

RESURRECTION

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To call all people to a vibrant life of faith in Christ

Trust In Jesus as Savior

Live the call of God's Word

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December 17 Announcements

Faith Outfitters Christmas Program The Sunday School children present *Christmas Letters* this morning, a program by Gail Gaymer Martin. We thank you for supporting and encouraging them. We also appreciate the many parents and youth who assisted with this celebration of Christmas. To all who led or accompanied music, organized costumes, rehearsed with students, or helped in some other way, please know how grateful we are for you. Whether it is through music, through the hospitality of a friend or stranger, through worship, or through the eyes of children, our hope is that you receive anew the gifts of faith and hope this Christmas.

Blue Christmas? Is this time of year challenging for you? Stop by Resurrection Wednesday evening, December 20 for a cup of hot cider, to pray with a prayer minister, or for a time of peace and reflection. The worship area will be open from 6-7:30pm. To learn more, contact the church office. All are welcome.



Women's Christmas Lunch The Tuesday morning women's Bible study group invites women to a December 19 potluck lunch. Any interested women can join the group for their 9:45am Advent discussion, or come for the 11:00 lunch. Please rsvp to Deb Daly, Sarah Storvick, or Hannah Lorence. All who rsvp will be contacted with location information.

Mission Manor Escape Rooms On Saturday, January 13 join the Lutheran Adult Fun and Fellowship group at Mission Manor Escape Rooms. Located in Minneapolis, Mission Manor aims to provide authentic and immersive escape room experiences. Players have 60 minutes to solve a series of challenges, make their way through the room(s) and escape! Cost is \$26 per person (payable to Rachel Dillon). Sign up in the lobby today. The Resurrection LAFF group plans social events on a monthly basis. Watch the announcements for upcoming events.

Hope for the Journey Home Staff Opening The local emergency shelter for families transitioning from homelessness is seeking an assistant operations and volunteer coordinator. This is a part-time, 20 hours/week position. Resurrection partners with HFTJH by providing volunteers to help staff the shelter and serve guests. A job description is available in the lobby, near the ministry sheets posted on the tall triangular kiosk.

Vibrant Life Thank you! To date we have received 80 Commitment cards for our Vibrant Life Stewardship. And, they continue to arrive! Thank you! Our hope is that as we move into the final stages of ministry preparation for 2018, we can have your commitment join with others, so that we can more accurately project our ministry plan for 2018.

VibrantLife

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Variety Show Talent
and
Silent Auction Donations

The 2018 Variety Show will be on Saturday, February 3 at 6:30pm. Now is the time to begin preparing your act for the show and/or

donating to the auction. The silent auction will include creative goods and services. For example, our worship leader Shelly Domke is donating voice lessons and Pastor Paul is offering a BBQ dinner. Perhaps you can donate creative goods or services too. Ideas include but are not limited to: services (offering childcare, lawn care, pet or house sitting, party planning), social gathering (bonfire, wine tasting party, pool party, camping get-away), or personal creations (woodworking, photography, knitting, meals or desserts). To share your on-stage talent contact Marcia Kolstad (marcia.kolstad@centerpointenergy.com). To donate to the silent auction, please contact Jodi Diekmann (j.diekmann@comcast.net).

Book Talk If you like to discuss thought-provoking books, both fiction and nonfiction, come to Book Talk. This group meets next, January 22, to discuss *From Sand and Ash*, by Amy Harmon, at the home of Kari Bjorhus and Ken Carlson.

Year-End Giving Many worthy organizations invite us to make year-end gifts to their work, so it is fitting that Resurrection invites gifts as well. You can take advantage of these gifts as tax-deductions, and at the same time allow our ministry to finish this year well, and to begin the New Year strong! Gifts received or postmarked in 2017 will be noted on your 2017 statement. Please note our office will be open 9am to 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the last week of December. Thank you.



Women's Retreat 2018

Save the date!
February 23-25

Outreach Ministry

Toy Drive Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas gift drive hosted by East Immanuel Church in St. Paul. The gifts were delivered last week. Your response was heartwarming! Thank you also to Kelly and Allison Fownes for coordinating this effort.



Faith Outfitters Children's Ministry

Sunday School Children from 3 years old through grade 5 are welcome to Sunday School. We refer to our Sunday morning program as *the dock*. This morning, Sunday School students prepare for their Christmas program, presented in 10:30 worship, during the 9am Sunday School time. Activity pages are available in the lobby for children not in the program. Regular Sunday School programming resumes on January 7.

ReCharge Children & Youth Ministry Conference

Thank you to the many parents and older youth who serve as Faith Outfitters or serve with our middle school and high school students. We are grateful for you! One inspirational training opportunity is just around the corner. Saturday, January 6, interested volunteers and parents are invited to go with a group from Resurrection to ReCharge. This annual conference is for anyone with a heart for the faith journeys of children and youth. Choose from a variety of breakout sessions, enjoy inspiring keynote presentations, and more. Talk to Hannah or Sarah to learn more. Please let us know as soon as possible if we can reserve a spot for you.

SPARK Family Magazine Pick up a new copy of this magazine filled with ideas for families. This issue's theme is Great and Small. Take a copy home and discover ways to fit faith into daily life with kids.

Camp WAPO Summer Dates Watch for more information in January about summer camp options at WAPO. Resurrection's reserved spaces for 2018 include ~

- Family Camp weekend – June 15-17
- SEEDS Weekend (2nd/3rd graders) – July 27-29
- Youth Camp week – July 29-August 3

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Youth Ministries (6-12th grade)

Confirmation Small Groups This week is a Live Week - Serve. Small groups will serve and provide “daily bread” to others and note how God is providing “daily bread” to them. Contact your small group leader with questions.

Looking Ahead *Friends, Food and Fun* and *That High School Thing* have wrapped up for 2017. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Youth events will resume on Wednesday, January 10.



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