



Resurrection Review

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 7

No YogAlign Class

Sunday, January 10

8:00 am Worship

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Annual Mtg

Monday, January 11

6:00 pm Vestry Mtg

Tuesday, January 12

11:00 am Fiber Arts

Thursday, January 14

5:30 am YogiAlign

Saturday, January 16

3:00 pm Celebration of Life
for David Gurule

Office hours: Mon 12-3pm, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-12pm, Thur 10-1pm

Dear Friends,

This morning I drove by the vet's office catty corner to us on Sullivan road. Outside their billboard posted this challenge: "*This year. . . be as awesome as your dog thinks you are.*" Very clever indeed! Who could ever doubt a dog's appraisal of our worth? But I found myself wondering, why stop there? Why not make this the year *we* all become *as awesome as our God thinks we are*? Keep in mind this is the same God who, as one mystic once said, carries each one of our pictures in his back billfold.

One of the best ways to become more awesome and, indeed, God-like is to make this a year where we stretch even more into the spiritual practice of forgiveness. This morning I'm taking notes on how to do this from one of Henri Nouwen's reflections in his classic **Bread for the Journey**:

One of the hardest things in life is to let go of old hurts. We often say, or at least think: "What you did to me and my family, my ancestors, or my friends I cannot forget or forgive. . . . One day you will have to pay for it." Sometimes our memories are decades, even centuries, old and keep asking for revenge.

Holding people's faults against them often creates an impenetrable wall. But listen to Paul: "For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old order is gone and a new being is there to see. It is all God's work" (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). Indeed, we cannot let go of old hurts, but God can. Paul says: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not holding anyone's fault against them" (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is God's work, but we are God's ministers, because the God who reconciled the world to God entrusted to us "the message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19). This message calls us to let go of old hurts in the Name of God. It is the message our world most needs to hear.

This coming week at our Annual meeting, after the 10:00 service and yummy potluck, we will talk about the way God is making all things new here at our beloved Church of the Resurrection. We hope and pray that the good things God has already begun in all of us will continue to bring good news to this hurting world.

*First Sunday after
the Epiphany*

Blessings,
Rev. Linda

Save the Date



The Resurrection Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 10th, following the 10am service. Please join us as we discuss our numerous accomplishments during the 2015 year, say goodbye to Vestry members who are completing their term, vote in new members, and discuss our vision for a full 2016 year.



Christmas Eve Service

A Celebration of Life for David Gurule

It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner David Gurule. Please join us for a celebration of a life well lived on Saturday, January 16 at 3:00pm.



“You’ve Got Mail”



This Christmas the church has been gifted by an anonymous donor who has agreed to fund the project of making our church internet accessible. Many, many thanks generous donor! This should, among other things, make our facility more capable of serving other groups and functions during the week. If you know of a worthy group looking for space to rent or use, please contact the parish office at 509-926-6450.

Sunday Market News



The Sunday Market money, \$1,052, went towards the recent lighting improvements in the church - new LED bulbs, new lights, dimmers, wiring, etc., etc.

In addition, we were able to add \$175 to our earnings due to a parishioner selling some stuff on Ebay. So it was a Grand Total of **\$1,227.50**

To all the donors and to the buyers - Wonderful, thank you so much. Pat yourselves on the back lots of times. I think it is so great when we do a parish project and can fund an improvements project with the money.

Over the past 5 years, we have had rugs cleaned, put doors on the cabinets in the kitchen, installed irrigation systems, painted outside trim boards, supported the youth group, the Sunday school, and the garden and repaired some lights in the parking lot.

You are wonderful!!!
Lynn

Bishop’s Visit

On Sunday, February 7th, Bishop Waggoner will be coming to Resurrection for his annual visit. If you would like to be confirmed



or received, please contact the office so we can make preparations.

A good life is when you assume nothing, do more, need less, smile often, dream big, laugh alot, and realize how blessed you are.

Upcoming 2016 Eastern Washington State Legislature Conference



Area faith leaders and nonprofit agencies will share information on critical issues—education, the environment, criminal justice, hunger, housing, jobs, education, justice, equality, taxes and more—before the Eastern Washington State Legislature on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 316 E. 24th Ave.

Organizers include The Fig Tree, Catholic Charities Spokane, the Faith Action Network and the Inland United Methodist District. For information, call 535-1813 or email mary@thefigtree.org, or click <http://www.thefigtree.org/newsreports.html>.

Friday Family Dances

Looking for a fun free activity for the family? Head to St. John’s Cathedral (127 E 12th Ave) on Friday, January 8th for some line, circle, square, folk, contra and novelty dancing. No experience necessary partner required. Live music and a potluck at 6:30pm, with dancing from 7-8pm. This event will be held on the first Friday of each month, through May. Donations will be accepted for the band.



Nature Connects: Art with Lego Bricks

Looking for a fun activity for the whole family? The Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (2316 W First Ave) has a wonderful exhibit of over 27 giant sculptures created from over 500,000 lego bricks, including an 8 foot tall hummingbird. This exhibit will be available until Feb 7. Admission is \$10 adults, \$7.50 seniors, and \$5 children 6-18 and college students.



Assisting with Worship	
Jan 10	
SubDeacon:	
8am:	John Sahr
10am:	John Richardson
LEM:	
8am:	
10am:	Carol Allen
Lectors:	
8am:	Roger Barenz
10am:	Lyn Ferguson
Acolytes:	Natalie Hulvey
Ushers:	
	Tim Lape
	Scott Oakshott
Altar Guild:	
	Lucia Hubbard
	Sharon Morrison
Counters:	
	Karen Gertson
	Merry Young

YogAlign

Have you ever wanted to try Yoga? Or wanted to start taking classes again? On Thursday, November 19th Lynn Weedmark will continue her YogAlign class at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. This class will take place every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm and best of all it is FREE. All fitness levels and ages are welcome!



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Lessons for January 10

FIRST LESSON: (Isaiah 43:1-7) The Lord assures Israel that they are his chosen people. They are not to fear; he will save them.

PSALM: (Psalm 29) The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a mighty thunderstorm.

SECOND LESSON: (Acts 8:14-17) Even when having received the outpouring of God's gifts in baptism, one should not be surprised to see that God's Spirit still awaits with even more wondrous gifts for us.

GOSPEL: (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22) The story of Jesus' baptism.



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