



Resurrection Review

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 3

1:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, May 4

4:30 pm Yoga Align
5:30 pm Yoga Align Adv.

Sunday, May 7

8:00 am Worship
10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, May 9

11:00 am Fiber Arts

Wednesday, May 10

1:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, May 11

4:30 pm Yoga Align
5:30 pm Yoga Align Adv.

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

Dear Friends,

This coming 4th Sunday of Easter is a real treat. Among a trove of other beautiful prayers, on that day we pray the **Mona Lisa** of all prayers: the 23rd Psalm. By way of anticipating words of such haunting beauty as: "***The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want***", we might pause to wonder out loud, why do we pray at all? Does prayer work? Does the Good Shepherd care about my prayers, or am I simply talking to myself?

Let me share a few encouraging words about prayer from Peter W Marty, the editor one of my favorite journals, **The Christian Century**.

I propose that we radically alter the way we talk about prayer by eliminating the use of the word *answer* from our references to prayer outcomes. The word doesn't fit well conceptually, and it encourages an interpretation of prayer that leans heavily toward self-interest. ***Prayer is not mostly about us*** (my emphasis).

At its most fundamental level, prayer is conversation with God, and conversations aren't about answers. They engage a relationship. They involved give and take and the sharing of company. Deep conversations inspire curiosity and promote discovery. They foster honesty.

Some people suggest that the first purpose of prayer is to know God. I rather think it is to enjoy God. Prayer is really no more complicated than picking up on a relationship already in progress. Robert Farrar Capon put it memorably: "Prayer is just talking to someone who is already talking to you. [It's] listening to someone who is already listening to you."

The more persistently we hang in there with prayer, the more we encounter a God who does not provide an answer to our every want, but who offers strength for our every need . . . In the end, prayer is about putting away our quest for answers long enough to enjoy the Lord in an unencumbered way. (*Christian Century*, April 12, 2017, 3)."

It matters not only that we pray, but that we pray together. Sheep need to hang together. Where else do we learn to enjoy the voice of the true and knowable Shepherd?

*The Fourth Sunday
of Easter*

Blessings,
Rev. Linda



Church Work Day

Join your Vestry and other members of Resurrection for a day filled with beautifying the church, playing, and **eating**. Our annual church outside clean- up day will be **May 6th, starting at 9am. Pizza and Drinks will be provided.**

Community Life Volunteers Needed



Marie Mitchell is looking for helpers who would be willing to assist her in the organizing, preparing, and clean-up of church dinners. If you can spare some time, please contact Marie at 795-4198

Rev. Linda Schedule for May

May 8-10: Clergy Conference

May 11 -19: Vacation

If you have any Pastoral Care Needs (or need help with anything else) during these days, please contact the office and we will help you get in touch with the Parishioner covering at that time.



A Big Thank you to all those who contributed to the 2nd Collection taken on Easter Sunday for Mercy Corps. Thanks to them we were able to send a check for \$747 to help those suffering from the famine in Sudan.

Directory Updates



It has been 2 years since our last directory was published and since that time, we have had quite a few families join us at Resurrection.

A lot of Parishioners have already received an email or phone call, asking them to confirm their information for the newest directory. However, if you haven't or have not responded yet, **please contact the office soon, by phone 509-926-6450 or email office@resurrectionspokane.org so we can make sure your information is published correctly in our latest edition.**



The Girl Scouts Are Coming to Resurrection



We are starting a Girl Scouts Daisy troop at our church! Daisies are girls at least 5 years old in Kindergarten or 1st Grade. We are working with the local Girl Scout council to begin enrolling girls and volunteers. If you are curious about volunteering with our new Daisy Troop, please contact Diana Heimerdinger at 927-9678. If you have girls of any age who are interested in joining, they can stop by to find out more information and receive a free Girl Scout activity to take home.

Free Pediatric Orthopaedic Screening

As a parent, nothing is more comforting than piece of mind. On Saturday, May 13th the Shriners will host their annual Free Pediatric Orthopaedic Screening Clinic at the Spokane Valley Hospital (12606 E Mission) from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Bring your child in for their free screening.



CAMP CROSS DAY

YOU'RE INVITED Join the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane in a day of celebration for the work and ministry of Camp Cross, **May 21st.**

- Wear your Camp Cross Gear
- Listen to shared Camp Cross experiences from current or former campers
- Lift up the many volunteers and staff working hard to create a fun, safe, and healthy camp experience.
- Sign up for a camp session

Offerings in support of the Camp Cross Campership Fund will be taken to provide campers in need of financial support to attend camp sessions.

Yogalign Classes

Intro to Yogalign is designed for those new to the Yogalign method of exercise. Yogalign uses safe and painless body positions and breathing techniques to achieve optimal alignment and increase strength, flexibility, and joy. Yogalign Level 2 is designed for those familiar with the Yogalign principles of optimal alignment and breathing. **Classes are free, but donations are welcomed.** Please contact Lynn 939-5740 if you have any questions!



Assisting with Worship May 7

SubDeacon:

8am:
10am: John Richardson

LEM:

8am: Pat Munts
10am: Jeremy Armstrong

Lectors:

8am: Maxine Schmitz
10am: Steve Grovdahl

Acolytes: Brooke & Tristan
Geffrey-Bowler

Altar Guild: Sharon Morrison
Cheryl Albaugh

Ushers: Tim Lape
Scott Oakshott

Counters: Karen Gertson
Merry Young

St. Stephen's Rummage Sale

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (5720 S Perry St.) will be holding a Rummage Sale to Benefit the Community Outreach on May 4 (8-4), May 5 (8-4) and May 6 (8-2). For more information please call 448-2255.



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Worship Pat Munts

Community Life Marie Mitchell

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(especially monetary) to:

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Lessons for May 7

FIRST LESSON: (Acts 2:42-47) A summary of the preaching and other activities of the early Christian community in Jerusalem.

PSALM: (Psalm 23) The Lord is shepherd and guide. He is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

SECOND LESSON: (1 Peter 2:19-25) Disciples are called to bear undeserved suffering with patience, even as Christ has set an example for us, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

GOSPEL: (John 10:1-10) Two related images in which Jesus is first the shepherd in charge of the sheep and then the gate through which the sheep enter.



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