30pm downstairs in the adult education classroom.



REFORMATION & ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday, October 26th, we celebrate the 508th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. These 95 Theses, concerning the sale of indulgences, the pastoral care of Christ's Church, and the saving grace of God, sparked the controversy and movement that became known as the Protestant Reformation. You are invited to wear red, the liturgical color of the day, to worship. Resurrection Lutheran's **2025 Annual Meeting** will be held following Reformation Sunday worship. Active and voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

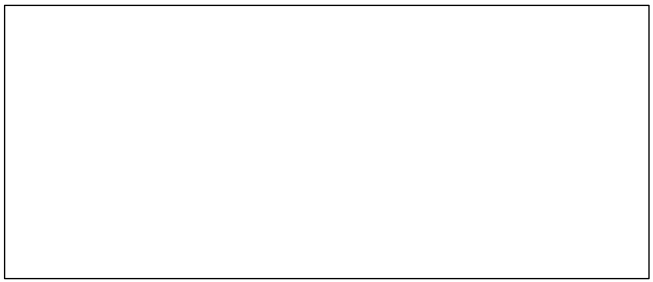
OCTOBER GOSPEL TEXTS

October 5: Luke 17:1-10 **October 12:** Luke 17:11-19
October 19: Luke 18:1-8 **October 26:** John 8:31-36



Pastors Aaron and Sarah are planning for the birth of their 3rd child! Sarah's c-section is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22nd. Pastor Aaron is planning on taking much of the next week off to help around the house as the Deutch family welcomes their newest addition. Pay close attention to the October calendar as to if and when our normally scheduled meetings will take place.

*Resurrection Lutheran Church | 1735 East Main Street - Mankato, MN 56001 | www.resurrectionmankato.org
A proud member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and the Augustana District*



ANNUAL SALT NIGHT GATHERING



SALT (*Scripture and Life Together*) groups are intentional, small monthly gatherings for the purpose of growing deeper relationships with others, doing life alongside friends while sharing your joys and struggles, and fellowshiping over the Word of God. Are you currently attending a SALT group? **Would you like to join one?** Our annual SALT Night Potluck will be held Monday, October 20th at 5:30pm. Bring your favorite dish to pass! After our meal we will enjoy worship together and meet your small group to plan your regular monthly meeting time.



FAREWELL, HARVARD & KAREN

Longtime Resurrection Lutheran Church members Harvard and Karen Jaeck are moving next month to Hancock, MN to be near their cherished family. In thanksgiving for all they've done for our faith family, a farewell fellowship will be held after worship on Sunday, October 5th.



Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, October 1st at 5:30pm in the Fireside Room as we welcome our church accompanist, Nikki Basel, back from maternity leave. New voices are welcomed and needed!