

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



153 South McKenna Ave.
Gretna, Nebraska 68028
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March 17, 2019
10:45 a.m. Worship

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Contemporary Worship Service
March 17, 2019

GATHER

Praise Team Welcome

Outer Court Worship Song – Holy Is The Lord

Christian Welcome

Family News – Announcements

Family Greeting

Inner Court Worship Song – Our God

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Children's Message

Message

Holy of Holies Worship Song – Be The Center

RESPONSE

Creed

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offering Song – Give Thanks

Offering Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Outer Court Worship Song – Your Grace Is Enough

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***We welcome you to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church!
We hope our time together will be a blessing to you!***

Fellowship Sheet for Members and Guests—Welcome to our worship. You are in the right place! Please fill out the fellowship sheet that is inserted in your bulletin, then drop it in the offering plate (along with your pencil if you are at the second service). Thanks for worshipping with us today!

Altar Flowers are given by Debbie Schwarten in honor of Bill's 60th birthday.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Welcome to Our Lenten Speaker Please welcome Lacey Studnicka from Lutheran Family Services-Refugee Services. She is here to share information about Lutheran Family Refugee Services in NE. They will be receiving our Lenten offering on March 20th.

Emergency Flood Announcement Usually this time of year is a time of hope and anticipation in our rural areas because it's calving season. This year the weather has added unexpected pain and complications to the hope and anticipation. Please keep the areas and ministries effected by the floods, rains, and blizzard conditions in your prayers. Also, please keep all of the local police, EMTs, and fire departments in your prayers as they struggle to do their jobs in their own towns. Once the flood waters recede and individuals can assess the damage there will be much need and much to be done.

If congregations are looking to support the future cleanup efforts, donations can always be made to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Fund. Please include "Nebraska Floods" in the memo line, so that the funding is available as more needs arise.

Immediate Opening for Nursery Coordinator We have an immediate opening for the Nursery Coordinator position. This is a paid position. Applicant will need to be available for Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and special events. Please contact the church office to apply for this position. Thank you!



Easter Lily Sign-Up Sheet It's that time again to order your Easter lily to decorate the Fellowship Hall for our Easter services. There are sign-up sheets located on the north and south bulletin boards. Lilies are available at an amazing price of \$5.59. Make your check payable to Resurrection Church and mark it "Easter Lily" in the memo line. Lilies can be taken home after the late service on Easter. Please sign up by Monday, April

1st. You will be contacted to see what you would like to have printed in the Easter bulletins. Thank you!!

Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-K through 5th grade! Congregation, the Local and World Service Team will be hosting an Easter egg hunt again this year, with the intent to raise money for Kids Against Hunger. We need help from the congregation in order to make this happen. First, we will have “tickets” taped to windows by the Resurrection Café. Please take a ticket in the dollar amount you would like to donate and take an envelope and place the ticket and donation amount in the offering plate or turn in to the office by Palm Sunday, April 14th. We will have the kids do the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 10:15, April 21st. Weather permitting, it may be outside.

Message from the Health Ministry Team Here’s an opportunity for us all to be intentional about physical activity. Please join us as we journey together to the cross this Lenten season. **Walking to the Cross** is a wonderful book for a 40-day Lenten devotional and physical activity program that provides a daily devotion, and an opportunity to track our daily physical activity minutes and other reflections for the day. As participants turn in their minutes weekly -- let’s see how far we collectively travel during this Lenten season! The program starts on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Good Friday. The Health Ministry Team will have a table to sign up between services on Sunday.

Lenten Meal & Worship Service Join us this Lenten season for a mid-week meal around the dinner table on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by an evening Lenten worship at 7:00 p.m. Each week a team from Resurrection will help prepare, serve and clean-up. Please join us as we enjoy a meal and fellowship together and experience the “Open My Life” Lenten resource.

Lenten Serving Group: Benevolence & Mission, Health Ministry
Lenten Menu: Corned beef & cabbage, nachos, hotdogs, salad, desserts

Easter Lenten Bags The Local and World Service Team will have empty grocery bags by their bulletin board (between the Nursery room doors) starting March 6th! If you want to help Project Hope replenish their dwindling supply of food, this is a great time to do it. Just pick the bag with the list of items on the front of the bag, fill the bag and return to the same area by Sunday, April 14th, Palm Sunday. We will deliver the grocery items during that week. Thank you so much for helping those in need this Easter season! -The Local and World Service Team.

Worship & Music Team We are in need of a new Chief Banner Hanger. This position mainly includes intermittent rotation of the banners in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, along with the seasonal banner behind the altar in the fellowship hall. We thank the Reineke family for their years of service doing this. They have offered to show the new person where the banners are and how to follow the ELCA church season calendar.

If you only have a small amount of time to volunteer each month, this is the position for you. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

RELC Archives Team If you have any stories with pictures of how the church was in years past and would like to share them, please contact Jim Eichner at Eichnerj6527@msn.com.

Camp Carol Joy Holling The theme this year is “Chain Reaction”. The confirmation class will be going to Carol Joy Holling on June 16th-21st. If you haven’t already done so, please get signed up today. We encourage all children grades 1st-12th grade to experience the adventure, fun, and spiritual benefits of CJH camp. If you are a first-time camper, there is a discount for you on specific promotional dates listed on the website. Use the code HALFOFF when you sign up. Go to CarolJoyHolling.org to get signed up today. Have a fun summer at CJH camp. You’ll love it!



Save the Date: VBS June 23-27 Mark your calendar! Plans for the Roar! Themed VBS 2019 in June are underway. The dates are set, now we just need some volunteers to make this a fun-filled learning experience for your children. Our next planning sessions will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on: Thursdays-4/11, 5/9, and Saturday-6/21. If you would like to sign up to help, go to: bit.ly/2sVjD18. If you have any questions, please email Tyler at Tyler.Johnson@relchurch.net.



Offering Envelopes Please pick up your offering envelopes today! If you are signed up to receive offering envelopes and you haven’t already picked yours up, please stop by the table outside of the Fellowship Hall and take them home with you today.



ONGOING HAPPENINGS

Mid-Week Programming Join us every Wednesday evening for special programming for all youth and choirs.

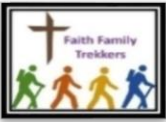
Programming includes: Chancel Choir-6:00pm, Bell Choir-6:30pm
Nursery(Pre-K-K)-6:00-8:00pm, Lambs(1st-5th gr.)-6:30pm,
Confirmation(6th-8th gr)-6:15pm, Underground(9th-12th gr.)-6:30pm

2019 Resolution to Serve The Local & World Service team invites you to join them in 2019 by making a resolution to serve. The March 2019 service opportunity is with Omaha Street School (OSS). OSS, an alternative high school founded in 1999, empowers students to discover new hope through education and love in a Christ-centered environment. Enrollment ranges from 25 to 30 with an average classroom size of 8 students. Students find hope and gain self-esteem while increasing valuable self-sufficiency skills along with their education. To learn more, volunteer or donate, visit www.omahastreetsschool.org.

Nursery Help Needed We are in need of a few subs for the nursery on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and special events. Please contact the church office if you would like to know more about this position or to be put on the sub list. **This is a paid position.** You must be at least 18

years old and fill out a background check form if you don't already have one filled out. Thank you for your help!

Faith Family Trekkers The Faith Family Trekkers continue to walk through the winter months at Chalco on the weekends. Contact Sue Lobsiger to be added to the text messenger group for scheduling at (sue.lobsiger@gmail.com; [402.689.7658](tel:402.689.7658))



Coming up:

- Join the Trekkers this month as we participate in the Lenten devotional "Walk to the Cross" where we combine spiritual and physical wellness. All are welcome!

Tai Chi Classes Join us for *Tai Chi for Balance* classes in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The session runs for 12 weeks and will be held every week on Monday and Wednesday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The instructors will be Karen Hitz and Nicki Ayer, both trained *Tai Chi for Balance* instructors.



We invite everyone to experience the benefits of increased balance, muscular strength, and mobility with this program as well. Classes are FREE and open to the entire Gretna community. Tai Chi is beneficial to all age groups and adaptable to persons with limited mobility. If you are interested in learning Tai Chi, please contact Karen Hitz at 402-212-2589 or bkhitz@cox.net.

Low Impact Aerobics Class The Health Ministry team would like to remind everyone that we offer a low impact aerobics class every Friday from 9:00-9:40 a.m.



We love our weekly attendees but would love to see some new faces as well. Our class consists of approximately 20 minutes of cardio work. We do only marching or side stepping and an occasional grape vine, no high impact! We use bottles of water or light weights of your choice or no weights at all. We then do approx. 15 min. of toning and a 5-min. cool down.

If you would like to find a way to a healthier you this year come and join us. There is no cost and it comes with good fellowship and some good laughs. This class is led by Nicki Ayer and Linda Anderson.

OWLS News! Join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. for fun and fellowship. Join us after for a fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m.

Come to dinner with us every 4th Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Each month we will pick a new location. On March 28th, we will enjoy an evening out at the Farmhouse Café and Bakery in Omaha. If you would like to carpool, be at the church at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up on the OWLS bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall by March 24th.

Parenting Our Parents (POP) Support Group Join a new small group for those who are providing care for parents. Come share experiences and devotions, offer encouragement and examine resources available with the hope of experiencing a more loving and respectful attitude toward caregiving.

All are welcome as we support each other through fellowship and discussion. Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m. at RELC. Contact Brenda Fleck or Sheri Feala for more information.

Sunday School Substitute Leaders Needed If you are able to share your time and talents as a one-time substitute teacher for Sunday school, please email Tyler at tyler.johnson@relchurch.com. Thank you!

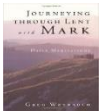
Tabletop Adventure Group (TAG) Join us on **March 29th** from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the RELC. Players will bring their pre-made character sheets for a night of adventure, fun, and fellowship. If you're new, come join us!



Individuals interested that don't have characters are welcome to come, as we will have pre-generated characters you can choose from for this session! Please eat beforehand and come ready to adventure at 6:30 p.m.!

Theology on Tap Please join on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Brag N Rights in Gretna. All adults over 21 are invited to join us as we enjoy a beverage and discuss whatever topic arises.

Adult Forum-Journeying Through Lent with Mark Stop by the Conference Room each Sunday between services at 9:45 a.m., we will embark with St. Mark on a 46-day journey of reflection on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and what this means to you as a disciple. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.



Text Study Join us each week at 10:00 a.m. as we learn about the week's lessons and gospels from the bible. Each week we will study at a new location. Contact Pr. James for details.

Blood Pressure Checks Thank you to the Health Ministry team for offering free blood pressure checks every third Sunday of the month between services. Please stop by the church office to get yours checked.

Cribbage Night Cribbage will meet the fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Courtyard. All are welcome!

Hospital Visits Hospitals usually don't contact us when you go into the hospital due to the privacy act. If you or a family member is going into the hospital, be sure and let the office know so that we can be there for you with prayerful support.

Café Help Needed The Café is open and the sheet to sign-up to help is located on the bulletin board. The Café person is responsible for making coffee, cutting up doughnuts and making sure everything is available between services. They are also responsible for cleanup (rinsing out the coffee pots and placing the dirty glasses over on the dishwasher). Café

volunteers do not need to pick up doughnuts in the morning. That will be done by an Outreach Team Member.

Flowers & Bulletins Sign-Up Please sign up for flowers and bulletins on our new 2019 sign-up sheets on the south bulletin board. Find a date that works for you. The suggested donation for bulletins is \$20.

If you are interested in signing up for flowers, as always Town & Country Floral gives all Gretna churches altar flowers at cost. They will also deliver and set them up for you. Thank you for your generosity!

TAGG - you're it! Don't forget to download the TAGG app and help us raise more in 2019. We have raised \$513.05 thus far. The Local and World Service Team would like you to bring in your receipts. Drop them off at the office and they will upload them for you. When you purchase from a business



that participates in TAGG, they will donate up to 5% of your total purchase to your organization. All you must do is upload your receipt. Money donated to RELC will help fund our Good Samaritan Fund which will be used to help transients and others in need. Look for more info at www.togetheragreatergood.com/

Quilting Group We meet at 1:00 p.m. in the quilting room on the second and fourth Tuesdays. All are welcome!! You do not have to be a quilter or know how to sew to come. You can also sew quilt tops at home. The quilters are always looking for old blankets and sheets of any size.

The Dorcas Circle We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the church library, which is located at the south end of the educational wing. We welcome new members. Our gatherings start with coffee and a light snack before we study the lesson.

New Books for Dorcas Circle are available for \$8.00 each. Stop by the church office to pick up yours today.

The Miriam/Ruth Circles. We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at SilverRidge Assisted Living. Interested in joining a bible study group and enjoy refreshments, call Darlene Dietze at 402-332-3742.

Food Pantry Corner Donations are being accepted for food items. Please drop items by the Outreach Corner with the yellow shelving for either Project Hope or Gretna Neighbors Food Pantries. Project Hope will also take some gently used clothing items, but no other items accepted.

Save your Best Choice Labels! Deposit them in the container located by the Outreach Corner with the yellow shelving.

Aluminum Can Collection! Bring your empty cans to the container outside of the west door of the church-in the alley. The proceeds will fund the H. S. youth.

Followers of Christ-Prison Ministry If you are interested in becoming involved to help those incarcerated. Please contact Scott Drews at 402-670-8259 or sdrews@bhhc.com or you may contact the office for more information.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Sunday, 3/17	8:30 am Traditional Communion Worship Service 9:35 am Blood Pressure Checks 9:40 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Forum 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
Monday, 3/18	9:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Refresh
Tuesday, 3/19	9:00 am Dorcas 10:00 am Text Study 6:00 pm SEED 7:00 pm Council
Wednesday, 3/20	9:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Bridge 5:30 pm Mid-Week Meal 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Lambs 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Underground 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:30 pm Praise Band
Thursday, 3/21	1:00 pm Miriam 6:00 pm VBS Crew Leader & Station Leader Training
Friday, 3/22	9:00 am Low Impact Aerobics
Saturday, 3/23	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Billy's Café 9:00 am Walking Group @ Chalco
Sunday, 3/24	8:30 am Traditional Worship Service 9:40 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Forum 10:45 am Contemporary Communion Worship Service

ATTENDANCE

Traditional 85 Contemporary 131 Lent 136

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28	OWLS to Farmhouse Café
April 6	Rehearsal for Saturday Night Worship
April 7	Certified CPR Training @ RELC VBS Volunteer Training
April 14	The Passion of the Christ Movie Showing

PRAYERS

Be still, and know that I am God...

Our shut-in members and those in the assisted living and nursing

homes: Keith Barkley, Carol Schlueter, Marge Warren, Harold Hansen, Jim Schram, Delores Short, Delores Kreifels, Jackie Mowinkel, Joan Bohling, Thelma Mowinkel

Healing and courage: Lexi Wagner's friend-Madi Krauter, Conrad and Charlotte Pfeffer and Christine Cullinane's granddaughter-Emilie Bauer, Jeanne Fleck's daughter-Jayne Pool, Brian Roeber's father-Willis Roeber, Richard Ayer's sister-Margaret Curtis, Larry Kersten, Pr. Jim Holthus, Kim Palle, Harold Hansen, Denise McKay, Lois Nore, Judy Kersten's friend, Joyce Zimmerman's husband-Mike Zimmerman, Alvin and JoAnn Glasshoff's daughter-Dawn Allbery, Carolyn Hoyer's daughter-Angela Biggerstaff, Linda Karas' mother-Margie Biel, Kelli Barnhart's sister-Robin Maestle, Liz Flynn's mother-Sue Lutton, Sarah Nordhues' uncle-Ken Walker, Jan Sharples, Fred Hartman, Brandon and Luke Pyle, Denise McKay's sister-Kathy Ewert, Robert Walbridge Sr.-Church Custodian Co., Delores Armstrong, Jeanne Ralston's friend-Amy LaFontaine, Craig Gissler, Gwen Reier, Duane Strong, Schlechte's German foreign exchange student-Judith Willers, Kelli Barnhart's mother, Birgit Schlechte's mother-Elisabeth Höhn, Roger Asche, Morris Palle, Sandy Brehmer, Jeanne Ralston's mother-Pauline Bartlett, Marsha Wilderdyke, Elaine Ney, Klaus Langmaack

Birthdays: Paula Drews, Sue Lobsiger, Jerry Walker, Michelle Webster, Justin Ellingson, Maegan Lindquist, Luke Mefford, Karen Schram, Blake Thompson, Gary Honeyman, Adison Huffman, Lindsey Kock, Bill Schwarten, Stephanie Behney, Lynn Bose, Gavan Huffman, Chase Meyer, Pat Prince, Judy Feit, Zane Schuka, Mike Votek

Anniversaries: Roger & Jeanie Krambeck, Nicholas & Nicole Charvat

Concord Sister Congregation Please pray for our sister congregation, Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord, NE. Concordia was picked as our "Building on a Foundation" Partner at the NE ELCA Synod Convention.

Service Men and Women: For all those serving our country and for the families of soldiers who were killed or injured, that they be healed in body and spirit.

****Please keep the office updated on the status of prayer requests.***

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

*Hand sanitizers are available throughout the church for your use.

*If you are having trouble hearing the service, please ask an usher for a Sound Mate hearing device.

*For large print bulletins, please contact the office.

*Wheelchairs are available for your use in the church. Contact an usher or a council person for assistance.

*First Aid kits are located in the kitchen, church office, and in the cupboard below the library book shelf by the narthex.

There is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located on the wall by the south bathrooms

Pastor: James Sells

Youth & Program Director: Tyler Johnson

Church Council Members:

Sue Lobsiger, Jerry Layher, DeeAnn Hartman, Linda Biel Karas, Melanie Van Blarcom, Ryan Bergsten, Karen Hitz, Dave Schram, Larry Rippe

Council Duty March 17

8:30 a.m.-Dave Schram, Larry Rippe

10:45 a.m.-DeeAnn Hartman

Council Duty March 20

7:00 p.m.-Need 1

Council Duty March 24

8:30 a.m.-Larry Rippe

10:45 a.m.-DeeAnn Hartman, Sue Lobsiger, Ryan Bergsten

Office Managers: Desiree Stednitz, Jeanne Ralston

Nursery Coordinator: Needed

Music Director: Matt Hill

Sunday School Superintendent: Lynn Donahue

Kitchen Coordinator: Matt Anderson

Custodial Needs:

Property Team, Bill Schwarten

Flowers & Bulletins:

January, February, March-Joyce McMahill

Altar Guild for March

Mardelle Bergsten, Harolyn Stender, Joyce Mohling

Lay Readers for March

8:30 am-Karen Hitz

10:45 am- Doug Ayer, Dakota Gissler, Simon Gissler

Ushers for March

8:30 am-Jim Haver/Larry Rippe/Rich Killingsworth

10:45 am-Jon Gross

Acolytes for March 17

8:30 am-Karleigh North, Miles Craddock

10:45 am-Payton Bush, Ava Honeyman

Acolytes for March 24

8:30 am-Kenna Mikos, Sam Waller

10:45 am-Jackson Reece, Elliot Reece

Sound Board Team

March 17: Elliott Steinhoff

March 24: Lane Rainforth

Screen Team

March 17: Luke Pinkall

March 24: Pavi Galaska

Connectors/Welcome Station for March 17

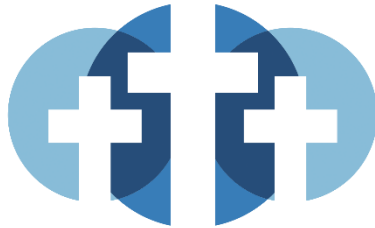
8:30 am-Dave & Shelley Schram

10:45 am-DeeAnn Hartman, Pat & Tricia Prince

Connectors/Welcome Station for March 24

8:30 am- Steve & Diane Bergman, Alvin & JoAnn Glasshoff

10:45 am-Bryan & Jeanne Ralston



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