Resurrection Lutheran Church

June 2026

Resurrection Report

Our mission: Being an example of God's acceptance and grace to all

To my siblings in Christ,

Life in today's world can easily become one of imprisonment, slavery, and death. These traps do not require physical jail cells, whips, or tombs to overtake a person or the larger community. They are known by their fruit, which include such things as: numb indifference, disbelief in sincerity and integrity, constant fear and anxiety, shame, hatred, isolation, helplessness, pointlessness, and worthlessness. And they reduce the Christian life to an escape plan that plays out in every aspect of an individual and societies' lives.

Christianity, as a way of life, is supposed to be a response to God's gifts and a rejection of these traps. It is to be known by such fruits as: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Restoration, renewal, reunion, which is to say, resurrection is God's intention for this world and this life, and the Christian is to live as a current recipient and participant in this work of God.

This way of life requires us to embrace new perspectives, values, and ways, which requires us to reject others. Baptism holds all of this together as a joint activity between the individual, the gathered church, and God. In it, we are given assurances of God's promises and gifts and are called on to make certain commitments. We are also called to reject, renounce, and repent from certain things too. In the baptismal service there are three in particular we are called to renounce. The first is, "Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?"

The devil is a tricky character in Christianity. It is a composite of many different biblical entities and the church's story telling. It is a catchall for everything that wants to dismiss God as irrelevant and reject what God offers as worthless. It's goal is for God to be disregarded. The devil and these forces could care less what you put your trust in; what you worship; what you serve; what you believe, so long as it is anything other than God.



Rev. William H. Smith

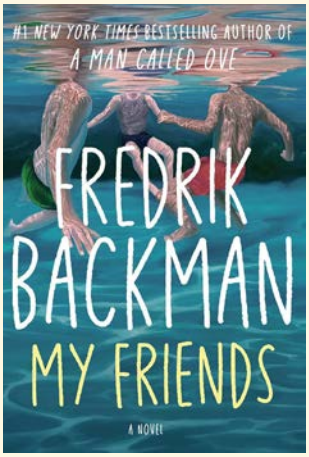
The process of renouncing these powers that defy God is ongoing, but that doesn't mean that it is pointless. The pursuit of perfection is a tool in the hands of the powers that defy. Renouncing is an act that will reveal more and more places where these defying powers are impacting you and the world. This in turn creates the ability to see other possibilities and choices, and it gives the Holy Spirit new space to move and create. In this way, renouncing isn't just about subtraction. It serves the work of liberation, renewal and reunion, which are resurrection happening in the here-and-now.

The challenge is to examine yourself for things that love to live in your blind spots. Here are few questions to get you started: Where in your life is God currently treated as irrelevant? Where do you see the fruits of the powers that defy God in your life? And the opposite is also important: Where is God most relevant in your life today? Where are the fruits of the Spirit visible in you? You can also consider where in your life you desire God to be at the center, and what fruits do you most want your life to bear? What are you being drawn to renounce?

We will explore the other two renouncing questions in July and August. I welcome any questions and would love to hear your thoughts and personal experiences around this topic.

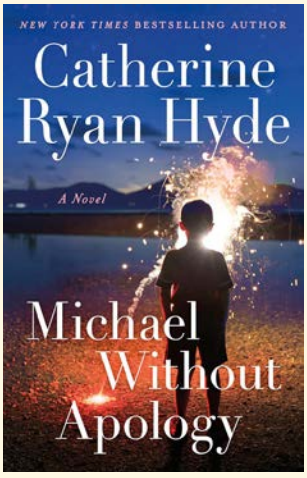
The Lord be with you.
Pastor Smith





Book Club is looking forward to gathering together at The Country Heritage Winery on Thursday, June 4th at 6:30. We will be discussing the book *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. Please RSVP to Betty McCrory at 260-402-4447 if you would like to join us. We welcome anyone who would like to be part of book club.

Don't forget to bring your donations for Baby's Closet.



Our book for July 2nd is *Michael Without Apology* by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Michael Woodbine was seven years old when a near-fatal fireworks accident scarred him and led to his placement in foster care. Now a college freshman, he is still trying to hide the effects of his trauma from his classmates, his adoptive family, and himself.

Confirmation Camp

Lutherwald June 14-19th

Our current 5th graders through our current 9th graders are encouraged to attend confirmation camp at Lutherwald the week of June 14th. This is especially important for our confirmands, but those already confirmed are welcome to attend.

Confirmation camp allows us larger blocks of time over several days to go more in depth on specific topics around our Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith and how it applies to our everyday lives. Both Sue and Pastor will be at camp that week to lead studies and interact with campers.

To register your confirmand go to: https://lomikadmin.com/cr/register.php?cn=LW

For more information reach out to Pastor.

Other Summer Camp Opportunities with LOMIK

Looking for a Christ-centered camp experience for your children? Our camp ministry has three different locations and offers these programs:

- **Pilgrims:** Entering Grades 1-3 (4 days)
- **Super Pilgrims:** Entering Grades 1-3 (6 days)
- **Pioneers:** Entering Grades 4-6 (6 days)
- **Trailblazers**: Entering Grades 7-9 (6 days)
- **Reading Camp**: Entering Grades 3-6 (6 days)
- **Fine Arts (FAME):** Ages 8-16 (6 days)
- **Hiking & Caving Adventure:** Entering Grades 7-11 (6 days)
- **Senior High Camp:** Entering Grades 10-12 (6 days)

For more information go to: https://lomik.org/summer_programs.php

Cost should never determine whether a young person attends camp. Scholarships are available. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor directly.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Youth Week of Service details coming soon!

Youth Calendar 2026

June 14-19
Confirmation Camp
entering 6-9 grade

School Servant Camp
entering 10-12 grade

July 20 to July 24
Youth Week of Service
(local Service "trip")
More info coming soon

June 26 to July 2 or 3, 2027
ELCA Youth Gathering



One of Resurrection's youth members, Zach Braun, will be attending Rock Camp at Sweetwater this month. During the camp, attendees meet on Monday to learn two cover songs, write an original song, create an album cover, and prepare for a live performance on Friday.

The camp concludes with a **FREE concert on Friday, June 19 at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm)**, at the pavilion in the back lot of Sweetwater. If the weather is unfavorable, the concert will be moved indoors. All music performed will be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve one of the limited seats available to camp participants' guests, please contact Zach at 260-466-5017.

Sweetwater Academy of Music & Technology

Thrivent Action Team Grants



Thrivent has Action Team Grants that are available to help support RLC ministry team projects.

Thrivent Action Teams launched in 2014 and have supported over 1.2 million Action Teams, 16 million volunteers, have raised over $1.9 billion in funds for communities nationwide and have over 13 million “Live Generously” T-shirts in circulation.

Here are some of the events we have used the Action Team grants for: Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Glow, Winter Retreat, College Finals Cards, Spaghetti Dinner, Outdoor Day, Kid’s Club, Homebound Easter Baskets/Cups of Cheer, Godly Play Vacation Bible School, Women’s Retreat and Rally Day.

Go to this link to find more information about Action Team grants:

https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams

To apply for a Thrivent Action Team, you must be a Thrivent client with membership. Not sure if that’s you? Visit the Membership page for details.

Benefit Membership

- Clients **with a relationship** to a Thrivent life, health or annuity product
- Access to membership benefits
- Eligibility to lead two **Thrivent Action Teams** per year
- The right to vote for Thrivent’s board of directors and to serve, if elected, as a board member of Thrivent or your Thrivent Member Network
- No annual fee

Associate Membership

- Clients **without a relationship** to a Thrivent life, health or annuity product
- Access to select membership benefits
- Eligibility to lead one **Thrivent Action Team** per year
- The right to vote for the board of directors of your Thrivent Member Network
- Annual fee of $19.95

We have created a spreadsheet to help keep track of the available members with access to the Action Team grants. If you would like to help support Resurrection’s ministries by adding your name to the spreadsheet, here is the spreadsheet link on Google Drive:

RLC Thrivent Spreadsheet Link

If you need help updating the spreadsheet or applying for an Action Team grant, please contact:

Kay Humbert, kayhumbert@gmail.com or **Lee Humbert, lrhumbert@gmail.com**

The application process is very easy and they are quick to respond and send out the supplies. We thank you for your support in RLC ministries!

Lee & Kay Humbert

June
23rd, 24th & 25th
9am – 11am

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ages 4 – 11

Please scan the QR code to register by June 19

For any questions, please contact:
Kim Heisler at 260-750-2115 or Kay Humbert at 260-348-5958

Resurrection Community Park Celebration & Blessing, May 3, 2026









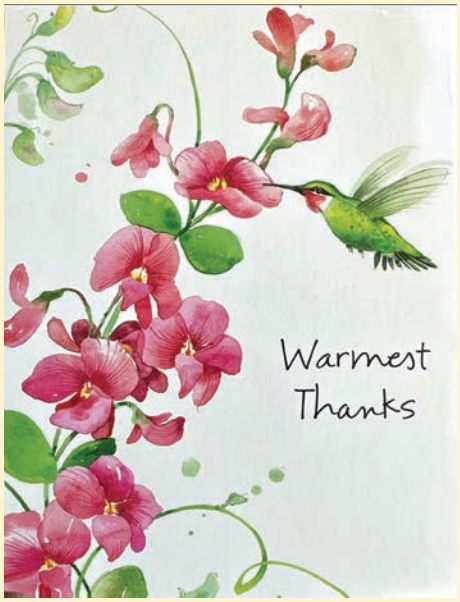
Summer Outdoor Worship

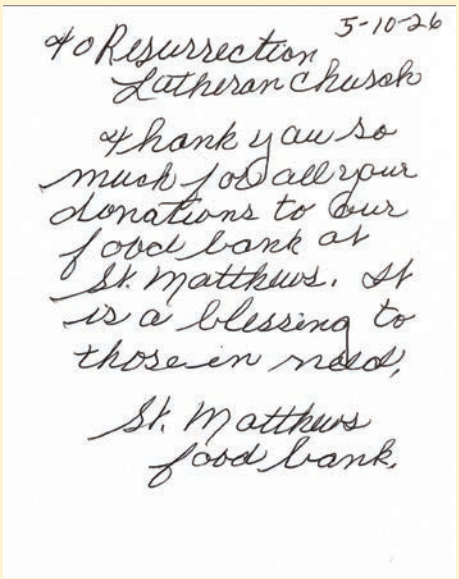
Sunday June 14

Resurrection Lutheran Park Pavilion
9:30am

Sunday August 16

Alliance joint Worship at Hidden Diamonds Park in Albion
Potluck picnic after the service





June Anniversaries

4	Lauren & Ryan Henry, 15 years
9	Jennifer & Bill Braun, 25 years
12	Carol & Ron Chesser, 50 years
16	Kendra & Evan Bosecker, 8 years
21	Becky & Jason Palu, 11 years
23	Kay & Lee Humbert, 42 years
24	Margo & Mark Grove, 37 years
27	Jenny & Tom Jones, 11 years



Is your birthday or wedding anniversary this month but not listed? Please let us know! Send an email to office@rlcfw.org or call 260-637-5900 so we can get it listed!

June Birthdays

1	Graham Gemlick
2	Jonathan VanGessel
4	Justin Groscop
7	Virginia Kanzig
10	Richard Baccari
11	Carol Heingartner Emma Manquero
12	Judy Berggren Donald Elbrecht Justin Gerber
15	Linda Goebel Connor Henry Graham Henry
16	Jackson Fern Marsha Martin Elizabeth Robertson
17	Gage Brzezinski
18	Elena Fisher
20	Brennan Donley
24	Steve Seigel
26	Ruby Bosecker Summer Positano
30	Dianne Joustra

PRAY FOR



Dot
Ed Carnahan
Danny Carnhan
Dema Saxton
Annie Wrobel
Bob Wrobel
Jeff Wrobel
Sue Batsky
Mary Paonessa
Ken Baranowski
Scott Williams

Rose
The Mundroff Family
Tina Bennet
Susie Carnahan
Naomi
Mark Riggenback
Karen Phillips
Ginny
Tim & Jo Hall
Gustave

Military Service:
Bailey Beyer
Jaidyn Beyer
Collin Monteith
Dakota Francis
Jon Popovich
Matthew Gephart

Homebound:
Cindy Dankert
Cheryl Goble
Pat Norris
Pat Poinsett
Wendy Jackson

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

STAFF	OFFICE HOURS
Rev. William H. Smith prsmith@rlcfw.org	Monday | Wednesday: 10:30am – 5pm Tuesday: Sermon prep day: Out of office Thursday: 10:30am – 3pm Nursing home worship: 4pm – 5pm Sunday: All day at RLC
Office office@rlcfw.org	Monday – Thursday: 9am – 2pm
Sue Smith youth@rlcfw.org	Monday: 10am – 2pm Wednesday: By appointment Sunday: All day at RLC
Robin Wessley accts@rlcfw.org	Tuesday

Church Council Members and Ministry Team Leaders

Pastor:
Rev. William H. Smith

Council President:
Lorenzo Manquero

Vice President:
Sue Shilts

Council Secretary:
Kelley Bawmann

Financial Secretary:
Esther Meyers

Treasurer:
Darlene Lebrecht

At Large 1:
Kim Heisler

At Large 2:
Zach Braun

Evangelism:
OPEN

Stewardship:
Team in place

Social Ministry:
OPEN

Fellowship:
Diann Williams & Julie Sonnenberg

Property:
Team in place

Worship & Music:
Team in place

Youth:
Sue Smith

Education:
Team in place

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
9am – 2pm

After church hours?

Leave a message or call Pastor Smith at 260.409.6971

Sunday Worship

9:30am
In Person Worship
with Communion
every Sunday

10:45am Faith Formation
September – May

Sunday services are now available for viewiing anytime on our YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/@resurrectionlutheranchurch2301/streams

9:30am live-streamed on our Facebook page:
https://facebook.comrlcfw

Articles for the next month's newsletter are due by the 26th of each month, if you have something you would like to add, please email it to office@rlcfw.org