
Resurrection Lutheran Church: E-Newsletter

Sunday Worship

Pastor Riley Place

Service - 9:30am
 Sunday School - 10:30am
 Fellowship - 10:30am

February Food Pantry Item

Ramen Noodles

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Pastor Riley Place
 Weekly on Wednesday's
 7pm-8pm



A NEW WAY TO STAY CONNECTED

We're excited to introduce a refreshed church newsletter designed to help us stay better connected as a congregation. Over the next six months, we'll be piloting a hybrid approach by alternating between an e-newsletter one month and a printed newsletter the next. This allows us time to learn what works best while making sure everyone stays informed and included.

This new format also gives us more space to share the life of our church beyond announcements. In the months ahead, we'll highlight individuals and families, include short devotionals, and even share favorite recipes from our church community. Thank you for your patience and support as we try something new together and continue growing as a church family.

Blessings,
 Corbin Kramer

Resurrection Family,

As we step into a new year together, I want to pause and offer a heartfelt word of thanks. I am deeply grateful for this congregation and for the many ways you continue to show up for one another and for the work God has placed before us. Your faithfulness, encouragement, and willingness to walk together in both joyful and challenging seasons is a true gift, and it does not go unnoticed.



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When we talk about membership, we are not talking simply about names on a list or people in the pews on Sunday morning. Membership is lived out in presence and participation, in service and care. It is seen in hands that help, voices that pray, meals that are shared, and conversations that happen in hallways, living rooms, and over coffee. You bless this congregation not only by being here for worship, but by being part of the life we share throughout the week and throughout the year, in classes, service projects, fellowship events, and quiet moments of support for one another.

In many ways, this reflects the picture of the early church we see in Acts 2:42–47, a community devoted to teaching, fellowship, prayer, generosity, and life together. They worshiped together, shared what they had, cared for one another's needs, and found joy in their shared faith. That same spirit is alive among us when we choose to lean in, to serve, and to invest in the life of this church.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the possibilities of this new year and about discerning together where God may be leading us. One way we are doing that is through the Ministry Ideas Board. This is an invitation for you to share your ideas, hopes, and dreams for the activities and ministries we might take on together in the months ahead. Our hope is to prayerfully listen as a congregation and have plans in place by Lent, so I encourage you to take a moment to check it out and add your voice. This is how we move forward, not alone, but together, shaped by shared calling and shared imagination.

Finally, I want to invite you to begin looking ahead to Lent. This year, we will be offering a Wednesday night Lenten Bible study for all ages, middle school and older. Each evening will include a shared meal and an intergenerational Bible study focused on the Lenten texts surrounding Jesus' final words. This will be a chance not only to grow deeper in Scripture, but to grow closer to one another, learning and reflecting side by side across generations. I hope you will plan to join us as we slow down, listen closely, and walk together through this sacred season.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Riley Place

RLC Monthly Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Feb 2 – Weston Gauger	Feb 13 – Patricia Haynes	Feb 19 – Glenda Ellefson	Feb 23 – Ashlyn Tiede
Feb 6 – Tyce Feistner	Feb 13 – Shepherd Kramer	Feb 20 – Steven Runyon	Feb 25 – Janis Gerlach
Feb 6 – Dave Lachnit	Feb 13 – Trenton Weber	Feb 21 – Danielle Erdmann	Feb 26 – Reed Foster
Feb 6 – Rikkia Skovbo	Feb 14 – Leona Stampe	Feb 21- Selena Skovbo	Feb 28 – Ron Halweg
Feb 9 – Julie Van Gorp	Feb 16 – Theodore Sievert	Feb 22 – Troy Bollock	
Feb 11 – Allison Rasmussen	Feb 18 – Steve Van Gorp	Feb 22 – Rhoni Hanson	

Anniversaries:

Feb 14 – Scott & Angie Petersen
 Feb 15 – Mel & Karen Pooley
 Feb 17- John & Vicki Hansen
 Feb 18 – Nick & Dezaræ Cundy
 Feb 24 – Cal & Judy Vogel



Prayer List

Blair Gades, Wayne Gerlach, Bo Geidel, Marilyn Hedblom, Peggy Kelly, Tonya Kramer, Kris Morris, Ron Neuguebauer, Charles Pekas, Bradley Poiz, Becky Skovbo, Juanita Stone, Irene Tischler, Cal Vogel, Ruben Vogel, Troy Bollock, Ryan Zilla



February Daily Prayer

Lord, thank You for this day and for Your constant presence in my life. Help me to walk in love, show kindness, and extend grace to those around me. Guide my words, my actions, and my heart so that they reflect You. May I trust You in all things and rest in Your peace today.
 Amen.

Highlights from the January 13th Church Board Meeting

Present: Kevin Erdmann, Dan Fechner, Corbin and Syd Kramer, Scott Larson, Angie and Scott Petersen, Pastor Riley Place, Karen Pooley, Kristina Starr and Janelle Weber

Pastor Report:

Over the past month, Pastor Riley has been busy with various projects and continues to encourage members to step into leadership roles. Following the passing of Denny Ellwein, Pastor John returned to assist with the funeral. Pastor Riley has also begun a new sermon series that will continue through Lent. During Lent, Wednesday evenings will feature a “How to Study the Bible” course, along with a shared meal. Confirmation classes will pause during this time. Bible study opportunities continue to grow, the visitation team remains active, and Pastor Riley has reorganized classroom space and introduced a Ministry Idea Board to encourage new ideas.

Board President:

None at this time.

Youth & Family Ministry:

Sponsorship to support our child, Luna, through Children International has been paid in full for this year. Alison Pierson will be joining the committee.

Finance:

The 2025 finances were reviewed and the budget was closely met, with work underway to reorganize for the current year. Investments continue to perform well. Amplify is running more smoothly and integrates with Church Windows, though monthly reconciliation is still needed.

Membership Life:

The Strategic Plan is finalized, the first draft of a new policy and procedure manual is complete, bylaws were updated, and work continues on a church operations manual. There is interest in hosting Joel Allen from DWU to present on the Saint John’s Bible.

One new member, Diana Royalty, was approved, and eight new families were invited to a fellowship celebration and plan to attend. New members will be notified of approval, and Janelle prepared loaves of bread for the new members.

Properties:

The new shed was damaged in the storm, and proposals were reviewed to repair a light pole in the church parking lot. Discussion included purchasing a plaque for TVs and/or donations, with Scott P. obtaining a quote. Pastor Riley received a free quote for digital signage from Bare Billboards. Bids were also reviewed for locks and landscaping, with landscaping estimated at approximately \$1,000.

Other items discussed:

Final review of all documents to be presented at the annual meeting.

February Devotional: Walking in Love

Week 1 – Gratitude

Bible Story: Jesus Heals Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11–19)

Only one of the ten healed men returned to thank Jesus. This story reminds us how easy it is to move on quickly from blessings without stopping to give thanks. Gratitude draws us back into relationship with God and helps us recognize His presence in our lives.

Prayer: Lord, help us to notice Your blessings and respond with thankful hearts. Amen.

Week 2 – Love

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)

Jesus shows us that love is more than kind feelings — it is action. The Samaritan stopped, cared, and gave without expecting anything in return. God calls us to love others in the same way, even when it costs us time or comfort.

Prayer: God of love, teach us to love beyond convenience and to see our neighbors as You see them. Amen.

Week 3 – Service

Bible Story: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1–17)

On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus chose to serve. By washing His disciples' feet, He showed that true leadership is found in humility and care for others. Service becomes holy when it is done in love.

Prayer: Lord, help us to serve with humble hearts and willing hands. Amen.

Week 4 – Trust

Bible Story: Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35–41)

When the storm raged, the disciples were afraid, but Jesus remained at peace. This story reminds us that even when life feels chaotic, Christ is present with us. Trust grows when we remember who is in the boat with us.

Prayer: Faithful God, help us trust You in every storm and rest in Your peace. Amen.

Valentine's M&M Cookie Bars

Ingredients:

1 box of refrigerated sugar cookie dough
1 cup of Valentine's M&M's (or red and pink candies)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Press cookie dough evenly into a greased 9x13 pan. Sprinkle M&M's on top and gently press them into the dough. Bake for 18–22 minutes, until lightly golden. Cool, slice into bars, and enjoy.

Church Announcements

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group is meeting Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00. They will be doing a “Chopped Competition” for a fun team building activity.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School kids are just finishing the first quarter of the Two or More curriculum. They have had some fun and engaging lessons to wrap up the first quarter. We have enjoyed the lessons and activities that the curriculum has provided.

Highlights from the January 25th Annual Congregation Meeting

The 2026 Annual Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Dan Fehner at 10:39 a.m. and opened with prayer led by Pastor Riley. The agenda and minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting were approved.

All 2025 committee and ministry reports were made available online, with highlights shared during the meeting. Pastor Riley presented his annual report via slideshow. Finance Committee and Treasurer reports were presented by Kevin, reviewing financial activity from the 2025 year. Corbin shared an update noting that the Membership & Worship Life Committee will be splitting into two separate committees moving forward.

All submitted reports were approved by congregational vote.

New Business Highlights:

- The proposed 2026 budget was presented and approved.
- A Capital Reserve Expenditure Resolution was approved, allowing the board to spend up to \$15,000 on future Properties Committee projects not included in the annual budget.
- A resolution to establish a part-time Office Administrator position was approved.
- Revised Constitution and Bylaws (Rev. 2.0) were approved.
- Allison Pierson was installed to the Youth & Family Ministry Committee.

There was no old business. The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Riley and was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.