

September 2023

Messenger

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Dear Friends.

And right before our eyes, it's fall again. Creation starts to put things "under," to hide from the elements, from the cold, for the sake of its own protection.

Given that creation itself goes yearly into that rhythm, it's no surprise that we seek to live our lives in the same way, fall or not.

Threat comes, danger comes, conflict or challenge comes, and one of the first things we do is look to see how we might best protect.

That's not a problem, in and of itself. God has given us life to cherish, and guard.

There is a way, however, that we, as people of Faith, have been and are asked to do this. "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it," Jesus says. Whatever comes, however elements of all kinds rage, we find life and make room for it to flourish. By facing our fears with the hope we receive in Christ. By facing our failings with the forgiveness, we receive in Christ and our conflicts with the Spirit and path of Christ. By facing our challenges, always, in the promise that Christ is present among us, calling us to open up rather than shut down; work for the good whatever the risk to ourselves, and give ourselves to beauty and grace, even when and where both are trampled upon.

Fall is Here!

Fall is here. Like the leaves tell us—the Creator still gives life. Life, the Son will let nothing, in all of creation, rob us of.

Peace into this season—
Pastor Karen



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You are invited to share any of the following on your media pages

I love my church because. . . (add a little description)

Join us in worship!

Resurrection Lutheran Church
4301 Browns Point Blvd NE, Tacoma, WA
98422

10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.

We'd love to welcome you!

Reminder- as you see visitors in worship, be bold to welcome them!

They are waiting to be received by you . . .



[VISIT US ONLINE RLC Website](#)



WORSHIP

Check out our webpage, www.resurrectionlutherantacoma.org for live-stream worship, ministry information, and on-line giving.

Mid-week Vespers services are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! This month- Wednesday, September 13.

Sign-up Sheets for worship are in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up as you are available. We are especially looking for worship assistants. Thank you for your help and care!

You are welcome to bring flowers for our Worship Services at any time. Sign-up sheets are available in the fellowship Hall.

We are looking at people who would be interested in serving on the following Task Forces:

- Safety
- Media/Technology
- Creative Fundraising for Special Projects

If you are interested, let Ruth or Pastor Karen know!



We continue to serve the community as a Covid resource hub. The kiosk is available for the public at no cost.

Next Vaccine Clinic is Tuesday, September 12th, noon – 6:00 pm.

Please Note: After the September 12th clinic, Covid Vaccine Clinics will no longer be offered through the Health Department. Instead, Covid vaccines will be available only through resources such as medical centers and drug stores.

We are grateful for having the opportunity to share care for the community through our Vaccine Clinics during the time of the Pandemic.

The Covid-Testing Kiosk will continue to be available on our property.

And! We have a Flu Vaccine in the works! Watch for Details!



We will be honoring and praying for educators, paraeducators, and students in worship on Sunday, September 17th.

We'd like to invite all educators, paraeducators, and students to be there!!

If you know someone you'd like to pray for but who will not be able to be there, please let Holly know. We will include them in prayer.

For Our Community

Here's a word from Ruth, our congregational president, about our last couple Leadership meetings, particularly as they relate to our celebration of "God's Work, Our Hands" on Saturday the 9th of September.

The leadership team met last Sunday and had a long conversation about who God is calling us to be in mission with. It hasn't been an easy or light conversation, but we have been going through the gifts, joys, cares that we have as a congregation and we will be presenting the results of our discussion and bringing our ideas to you to vote on after God's Work; Our Hands on September 9th. This day is important. Not just because we have events and people coming, but because it gives us a chance to reach into the community around us and listen to them. We are inviting them to come and join in community around ice cream, to see community resources that they can either help with or might possibly need. We need to be there for them. Not to invite them to church because that isn't the purpose of this day (trust me, we will get to that part). But to talk to them, listen to them, invite them to share their concerns about the area, their hopes for their community, and the needs they see around them. Our job is to be like Jesus walking with some disciples to Emmaus. To ask an open ended question to really hear what they care about. To focus on connecting to them rather than having them connect to us. We have talked about our strengths as a congregation and one of the first ones is almost always "coffee and cookies." We 'do' fellowship really, really well. Please come to share that strength with the community.

Ruth

For Our Congregation and Community

A Learning and Reflective Opportunity...

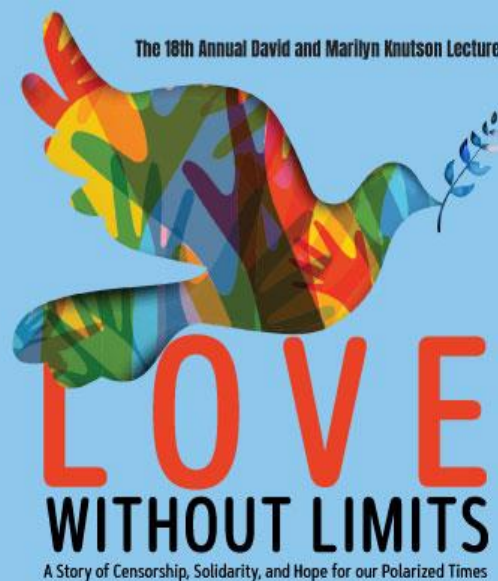
Soon, Pastor Karen will be emailing out a weekly reading related to faith and life. A couple of reflective questions will come with this. You will be invited to respond to these questions on your own, journaling, perhaps, or by being in conversation with her and/or with one another in a couple of ways (more on this to come.). The readings and reflective questions will also be available on our website and Facebook page. All are encouraged to participate! Be watching for more details.



Join us on Sunday, September 10th. We will head to the New Sandbar and Grill Restaurant after service.

1941 Marine View Drive.

We will be rotating local restaurants for this on the second Sunday of the month.



YOU'RE INVITED

We live in a world divided and polarized on many issues, we feel and witness this strain on political, personal, familial and national levels. What can we possibly do? This lecture brings our attention to some insights and tools to bridge some of these divides.

Please join us at the 18th Annual David and Marilyn Knutson Lecture at PLU - "Love Without Limits: A Story of Censorship, Solidarity, and Hope for our Polarized Times." The lecture will feature award-winning author Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, who will talk about the themes of her book, "Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for a Love with No Exceptions" (2022) as a practical how-to guide for love across division and difference in these troubled times. Bussie challenges us to widen love's wingspan so far that it excludes no one. Following the lecture, please join us for a book signing with Dr. Bussie and light refreshments.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023

7:00 pm (Pacific Time)

Visit here to register for this event: <https://www.plu.edu/religion/events/knutson-lecture/>

Pastor Karen is attending this event, if you would like to carpool, please get in contact with her.

Remember our outdoor library, by our outdoor sign! Leave a book, take a book! The neighborhood makes good use of this resource!

Remember the hungry as you are able. The food box remains outside the front doors of the church; food is delivered to the food bank weekly. Your care has made a huge difference. Every week, the food box is full, often overflowing. Thank you!

You are welcome to pick up bags for the homeless in the Fellowship Hall, right at the front doors. Take as many as you want to share. Thank you to Gail for putting this together!

Jump Into Music

“Jump Into Music” is a non-profit ministry begun and carried out through Spanaway Lutheran Church. It allows low-income students to take music lessons for very reduced price, while still paying music teachers fair wage. (Other students can take lessons at regular cost.). Teachers are paid through the work “Jump Into Music” does to attain grants, and through concerts given a couple times a year by the board, with donations from such going to teacher payment.

We have two teachers and four students at this time, with more students interested!

As we move toward fall, if you know of any music teachers who might be interested in teaching- or students who might be interested in taking lessons let Pastor Karen know.

Check it out at Jumpintomusic.com.

Finance Report

		Giving / Expenses	
July Income	\$18,345.96	July Giving	\$16,208.96
Restricted Funds Received	\$1,715.00	Loose & Building Use & Special:	\$2,137.00
		Total:	\$18,345.96
Expenses	\$11,967.23	(Excludes special)	
		Total Regular Expenses:	\$11,967.23
Savings (Contingency Account)	\$7,347.60	Net Gain/Loss	\$6,378.73
General Fund Balance is now	\$8,542.90	July Designated Gifts:	\$1,715.00
Noisy Offering July	\$84.83	2023 Designated Gifts:	\$7,343.41
Noisy Offering Jan thru December 2023	\$489.44		
Balance left in Noisy Offering.	\$183.32	Total Giving:	\$18,345.96
We give thanks to our congregation and generosity			
Please pray for guidance to serve the Lord		Account Balances	
		General Fund	\$8,542.90
Faithfully		Restricted Funds	\$43,806.86
Edward Buchheit, Treasurer		Contingency	\$7,347.60
		Total	\$59,697.36
		Regular Giving YTD vs YTD Budget	
		\$93,622.36	\$78,033.69
		119.98%	
		Regular Expenses YTD vs YTD Budget	
		\$93,920.95	\$97,725.13
		96.11%	



All are invited and encouraged to attend one of the three cottage gatherings. We will gather in small groups to rediscover what it means to be the people of God: To laugh together, talk together, and find joy in our mutual gathering.

To make sure every one of us has a pledge sheet, they will be passed out at the end of the gathering. Please RSVP and let us know which one you will attend by emailing churchoffice@resurrectionlutherantacoma.org by September 22nd.

- Wednesday, September 27th, 7pm at the Schuman’s
- Friday, September 29th, 11am at Marion’s
- Friday, September 29th, 7pm at the Tucker’s



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9 Ella R
10 Linda P
12 Bill N
15 Julie D
18 Carole K
23 Kathleen J
24 Jacobsen S
26 Linda H
29 Shelby L

Happy Birthday!

We are grateful for you!

Don't forget our holiday bazaar is just around the corner! Please contact Gail with any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship hall for you to list what you can contribute.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**WELCA's one and only fundraiser is our HOLIDAY BAZAAR
Scheduled for November 10 and 11, 2023**

Please think about what you can donate. Here are just a few ideas to get you started: Christmas gift items, baked goods, candy, crafts, plants, soaps and candles. Also, if you are aware of anyone who might be interested in table space at our Holiday Bazaar, please let us know. Registration forms will be available in the office and the "sign up" table.

LET'S MAKE THIS OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE YET!

A sign-up sheet will be out on the counter in the Fellowship Hall at the end of September. Please sign up and let us know what you will be donating.

Any questions? Contact Gail Neufeld, 253-278-0482 or Elaine Twogood, 253-927-5298

Pastor Karen's Favorites this month:

Let her know if you have a favorite to share!

Favorite Quote

"God comes to us disguised as our lives."

-Anon

Favorite Song

[Morning Has Broken](#)

851 views



[DanChadburnMusic](#)

Continued prayers:

Agnes. Nancy, Julie, Holly, Chris, Gerri, and Kim (Nancy's family). Tiffany and her family (Gail's daughter in law). Kim Z. Laurel (Len T's sister). Rob (Lynne's brother). Beatrice (Nikki's sister-in-law). Josephine H. Ann (Gail's sister-in-law). Hans (Cindy and Bill's brother-in-law).

PRAYER
list

September 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 – Service	4 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed	5 9-1:00 – Ashley House 1:30 – Memorial Committee meeting 6:00 – AA	6 9:30 – Worship & Music practice 4-5:30 – JIM	7 10:00 – Quilting	8	9 God's Work Our Hands 10-1 pm CPR course 10-2 pm
10 10:00 – Service Food and Fellowship – Sandbar and Grill	11 <i>Patriot Day</i> 9-1:00 – Ashley House	12 11:00 – Finance meeting 12-6pm - Vaccine Clinic 6:00 – AA	13 9:30 – Worship & Music practice 4-5:30 – JIM 7:00 – Midweek Service	14 10:00 – Quilting	15	16
17 10:00 – Service	18 9-1:00 – Ashley House	19 6:00 – AA 6:30 – Council meeting	20 9:30 – Worship & Music practice 4-5:30 – JIM	21 10:00 – Quilting	22 Please RSVP for Cottage Gatherings	23 <i>Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)</i>
24 10:00 – Service	25 9-1:00 – Ashley House	26 6:00 – AA	27 9:30 – Worship & Music practice 4-5:30 – JIM 7:00 – Cottage meeting @ The Schuman's	28 10:00 – Quilting	29 11:00 am – Cottage meeting @ Marion's 7:00 pm – Cottage meeting @ The Tucker's	30

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You are welcome to email, text, or call at any time.