



REZKIDS FAMILY

DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE

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PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ.
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 829)

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A NOTE FROM AMY

Dear Rez Families,

Welcome to the Family Devotional Resource! The bulk of a child's spiritual formation happens amidst the activities, meals, and conversations of daily family life. RezKids wants to support your family by giving you ideas for devotions, prayer, worship and activities that your family can do together to worship the Lord.

This fall the church leaders believe the Lord is calling Resurrection to enter a season of fervent prayer. Our children are an integral part of that call! While I was praying for our ministry this year, the Lord gave me an image of a father and son praying together in the All Saints Chapel. They were telling God they loved him and then receiving a deep sense of comfort knowing their family was in God's hands. I believe our families can lead the church in prayer as they pray together in their homes. Children are often overlooked when we talk about prayer. A child's prayers are not long or elaborate but they are honest and profound. Even if your child can't carry a conversation, they can talk to God!

Family worship is more important than ever if we are to grow in prayer as a church. In this Family Devotional Resource we focus on family prayer. We explore unique ways for children of all ages to talk to Jesus in a way that fits their abilities. I hope the ideas of praying through art, scripture, liturgy and writing help your family's prayer life blossom.

In addition to prayer, the Devotionals delve into Jesus parables of seeking what is lost. Our Living Liturgically section highlights the role of the Bishop as we anticipate Father Stewart's consecration. And we introduce our fantastic RezKids Sunday leadership team who welcome children into worship each week.

I am praying that your family grows closer to each other and Jesus this fall!

Blessings and joy,



Amy Patton
Children's Pastor



FAMILY WORSHIP

Setting aside time for the Word, prayer and fellowship are essential for your family's life together. Worshiping together knits you together as a family and together with Christ.

Worshiping at Home

This Fall we have created a simple liturgy to use with Family Devotions. There is an opening and closing response, prayer, and a time to read the Bible passage & discuss using the devotionals.

Gather in a circle facing a cross. Have a parent or child lead the devotion while letting other family members lead sections.

Materials Needed:

- Bible
- Devotionals

Family: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Leader: Lord open our lips.

Family: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Complete one of the devotionals.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Family: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Almighty God, You are our Father.

Family: We worship you.

Leader: Thank you for sending us your only Son, Jesus.

Family: We worship you.

Leader: Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit to live with us.

Family: We worship you.

Leader: Father, Son & Holy Spirit:

Leader: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Prayer: Pray together as a family. Ideas for all ages are found on pages 10 -12.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

Family: Thanks be to God.

Devotionals

*Each devotional contains different components to enrich your worship. The **Anticipate** question builds interest and curiosity. **Going Deeper** provides additional context or resources to supplement the passage. The **Explore** discussion questions target multiple age levels and encourage your family to apply the Scripture to your lives. The **Concrete Connection** at the end of each devotional is a fun activity including service opportunities, games and outings.*

The Lost Sheep

Anticipate

Describe how much you think a shepherd cares about the sheep in his flock.

Luke 15:1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Going Deeper

Did you know that Shepherding is the first job mentioned in the Bible? In Genesis 4, we read that Abel was a shepherd. King David was a Shepherd and wrote Psalm 23, which is about sheep. Shepherds were also the first people to come

visit Mary and Joseph at Jesus' birth. Jesus, who was speaking in this passage, also talks in John 10 about the Good Shepherd, Himself. Oh, how our Good Shepherd delights in us, His sheep, especially when those who are lost have been found.

Explore

- Why do you think Jesus accepted and chose to eat with people that the Pharisees called sinners?
- In what way did the passage describe how a shepherd cares for the sheep in his flock? Was this similar or different to what you described before reading the passage?
- How can you celebrate with others for choosing to follow Jesus?

Concrete Connections

Pop some popcorn! You may want to grab some paper (cardstock may work best!), glue, and coloring utensils, too. Draw a sheep on your paper. Color your picture around the sheep. Crush up some of that popcorn and glue it to the sheep. You now have a fun sheep picture and a tasty snack to enjoy, too.

The Lost Coin

Anticipate

What is your most valuable possession?

Luke 15:8-10

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Going Deeper

A lost silver coin may seem like a trivial thing in today’s world, where we may see ten quarters over the course of a single day. But for those living in Jerusalem long ago, a person had to work a whole day in order to earn a single coin! And in order to save up that coin, a family would have to make sacrifices. Let’s just say, it wouldn’t be easy. This woman looked for that coin high and low, and did not give up in searching until she found it. This indicates a few things about the woman, and about the coin. First, the woman knows that the coin is hers, and is in the house. She is looking for something she knows should be there. Second, the woman does not give up until she finds it because it is valuable to her. She is so happy that she tells everyone she knows that she found the lost coin. Just as the woman knows the coin is hers, Jesus knows the people he has called who are lost and need finding.

Just as she knows that the coin which is hers is in her house, just as the people God has called are His. Finally, just as the coin is as valuable as a day’s wages to the woman, so we are also valuable in the sight of God. When we sin, we become lost, and confused, and can’t see the presence of God in our lives. When this happens, God diligently searches for us, wanting to forgive us of being lost, until we repent.

Explore

- How do you think the woman in this story felt when she lost her coin?
- How would you feel if you lost the item that you described before the story?
- How would you celebrate if you found your special item again?

Concrete Connections (choose one of these to do as a family)

Option 1

The valuable things to God are his people. In the same way, we should think the people in our lives are the most important too! Think of ten people in your life that are important to you. What would you feel like if one of them was lost, and you couldn’t find them? Draw five to ten circles on a piece of paper to represent the ten coins in the parable, and then write in each circle the name of a person that you care for, and a picture of that person.

Option 2

The valuable things to God are his people. In the same way, we should think the people in our lives are the most important too! Get together with your friends and family, and get ready to play a game of hide and seek! Decide who is going to be ‘it’ first, and then have the other people hide in various places around the room. (Make sure the room you are playing in doesn’t have many breakables. Take a piece of cloth (a handkerchief, an old shirt, etc) and have someone tie it on over your eyes so that you cannot see. Once everyone has hidden, take off your blindfold and search for your family.

Option 3

Have you ever lost something precious to you in your life? Have you ever felt lost? Draw a picture of a time when either you were lost, or had lost something, and then found it again. Try to show through the picture what that felt like.

The Lost Son

Anticipate

Describe some one that you love very much.

Luke 15:11-32

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed

the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Going Deeper

In these verses, we see how God the Father interacts with his children when they are separated from him. In Genesis 46, we see Jacob reunited with his long lost son, Joseph. In Ephesians 2:4-5 and Zechariah 3:4 God shows us his great love and mercy. In Genesis 45:14-15, we see brothers acting very differently than the ones in this parable.

Explore

- How did the father show his love to each of his sons?
- How do you show love to your family?
- What are some ways you can celebrate the love between you and your family?

Concrete Connections

The father hugged and kissed his son and then threw him a party. Find your parents and siblings and give them a big hug and kiss. Can you draw a picture of your whole family having a party?

The Shrewd Manager

Anticipate

Discuss what you think it means to be generous.

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Going Deeper

Through this parable, Jesus is asking us to use what he gives us well. We are supposed to be generous with what we have. Many times in the Bible, God tells us to share what we have with others and promises to bless those who do. In Acts 2 the Bible tells us about the early church and how they shared their belongings with each other. Another good example of generosity is Abraham. In Genesis 13 he allowed his nephew Lot to take the good land and kept the “not so good” land for himself. The Bible tells us that God blessed Abraham because of his generosity.

Explore

- Discuss how the manager could or could not be trusted.
- How was the manager serving two different masters?
- In what ways could you practice being generous as a family?

Concrete Connections

Let’s practice being generous. Together as a family, make something nice. You can bake, cook, or do a pretty craft. You might try out the Cheese Cake recipe below. Once you’ve finished, take what you made over to your neighbor as a gift. You can share with them what you are learning about generosity.

Cheese Cake with Preserves

- 2 (8oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- pie filling (blueberry is good)
- 4 Tbsp. butter
- 1 small pkg. of graham crackers

Mix together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Add two eggs and mix well. To make the piecrust, blend graham crackers and melted butter. Spread the piecrust in a pie pan and pour filling into it. Spoon some pie filling (as desired) on top and swirl with a knife. Bake for 40 minutes at 350° F. Refrigerate once cool.

Prayers

Praying together is a great way to encounter Jesus and listen to him together as a family. As our church focuses on growing in prayer during this season, we also encourage you to make growing in prayer a priority for your 'little church' in your home. Use these liturgical prayers and prayer-time ideas as a guide in developing your family prayer life together.

Liturgical Prayers

Psalm 136

Adapted from Psalm 136. This is a great prayer to pray right before going to bed! For younger children, you can change the family refrain to: His love never ends; or, His love is forever.

Leader: **The Lord be with you.**
Family: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
Family: **His love endures forever.**
Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods
Family: **His love endures forever.**
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
Family: **His love endures forever.**
Leader: to him who alone does great wonders,
Family: **His love endures forever.**
Leader: who by his understanding made the heavens,
Family: **His love endures forever.**
Leader: who spread out the earth upon the waters,
Family: **His love endures forever.**
Leader: who made the great lights –
Family: **His love endures forever.**
Leader: The sun to govern the day,
Family: **His love endures forever.**
Leader: the moon and stars to govern the nights;
Family: **His love endures forever.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pray as a family the prayer that the Lord Jesus taught us to pray. This is the version in the Book of Common Prayer that we pray every Sunday as a church family. Explain some of the more difficult words so that children can better engage.

Hallowed means to be revered, and honored as holy. God is so great and wonderful, mighty and awesome, that even his name is holy, is set apart.

Tresspasses means our sins, the ways in which we go against God. Have you ever seen a 'no trespassing' sign? That means you are not supposed to walk or go in that place. In the same way, when we trespass against God, we walk where he tells us not to walk, we do what He has told us not to do.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
For ever and ever,
Amen.

Prayer at the Start of Day

This is a great prayer to pray out loud as a family together at the beginning of each day, even if it is in the car on the way to school!

Lord, I offer you this day, in all I think or do or say.
Lord, teach me all that I should know; in grace and wisdom I may grow.
The more I learn to do your will, the better may I love you still.
Amen.

Prayer for Families

Adapted from the Prayer for the Human Family from the Book of Common Prayer (p. 815)

O God, you made us in your own image, and saved us through your Son Jesus: Look with compassion on our family; take away any anger or division, and break down any walls that separate us. Give us your love for one another. May we serve you together, and may you work through us.

Prayer Models

ACTS Prayer Model

This model works well because it prompts children and identifies the unique ways to pray. It can take time and requires modeling for younger children. If you notice your kids only have supplications, encourage them to think of other prayers. You can incorporate ACTS without doing the complete model by identifying what type a prayer request is directly after a child says it.

Adoration - praising God for who He is

Confession - admitting our sins (can have a quiet time of confession)

Thanksgiving - expressing our gratitude for all God has done

Supplication - lifting our concerns to Christ

JOY Prayer Model

This model is easy to remember, and helps children thank Jesus and pray for other people. This prayer model is best for younger children.

J = Jesus – thanking God for Jesus & what He did for us.

O = Others – offering prayers for family members, friends, pastors, etc.

Y = Yourself – confessing sin and praying for personal needs.

Prayer Activities

Praying in Color

Children of all ages (and adults too!) can pray through coloring. Coloring prayers can help some children focus and connect to God better. Children can color while the family is praying out loud together, or as they are praying silently alone.

Materials Needed:

- 1) Paper
- 2) Pen
- 3) Colored markers or colored pencils or colored gel pens
- 4) A table or clipboard or book to put your paper on.

How to Get Started:

- 1) Have your child (or you) write a name for God on a piece of paper (e.g: Loving God, Gracious God, Holy God, etc). Draw a shape around it or just start to doodle. The drawing becomes a prayer space, a small prayer closet.
- 2) Add small marks and shapes. Focus on the name you chose. Ask God to be part of your prayer time, with or without words.
- 3) To pray for a person, write their name on the page. Draw around it. Keep coloring as you release that person into God's care. To pray for a specific prayer requests, write (or draw out) the prayer request. Draw around it. Keep coloring as you bring that request to God.
- 4) Add other people or prayer requests to your drawing. Before each addition, take a breath or say 'Amen.'

Prayer Journal

Have children write out their prayers to God as a letter to Him. This can help some children focus better during prayer. Encourage them to take 'listening breaks' during prayer time, where they wait to hear from the Lord. If they think they hear His voice, have them write what he is saying to them down in the journal.

Prayer Wall

Create a prayer wall for the week. Designate a wall and put out papers and pens. Encourage your family to put up prayer requests during the week. Then family members can spend time at the prayer wall praying for each other's concerns.

Praying God's Character from A-Z

Praise God by naming traits or characteristics that describe him as you go through the alphabet. For example: Thank you, God, for **A**lways keeping your promises; thank you, God, for **B**eing holy; thank you, God, that you are **C**ompassionate; etc. You can divide up the alphabet so you do a few letters each time you pray.

Praying Bible Verses & the Psalms

Use verses you are memorizing as a family to pray! Pray the verse slowly, meditating on the words and phrases of the verse.

FAMILY LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Meet the RezKids Hosts

Q: We asked Children's Pastor Amy Patton, "What is the role of a RezKids room host?"

A: Hosts lead each room to create a cohesive, spirit-filled worship service for our children. The host leads their shepherds so that each shepherd can build transformative relationships with our children. Each host has served previously in RezKids and has developed rich relationships with our families.



Dan Easley (9:00 Nursery) has faithfully served in the Nursery for the past 6 years, and has helped develop a wonderful, simple worship time for the nursery children. He has been married to Lois Easley for

almost 30 years, and they have two grown sons, Benjamin and Christopher (who just got married this summer!). Having his own children, Dan understands the importance of giving love, safety and nurture to small children. Dan works as an IT manager for McDonalds.



Keith Davis (11:00 Nursery) started attending Rez 9 years ago, and has served in the nursery most of that time, bringing joy to the little ones as they also bring him joy. Now a grandfather after raising three boys with Lori, his wife of 38

years, Keith's family remains at the top of his priority list and continues to increase his joy capacity on a daily basis.



Sarah Roney (9:00 2's) has been at Rez for three years now and has loved every minute of it. If she is not chasing her two heaven-sent toddlers, she loves to run, drink strong coffee, take pictures and write. Her family

means the world to her, and included in that sentiment is Rez. This church family has been incredible and she is delighted to serve in the 2 year old classroom for a second year in a row.



Elizabeth Roberts (11:00 2's) has been attending Church of the Resurrection since 2006, and she hosts the 2 year-olds at 11:00 am. She lives in Wheaton with her husband, Adam

Beyer. During the week, she is a French teacher to elementary and middle school students. She enjoys seeing kids grow and discover new things, and she hopes to share God's love with Rezkids this year. In her free time, she enjoys knitting, reading, traveling, and cooking--especially cooking from Adam's garden!



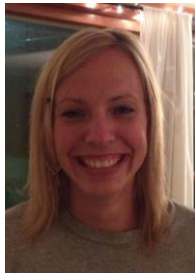
Jake Schlossberg (9:00 3's) has been attending Rez for a few years, and became a member last Pentecost. After doing a fantastic job as a shepherd this past spring and summer, he will host the threes at the 9

am service, as well as serving as an intern with RezKids. He can usually be found playing softball, football, or basketball, or reading.



Mark Peterson (9:00 3's) has attended Resurrection since 1997, and has been involved in children's ministry on and off since 2000. He and his wife have 6 children, and Mark works as an internal medicine physician.

He takes his family on a road trip of at least 2000 miles every summer.



Jenn Ranter (9:00 4s&5s) is excited to be the Host for the 4s&5s for a second year. In 2009, Jenn moved from Canada to attend the graduate school at Wheaton College. She received her masters in Clinical Psychology and works as a

therapist for children in foster care. Jenn loves working with kids, and has a passion for entering into the healing process with them.



Ridgeway Burns (11:00 4s&5s) is hosting for a second year in preschool. He also is the fantastic storyteller for our 3s & 4&5s at the 11:00 service. You might recognize "Mr. Ridgeway" from the Children's Library at Glen Ellyn Public Library. RW has

been at Church of the Rez for 8 years, but is originally from Southern California, and grew up on a camp called Forest Home.



Michelle Young (9:00 Elementary) is going into her second year of 9:00 RezKids Host. She loves the elementary kids and looks forward to seeing their bright faces each Sunday. Parents of 3 grown kids,

Michelle and her husband, Lane, (the Youth Pastor at Rez) are new "empty nesters," as their youngest daughter went to college this fall. She loves to cook, bring order to chaos, and be outside whenever she isn't working at STARS Resale shop.



Chris Wilson (11:00 Elementary) began attending Rez three years ago as a Wheaton College student and hasn't stopped yet (except for the six months he taught English in Haiti). After a fantastic year as

the 11am 2nd grade shepherd, Chris is moving to 11am elementary host and is looking forward to getting to know more of the kids and their parents. If Chris was a superhero he'd want to be NT Wright.

Living Liturgically

Church of the Resurrection cherishes the traditions, symbols and rituals the Church has practiced for centuries. These traditions greatly enrich our faith and help us live within the common life of the Church. Although children notice these traditions, they can be confusing if not clearly explained. By explaining colors and calendars, rituals and rites we are acknowledging children's place within the Great Tradition. Enjoy pointing out the traditions together on Sunday!

The Bishop: Grandfather and Glue

Have you ever been to a family reunion? Perhaps your family makes the long trip every year for an annual gathering of cousins and aunts and uncles. Do you ever wonder why extended families make the effort to get together? Or maybe the question is better put this way: do you ever wonder why we often feel like we *should* get together with all our family members, even if we often don't? The answer is very simple. Each family member comes from the same place—grandparents.

It's worth taking the trip, whether long or short, to gather with your extended family because you are living parts of it. Your family belongs to the same grandfather and shares in his name. The family of God is the same way. When we are baptized, we are born into the Church by power of the Holy Spirit, and God becomes family to us. He gives us his name. But how do we know for sure that we belong to the Church? Spiritual Grandfathers. In other words, Bishops.

Jesus sent his 12 apostles to shepherd his family and to be the first grandfathers in the church. From the apostles came bishops, from those bishops came more bishops, and on and on. Think of it like a two-

thousand-year-long game of connect the dots. Each dot is a bishop, connecting us to the apostles and ultimately to Jesus himself! The bishop is the grandfather among us, assuring our place is the family of God. Every time we gather for worship under the ministry of our bishop, it's a family reunion!

You might be thinking, "It's great that bishops are our grandfathers, but two thousand years is a long time. It seems like Jesus is really far back from where I am now." It might seem that way at first, but God has done something profound. He hasn't just made bishops the grandfathers of the Church, he has made them the glue!

The job of glue is to stick things together, and that is exactly what the ministry of the bishop does. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he made it very clear to his apostles that their job was to continue his ministry. He gave them a special grace to be his hands and feet and to draw others to God. That glue-like grace is given to every bishop. When we see a bishop in the Church, it is like we are looking right at Jesus! Just as glue disappears when it does its job, the bishop disappears when he does his job. We end up being stuck to Jesus, and Jesus ends up being stuck to us.

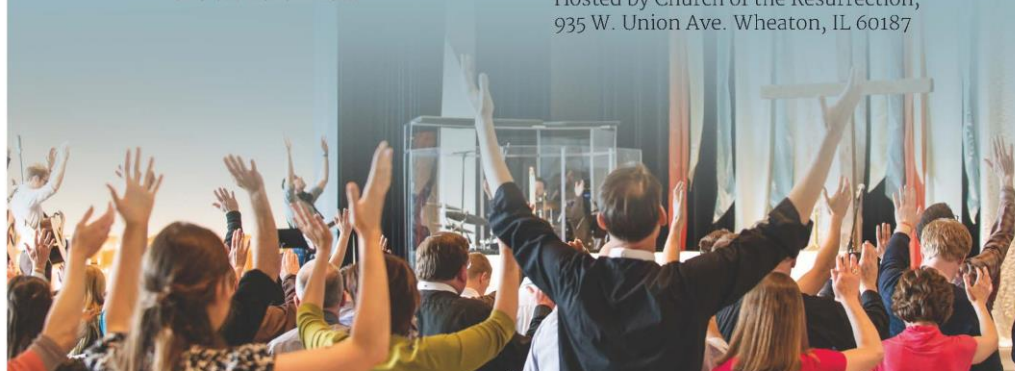
Something to try

After Father Stewart is made a bishop in the ACNA, ask him if he likes being like glue. See what he says.

YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED

Join us as we worship together for the first time as the Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest on the occasion of the consecration of our first bishop, Stewart E. Ruch III.

The vision of our diocese is to build a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit, where congregations are multiplied and communities are transformed!



DIOCESE AND BISHOP'S GIFTS

If you would like to support the Diocese by giving a gift toward the purchase of the Bishop's vestments and other signs of the office of Bishop, please visit www.midwestanglican.org.

RSVP

Please visit www.midwestanglican.org to RSVP so that we can prepare to welcome you.

—Arrange for a hotel (\$85 a night, Hampton Inn) or host homes

—RSVP for childcare and meals

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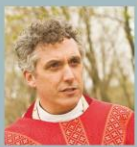
WEEKEND

September 27-28



You are the temple
of the Holy Spirit.

A WORD FROM THE BISHOP-ELECT:



Greetings in the name of our Lord! It is my joy to invite you to the Consecration Weekend! As members of each parish come together for this weekend, it is our prayer that we would experience three things:

Impartation—It is my hope that this weekend will be a time of impartation from the Spirit to equip us for the work ahead.

Intercession—We want to have time to intercede together for one another and our new partnership.

Integration—We look forward to building godly friendships that the Lord can use to bring about a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by his Holy Spirit.

Your brother,
Stewart Ruch III

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 26

Worship and Vision Gathering

Friday afternoon will be an opportunity for us to worship, hear from Bishop-elect Stewart and from Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi and his wife Mama Gloria of Nigeria, and spend time together in prayer for the diocese and one another.

— 12:00 pm Bishop-elect Stewart: "You Are God's Temple: Building a Revival of Word and Sacrament through the Local Church"

— 2:00 pm Break with refreshments

— 2:30 pm Archbishop Benjamin and Gloria Kwashi of Jos, Nigeria:

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26

Dinner and Music

—6:00 pm Dinner (approx. \$5 per adult, \$2 for children under 12, families pay maximum of \$15)

—7:00 pm Outdoor Folk Music Concert

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Consecration Service

— 10:00 am Consecration Service led by Archbishop Bob Duncan

—12:30 pm Reception and Fellowship Time

WHY A DIOCESE?

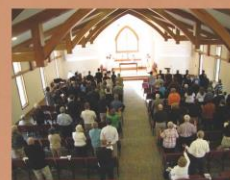
Because we want to see a revival in our day—a move of the Spirit of God! The Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest is a group of 23 churches and 5 church plants organized into four deaneries: Chicagoland, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Greenhouse. Why deaneries? Because we have a vision for a revival that not only plants churches, but plants dioceses.



Minnesota Deanery



Greenhouse Deanery



Wisconsin Deanery



Chicagoland Deanery

Small Groups Nourish Games Grow Discover Construct
Explore Faith Nurture Uncover Form Truth Community Life Build
Activity Welcome Connect Design Imagine Learn Create

1st – 5th Graders, join us this Fall as we launch

RezKids Midweek

A place for elementary children to grow in faith & friendship.
Discover God's Word, Worship & Sacraments.

All Saints Term: October 2 – December 11

Wednesday Nights

7 – 8:30pm

RezKids Worship Room

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to
God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

