

# THE CROSS

August 20, 2023

## 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2023 8am & 10am Worship

CLICK below for livestream https://www.youtube.com/@LCRRacine/streams

## Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 27 10:00am in the sanctuary

A congregational meeting will be held to vote on approval of the candidate of choice selected by your Call Committee, John Anderson. The meeting will follow Pastor Paul's Gospel Talk. Worship will follow the meeting.

Please attend this exciting event which begins the next chapter for Lutheran Church of the Resurrection!

Your vote is important!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Sunday August 20**

8am - Worship 9:05am - Gospel Talk 10am - Worship

#### **Sunday August 27**

8am - Worship 9:05am - Gospel Talk 10am - Congregational Meeting followed by Worship

Just a reminder that if your group or committee is having a meeting at the church to please let the office know so it can get on the calendar.

#### **Church Calendar**

The church calendar is constantly being updated so to see the most current events please go to our website and click on Resources and then Calendar.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Amber, who is seriously ill.

those affected by the wildfires in Hawaii.

Our members facing long term health concerns: Ken Fehl, Myrna & Jim DeCamp, Barb Tuttle, Mardell Fisher, Shirley Alton, and Mark Wanggaard.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

August 20 - 8am

Worship Asst: Leah Krueger
Ushers: Joe Kiemen,
Grace Holm
Communion Asst: Grace Holm

#### **August 20 - 10am**

Worship Asst: Leah Krueger
Ushers: Jeff Wunderle,
Connie Gardner
Communion Asst:
Sandy & Jim Georgeson
Power Point Tech:
Carol Gavigan
Sound Tech: Steve Jacobson
Livestream Tech:
Heather Keszler

#### August 27-8am

Worship Asst: Jeff Wunderle Ushers: Joe Kiemen, Grace Holm Communion Asst: Grace Holm

<u>August 27 - 10am</u>

Worship Asst: Jeff Wunderle Ushers: Steve Dues, Joyce Christopherson Communion Asst:

Power Point Tech:
Maddie Baumgardt
Sound Tech:
Livestream Tech:
Gayle Wint

#### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you very much for all the donations and volunteers that contributed to the community meal last Sunday. We organized, assembled, and delivered enough food and beverages for about 150 people. LCR people are great!

#### LIGHTHOUSE QUILTERS PRESENTATION

Our very own Betty Suiter will be giving a lecture titled "My Quilting Journey" on Monday, August 28 at 7pm in the sanctuary. It is open to anyone who wants to come!

#### **RECONCILING CHRIST UPDATE**

The Reconciling in Christ Team will have a short survey available starting Sunday, August 27. Please fill this out and return to the office. The survey is also available online beginning August 27. You can use the link or QR code below to access the online survey.

The team will be using your responses to help us put together some education starting this fall. Some team members will also be available in the Gathering Area to chat and answer your questions over the next several weeks. Please feel free to ask your questions!

https://uwparkside.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_0 3bDlWqbb9ty9lI



#### **SUNDAY'S SERMON AND "GOSPEL TALK"**

We celebrate the baptism of Weston Carrier-Duncan this Sunday at the 10:00am worship. It's a memorable, important day for him and his family, as God "gives us a new birth into a living hope" so that "we are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world."

We hear these words every time we baptize someone at LCR. What do they mean? Don't we have something to celebrate, too, as who have been baptized into the body of Christ with little Weston? I have been proposing to you in my time as Bridge Pastor – which won't be much longer, given the good news of the prospective call of John Anderson as the next Pastor at LCR! – that we need to seriously upgrade our messaging of the Gospel. One of the things I've proposed is that following Jesus doesn't mean conversion to a new religion. It means conversion to a new way of being human. The true way of being human. What else could all this baptismal language about "new birth" mean? Paul makes it more drastic, proclaiming that we are drowned in the waters of baptism and raised to new life (Rom 6). He announces, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Cor 5:17)

Part of what this means is that we are born into God's family, with its expansive boundaries that seek to embrace the whole human family. That's why it's not about a new religion. Religions have and continue to be one of the main things keeping us apart. This is about a new way of being human that embraces and redeems all religion. We will see this acted-out in this Sunday's Gospel Reading.

So please join us on Sunday, including the "Gospel Talk" between services – come early (9:05am) if you are a 10:00 worshiper – as we dig deeper into a revitalized Gospel message and mission of grace – one that rebirths us into one large human family (Rom 8:29).



#### SATURDAY SEPT. 16 AT 9 AM 5637 ERIE ST. RACINE, WI 53402

Please arrive by 8:45 am. Donations will be accepted for the Habitat for Humanity Solar Housing Project.



#### Morning of Saturday, September 30

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2023 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$160K for grants to ministries serving neighborhoods experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA!

#### FOUR SITE OPTIONS:

Each site offers a **road and/or trail bike ride** unless otherwise noted, a **5K fun run**, **2-mile walk**, and **fellowship-only participant** and **volunteer** options.

- **Dousman:** Meets at Cory Municipal Park
- Grafton: Meets at Grace Lutheran Church, Grafton
- Kenosha: Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
- Milwaukee: Meets at Washington Park no bike rides at this site

Pay-what-you-can registration includes a free event t-shirt, picnic lunch, and access to our online fundraising platform.

## Register + learn more staring July 18 at OFHRRW.org



### Happy Birthday!

8/19	Robert Kissner	8/24	Mike Larson
8/20	Stacey Robe	8/27	Kara Wunderle
8/20	Gilda Shittu	8/29	Kathy Andreasen
8/21	Amelia Escobar	8/29	Ezekiel Petrach
8/22	Emily Jacobson	8/30	Kari Blagec
8/22	Joe Kiemen	8/31	Carmen Escobar
8/23	Renee Hansen	9/2	LeRoy Mohrbacher

## Happy Anniversary!

8/19	Joyce & Darwin Behlke	45
8/20	Myrna & Jim DeCamp	57
8/22	Angela & Adam Keszler	3
8/25	Barb & Duane Huth	61
8/28	Crystal & Nathan Black	13

#### **SCRIP CARDS ARE AVAILABLE**



Scrip cards are available for purchase on Sunday mornings. We ask at this time you pay only by check and make it out to LCR Scrip. If you are looking for a vendor OR a different denomination, you can either access the website at https://www.raiseright.com/brands or contact Danielle at 262-989-1999.

#### LCR STAFF

Pastor Paul Nuechterlein - Bridge Pastor Cheryl Cieczka - Office Administrator Emily Jacobson - Children/Youth Coordinator 26**9**-290-4533 262-637-7431 pastorpaul@lcrracine.org office@lcrracine.org youth @lcrracine.org To the congregation of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Forty four years ago our congregation chose to sponsor a family from Vietnam. They arrived from 3 different Refugee camps and settled in Racine for several years. They attended our church and some of the children were baptized and confirmed here. Much of the sponsorship fell on the shoulders of the Dwayne Olsen and Leroy Pedersen families. Many more were diligent in their help, but so many of them have passed away. We have kept in touch with many of the family over the years. In fact eight members of the family traveled to Racine to honor Myrna Olsen in November 2022 at her memorial service. They flew in from Houston, Atlanta, and St Paul to pay their respects and say thank you

Jason and his brothers Lam and Hai are ordained pastors. James has graduated from Bible School and is serving the Lord in his church. The seeds planted here at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, when they were young, have sprouted and have brought all 4 of the men into the service of our Lord.

Now I am sorry to say the oldest brother, Son (Jason), passed away very suddenly on August 1, 2023. He leaves a wife and 2 children. His funeral will be on August 12, in Fayetteville, GA. He was the pastor of the Vietnamese Beallwood Baptist Church. He drove almost 2 hours each way every weekend and more if needed, to take care of the Vietnamese church and community.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Pray for comfort for his family and his congregation.

Sincerely, Lois Pedorson

To view Jason's obituary please go to

https://www.mowells.com/obituaries/Jason-Thanh-Chuong? obId=28597835#/obituaryInfo