

# RESURRECTION

## lutheran church

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

Trust In Jesus as Savior

Live the call of God's Word

Serve the world God loves

## December 31 Announcements



**Poinsettias** Thank you to those who contributed to our church beauty this Christmas by purchasing poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. You may take a plant home with you after worship today.

**Women's Book & Bible Study** Tuesday mornings, women are invited to a weekly book and Bible study. Gather at 9:30am at church for refreshments and visiting. The discussion time is from 10 – 11 am. January 9, we begin a conversation based on the book *Women Who Move Mountains: Praying with Confidence, Boldness, and Grace*. To get a copy of the book, please contact Hannah Koehler, Sarah Storvick, or Deb Daly.

**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.

**Nominations for MLT** The Nominating Committee has begun gathering and praying through potential Mission Leadership Team members. There will be two open positions. Per our constitution and bylaws the nominating team will gather, discern, and appoint two names to be approved by the annual congregational meeting. Our constitution prohibits nominations from the floor during the annual congregational meeting. If you are interested in being considered or have questions about the nominating process please contact Pastor Paul.

## 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. 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](mailto:marcia.kolstad@centerpointenergy.com)). To donate to the silent auction, please contact Jodi Diekman ([j.diekman@comcast.net](mailto:j.diekman@comcast.net)).

**Year-End Giving** Thank you for your financial support throughout 2017. Today is the last day for gifts to be received for your 2017 giving. Your year-end gift, combined with others, allows us to finish this fiscal year well and begin the new year strong! In advance, we thank you for every gift, large and small—you enable our ministry to flourish.



**Save the Date** The annual winter women's retreat is scheduled for February 23-25. Watch for all the details coming in January.

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## **Outreach**

**Food First Sunday** Sr. Life Fellowship collects non-perishable food the first Sunday of every month for the Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf. To help those in need within our community, please leave food donations in the church entry Sunday, January 7.

**Serve with CURE Ministries** Prepare and serve a meal at East Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Paul with CURE Ministries Monday, January 8. Cooks will serve from 1-5pm. Meal servers arrive at 5pm. Come lend a hand by offering friendship and hope, while meeting the practical needs of our neighbors. Children are welcome to serve along side a parent. Please sign up on the Resurrection website.

## **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*. Sunday, December 31, *The Story of Christmas* movie will be shown during Sunday School time at both 9 and 10:30. Regular Sunday School programming resumes on January 7 led by Guided Hands.

## **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. Talk to Hannah or Sarah to learn more. Join us!

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> graders) – July 27-29, and Youth Camp week – July 29-August 3.

## **Youth Ministries (6-12th grade)**

**Looking Ahead** Youth events resume on Wednesday, January 10. See you next year.

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