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January eternal candle:

In honor of birthdays: Paul, Lisa, Athena & Reid.



No sponsor

Fellowship host: Barbara McKee
Communion set-up/break-down: Eck



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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...

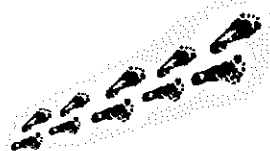


January general expenses giving: \$19,093

January special giving: \$1,002.40

New building savings balance as of

December 31, 2023: \$111,936.91



Next Step Meeting:
Sunday, January 21
@ 11:45 AM



We Want Your Opinion

Pastor Mark's Remarks for January 2024

"God working in me works much better than me working for God"

"We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves"

(pages 83-84, Alcoholics Anonymous)

Becoming more religious by our own effort will never be able to accomplish in our lives what God can do when we give him access to meet us in our weakness.

I will begin 2024 by going to a memorial service on January 6 for my friend Steve. Steve was a good man, a minister, a missionary, a man who blessed lots of others. Steve also struggled with more than one addiction. The consequences of his addictions led to his taking his own life. Steve is my motivation to do ministry differently this year. There are too many people who are disconnected from God and from meaningful relationships with others while actively living the Christian life, some even serving as ministers. Where is the disconnect? A minister who is trying so hard to serve God yet personally struggles to connect with God and others? How has all our teaching about Christian maturity and discipleship left us with so many who try harder and harder to connect with God, but never seem to connect? Could it be that we have been we have had an inadequate at best, and faulty at worst system of discipleship?

How many people who feel disconnected from God and others hear:

Just read the Bible more...

Just spend more time praying each day...

Just get more active at church...

Just become a pastor or professional church worker...

Then you will have a stronger experience of God and better friendships with others.

Only to feel even more discouraged that the more they do for God, the more disconnected they are feel. Could it be that many people need a whole different kind of discipleship? One where they stop performing for God and start giving God access to meet them in their weakness and brokenness?

I had never realized that the 12 steps of addiction recovery were about anything more than accountability to stop destructive behaviors, yet they were designed to achieve much than behavior modification to stop the negative. The steps are ultimately about having a spiritual awakening as the ones following the steps experience God doing for them what they had previously been unable to accomplish by their own efforts.

What if we as a church took a few months away from traditional performance-based discipleship and focused on a discipleship plan based on inviting God to meet us in our weakness, to do for us those things we can't do for ourselves? What if doing so will bring spiritual awakenings to scores of people who have been Christians for years or even decades but have never been able to meaningfully connect with God?

What if there are lots of people like Steve who would for the first time be able to encounter God in ways which would lead them to spiritual awakening and full fruitful lives rather than suicide?

Worship Themes from Now Until Easter – “A Spiritual Awakening -12 step style” – This will be an opportunity to enter into a deeper experience of God, ourselves and healthy relationships with each other by giving him access to meet us in our weakness rather than having us try harder to perform for God to become better Christians.

Next Steps Meeting after church on Sunday, January 21 – Where is God calling us to go as a congregation in the new year? What have we been doing that has served its purpose and is time to be ended? What is God calling us to begin? What should we be doing in areas of Worship, Fellowship, Community Service, Education...? Come share your thoughts and hear the thoughts of others.

8-Week Journey through Jesus’ teaching about forgiveness – “70x7” study by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson (Intro meeting Jan 28 after church, class Wednesdays from Feb 7-March 27)

As part of our focus on getting rid of the garbage preventing us from having healthy relationships with God, with others, and with ourselves, we are going to be doing a powerful study by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson called “70x7”.

The study will be our Wednesday evening programming for the season of Lent but will start a week before Ash Wednesday since there are 8 studies, but only 7 Wednesdays in Lent. We will have an introductory lunch after worship on Sunday, January 28 where you can learn more. Then the class will run every Wednesday from February 7-March 27 from 6:30-8:00. The books will be provided, so there will be no cost for the class. This is a great opportunity to invite friends from other churches or who are not part of any church.

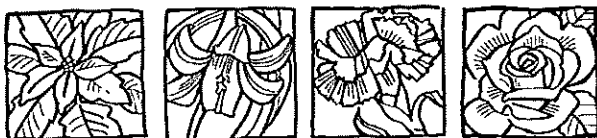
Wednesday Dinner & Bible Study at 6:30PM – January 10,17,24&31 – Join us for good food, good fellowship and a good time of conversation and prayer. We will continue the journey through the Sermon on the Mount which we had begun this past fall.

Men’s Group Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 PM at Archery Traditions in Yukon (328 Elm Ave) – We have space reserved for Thursday, January 18 at Archery Traditions, and Brian Budzien will be arranging a light meal, but *we need people to RSVP to Brian or to Pastor Mark so we can know how many to plan for.*



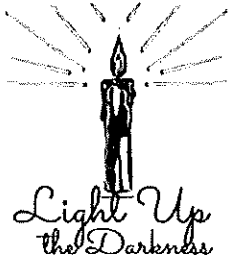
There is a Blessing Jar in the Fellowship Hall for the family of Pr Mark’s friend who recently passed away.

• FLOWER CHART •



2024 Altar flower and candle chart is posted in the fellowship hall.

This invitation comes with prayers for peace, warmth, and comfort.



Resurrection Lutheran Church and Res Kids are coming together to help people in Yukon this winter with:

- o Gifts of food
 - o Gifts of warmth (gloves, hats, hand warmers, foot warmers, socks, and blankets).
 - o Help with utility payments, distributed through Yukon Sharing, Compassionate Hands, and the Salvation Army. (the average monthly electric bill for a family in Canadian County is \$250.00 per month)
- Please help keep our neighbors warm this winter.

In the Narthex you will find a bucket for hand and feet warmers along with a place for hats, mittens/gloves, scarfs and blankets. Donations of money for Light Up The Darkness can go in the offering, please just indicate that it is for Light Up The Darkness .

We will be collect money and items January 7th through February 11th



Please join us for a women’s bible study Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8PM. We are currently using “Fascinating Bible Studies on Every Parable” by Dr. William H. Marty. Each week will be an independent lesson making it easier to drop in and out as your schedule permits. Please call or text Donna Gorrell (405)205-9385 if you would like to join us or have any questions. Books may be purchased on Amazon for approximately \$12.

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.

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

RLC Youth of the Month—Cheyenne Eck!



Cheyenne's family includes: dad Justin, mom Emily, brother Jake, sister Ginevera, grandfather Thomas Young, Aunt Jett Davis. Pet dogs KC, Sirius, Cole and Clover

Cheyenne is in 9th grade and attending Yukon High School

In her spare time, **Cheyenne** likes to play on her phone, watch YouTube, Netflix and Peacock.

Cheyenne is involved in Special Olympics.

At church, **Cheyenne** helps with ushering, setting up communion, greeting and VBS.

We are blessed that Cheyenne and her family is part of our RLC Family!

If you would like to be featured as student on the month, please send your information to Lori B. Thank you!



Attention to all church committees and groups! If you would like to submit a short report for our "2023 congregational summary," please send an email to Jenifer@rlcok.org by January 31, 2024. Thank you!



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.

Lysa Baker, complications with cancer.

Melodee Daily. She just found out that she has a very aggressive form of cancer.

Emma Wassilak's nephew **Gustave 2**, healing and peace.

Pam Metscher, shoulder surgery 1/10 prayers of 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.

Ted Shell, the paternal grandfather of Barbara's great-grandson, Drew who attends Res Kids. Ted is 70 yrs old, recently diagnosed with late stage cancer in his esophagus, lungs, and around his heart. He's in hospice care expected to live only weeks. Prayers for peace and comfort for Ted and all who love him.

Ryan Tharp, treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

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.

Events

From 1/20 to 1/28/24

January 20

- Events
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM RSVP Helmes
Location: fellowship hall
Notes:

January 21

- Events
- 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM Confirmation Class
Notes:
- 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM Worship Service
Notes:
- 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM Sunday School
Notes:
- 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM Next Step Meetin
Notes:

January 22

- Events
- 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM RES Kids
Notes:
- 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Support Group/mental illness
Notes:
- 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Gorrell/Westside R/C
Notes:

January 23

- Events
- 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM MDO
Notes:
- 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Cub Scouts
Notes:

January 24

- Events
- 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM RES Kids
Notes:
- 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Wed4Lokal
Notes:
- 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Wed Night Dinner/Bible Study
Notes:

January 25

- Events
- 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM MDO
Notes:

- 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Pray@Dale Robinson
Notes:

January 26

- Events
- 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM RES Kids
Notes:

January 27

- No Entry

January 28

- Events
- 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM Confirmation Class
Notes:
- 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM Emily Eck Assistant minister for 4th Sunday
Invitees: Lori Barthelmes, emily.eck82@gmail.com, jenifer@rlcok.org, pfrancel@gmail.com, Mark Borseth, lgigstad@gmail.com, justin_eck@yahoo.com (None: +1 (405) 406-5461)

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- 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM Worship Service
Notes:
- 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM Sunday School
Notes:
- 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM Monthly Council Meeting
Location: zoom meeting
Invitees: steve@rlcok.org, tharpsteve@gmail.com, council members, office@rlcok.org (work: 405 354-3322)
Notes: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4637039774?pwd=VTNISEJpR2svV2lvdXA4d3lyWVpRQT09>

link for meeting

- 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Council Meeting
Notes: