



WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship
- 10:30AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30AM Sunday school

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Installation of the Presiding Bishop

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. CDT
Central Lutheran Church | Minneapolis, Minn.



The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected as the next presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Ariz., on July 30, 2025. He will begin this role on Oct. 1 and be installed on **Oct. 4** in Minneapolis. Read Bishop Curry's Bio [HERE](#). For more information, and to receive a link to the live streamed service of Installation click [HERE](#).



EXCITING NEWS! We've hired a family ministry Director. Sal Espino will join us in early November bringing his many years of experience in children, youth, and family ministry in churches from California to Georgia currently. Sal's heart to share the gospel with students is apparent in all he does. We're excited for him to share his humor, energy and faith with us and know he is too. Those of you who met in in August will be happy for him to join. We can't wait to introduce the rest of the congregation to him in early

November. Sal is saying goodbyes to his current church and searching for rooms or apartments to rent locally. We thank God for uniting us and rely on His guidance and grace for a fruitful future.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

While I sometimes struggle with Paul, I do feel that he has a way of getting to a point (eventually) that is important for us as people of faith. In the above verses, I feel like he really understands community and emphasizes how important it is for us to recognize that importance as well. The differences that we bring to "the body" are important for the body

to truly engage in bringing about God's intent behind creation. I've said before that we are God's gift to the world - and as we continue to learn to love - we bring about God's intention for this life and the world we live in.

I mentioned a while back in a sermon that our consultant, Cameron Trimble calls congregations "schools of love". I really have grown to embrace that concept and appreciate the power of that image as a means for us as a community of faith to make a difference in our world. I don't know about you, but my sense is that we need love now more than ever.

To live into the love that we receive as a gift of grace from God, we need to embrace our differences and recognize the value in the other. And like in school, we need to practice and study and test ourselves into loving one another so that we can go into the world that we live in offering that as a gift to our community. I see that happening among us. In our "Good God Questions" class, I see people of differing perspectives making room for other points of view with respect and intrigue - seeking to learn from one another. In our celebration gathering of Oktoberfest, I see people working to bring us together to enjoy each other's company and just celebrate the coming of fall. In worship we gather weekly to celebrate the gifts of God's love and presence among us and I see people supporting one another, offering love to one another and embracing the Grace that we gather to celebrate. These are just a few examples and it's a beautiful thing!

So, I hope you see it too. I hope that you see the need for communities like ours to exist as a place to learn how to love. I hope that you continue to "practice, study and test" the generous gift of love in our lives and our community so that we continue to make a difference in the world we find ourselves in. May God continue to use our gifts, the uniqueness with which our community is created, and the differences within it, to deliver hope, peace, love and grace into the world.

In peace, Derek

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK

Sunday school is starting **October 5** for students K-5th grade. Come to worship at 10:30 in Faith Center. You'll gather and be dismissed during announcements then return to worship towards the end.

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation – Meets each Sunday in Room 13 at 10:15am and is open to anyone in grades 6 – 8. Please contact us for more information or simply join the class then.

"GOOD GOD QUESTIONS" Continues through October 8

This is an opportunity for spiritual growth, mutual conversation, storytelling and community support as we delve into some of the most fundamental (but often unvoiced) questions that our lives of faith offer. I invite you to join me for a journey into some intriguing aspects of faith that often feel like either the answer we hold is either too simple, or there is so much nuance to it that we may never "know" the answers we seek. I find this to be both the joy and struggle of our faith. Let's journey together as we seek growth and support in delving into "Good God Questions".

There is video content and guidance from seminary professors from Luther Seminary which will help - but more so I'm interested to explore some of your great God questions. Bring your faith, struggles and joys as we journey together into a world of curiosity and inquiry - all the while sensing the supporting love of God through our community. I look forward to the conversations!

When: through Oct. 8 - Wednesday evenings - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: Classrooms 5, 6, 7

"THRONES OF DUST: POWER WITHOUT HUMILITY" SERMON SERIES

As the great theologian Spiderman says, "with great power comes great responsibility." That rings true for those without superpowers who follow God too. We all have power to lead people, places, and even ourselves in various ways and often neglect the responsibility God grants us to lead with faith. Throughout the Old Testament God empowered kings to lead His people with obedience, submission and humility. Yet, many of the Kings were corrupted by the power God granted them. Even those entrusted with supreme earthly power are accountable to God. Every other week from now through October this sermon series explores how pride, abuse of authority, and spiritual neglect led kings to ruin – and how God calls each of us to serve with humility, integrity, and fear of the Lord.

Oct 12: Solomon – Wisdom Without Worship

Oct 26: Jesus – The Servant King

BIBLE STUDY - GENESIS

Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Mark Vance. Every Wednesday, **October 1 - 29, 10:00am - 11:00am** – Office Conference Room. The first 14 chapters of the book of Genesis-which deal with accounts of creation through the early life of Abram-will be discussed. This study will use questions that are open-ended and promote sharing and feature relevant insights. We invite you to join us for this fresh approach to reading and understanding the Bible as you enjoy a relaxed time with friends, old and new. Please bring your favorite Bible to class. Planning to attend? RSVP [HERE](#) or call the church office.

DAYLIGHTERS - Autumn Greetings!

We are pleased to announce our guest speaker for this month - our very own Anne Merino will preview her new book, *Etheric Murders* coming out this month! And you might just find some Halloween surprises!! We really look forward to seeing you! Wednesday, October 29th, 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations can be made early. Questions: Contact Grace, 916-276-2884 or Sue Ellen, 813-495-3990

CONNECT & GROW

LADIES' NIGHT OUT...

Tuesday, October 7 Ladies Night Out Is making a change in venue! We will meet at Resurrection's Fellowship Hall with a charcuterie potluck. Please bring fruit, meat, cheese, crackers, nuts, etc. to place on the shared charcuterie board. We will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Larsh at 916-390-7655 or michelle@larshfamily.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 5

What a great group! Men of all ages meet monthly on the first Saturday of the month at the Oak Leaf Café, 5540 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay from 8-9:30AM to share stories and get to know each other better. This group is open to all men and a great opportunity to meet new people.

For more information contact Earl Cole at 916-474-0212 coleearle@outlook.com

MEN'S HAPPY HOUR w/Pastor Ralph

Monday, October 6

Men's Happy Hour meets monthly for bonding and fun on the first Monday of the month at University of Beer in Roseville from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We'd love to have you join us!

BUNCO

Tuesday, October 14

7:00PM – In Fellowship Hall. Second Tuesday of the month. A game so easy you can eat, drink & visit while playing! Contact Joyce Sager at 763-257-2820 with questions.

OCTOBER HELPING HANDS

Imagine going to spend the night at a friend's house or at a hotel. You arrive with your overnight items in a black trash bag! How do you feel? Loved? Cared for? Most likely not. But that is how the majority of our guests from Gathering Inn arrive on the third Monday each month when they are OUR guests for dinner and a place to sleep that night.



Helping Hands intends to change that in October. We plan on purchasing extra-large, heavy duty, rain resistant duffel bags. There are three ways you can support and share God's love with Gathering Inn folks:

1. [Click HERE](#) to purchase one of the duffel bags on Amazon – darker colors please – and either have it sent to the church or bring to church and place in Helping Hands baskets in the sanctuary narthex, in the Faith Center, or bring to the office during the week.
2. Contribute \$\$ to Helping Hands to help us purchase bags. Just designate "Helping Hands" on your check or online donation.
3. Purchase new warm accessories to help keep them warm during the coming colder weather, such as beanies, gloves, scarves or socks.

Thank you for helping Gathering Inn guests feel cared for and loved at Resurrection when they stay overnight with dignity!

**PLANNED GIVING 101 – A CONVERSATION WITH JOHN ANDERSON

Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30pm • Hosted by The DO Good Group

Join us for an informative and accessible conversation about planned giving, estate gifts, and other creative ways people can support the ministries and missions they care about. Our guest speaker, John Anderson, Director of Gift Planning at the University of New Hampshire, will walk us through key giving vehicles like IRA gifts, stock transfers, and bequests, with a special focus on how these tools can be used within faith communities. Whether you're brand new to the idea of planned giving or just want to learn more, this session is designed to be welcoming, practical, and helpful. All are welcome: pastors, stewardship teams, council members, or anyone curious about legacy giving.

Join Planned Giving Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88559686002>

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS – 2025

The activities held in September for God's Work Our Hands made a big impact on our local community. With your help, here is the impact we had

- GWOH Sunday, Sept 7th – estimated 50 members made and assembled **225 lunches** which were delivered to

Gathering Inn in Roseville and Auburn. Notes were also written to members who are currently homebound.

- Sunday, Sept 14th – members **painted 30+ rocks** with positive images or messages which they took home to place along trails in the community.
- Sunday, Sept. 21st – 25 members helped assemble **100 hygiene kits** containing washcloth, toothbrush & toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion and hand soap. A Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 paid for the supplies. The kits will be delivered to Lutheran Social Services.

With just those three Sundays, we directly impacted 355 people with God's love, who may in turn share that kindness and love with others they come in contact with. Who knows how many people will be walking and see one of the painted rocks, perhaps lifting their spirit that day!

Thank you to everyone who participated in these activities as well as everyone who joins in ongoing outreach activities throughout the year. Resurrection is truly sharing God's love, experiencing God in life together!

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Thank you messages recently received!

From Ticket to Dream –

Thank you for the amazing school supplies again this year! We're so thankful of all of your support – You're the Best! Maurie and the TTD team.

From Lutheran Social Services –

Thank you all for supporting our families with these essentials to start the school year on a solid foundation. Julie Clemens, Development Director

From our ELCA Representative –

Dear Good and Generous People at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Greetings from New Mexico, and – remotely – the office of the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA! Thank you for your gracious welcome on my visit to your congregation. It was a pleasure and honor to be able to thank you in person for your amazing gifts to ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Young Adults in Global Mission, and all of our work together in the wider church.

It was a joy to be able to be with you on God's Work Our Hands Sunday and see your congregation's generosity in action! Thank you for being a community that cares for our neighbors – near and far – in need. In peace, Pastor Carmen Retcleff

MISSION MOVES FAITH IN ACTION: SERVE - Serving our neighbors

1 Peter 4:10 Proverbs 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Reflection Questions:

- How did I see God at work in the people I served or in myself?
- Did my service reflect the love and values of Christ to others?

- What motivates me to serve? Is it love, faith, duty, or something else?
- How does my faith grow through service?

Did you know that?

- ✓ LCR supports missionary and educational efforts in Costa Rica, Cambodia, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania.
- ✓ LCR prepares and serves dinner to 50-60 women and children at Saint John's Program for Real Change 6 times a year
- ✓ Over the past 7 years, we have provided 925 pairs of new pajamas for local foster children
- ✓ A total of nearly \$18,000 has been donated to ELCA Good Gifts, providing farm animals, school supplies, bibles and education to families in impoverished parts of the world

A few ways to put your faith in action

- Serve meal at St. John's for Real Change
- Make lunches for Gathering Inn
- Contribute an item to Helping Hands
- Follow your passion & invite others to join you in an activity serving others

MISSION MOVES VOICES – STORIES OF SERVICE

This fall, LCR is focusing on our Mission Moves – what we do to live out our mission (Experience God in Life Together) and values (Genuine, Relevant, Involved, Together). Those Moves are Worship, Connect, Care, Grow, Serve, and Give. The first we are exploring is Serve – how do members serve, why do they do it, what they get out of it, and why serving is important.

Here are four members' stories.

Tarek Khan has devoted several years to serving the Gathering Inn, both the monthly night guests spend the night in the Faith Center after enjoying a meal cooked by



volunteers and providing lunches on an ongoing basis. A talented amateur chef, he began as one of the cooks before eventually becoming the kitchen lead and then, somewhat reluctantly, the program lead.

Like other LCR volunteers, Tarek says he gets more out of serving than he gives.

"I think I have the satisfaction that I know we are making a difference in people's lives. We are giving people

sanctuary one night at a time, we're giving them a full stomach one lunch or one dinner at a time, and these people go on to turn their lives around and that's a great feeling."

Tarek said the program could always use more help – especially more kitchen leads – and added that people don't have to initially make a big commitment.

"You don't have to commit to a year's worth of service. You don't have to commit to a month's worth of service. Just

commit to an afternoon, commit to an evening, commit to making four lunches. Give it a try. Taste it once and see if you get that same feeling of satisfaction when total strangers look you in the eye and say, 'This was awesome. Thank you so much.' You can't beat that feeling. You really can't."

Joan Normington is also a Gathering Inn volunteer, but she's also an active member of the Social Ministry Team, advocates for the Lutheran Office of Public Policy at the state Capitol and ELCA Advocacy on a congressional level, and mentors a young Afghan girl in Folsom. As a retiree, she has the time to be involved.

She said for parents with school-aged children, "your family and your children come first. And maybe you're doing God's work if you're volunteering at school or just supporting your children with their school activities and other activities. If you do volunteer elsewhere, follow your passion. No doubt there's an organization or a group you can be involved with, but don't overtax yourself. You know we've got to take care of ourselves, too."

Joan said she feels helpless with really solving homelessness, but serving dinners for the Gathering Inn is a way to contribute. And like Tarek, she said serving is personally rewarding. She's in her fourth year mentoring the student, now a sixth grader, and serves by reading to her at lunchtime.

"She has a great sense of humor, so I try to find the silly books that get her laughing," Joan said. "We have built quite a friendship, and I can see she's as excited to meet with me as I am to meet with her. She's a Muslim, and we're sharing each other's religion on a low-key basis. I like to learn about other people's cultures, and this is one way of doing that."

Casey Mills also serves dinner for the Gathering Inn. Besides that, he volunteers on landscaping projects, is a member of the Strategic Plan Committee, and serves communion. He also finds serving personally rewarding.

"You hear about homelessness in the news, and it seems like a distant issue," he said. "But when you interact with those people face to face, it's just a really helpful reminder that they're fellow humans and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. It makes me feel good to be part of a church where we are actively being the hands of Christ and helping people in a time of need."

As an introvert, Casey had shied away from volunteering but said the more he's been doing so he's finding it gives him more energy than it takes away.

"I walk out of the Gathering Inn and my body's tired because I've been running around all night, but spiritually, mentally, psychologically, I feel renewed. I feel like I have more energy. I feel like I've been doing what I was put on this earth to do, which is to help people," he said.

Casey added that serving with other people is a great way to get to know them because you're volunteering with people who are interested in the same things, so the chances that you're really going to connect with people are a lot higher.

Carol Davis, meanwhile, serves people a bit farther away from Granite Bay - 9,300 miles away to be exact, in the African nation of Uganda. She formed a nonprofit called



Outreach Uganda after a visit there in 2006, and while she thought it was going to be a sideline to her CPA practice, within a few years it became her full-time job.

Carol said she had been volunteering for Compassion International, which works to end child poverty, and her grade-school aged daughter picked a girl from Uganda to sponsor. Carol came home from meeting the girl shaken.

"I thought I knew poverty because I saw it here, but I didn't really know poverty - just how close to death people were when you live in a country where there's no governmental support really," she said.

"I'd heard a statistic that about 19,000 children under the age of five die around the world every day from preventable causes like diarrhea because somebody didn't have 25 cents to buy some diarrhea medication. That trip highlighted to me how that could actually be possible. I decided I couldn't live my life the same anymore. It haunted me that it was like 50 jumbo jets crashing every day."

The non-profit helps women and children by sponsoring children to stay in school and helping their mothers gain skills to earn a living. Carol said the work gives her purpose - that God is calling her to do this work because of her skills and background. She also encouraged others to serve based on their skills, passions, and resources.

"Just be open to that voice and don't be afraid to follow because it will be such a tremendously positive thing in your life. For some people, that may be just giving money because that happens to work out better for their life. But don't be afraid to take a chance to find the fit for you that God has in mind."

For anyone looking for a place to serve, Carol also noted that Outreach Uganda depends on and welcomes volunteers - whether virtual, on trips to Uganda, or serving locally.

LCR has long been known for being a congregation that volunteers and serves others. Many of us may be a bit older than we used to be, but as these examples demonstrate, the desire to do God's work with our hands still shines brightly, however the Spirit leads us.

- John Frith

SIMPLY BAROQUE - MUSIC CONCERT

A Sacred Music Concert in Our Blessed Mother's Rose Garden



St. Joseph Mareello Catholic Church cordially invited members and friends of LCR to their Concert in the Rose Garden on Saturday, October 18, 6:00 pm seating, Concert begins at 7:00 pm. FREE ADMISSION. Limited chair seating. Open space is available for picnic blankets and chairs. Cheese boards and Mount St. Joseph Wines available for sale. St. Joseph Mareello Catholic Church, 7200 Auburn Folsom Road, Granite Bay.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Women of the ELCA 16th Biennial Convention - God is speaking - Are you listening?

October 17, 18, 19 - Christ the King Passionist Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA

Guest Speakers:

Bishop Guadalupe Cortez, El Salvador Lutheran Synod

Bishop Jeff Johnson, Sierra Pacific Synod

Pastor Christian Chavarria, El Salvador Lutheran Synod

Vicar Meagan Kim, Holy Cross Lutheran Church

For more information and to Register, click [HERE](#)

RESURRECTION READERS BOOK CLUB

Meetings - Book club meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Beryl Bakken at 916-791-1582 with questions.



What we'll be reading in 2025/26:

- Oct 21 - Left On Tenth - Delia Ephron - The memoir captures the author's emotional journey as she navigates the challenges of grief and the unexpected joy of finding love again.
- Nov 18 - Hungry: The Inspiring Tale of Three Donner Survivors - B.E. Baker
- Dec 16 - No Meeting - A Most Blessed Christmas
- Jan 20 - Etheric Murders - Anne Merino (Author Visit)
- Feb 17 - The Cuckoo's Calling - Robert Galbraith
- Mar 17 - Readers' Choice - Agatha Christie
- Apr 21 - No Address- Ken Abraham
- May 19 - The Indifferent Stars Above- Daniel James Brown
- Jun 16 - The Personal Librarian - Marie Benedict
- Jul 21 - The Fourth Daughter - Lyn Liao Butler
- Aug 18 - Book of Lost Names - Kristin Harmel
- Sept 15 - The Love Story of Miss Carmichael - Beth Morrey

MORTGAGE RE-AMORTIZATION – EXCITING NEWS!

You may recall that our mortgage interest rate increased from 4.375% to 7.125% last April. We had several members that stepped up in a huge way to minimize the impact that this had on our budget. We recently were able to send in \$114,000 of one-time gifts as a paydown on our mortgage. This allows a re-amortization to occur – what is a re-amortization? Instead of the paydown being used to shorten the payoff date and keep the mortgage payment the same a re-amortization allows the paydown to keep the payoff date the same but reduce the monthly mortgage payments. The \$114,000 reduces our mortgage balance by a little more than 25%!

\$50,000 of the \$114,000 was given to the church to be used now as effectively as possible but with the request that the church make monthly contributions to the Resurrection Life Fund until the full \$50,000 is given to the Resurrection Life Fund. Using \$50,000 to pay down the mortgage was deemed the most effective way to utilize the gift. Effectively lowering the interest paid on the \$50,000 from 7.125% to 0%. The church will contribute \$400/mo. to the Resurrection Life Fund for about the next 10 years. This will help grow the Resurrection Life Fund as well as lowering the interest paid to our mortgage.

What is the impact of this? Our monthly mortgage payments decreased by \$1370.80. After including the \$400/mo. into the Resurrection Life Fund our budget expenses decreased by about \$1000/mo.! **The true impact is the decrease in expenses allowed council to make a mid-year adjustment to the pastor's salaries to bring them up to the minimum synod recommended level!** A huge thank-you to everyone that supports our ministry here at Resurrection and those that made an additional contribution to help reduce our mortgage. Also want to thank the pastors for being patient and understanding as we have worked through some challenges through the past few years.

As we move forward, we will continue to look for creative ways to improve the financial stability of our church to allow us to staff for ministry, support our ministries as well as maintain and improve our campus.

Our mortgage company normally allows only one re-amortization once per year, but we did get permission to do a second re-amortization if we receive additional gifts to do so. We will still be paying 7 1/8% interest on over \$300,000 mortgage so there is still a huge opportunity to make a long-term impact with a one-time gift. We are anticipating doing another re-amortization later this year so if you feel like you would like to learn more about how you can make a long-term difference such as this, please contact John Wickeraad for more information.

COUNCIL CORNER

The first two months of the fiscal year financial numbers are showing that we are on track with total expenses being only \$106 more than total income. This is encouraging given that the summer months have put us in a hole the first couple months in past years. We had increased facilities expenses due to continued emphasis on tackling deferred

maintenance items. A huge thank-you to all for your continued support for our ministry.

Some really exciting and good news. We received a number of additional gifts that were designated to be used to pay down the mortgage. The reduction in mortgage payments allowed council to increase the pastor salaries to the synod minimum recommended level. Please see additional article in newsletter for more information on this.

The health care options offered to the staff have changed significantly this year. The council approved a slight increase in overall health insurance costs to allow the pastors to choose a plan that was not the most expensive offered but also have the church contribute to their Health Savings Account (HSA), offsetting some of the increase in expenses they will see with the new plan.

Lori, Pastor Ralph and Derek shared some of the thoughts, feedback, outcomes from the Vision futures lab. A request was made to share a summary of the progress and rough schedule of remaining visioning/strategic plan with the congregation.

John Wickeraad
Council President

MANKIND GROUP BENCH RENOVATIONS

Mankind is a recovery group that has been meeting at LCR



for several years. While they are a quiet group, they appreciate the space and hospitality that we provide them and look for ways to repay our generosity. Most recently they renovated the benches outside of the Fellowship Hall. They provided the muscle and

skills to give us a beautiful new seating area!
THANK YOU!!

