

March 2025 WOW News

“For we walk by faith not by sight.”
2 Corinthians 5:7

Dear Friends in Christ,

The verse above is a learning verse for me and becoming my mantra throughout these days of cataract surgery! It’s an adventure and living puzzle, complicated by drops – drops – DROPS! It’s wonderful to have praying family and friends, and the tales of those who have experienced little glitches have just added to my need for the faith my Father promises!

It was a joy this last Saturday for eight of us to meet in the dining room for fellowship and a busy “business bits.” Our speaker, Pastor LeRoy LaPlant, was unable to come because of illness, so we moved right along, deciding on a step stool for our kitchen. We gifted the library money for new books with some criteria in obtaining Christian books for all ages. We talked about Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and okayed the soup suppers beginning March 12th. There will be five of them and we will start with five crockpots plus bread and bars/cookies. A reminder one should only have to serve soup once. We also discovered the CorningWare plates tucked away in our cupboards and decided they would be great to use. We’ll utilize our dishwasher and perhaps use the cups as well. The cups have handles on them and certainly won’t spring a leak!

We talked about the hospice kits and bandages and decided we’ll start collecting items now. Global Health Ministries will be called for any changes, and the needs list will be posted on the WOW bulletin board. Items can be placed in and near the WOW chest in the narthex. There’s no hurry, as we will put them together late summer. We can be on the lookout for white cotton–blend sheets to be cut up for the bandages.

KJLY’s Day for Women is May 3rd at Hosanna Lutheran Church. It’s a wonderful time for Christian women to fellowship, be inspired, and meet to hear author and speaker Karen Kingsbury. Cost for the day is \$45, and registration begins April 7th.

We gathered in the kitchen to discuss the remodeling projects to be done and happily decided what would work best for us. We look forward to seeing it all come together.

Myrna Chamberlain gave a preview on some of the activities and responsibilities for the Augustana District Women’s Conference to be held at RLC in 2026. She mentioned that New Creation Lutheran Church in Perham will host this year’s gathering on September 20th.

In the days ahead and through this cold winter, may we all have eyes of faith to see His loving care of us. We can share, care and laugh (sometimes), always knowing He will bring us through.

Faithfully,
Karen Jaeck
WOW Coordinator

March Birthdays
2nd – Dave LaFavor
20th – Cliff Thompson
24th – Ron Brooks

March Anniversaries
10th – Joseph Olstrom and Nicole Rosenberg



February 16, 2025 Church Council Minutes

Members Present: 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: Harvard Jaeck provided a devotion from *God’s Blessings* by Jack Countryman citing Psalm 119:105.

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

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

Treasurer’s Report: Report was approved and filed. Pastor Aaron asked for clarification on how much he can disburse from the mercy ministry fund (which is the pastor’s discretionary fund) without approval of the Church Council. A motion was made to set the amount at \$500. **M/S/P**

Pastor’s Report: Written report was provided and filed. Everything continues to go well with his job as Coordinator for the Augustana District. He is in planning mode for the season of Lent here at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Committee Reports:

- **Benevolence/Stewardship:** No meeting.
- **Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** Planning continues for upcoming service projects, including serving a meal at the Connections Ministry Homeless Shelter and a fundraiser for CADA of Mankato.
- **Personnel:** No action items.
- **Property/Facility:** Work has begun and will continue on the updates being made to the downstairs bathrooms (across from the library) and kitchen.
- **Worship:** Pastor Aaron has selected a new liturgy to begin in the month of March. An anonymous donor has generously approached the worship committee to offer a gift of \$15,000 to be used on a new altar furniture set and paraments. The altar set will be locally built by Mankato Woodworks and is to include a matching pulpit, altar, baptismal font and advent wreath. A motion was made to accept this donation and give the worship committee permission to move forward with the project. If the \$15,000 is used up before the project can be completed, permission is further given for the excess funds to come from the altar furniture and memorial line items of the savings account. **M/S/P**

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business:

- An ongoing discussion of the council has been to purchase two AEDs (automated external defibrillator) for the church building, one for each level. Along with this, we are in need of updated and fully stocked first aid kits. A motion was made to task Pastor Aaron with researching the costs of these items and bringing back figures to the next council meeting. **M/S/P**

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:15 AM and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

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

Finances

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| January Income | \$17,528.11 |
| January Expenses | (\$31,993.72)* |

**January expenses include \$7,557.70 paid out in quarterly benevolence gifts.*

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| Account Balances (as of January 31, 2025) | |
| Checking Account | \$31,897.25 |
| Savings Account | \$12,218.64 |
| Edward Jones CD | \$35,392.65 |
| Building Loan | (\$142,498.29) |

| March 2025 RLC Church Calendar | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 9:30am: Worship | 3 10:00am: Morning Prayer | 4 6:00pm: Fat Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser | 5 Noon: Ash Wednesday Worship 1:00pm: Worship Committee | 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 6:15pm: Soup Supper 7:00pm: Lenten Worship | 13 8:00am: Men's Bible Study | 14 | 15 |
| 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 6:15pm: Soup Supper 7:00pm: Lenten Worship | 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 6:15pm: Soup Supper 7:00pm: Lenten Worship | 27 8:00am: Men's Bible Study | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:30am: Worship | 31 10:00am: Morning Prayer | | | | | |

| Worship Assistants | | | | | |
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| | Ushers | Greeters | Reader | Communion Assistants | Communion Set-Up |
| March 2 | Ron and Sue Brooks | Jim Lambert Carolyn Rewitzer | Jim Lambert | Donna Krahmer Helen Meschke | Victor and Helen Kurth |
| March 9 | Daryl and Rita Schoemaker | Don Peterson | Mike Youngerberg | | |
| March 16 | Kevin Leffel Brad Matthes | Doug and Sue Mayer | Ross Heilman | Carol Severson Sharon Litynski | Bob and Meridel Kellogg |
| March 23 | Dave and Rebecca Blum | Jerry and Joyce Roust | Sharon Litynski | | |
| March 30 | Doug Mayer Brad Matthes | Tony and Becky Miller | Tony Miller | | |

The RLC Messenger

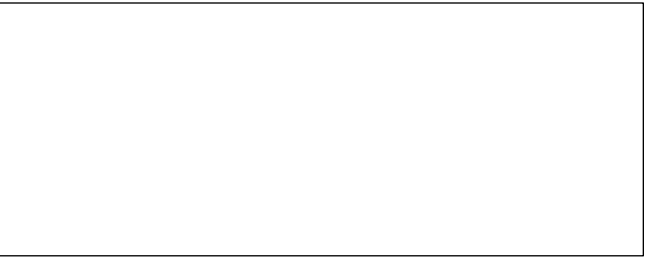


You are invited to join us here at Resurrection Lutheran Church for a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper fundraiser to benefit CADA of Mankato on **Tuesday, March 4th**. Sourdough pancakes, sausages, yogurt and fruit will be served from **6pm to 7pm**. 100% of your freewill donations for the meal will go directly to CADA, whose mission is to provide safety and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence through education advocacy and shelter.

MARCH GOSPEL TEXTS
March 2: Luke 9:28-36
March 9: Luke 4:1-13
March 16: Luke 13:31-35
March 23: Luke 13:1-9
March 30: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm
of His hand.



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ASH WEDNESDAY



The season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 5th** with Ash Wednesday worship at **NOON**. Come, hear the call of the prophet Joel who admonishes us to return to the Lord our God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The imposition of ashes will be offered.

MIDWEEK LENTEN MEALS & WORSHIP

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held in conjunction with a soup supper beginning on **Wednesday, March 12th**. Soup will be served in the fellowship hall beginning at **6:15pm** with a brief worship service to follow around our tables at **7:00pm**. Are you interested in bringing soup, bread or dessert for these meals? A sign-up sheet will be found on the Welcome Center desk in coming weeks.

During these midweek worship services, Pastor Aaron will be preaching a sermon series entitled “*The Hills of Lent.*” This series will take us on a journey to mountaintop experiences which all focus on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- March 12: Mount Moriah
- March 19: Mount Sinai
- March 26: Mount Carmel
- April 2: Mount Olivet
- April 9: Mount Calvary