Resurrection Lutheran Church

August 2026

Resurrection Report

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

Blessing of the School Year, Sunday, August 2



To my siblings in Christ,

August now means the beginning of another school year. Sunday, August 2nd, we will take time during worship to offer a blessing over all students, their guardians, parents and partners, teachers, administrators and all support staff, and the school year itself. Students are essential to the life and health of any community, and the role of student is one that every person will take on at different times in their life. Learning is unavoidable.

It is worth noting that one of the central images we have of Jesus is that of a teacher (rabbi), and that of his followers as students (disciple). Too often we reduce the Christian faith to a list of ideas we do not question and the Christian life to a list of do's-and-don'ts we use to get what we want from God. But the image of Jesus as a teacher and his followers as students boldly assumes that faith is something that is received and known on an ongoing and ever deeper basis. It also assumes that Jesus' followers should expect a life that may begin with lists to memorize but, like learning math or art, must move beyond them to places of curiosity, practice, and greater and greater application.

When a Christian dares to view their identity and purpose from the standpoint of being a student of Jesus, it changes the way they encounter the world and live their daily lives. A student's identity and purpose is solely drawn from that of their teacher, as is their connection to their peers and wider world. The student is not the one with answers. Only the teacher, not the student, has power and authority of their own. The student only has what the teacher grants them. Perhaps the greatest mistake a student can make is forgetting that they are not the teacher.



Rev. William H. Smith

As Christians, this has enormous implications on even our most basic beliefs and understandings. For example, as disciples it is not our job to save souls, that job belongs to the Savior of the world. It is also not our job to make ourselves believe, it is the responsibility of the Holy Spirit that works faith in us. Of the many things we are called to be and do, all of them draw from Jesus' example and authority and what he directly gives to his students. We are to love as he has loved us. When we look at what is called The Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20), it begins with the understanding that authority belongs to Jesus, and because of that, his students are sent to make other students by baptizing and teaching them what Jesus has commanded.

How does this role of student influence your understanding of your identity, your faith, and your life lived in the wider everyday world? What other roles do you see that Christians are called to embody for the purpose of following Jesus, serving neighbor, and loving God?

The Lord be with you.
Pastor Smith

Just Neighbors

INTERFAITH HOMELESS NETWORK

Our next rotation to provide meals for Just Neighbors is Sunday, August 9th through Friday, August 14th.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP.

Thank you for being a blessing!

Just Neighbors serves families in Fort Wayne by providing shelter, meals, and compassionate comprehensive professional support. Resurrection assists this program by providing dinners for the families.

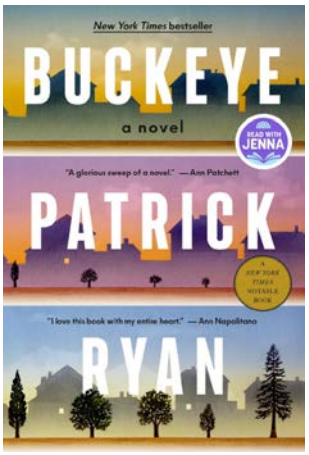
Food must be taken to the administration building
(2925 E. State Blvd) rather than the adjoining house. Please be sure all foods are in disposable containers.

You may drop off the food anytime on your chosen day before 5 PM.

The exact number of guests will be provided as the dates draw closer. Current guest numbers are updated daily on the Just Neighbors website. Go to: **ihnfamily.org**

You are welcome to take a whole meal by yourself or partner with someone and coordinate your meal together. You may also reach out to local restaurants to see if they would offer special pricing for meals for this worthy cause. If you use a restaurant, you would still be responsible for ensuring delivery of the meal to JNIHN.





Book Club will be meeting on August 6th at 6:30pm at the church's new pavilion. Make sure to bring your own chair and stop for a sweet treat at Dairy Queen before we start. We will be discussing the book *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan.

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

Our September book is *The Art of a Lie* by Laura Shepherd-Robinson.



London, 1749. Following the murder of her husband in a violent street robbery, Hannah Cole is struggling to keep her head above water. The Punchbowl and Pineapple, her confectionary shop on Piccadilly, is barely turning a profit, and her suppliers are conspiring to put her out of business. So when she learns that her husband had a large sum of money in his bank account that she knew nothing about, the surprise is extremely welcome. And when William Devereux, a friend of her late husband, tells her about a new Italian delicacy called "iced cream", Hannah believes it might transform the fortunes of her shop.

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Thrivent Action Team Grants

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

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, Vacation Bible School, Women's Retreat and Ministry Fest.

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.
Apply online: Thrivent Action Teams

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



Sewing in Faith & Fellowship

Informational meeting about Lutheran World Relief Quilts
Sunday, August 23rd after church

We will be discussing the organization of this new small group.

Dates, time & how you can participate.

No sewing experience needed – helpers can cut, iron fabric and tie quilts.

Through fabric, thread and fellowship we can share comfort and care with people in need – near and far.

In the next newsletter look for ways you can help by donating supplies that Threads of Grace will need to get this mission group started.

For questions contact Judy Berggren.

"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God." Isaiah 40:1 NRSV

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

A Week of Service







In July the youth had their Week of Service. We offer this opportunity every three years. It allows for youth that can't go on the summer trips because they are in sports, band or have a job, be able to participate for part of the week even if they can't for the whole week. Throughout the week we had 16 youth and 9 adult volunteers. We volunteered 233 hours in the community!

On Monday we worked at the church inside and in the park. Inside we shredded old files the church doesn't need anymore. Outside, they stained the wood shed, spread mulch on the flower mounds and on the trail in the woods and took apart the spools. Huge thanks to Mary Ibe, John Phillips, Bob Hudson and Dick VanHorn for organizing the work and helping!



On Tuesday because of the weather, we had to switch our day around and start with games and hanging out in the morning. In the afternoon, we volunteered for a disabled woman in Huntertown. We weeded her flower beds, edged her yard and patio, weed whacked and trimmed and shaped bushes. She was very appreciative of the youth coming and doing that!



Wednesday the youth volunteered at Perry and Sue Shilts property. We moved a lot of wood! Sue and Bob and Sheila Hudson fed us a delicious meal. Some enjoy the cool pool, water and others the warm, hot tub water. It was a great day.

Thursday was school registration for NWAC so we didn't meet that day.

On Friday, the youth went to the Salvation Army and filled up three vehicles with food and personal items to deliver to the Little Food Pantries around Fort Wayne. It made them sad when we would open one of the pantries, and there was nothing or almost nothing in there. They also noticed that after we left some pantries, there were people who went right away to get some items. They were happy that there were items there now for them. They learned a lot about the homeless and other families in need from the Salvation Army. The youth loved that the Salvation Army of Fort Wayne does not require any identification or income verification. They believe that if someone comes to them for food, they need it. It doesn't matter how much money they make or if they're an immigrant and here illegally. They don't want anyone to go hungry. The youth really liked that.









Annual Joint Worship Service & Picnic
Sunday, August 16
10:00 am

Come join us along with Calvary Lutheran Church of Cromwell and Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto for worship at Hidden Diamonds Park, 200 Weber Rd., Albion, IN 46701, followed by a picnic.



Outdoor Day
Saturday, August 15, 2026

This summer event is for our local community as well as members of RLC. Stop by this free all-ages event to get connected to nature, play games, win prizes, and grab a Kona Ice!



Park Needs

A load of dirt is needed to fill a low spot by the sledding hill. Also, sand and labor are needed to raise the sunken pavers that go from the labyrinth through the willow arch walkway. If you can provide help with either of these tasks, either the supplies and/or labor, please contact John Phillips at (260) 410-0502 or johnphillips64@gmail.com



Pavilion Reservation

To reserve the pavilion, contact our church office administrator, Kim Lahey at (260) 637-5900 or office@rlcfw.org. There is no charge for members to reserve the pavilion. Currently, we are not reserving the pavilion for non-members, but it is under consideration for the future.



GAME NIGHT will be held Sunday, August 9 from 5:30 until 8:00 in RLC's Fellowship Hall. Anyone over 18 years of age is welcome to participate. The games include board games and card games. You are welcome to bring a game to share. A sign-up sheet is at the counter at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

August Anniversaries

7	Judy & Dave Berggren, 44 years
12	Lorah & Nate Weesner, 26 years
13	Mary & Eldon Anderson, 60 years
14	Julie & Gene Sonnenberg, 50 years
15	Mary & Dave Ibe, 39 years
16	Debbie & Don Kennedy, 29 years Betty & Kenric McCrory, 51 years
19	Karen & John Phillips, 59 years
22	Andrea & John Munsch, 17 years
25	Donna & Rick Baccari, 42 years Shery & Ben Grosjean, 19 years
27	Stephanie & Jeff Spencer, 15 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!



August Birthdays

2	Josh Fern
3	Perri Lowenstein
4	Amanda Bentley Emory Grosjean
8	Wesley Hoot
9	Lela Dunn Glennie Monroe
10	Ed Goebel
11	Dave Dankert
13	Caitlin McCudden
14	Keontré Hughes
15	Becky Palu
17	Ben Grosjean
18	Shanice Grieser Benjamin Wietfeldt
19	Cheryl Seigel
24	Misty Hughes
27	Caiden King
31	Emily Schlichter

PRAY FOR



Dot
Ed Carnahan
Danny Carnhan
Dema Saxton
Annie Wrobel
Bob Wrobel
Jeff Wrobel
Sue Batsky
Ken Baranowski
Scott Williams
Rose Moya
The Mundroff Family
The Smith Families
Mark Loessel
Andra Blume
Ben
Gustave
Tina Bennet family & friends
Susie Carnahan
Naomi
Mark Riggenbach
Karen Phillips
Ginny
Tim & Jo Hall
Marc Young
Monica Young
Craig
Chuck
Mark & Margo Grove
Calvary Lutheran Church Cromwell
Steven Desmond
Michelle
Adam Ibe
Family of JaNahn Schlatter Sinn

Military Service:
Bailey Beyer
Jaidyn Beyer
Collin Monteith
Dakota Francis
Jon Popovich
Joshua Kenegy

Homebound:
Cheryl Goble
Pat Norris
Pat & Joy Poinsett
Wendy Jackson
MaryAnn Chelius
Richard Kiser
Cynthia Sherrill
George & Lela Dunn

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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

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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

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