

Women of the Word News

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Dear Friends in Christ,

As our summer winds down, we are in the throes of finishing up our yearly events. Our WOW mission meeting is set for Saturday, September 13th at 9:30am so we can have a little time for coffee/treats, devotions and fellowship. We enjoy the hospice kit and bandage projects we do for Global Health Ministries. The items needed for the kits are listed on the WOW bulletin board. Bandages are cut and sewn and ready to roll. We will be packing up the hospice kits and this year we will also put to use the new bandage rollers Reinhard Riesen made for us. We still have a little time to gather items for our 35 kits, but the cut-off date is Wednesday, September 10th. Items need to be in the narthex near the WOW collection chest. At that time, they will be counted, and WOW will complete buying what we need. Donations are always welcome for the shipping costs.

Plans have been made and there are seven of our women journeying to Perham, Minnesota for the Augustana District Women of the Word Gathering on Saturday, September 20th. The theme is “*Peace*” and at the end of this busy summer it sounds like just what we need. Please join us in praying that it will be a blessing for us, and that we will be inspired for the next gathering scheduled to be here at Resurrection Lutheran Church in 2026.

Earlier this year I mentioned that my term as WOW Coordinator will be up at the end of this year. It’s been a joy for me to have been in this position for several years and we have enjoyed those times, had great speakers, fun meetings and grown in our fellowship, but there’s a time for a change and it’s always good to have that chance to grow in our faith. It’s very important to have a women’s group. I have always believed that and hope you do as well. It won’t be hard, but exciting and welcoming to see what God has in store for RLC’s Women of the Word.

Shalom,
Karen Jaeck
WOW Coordinator



Hey, Pastor!

What’s the deal with...?

A new monthly article answering commonly asked questions about Lutheran worship and theology.

Question: “Hey, Pastor Aaron, what’s the deal with the all the Bible readings in worship on Sunday mornings? We’ve gone to other churches that only have 1 reading, and we have 4!”

Answer: Resurrection Lutheran follows the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a carefully planned schedule of Scripture readings for public worship. Developed in the late 1960s and refined through the mid-1990s, the RCL organizes a three-year cycle of Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel readings. Year A explores the life of Jesus through Matthew, Year B through Mark, and Year C through Luke. Used by many mainline Protestant denominations, the RCL provides intentional themes for worship, follows the rhythms of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Pentecost) and connects us with Christians worldwide who hear the same readings each Sunday. Perhaps my favorite aspect, though, is how the lectionary exposes us to the full sweep of the biblical story, from Genesis to Revelation, all pointing to the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

August 24, 2025 Church Council Minutes

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Susan Mayer, Harvard Jaeck, Rebecca Blum, Ruth Heilman, Reinhard Riessen, Marilyn Anderson, and Pastor Aaron Deutsch.

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Vice-President Ruth Heilman **called the meeting to order** at 10:30 AM.

Devotions: Marilyn Anderson provided a devotion from *The Word for Every Day* entitled “Like Peter.”

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

Minutes: July 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 noted he will be attending the Augustana District Women of the Word gathering on September 20th in Perham, MN to give an update on the district. Pastor has also registered for the 2025 LCMC Annual Convention to be held October 5-8 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville, MN. Two members, along with Pastor Aaron, will be attending St. Dysmas Prison Church at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls on September 11th.

Committee Reports:

- Benevolence/Stewardship:** The benevolence committee met and decided that our recipients would remain the same next year, with an annual budget of \$27,500.
- Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** No action items.
- Personnel:** Vice-President Ruth Heilman is going to compile the performance reviews each council member submitted for Pastor Aaron and will meet with pastor to discuss the results.
- Property/Facility:** Pfeffer tree service will be coming to trim the large tree branches hanging over the shed in the back parking lot. It was decided that a quote should be obtained to trim one of the large trees on the south yard which also has many dying branches.
- Worship:** No action items.

Old Business:

- Reminder that committee budgets need to be completed and available to the budget committee soon. The budget committee will then need to create a draft 2025-2026 budget for the church council to approve at our next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Nominating committee is working to fill the three open council positions.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting **adjourned** at 10:55 AM and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

Finances

July Income	\$12,196.43
July Expenses	(\$26,602.62)

Account Balances (as of July 31, 2025)

Checking Account	\$24,074.52
Savings Account	\$13,169.78
Edward Jones CD	\$36,016.42
Building Loan	(\$115,374.43)

**July expenses include \$4,621.00 paid out in quarterly benevolence gifts.*

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

September Birthdays
2 nd – Oliver Olstrom
4 th – Andry Ranaivoson
13 th – Chuck Kindgren
15 th – Pam Eccles
20 th – Reinhard Riessen
21 st – Carol Volness
25 th – Karen McGregor

September Anniversaries
1 st – Clark and Jane Diel
11 th – Bob and Carol Volness
17 th – Dennis and Marsha Ellertson
25 th – Ron and Sue Brooks

Worship Assistants					
	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
September 7	Ron and Sue Brooks	Bob and Meridel Kellogg	Donna Krahmer	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Tony and Becky Miller
September 14	Brad Matthes Doug Mayer	Victor and Helen Kurth	Doug Mayer		
September 21	Dave and Rebecca Blum	Pat and Karen McGregor	Karen McGregor	Pat and Karen McGregor	Ron and Sue Brooks
September 28	Daryl and Rita Schoemaker	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Karen Jaeck		



DEATH, GRIEF & THE CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

Death isn't a topic we like to discuss. In fact, it often feels like a taboo and off-limits talking point. But as Christians, we face death differently, through the promise of Christ's resurrection. Join Pastor Aaron this month for a 2-week adult forum series as we explore how our faith speaks about the life to come, grief, and the Christian funeral services as a proclamation of the hope we have in Christ. Together we'll talk through not only the theology surrounding death but spend time in practical planning so that our funerals can one day be clear witnesses to the Gospel and a comfort to those we love. Bring your fears and questions on **September 17th and 24th** as we meet both evenings in the adult education room downstairs at 6:30pm.

BACKYARD BASH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
4:30-6:00PM
SOUTH LAWN

LIVE MUSIC
WALKING TACOS
ICE CREAM

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING AGAIN

Resurrection Lutheran's Christian education year will begin again on Sunday, September 7th after worship! Thank-you to those who have already stepped up to teach. There is still time to volunteer, however! See Pastor Aaron with questions. We look forward to another amazing year growing in faith and love with one another.



Men's and Women's Bible Studies will begin again this month and both groups will be studying the Old Testament book of Joshua, where God's promises are fulfilled as Israel enters the Promised Land; a story of faith, leadership, and God's unfailing presence. Women will begin meeting Wednesday, September 10th at 1:00pm in the adult education classroom. Men will begin meeting Thursday, September 11th at 9:00am in the conference room. New faces are welcome!

SEPTEMBER GOSPEL TEXTS

September 7: Luke 14:25-35
September 14: Luke 15:1-10
September 21: Luke 16:1-15
September 28: Luke 16:19-31