



Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
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www.rlcok.org Sunday Worship @ 10:15 AM
Office hours: M-F 9 AM-12 PM



Pastor Mark Borseth

Third Sunday in
Lent



- 3 - Justin Eck
- 6 - Linda Maune, Mary Schroder
- 5 - Trevor and Beth Toivonen
- 7 - Kyle and Tricia Helmes

Ways you can **SERVE**

Fellowship Host: No host this week.
Communion Set-up/break-down: No host this week.
Please sign-up in the fellowship hall!



March eternal candle: In honor of B-days: Mom, Jutta Garment, niece, Lara, nephew, Luca Botsch; Nicole B.

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Offering of \$32,000 per month needed to cover “general expenses” monthly missions, heat, air, electricity, staff payroll, insurance, office/worship supplies...



February general expenses giving: \$24,576
February special giving: \$2,313
New building savings balance as of January 31, 2023: \$112,176.5



Pastor Marks Remarks – March 2024

“What is your faith investment portfolio?”

[Jesus said to his anxious disciples] “But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

Risky investments often have the best returns. Conservative investments often struggle to just keep pace with inflation.

If we really trust an investment, we will increase how much of it we include in our portfolio. If we don't trust an investment, we will choose other safer investments which are unlikely to gain much, but at least we won't lose anything.

It seems we as Christians already realize our only reasonable investment options for forgiveness and life in heaven after we die is to trust Jesus completely to do for us what we can't do for ourselves, but we somehow have trouble investing the rest of our lives between salvation and going to heaven into the hands of Jesus. But Jesus didn't come just for our past and future. He came to invite us to follow him each day and give ourselves to him in the present, between forgiveness and heaven.

As I get older, I am realizing that I have been way too conservative in the way I have invested my life. 100% invested in Jesus to forgive my past sins and 100% invested in Jesus to get me to heaven when I die are both excellent investments, but why not invest the rest of my life in him as well? Why compromise by investing the rest of my life in riskless investments that don't even keep up with inflation and make me worse off in the end than I was at the beginning?

What if I had the same confidence that the same Jesus who I could trust 100% for forgiveness and heaven could also be trusted with the rest of my?

- *What if I am to invest my relationships in him?
- *What if I am to invest my brokenness, trauma, shame and addictions in him?
- *What if I am to invest my use of time in him?
- *What if I am to invest more of my finances and talents in him?
- *What if I am to invest my career and hobby choices in him?

This Lent and Easter, may we affirm our choice to invest in Jesus for forgiveness of our sins and assurance of heaven when we die. But may we also start investing more of ourselves and our lives in him to discover he is the best investment not only for our forgiveness and eternal destination, but also for our marriages, families, values, finances, careers, and relationships. May our life-investment portfolios become much less diverse, with him as our only investment.

March Sermon Themes – Steps 9-12 of the 12 Steps of AA

Why are we investing 12 weeks at the beginning of the year in focusing on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous as our sermon themes? Can't we invest our Sundays in something with better returns than that? The answer to that question is "probably not!" The 12 steps invite Jesus to get access to areas of our lives that are often kept out of his sphere of influence when we do church as normal. Please choose to not be offended that this series isn't normal operating procedure for churches and instead take advantage of this opportunity to give God access to areas

of your life which "business as usual" has kept God out of in the past.

Themes in March:

March 3 – Step 9 - Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

March 10 – Step 10 - Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

March 17 – Step 11 - Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His Will for us and the power to carry that out.

March 24 – Step 12 - Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

In short, we will be focusing on healing the brokenness which get in the way healthy relationships with God and others, living a life of honesty where we address issues as they come up rather than giving them access to fester and inflict more damage on us and those around us, seeking a life of constant awareness of God's presence and activity, and choosing to take what we have learned from the 12 steps to redefine how we live our lives every day – honestly, seeking personal healing, seeking healthy relationships with God and others, and living our lives every day to love and serve others better because we are freer, healthier and more connected with God and others than we were at the beginning of this 12-step journey.



Wednesday Forgiveness Study "70x7" continues and finishes in March – A group consisting of many members and non-members of RLC has been having an amazing journey of forgiveness as we go through the Bible study "70x7" by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson. It is too late to join the study this time, but we hope to start a new study soon. Let Pastor Mark know if you would like to be part of the study the next time we do it.

Maundy Thursday Worship – Thursday, March 28 at 7pm

– Join us as we remember Jesus’ last night with his disciples before his arrest and crucifixion. That night he washes their feet, shares his last supper with them and leads them to the Garden of Gethsemane where he is arrested by a group of soldiers sent by the church leaders who are led there by Jesus’ disciple Judas.

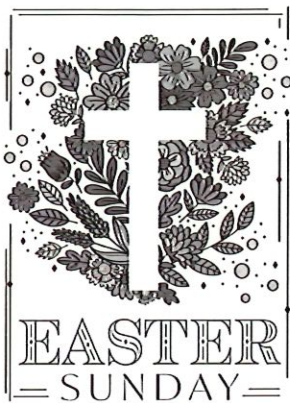


Good Friday Worship – Friday, March 29 at 7pm

– Join us as we gather to remember and enter into Jesus’ passion as he is turned over to the Romans and crucified. As Christians, we believe that the death Jesus experiences doesn’t end his ministry but fulfills the purpose for which he came – to suffer and die for us.

Easter Worship – Sunday, March 31 at 8:15 and 10:15am (breakfast from 9-10am)

– Join us as we celebrate that the death of Jesus is not the end. Instead of remaining in the tomb, Jesus rises from the dead to reveal to us that our death is not the end for us either. Stay after the first service or come early for the second to enjoy Easter breakfast.



Women’s Retreat at University Lutheran in Norman – Saturday, March 9 from 9:30-2:30 (Cost \$20)

– Would you like to connect with Lutheran women from other OKC congregations? If so, the women of University Lutheran in Norman would love to welcome you to their retreat. If you are interested, email Deacon Donna at University - ulcscfaithdirector@gmail.com.



We are going through a lot of food for our blessing box and are in need of Breakfast items, pop top lid canned goods and easy to open protein items...

Communion Bread is provided by the Hand and Foot Canasta Players who meet at RLC the first Thursday of each month. Experienced and inexperienced players are always welcome to join the fun! Contact Jean Ross.





**Kingdom of David Solomon
Discovered**

Sunday 3/3 @ 11:30 AM we'll take a trip to see the *Kingdom of David and Solomon Discovered*. This archaeology exhibit showcases three dozen artifact from 10th Century BCE biblical Israel. Please bring a sack lunch or money for lunch. *If interested, please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.*

Saturday, 3/23 @ 7 PM

we'll stuff Easter eggs and afterwards go to Celebration Station, followed by a lock-in. Bring a snack to share and overnight items. Plus, we need your help with organizing and operating the **"Hunt"** on Sunday, 3/24!



Youth 6th grade and up...

There will be a **VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, March 17 at noon**. We will be picking out a program for VBS this year. A light lunch will be provided.



Easter Hunt Donations

Small individually wrapped candies or small toys that will fit in plastic eggs. Money donations welcomed!

Easter Hunt

Palm Sunday, 3/24 at 11:30 AM for ages one year to 5th grade.

Winter Jam Saturday March 16th from 7-9 PM at the PayCom Center Oklahoma City. Cost is \$15 at the door. We will leave RLC at 5 PM. If you want to join us please sign-up!



ELCA Youth Gathering... If you are planning on and have not turned in your registration form please do so ASAP. For more information, please see Lori B.

Here's the
latest...

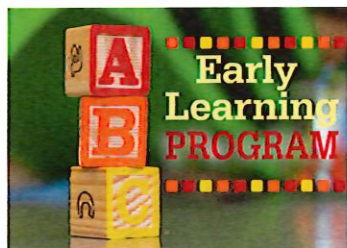


Resurrection Kids is enrolling for
Summer ages 2-8 yrs and
Fall Preschool/MDO 1-5 yrs.
For more information, please call/
email: 405.354.3322,
samantha@rlcok.org
or contact Jenifer.



Easter
Flower
Bouquets

Can you help
sponsor
Easter morning
flowers—2 bouquets? Please
mark your donation “Easter
flower.” Thank you!



Roommate Wanted

Needing to share an
apartment or rent a
room in a house in
Yukon. If you know
of someone looking
for a roommate or
housemate, please
contact Jordan
Francel at
405-435-8988.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Ongoing prayers for grass fires in the area.

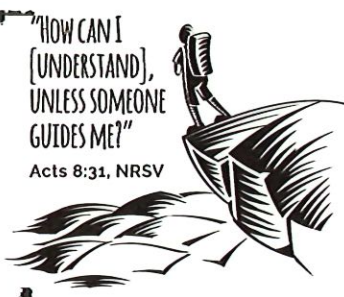
Emma, had exploratory abdominal surgery on the 16th to determine the extent of endometriosis and to look for any other issues. She was admitted back into the hospital today with severe pain, heavy bleeding, and exhaustion. She's receiving blood transfusions while doctors try to determine what's wrong.
Donna Anderson, 20 years ago she lost a kidney to cancer. Doctors have found a growth/lesion on her healthy kidney.

Wanda Bonavida. Health concerns.
Melodee Daily. She just found out that she has a very aggressive form of cancer.
Emma Wassilak's nephew Gustave 2, healing and peace.
Bobbie Loud, she's fighting Parkinsons.
Winnie Lauden, Sheri Campbell's cousin, still having health problems.
Doug Glense, Marcie's uncle, has bladder cancer.
Logan Hambree, has a rare genetic disorder, Leukodystrophy.
Garth/Terry Thompson, friend Cindra, both struggling from serious illnesses.
Andrea Wildman, who is having digestive problems after her gallbladder surgery.
Neil Wildman, Andrea's father-in-law, he has stage 4 lung cancer.



Sundays @ 9 AM: Confirmation class and adult learning hour.

Sundays @ 11:15 AM: Younger youth and high school.



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