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# RAMBLINGS

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

*To become a vibrant, benevolent congregation that serves God's creation both locally and globally.*

*A congregation that offers meaningful and inspirational ministries and worship for all ages that honor and praise God while maintaining the feel of an intimate family in Christ.*

*Also, a congregation that provides opportunities for all to be involved in ministries and programs that foster the development of gifts in all people needed to sustain and expand God's mission.*

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## H O L Y · W E E K

After the solemnity, repentance, practice of bridge building, and prayer of Lent, we come to the pinnacle of the Christian year. During the Three Days -- starting at sundown on Maundy Thursday and continuing through Easter -- we mark the death of Christ and rejoice in his glorious resurrection. Please take this opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate with us at one of our worship services this Easter Season.

Additional information at [www.lcresurrection.org/easter](http://www.lcresurrection.org/easter).



At the heart of Maundy Thursday is Jesus' commandment to love one another. We are called to humbly care for one another, especially the poor and unloved. At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, as we are called to help others. On Maundy Thursday, **April 18**, please join our LCR family for the observation of the Last Supper. The service will begin at 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We will commune around tables in an intimate "upper room" setting. This worship service will include a non-traditional message in place of a sermon that will take us to the upper room with Jesus and the disciples. The service will conclude with a procession to the sanctuary for the traditional stripping of the altar to prepare us for Good Friday.

Good Friday proclaims Jesus as a triumphant Lord who reigns from the cross. We gather in the paradox of mourning with gratitude for Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. Join us on Good Friday, **April 19**, for the emotionally



Tenebrae Service

and spiritually powerful Tenebrae Service at 8 p.m.



Finally, on Sunday, **April 21**, Easter is here at last. **He is risen, He is risen indeed!** This is the culmination of our faith. Easter is the great feast of the church, beginning a fifty-day festival of rejoicing. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed with shouts of Alleluia -- there is good news for everyone: death has been put to death, humanity has been restored. Please come and rejoice with us at either of our worship services on Easter Day:

- **Sunrise Worship begins at 6:53 a.m. in our Memorial Garden.**
- Breakfast will be served immediately following the 6:53 a.m. service. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan on attending. A free will offering will be taken.
- **Easter Celebration Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.**
- Breakfast will begin immediately following the 9:30 service in our Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend. A free will offering will be taken.

Let us rejoice together on Easter and throughout the Easter season in the central miracle of our faith, that Christ who died lives again.

The next Enter the Silence, Awaken the Spirit contemplative service will be on **Tuesday, April 9** at 7:00 p.m. Our focus will be practicing joy. See article on page 3 for more on joy.



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The liturgies and services for April will be:

- April 6/7: Lent 5, WOV liturgy.  
 9: Enter the Silence, 7:00 p.m.  
 13/14: Palm Sunday, Haas liturgy.  
 18: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
 19: Good Friday, 8:00 p.m.  
 21: Easter Sunrise, 6:53 a.m.  
 Easter Celebration, 9:30 a.m.  
 27/28: Easter 2, OLS liturgy

He is risen. He is risen indeed.

From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing.

### Volunteers welcomed

The Adult Choir continues to offer the gift of song to our worship life. If you are interested in joining, please contact Matt Mauro, (matthew.mauro19@gmail.com). The Worship Committee continues to welcome volunteers for the praise band and sound technicians. The praise band is particularly in need of a guitarist and a pianist. Please contact LeeAnn Barkman and Jason Leupen.

### **We thank our special musicians for April!**

- 4/8: Adult Choir; Joyful Noise Band  
 4/13: Jan Carter, guitar  
 4/14: Special guest musicians  
 4/21: Special guest musicians  
 4/27: Dan Altenau, guitar  
 4/28: Adult Choir; Pam Allen, voice



### The Endowment Fund

#### Planning Your Estate?

Please consider a gift from your estate to the LCR Endowment Fund.

Use this language to make a gift (bequest):

“I give and bequeath to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, an Ohio nonprofit corporation (located at 1950 Nagel Road; Cincinnati, OH 45255; FEIN 31-0810197) [a sum of money, percentage of my estate or description of the gift]. I request that the gift be added to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Endowment Fund.”

The Endowment Committee can help you with any questions.

### Cincinnati Pride Festival Interest Meeting

If you are interested in participating in the Pride Parade and Festival as we work to build bridges with our brothers and sisters in the LGBTQ community please join us for an interest meeting **Sunday, April 28** after morning worship. For more information contact Ben Morris, Inviting & Welcoming Ministry Chairperson at (859) 814-4289 or [wellwithmysoul@live.com](mailto:wellwithmysoul@live.com).



## THE GIFTS HE GAVE...

### (They Make Ministry Possible In The Body of Christ)

**“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” – Ephesians 4:11-12**

Three places in his letters, St. Paul offers extensive lists of gifts of the Holy Spirit for building up the ministry of the church (Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4). It should catch our attention that in the early church the apostle so often exhorts and encourages his communities to be attentive to their giftedness and to be faithful and generous stewards of them for the common good.

It has been about two years since we had a spiritual gifts emphasis in our congregation. (Although I do provide spiritual gifts inventories to all new members with the encouragement that volunteering for ministries will help them to truly begin feeling like members of our family.) While we are not of a mind to undertake a full-blown spiritual gifts effort at this time, it has come to my attention that a number of our ministries are in need of additional volunteers. Please receive this note as an invitation to consider if you may be able to help in any of the following ministries with the reminder that many hands make light work.

I met with our **Caring Ministry Team** captains recently to regroup and share thoughts. We currently have three teams that could use additional volunteers:

Transportation Team – This team provides rides for those with needs who are not able to drive, for example, to doctor’s appointments or physical therapy. Even if you can only provide a ride occasionally at your convenience, we would like to add you to this team. When a need arises, an email will go out to all volunteers. You only need respond if you are available. Karen Woodworth is the captain of this team. Please contact her if you would like to be added to the team. ([kmwoody@cinci.rr.com](mailto:kmwoody@cinci.rr.com), 513-460-0160)

Visiting Team – We have a handful of homebound members. Each of them appreciates a friendly visit. Our goal is to provide at least one pastoral visit and one visit from a member to each homebound member each month. There is no great spiritual expertise required, simply a desire to engage in conversation, share your life (photos are great!), offer some information about our church happenings, and give our members God’s love and a hug. If you would like to “shadow” Pastor Nicole or me on a visit to get the hang of it, we welcome you. Jolie Prasser is the captain of this team. Please contact her if you would like to be added to the team and let her know how often you would like to serve. ([jolieprasser@gamil.com](mailto:jolieprasser@gamil.com), 513-317-1963)

Child Care Team – This team provides child care in emergency situations. We don’t have this need often, but when we do, it is very important that we are able to assist our fellow members. Jessica Bartolin is the new captain of this team. Please contact her if you would like to be added to the team. ([jbartolin@hotmail.com](mailto:jbartolin@hotmail.com), 513-608-6851)

After many years of coordinating our **Children’s Garden**, the small plot behind the fellowship hall, Barb Ganim is stepping down. (Thank you for your dedication, Barb!) Here is a description of what is required:

Month Before Plant Date - write a Ramblings article identifying “theme” of the garden, planting date and an invitation to bring a plant. Two Weeks Before Planting - clean out the garden and loosen the soil to prepare for planting. Planting Day - bring additional plants to ensure enough for all of the children, help the children plant, talk about what God provides for the plants to grow, and water the plants. Throughout the Growing Season - invite the children each Sunday to water the garden, fill large watering cans and buckets used to fill small watering cans used by the children, talk about changes noticed in the garden, pick any produce to take home, share or donate, pull weeds with supervision, and during hot, dry weather, water in mid-week. Supplies available include: garden tools, gloves, buckets, large watering can, small watering cans, and framework with netting to keep out animals. If you would like to assume this responsibility, please contact the church office. Barb is available to consult with you as you get started. ([barbara623@aol.com](mailto:barbara623@aol.com), 513-638-1724)

The **lawn mowing** season will soon be here. We have two volunteer positions: riding the sit-down mower, and pushing the self-propelled mower. Our hope is to have enough volunteers so that no one has to mow more than once a month. Please contact Mark Meyer if you are interested in helping. He can provide instruction for both positions. ([mmeyer1565@gmail.com](mailto:mmeyer1565@gmail.com), 513-305-3610)

Larry Magnesen has been our **Stewardship Committee** for the past few years and done a great job in coordinating our stewardship efforts. (Thank you Larry!) He will be relocating in the near future. I would like to reconstitute the Stewardship Committee and will provide assistance to the team. Please let me know if you would like to consider volunteering for this important ministry of our church.

The gifts God gave are for the building up of the Body of Christ, the church. Please consider and pray about how you might be able to volunteer even a small part of your time and talent to serve in our ministries needing assistance at this time.

Peace,  
Pastor Zorn

## More Bridges

-Steve Ahrenholz

I recently received a copy of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (my undergraduate university) 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative year book. I find it interesting how sometimes a theme or topic, such as LCR's 2019 theme "Bridges" that has been a part of my recent focus appears in unexpected places. They have a section recognizing individuals who jumpstarted the university's first comprehensive capital campaign. They describe it as building a bridge to the future, one friend at a time. The acknowledgement is preceded by a two-page verse entitled "Bridge Builders". I thought it is interesting how it discusses bridges we build do not necessarily have to be for our own benefit. They can be a gift to those coming after us.

### Bridge Builders

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening cold and gray  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
The rapids held no fears for him.  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You're wasting your time in building here.  
Your journey will end with the closing day;  
You never again will pass this way.  
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide;  
Why build you this bridge at even-tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There follows after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This stream, which has been naught to me,  
To that fair youth may a pitfall be.

He too must cross in the twilight dim—  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

- Will Allen Dromgoole

Taken from the 2019 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary yearbook *Then, Now, Forever*



## CHAMBER RECITAL

Our very own, Matt Mauro, is giving his DMA Chamber Recital at CCM on **Monday, April 22** at 6:45 p.m. in Werner Recital Hall. It is going to be quite the event. He is challenging the concept of a "chamber recital" by programming a piece for two horns and small orchestra, and will have 14 other musicians performing on stage with him.

# JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

## OUTREACH GRANT REQUESTS DUE SUNDAY, APRIL 10

LCR's Outreach efforts include supporting charitable projects and programs that LCR members endorse/recommend. Special giving and revenue raised from the Kroger Rewards program provides funding for us to offer Outreach grants twice each year. The *deadline for spring grant cycle applications is **Sunday, April 10.*** If you have a project for which you would like to apply, grant applications can be found in the Outreach mailbox in the office. Return your request to the Outreach mailbox by April 10 or email it to Alyson Best at [abest727@gmail.com](mailto:abest727@gmail.com)



**BIRTH:** Lucas Klopsch Shearer was born on March 18 to Ben and Brooke Shearer

**WITH SYMPATHY:** Sympathies to the Turpin High School community at the death of Ben Kimble, and Jacob Suter (Brenda Weyhrich's, great nephew)

### Pub Talk for Baby Boomers

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 30** at The Varsity (on Beechmont Ave.). Dinner and fellowship will be from 6:00—7:00 p.m. Discussion of the topic will be from 7:00—8:00 p.m. Contact church office for topic material



## What's New in the ELCA?

By Julie Pahutski, Mission Interpreter

*From the ELCA Booklet: 40 Days of Giving*

As we reflect on the buried "Alleluia" this Lent, we also remember that grace continues to abound in our world through God's continued work through our church and our neighbors. In Burure in the Gokwe region of Zimbabwe, outbreaks of malaria compounded by deep poverty threaten the lives and well-being of both children and adults. In 2016, over 280,000 new cases of malaria were identified in Zimbabwe, and malaria remains the third leading cause of death, with young children being particularly vulnerable. These numbers, though, belie the great progress that has been made against malaria in Zimbabwe, including through the schools, health clinic and other programs supported by ELCA World Hunger in Burure.

Recognizing that the likelihood of good health increases as a household's income increases, women in Burure have formed village savings and loan groups that enable them to pool resources to invest in their own work. The pooled resources help support vegetable farms, gardens and beehives for honey. The profits provide the means to purchase food and other necessities and invest in other activities. By drawing together their own resources, women in the groups are able to give and receive and look forward to a brighter future for themselves and their households.

In Burure, by giving of their own resources to one another, trusting in abundance and each other, and working in love for one another and the community, the women are ensuring that the "Alleluia" buried by malaria and poverty will be uncovered.



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To Support Impoverished Communities in Guatemala

## Featuring Nashville Country Music Artist Dan Varner



**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Anderson Center

7850 Five Mile Road 45230

**Tickets \$50** per person

Food, Open Bar, Silent Auction

Visit with our partners in Guatemala

More information and tickets:

<https://BringingHopeToGuatemala.org>



Children and families in Guatemala struggle with food, electricity, secure housing safe drinking water, health and many other daily challenges.



### MISSION STATEMENT

We work to bring hope and resources to those living in extreme poverty in rural Guatemala. We support education and humanitarian needs, serving the poorest of the people through a variety of project partners.

## Join us April 28th for a SUPER FUN Pizza and "Bridge" Painting Intergenerational Event!!!



**Who:** EVERYONE; 5 - 110 years!

**What:** Come paint Cincinnati's Roebling Bridge alongside your church family with instruction from a professional artist!

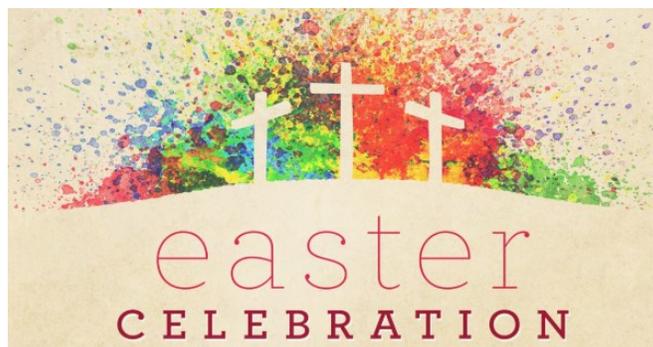
**When:** April 28th  
11am-1:30pm

**Where:** Uptown Art 7713  
Beechmont Ave, Cincinnati,  
OH 45255 (Same strip as  
Panera)

Cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for children and youth. Cost covers all painting materials and instruction. Instruction is easy to follow and can be done by children as young as 5 yrs old. LCR's Catechism group painted together in January and had a blast!

We don't want anyone to miss out! Speak to Pr. Nicole for scholarship information.

Sign-up in the Narthex by April 14th to save your spots!



# Easter Breakfast

## Sunday, April 21

### Location: Fellowship Hall

#### Two breakfast times:

After the sunrise service, and  
after the 9:30 a.m. service

*Everyone is welcome for this fabulous  
celebration and welcoming event!*

*(THANK YOU also for your help in bringing food items for this large and festive event! Sign-up sheet at church, or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA4AA28A1FC1-easter4>*

*Any questions? Contact: Alyson or Charlie Best  
[abest727@gmail.com](mailto:abest727@gmail.com) or 315-1526 (leave a message!)*

*NOTE: At this Easter's breakfast -- consider sitting next to someone you don't know and get to know them on a deeper level! Christian friendships are the BEST! Greet each other in Christian fellowship, love and celebration!*



Thanks to everyone who participated in the new member classes, I learned so much. Also, the service and brunch afterwards, I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life.

Linda Bentley

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

**ALLEN, Pam & (Jim).** Pam is a Director of Technology at United Healthcare and Jim is retired. They have a small “hobby farm” with sheep, potbelly pigs, ducks, geese, dogs and cats. They like to hike, camp, kayak and go caving. Pam was previously a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Montgomery and Bethel United Methodist Church. Pam sings in our choir and is a soloist.

**BENTLEY, Linda.** Linda is a recruiter for Kaeser & Blair. She loves to make quilts and read. Linda was invited to LCR by Mary Vanoli, her co-worker.

**CHESNUT, Emily, Brian, Evan (12), Katie (8), Nora (8), Kyle (6).** Brian is a Tax Manager for Brixey & Meyer and Emily is a Sr. Analyst for Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. They love to spend time in nature, hiking and camping. All four kids are scouts. Emily loves to sew and makes coordinating family costumes for Halloween. The Chesnuts were previously members of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church.

**ROBERTSON, Ashley, Justin & Brynn (8 months).** Ashley is a self-employed photographer. Justin is a Crew Leader for AMS Construction. Justin can fix anything and Ashley was a nanny before giving birth to Brynn. Brynn was baptized at LCR on September 30, 2018. Ashley was previously a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden, IL.

**SELEY, David & Jenn.** David is an Accountant at Munninghoff, Lange, and Company. Jenn is a Music Therapist at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. They are expecting their first child in April. They enjoy hiking, traveling and being outside. Jenn was previously a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Farmington, MI and David was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in Farmington.

**STANEK, Sharla.** Sharla is a Colorado transplant, and enjoys being close to her Ohio family. She has worked in aviation, and moved here 3 years ago to work for the FAA as a safety inspector. Sharla enjoys outside activities such as working in her yard, hiking/walking, kayaking, exploring local activities and museums, as well as movies and dining out.

**TANDY, Dan & Dalene.** Dan is a retired Attorney and Risk Manager. Dalene is a retired Special Education Teacher. Dan & Dalene moved here from Gainesville, Florida to be closer to their daughter, LCR member, Megan Budzynski, and family. They enjoy hiking, nature watching and playing with their seven grandchildren. They were previously members of First Lutheran Church in Gainesville, FL. They participate in Pub Talk for Baby Boomers.

***A new member does not join  
Lutheran Church of the  
Resurrection;  
They are adopted into our family!***



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 13**

10:00 a.m.

Rain or shine!

All kids through 6th grade are  
welcome to come and hunt eggs!

Snacks, crafts and lots of fun!

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection strives to be:  
A COVENANT based congregation, NURTURING spiritual growth and  
WELCOMING all into Christ's community through  
Word, sacrament and love.



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