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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I recently began reading “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis with my two oldest children. It’s a bit beyond them, but not by much. At the very least, they pick up major points here and there, important characters, descriptions of the scenery, and major moments of action. I have to explain some things and change some words, but it’s been a fun time expanding beyond the gripping novels of “Pinkalicious” and “Little Blue Truck”.

Children are incredibly attuned to stories. Listening to or making up a story is an indelible part of their nature and development. We as Christians are not different, if only sometimes we must become a bit more like children again. We are brought into God’s story through baptism, a tale of beauty, love, sacrifice, and redemption. That story then (a true story, not to be confused with a fable!!) is played out through us in the world. And the past few months have certainly altered the narrative a great deal.

The question is, how? How will the most recent chapters shape and form us as households and as a congregation? You have possibly wept, mourned the death of loved ones, been distraught or anxious, renewed past hobbies, or rediscovered the joys of home. How will these past events shape and form you going forward, and us collectively? It remains to be seen.

The story of God’s people at Resurrection now has “Covid” and “George Floyd” chapters, so the ensuing sections must be different. It has been difficult, but I hope that you have observed the “silver linings” I have at LCR. To be quite honest, I’m excited to see how the past will shape our future, individually and corporately. Your continued energy and enthusiasm, prayers and yearnings, support and words of encouragement, point to an arriving future where the Holy Spirit uses us dramatically within the Reign and Rule of God.

The story continues.

We can trust the Author because He’s already spoiled the ending.

Pastor Gruenwald



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Back to School BBQ!

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Free family fun. *Watch for details in July*



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
The Book of Amos

Find links to join and more info at www.lcrstl.org



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION
Thursdays at 8 p.m. on ZOOM
Grab a Drink and Join Pastor Gruenwald for a Conversation on a

Relevant Topic. No Prep Needed,
Find the Zoom Link on our website www.lcrstl.org

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EASTER SUNDAY 2020 - Behind the Scenes Photos from the LIVESTREAM!



Brothers and sisters in Christ, My name is Nicholas Schram (Pastor Nick), and I could not be more excited to join the Resurrection family! My wife, Ariana, and I both hail from Saginaw, Michigan, where we graduated as high school sweethearts from Valley Lutheran High School. Much like Pastor Gruenwald, Ariana and I root for the superior college football team from the Great Lakes State: The University of Michigan! Ariana and I both attended Concordia University Wisconsin, and we have been married since April of 2018. We spent our vicarage year at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Garden City, New York. In our spare time we love playing board games, attending sporting events, watching movies, camping, cooking, and playing with our dogs, Jonah and Abel. Ariana and I both have a passion for people, especially youth, and we greatly look forward to getting to know each of you!



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As we get ready to bring back our children's programs at Resurrection, we need volunteers to lead **Children's Church during the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services.**

Can you help? Visit our sign up sheet on LCRSTL.org/children. Thank You for teaching our youngest disciples!



Congratulations and God's Blessings to ALL of our Graduates!

- Preschool Graduates
- Kindergarten Graduates
- 8th Grade Graduates
- High School Graduates
- College Graduates
- Seminary Graduates



We had to postpone Confirmation due to Covid-19.

We will be rescheduling it later this summer!

Keep an eye out for more details and join us as we celebrate our 9 Confirmands!



Resurrection member and 8th Grade Graduate, Justine, spoke on her Spiritual Growth at the Green Park Drive-in Graduation Ceremony! God's Blessings to her and all of her fellow graduates as they continue to grow and share the love of God in High School.

Belize Mission Society News

The pandemic has affected the Belize Mission Society just like everyone else. As of April 25, Belize had 18 cases of Covid-19 with two deaths. Sadly, 3 of the earliest cases were traced back to travel from the USA. Belize has now declared a state of emergency with shutdown of the international airport and non-essential businesses. There is a mandatory curfew from 8pm to 5am. All schools have been closed leaving 70+ children without meals from our hot lunch program since we have no access to the school kitchen. The mission society has cancelled or postponed all trips through July, including the VBS trip co-sponsored by Resurrection. The mission society has responded to this challenge by contributing funds to the local food bank, continuing to pay salaries of the cooks for the hot lunch program, and initiating several social media groups with daily devotions and prayer for those in Seine Bight who have internet or smart phone technology. God willing, before too long, we hope to be able to re-schedule mission trips and return to the more typical mission work that has been done for the past 20 years. Please keep the Belize Mission Society and the people of Belize in your prayers.



We welcomed back our Early Childhood students on June 2 for our summer session. The kids will enjoy a fun summer of games, theme weeks, play and learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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Thank You For Joining Us on YouTube
for Virtual Worship

Before the Virus Crisis our YouTube views for a Sunday Sermon averaged 36 views and we only had about 50 subscribers.

Now we have **248 subscribers** and check out our views...

Fourth Sunday in Lent - 361 views

Fifth Sunday in Lent (1st Live Stream) - 573 views

Palm Sunday - 630 views

Good Friday - 402 views

Easter Sunday - 702 views

Second Sunday of Easter - 447 views

Thank You All for Your Support Online and Continuing To Share the Love of Christ with Your Friends and Family On Social Media

Mission Circle Reminders - The 4 "S"es!

Mission Circle has four reminders for our LCR members

Stay close to our Lord

Stay at home

Stay safe

AND SAVE YOUR STUFF (under 100 lbs. please)

Hello and blessings from the members of LCR Mission Circle. We are keeping each of you in our prayers and hope that you are able to adhere to our "S" reminders. As you are sheltering in home, many people are using this time to do deep cleaning. Please, don't pitch that stuff. Start a box and save it for our annual rummage sale. As of now it is still planned for August 26 and 27, 2020. We know that there is going to be a great need going forward in helping people, so we want to make this an even bigger success than last year's record breaker. Should we be unable to have the sale on this date, we will postpone it to another time.

We can accept items in any of the categories listed: furniture (no couches), clothing, home decor, linens, jewelry, toys, tools, crafts, garden, sports, holiday, antiques and collectibles, shoes and purses, small appliances (working), and housewares. We cannot take mattresses, televisions or computers. Drop off begins Saturday, August 22. Due to Covid-19, we will not be able to pick up anything early. **We will need volunteers to help.** Last year we had over seventy members and friends who came together for this worthwhile event.

With the money we raised last year, we donated \$1,000 to Bethlehem during the November fundraiser which meant it became \$3,000 with the match, gave to Blind Ministry, Christian Friends of New America which was also a matched campaign, bought a new ping pong table for our youth room (in appreciation of all the help from Luke and Ben Faulstich), bought new racks for the clothing at the sale, donated to the Concordia Seminary Guild for special projects, contributed to the Education Fund for Pastor Kou's children, and have money in reserve for our mission team that travels to Belize, Monarch Jewelry Program (for helping sex trafficked girls), and we diverted money to our own church to help with the expenses incurred while we await the end of sheltering in place. Also, in November we delivered Blessing baskets to our shut-ins. Without your help we could never have had this money to help in so many ways. Thank you so very much for keeping our mission ongoing.

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Questions? Please call Janet Rhodes 314.843.1974 or cell 314.302.8881

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RESURRECTION ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE - AUG. 26 & 27

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AUG 22 TO 25 - Watch for times at www.lcrstl.org

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH GROCERY NEED

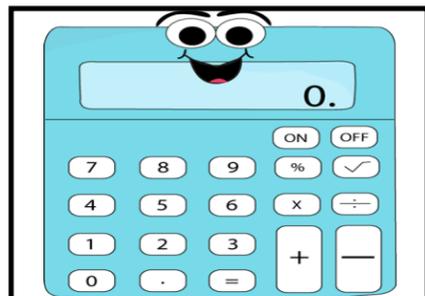
Thank You to those who bought groceries for members of our sister church! 44 families had food security because of your generosity during the virus crisis!




A HUGE thanks to **STEVE RAUH** for painting staff offices during the virus crisis! Pastor Nick was welcomed to a freshly painted office!



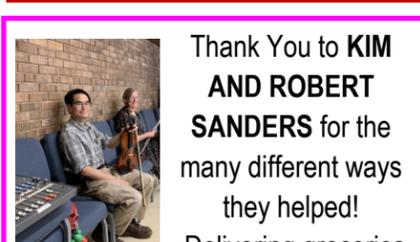
Thanks to **GLENN MINNICK** for building a Cornhole Set for Resurrection! This will be an awesome addition to our outdoor games on the front lawn!



Thank You to **BUD MOSS** and **PAM ADAMS** for still coming in during the virus crisis to diligently work on finances for Resurrection! Your dedication is greatly appreciated!



Thanks to **MATT PODJESKI** for helping with the LIVE STREAMS! His vast knowledge assisted Justin in setting up and running the video and audio for our Online Worship!



Thank You to **KIM AND ROBERT SANDERS** for the many different ways they helped!

- Delivering groceries to Bethlehem families
- Robert helping with tech changes in the church office
- Playing the flute and violin during our LIVE STREAMS

These two were busy and we appreciate their servant hearts!

Thanks **LARRY MATTHEWS** for continuing to fix things around the building and installing the MANY NEW Hand Sanitizing Stations around the building! Because of your dedication, the members of Resurrection will have the Cleanest Hands in the LCMS!

Thanks to **SUE TIONGSON** and all of our landscape volunteers! Thank you for keeping our property beautiful during the virus crisis.



JOIN US on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. LIVE on YouTube for a HYMN SING!

**Hymn [him] noun
a song or ode in praise or honor of God.**

We began these Wednesday night Hymn Sings during the shelter in place and they truly have been such a wonderful addition to weekly worship. We typically sing about 7 hymns and Pastor Gruenwald or Vicar Chuck share a brief introduction about the song, lyrics, or author.

We have had themed hymn sings such as: Easter, Ascension, Golden Oldies, Contemporary and then we also take requests from our viewers!

Join us for a hymn sing and sing-a-long! Sing Loud! Share YOUR favorite hymn!

The Men's Retreat has been rescheduled for Friday, September 11 & Saturday, September 12. We have a new retreat facility. LaSalle Retreat Center, a couple of miles north of Eureka (19.3 miles from Resurrection). Friday night will be a time to get to know the other men from Resurrection and it starts with a barbeque and ends with a Eucharistic service. Saturday Pastor David Gruenwald will lead us into building a closer relationship with our loving Dad and Creator, our fantastic big brother, Jesus, who was and is still willing to do anything to help us grow into a closer relationship with each member of the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent to be our constant companion throughout our entire lives. Our retreat is over by 4 PM so that we can be with our families for supper and to share with them what we've learned.

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Information Sheets and Registration Forms will be available in the narthex. The cost for the retreat is \$115 and that covers your room, three meals, the use of a Conference Room and materials. While most of the rooms are two people to a room, we have a couple of single rooms for those who need one for health or other reasons. IMPORTANT: Pastor Gruenwald realizes that some men may not be able to pay for their costs but he wants every man who would like to come to be able to do so. So if cost is a problem, please arrange to meet with him and part or most of that cost will be covered. See you September 11 & 12 for this unique experience with God.

~ John DeGuire