The solemn and holy season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, with our **Ash Wednesday** worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. 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.

### SOAPER BOWL SUNDAY SOAP & TOILETRY DRIVE

On the morning of Super Bowl LVIII, Sunday, February 11, 2024, Resurrection Lutheran will host a SOAPer Bowl drive for Beyond Brink. The mission of Beyond Brink is to provide safe and supportive sober housing for those who are self-motivated and wanting to recover from substance abuse.

Donations of bar soap, shampoo, and conditioner will be accepted, whether in full size or travel size. Other toiletry and personal care items (such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body lotion, shavers, shaving cream, combs, etc.) will also be accepted as these items are in low quantity but high demand at Beyond Brink. Bring your donations with you to worship on February 11<sup>th</sup>!

## WIRELESS GIVING

Resurrection Lutheran now offers a wireless giving option. Venmo users can support our ministry by scanning the QR code here:





## MIDWEEK LENTEN MEALS & WORSHIP

Midweek Lenten worship services will be held in conjunction with a soup supper beginning on Wednesday, February 21st. Soup will be served in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:15pm with a brief worship service to follow in the Fireside Room Chapel at 7:00pm. Are you interested in bringing soup or bread for these meals? A signup sheet will be found on the Welcome Center desk in coming weeks. *There will <u>not</u> be a soup supper preceding Ash Wednesday worship*.

Beginning Ash Wednesday and during these midweek worship services, Pastor Aaron will be preaching a sermon series entitled "*Hands of the Passion.*" This series will explore the role hands played during the Passion story, from waving palm branches to nailing our Savior to the cross.

February 14: Hands of Repentance February 21: Hands of Betrayal February 28: Hands of Zeal March 6: Hands of Hypocrisy March 13: Hands of Brutality March 20: Hands of Self-Preservation

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

RLC is rebooting our Sunday School! However, to provide a fun, safe, and engaging youth education program, faithful teachers are needed. Sunday School will run for 30-40 minutes every Sunday after worship, during coffee fellowship. A simple curriculum will be provided, and we will work to accommodate your schedule! Are you interested or do you have questions? Contact Pastor Aaron!

February Worship Assistants									
	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up				
February 4	Brad Matthes Ron Brooks	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Karen Jaeck	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Tony and Becky Miller				
February 11	Kevin Leffel Don Peterson	Michal Clobes Karen Junker	Helen Meschke						
February 18	Daryl and Rita Schoemaker	Jim Lambert and Carolyn Rewitzer	Jim Lambert	Pat and Karen McGregor	Ron and Susan Brooks				
February 25	Brad Matthes Doug Mayer	Don Peterson and Pastor Aaron	Mike Yougerberg						

### Milestones

#### Birthdays

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

#### Anniversaries

- 19<sup>th</sup> Clark and Jane Diel
- $26^{th}\mbox{-}$  Dave and Wendy LaFavor

### **Financial Report**

December Income	\$47,188.85
December Expenses	(\$26,812.57)

#### Account Balances as of December 31, 2023

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Checking Account	\$28,311.88
Savings Account	\$15,744.28
Edward Jones CD	\$33,634.90
Building Loan	(\$184,533.66)

Monthly offering amount needed to make our budget commitments: \$20,475.00

# **Read the Bible in 1 Year** *Daily Reading Plan*

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	<b>SAT</b>
	(Epistles)	(The Law)	(History)	(Psalms)	(Poetry)	(Prophecy)	(Gospels)
Jan. 28-Feb. 3	Romans 9-10	Genesis 16-19	Joshua 21-24	Psalm 12-14	Job 9-10	Isaiah 23-28	Matthew 11-13
Feb. 4-10	Romans	Genesis	Judges	Psalm	Job	Isaiah	Matthew
	11-12	20-23	1-6	15-17	11-12	29-33	14-16
Feb. 11-17	Romans	Genesis	Judges	Psalm	Job	Isaiah	Matthew
	13-14	24-27	7-11	18-20	13-14	34-39	17-19
Feb. 18-24	Romans 15-16	Genesis 28-31	Judges 12-16	Psalm 21-23	Job 15-16	Isaiah 40-44	Matthew 20-22





"Shared joy is a double joy. Shared sorrow is half a sorrow." Swedish Proverb

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, thirteen of us met in the dining room of RLC. It was a good time for all of us to get together after the holidays, relax, and reflect on our theme of *"Sharing the Joy."* Meridel Kellogg set the stage sharing the meaning of joy in her devotion. Meridel reflected the joy in her heart so meaningfully and inspired our fun times of sharing the joys and concerns in our lives as well.

In our "business bits" we talked about the Christmas treat baskets that were put together and delivered by volunteers to our homebound members. There were seven done. This was a time to visit and share our Christmas joy with those we don't get to see very often.

We have been waiting for Plunkett's Pest Control to come and make certain the pests in our kitchen have made a sure exit. This has been done now, and some measures have been taken to be sure such pests do not feel inclined to visit us again. We will be putting things back in order soon and our kitchen will be refreshed and even better organized than before.

We have been looking at getting a stainless-steel island for our downstairs kitchen. At various times it has been mentioned how nice it would be to have an island counter that was more up to date. The Church Council approved it and then plans were looked at, discussed and approved at our WOW meeting. So, it looks like this dream will be realized. If you think about it, a time of distress and tribulation has led to a thorough cleaning of our kitchen, better organized drawers, and an updated, more sanitary, and efficient island! Praise the Lord for this joy made possible through a stressful trial.

Well, we are enjoying some better weather lately, allowing us to be in and out participating in some exciting things happening in our Church. There's something for everyone and together we will reap blessings of lasting joy.

Joyfully His, Karen Jaeck WOW Coordinator