



WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

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God's Work - Our Hands Sunday on September 7 – one service at 10am in the Faith Center

LET'S GET MOVING!

While we are currently engaged in our strategic visioning process, we have some fundamental principles that have guided our ministry for the last several years that still hold true and will serve us well in living into our coming vision for ministry.

I hope that we are all familiar with our Mission Statement and our values:

Mission Statement: *Experience God in Life Together.* (why we exist)

Values: *Genuine, Relevant, Involved, Together.* (how we act) (GRIT)

This fall we'll begin an ongoing effort to emphasize another element of our life together that I also hope is familiar to you, our Mission Moves (what we **do** to live out our mission and values). Those are:

WORSHIP - CONNECT - CARE - GROW - SERVE - GIVE

Beginning this month, we'll have a focus through a variety of means (in worship; via newsletter articles and eblast blurbs; at coffee hour; through sharing of stories, etc.) that will focus our energy on a particular mission move in order to make more practical how we are engaging in these moves and the impact they have on the life of our community. This impact is clear in people's faith journeys, the blessings experienced by the community around us and our ministry, but I think they often do not receive the recognition they deserve.

Our hope is to highlight and maintain an awareness of the importance of these moves in the life of our congregation, but also in **your** journey of faith. As we engage in these moves, they have a profound impact on who we are and how we see the world - helping us to see more clearly our roles in partnering with God to share the Gospel, our faith, and God's grace with one another and the world around us.

So, let's get moving! Keep an eye out for information coming your way highlighting the moves and how you too can get involved! We will begin with a focus on "Serve" in September as we experience and celebrate

God's Work - Our Hands Sunday on Sept. 7 (with one service at 10am in the Faith Center).

In peace, Derek

"GOOD GOD QUESTIONS" COMING THIS FALL

This fall we will be offering 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!

What: Good God Questions – Sign up [HERE](#) or call the church office

When: Sept. 3 - Oct. 8 - Wednesday evenings - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: Classrooms 5, 6, 7

In peace, Derek

"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.

Sept 14: Saul — Insecurity and Disobedience

Sept 28: David — The Danger of Entitlement

Oct 12: Solomon — Wisdom Without Worship

Oct 26: Jesus — The Servant King

lookin' up,
Ralph

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.

"BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART - A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF"

Judy Moore and Melodee Mathay, former Stephen Ministers at Resurrection, are leading a grief support ministry program entitled "Beyond the Broken Heart - A Journey Through Grief." The 8-week program will be held on Mondays, beginning **September 8th through October 20th**, at 1:30 pm in the Carlson Library, in the Resurrection Faith Center.

Beyond the Broken Heart is a ministry support program for those who are grieving the death of a loved one and need a community to share the loneliness of grief. The program

offers scriptural wisdom, spiritual encouragement, and coping strategies to guide the way back to fullness of life, a life of renewed hope and joy.

Whether your grief is new, or you have been on the journey for a while, you are welcome. If you have attended an earlier session, you are also welcome to attend again. If you are interested in the upcoming sessions, or know of someone who may be, even if not a member of Resurrection, please

contact Judy Moore at 916-521-2392 or at judymoore52@gmail.com to register and received information on program materials.

SEPTEMBER HELPING HANDS GETS LITERAL WITH GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

The focus of Helping Hands in September will be on activities of **God's Work Our Hands (GWOH)** – a way that **we will be literally using our hands to serve our community!**

Sunday, September 7th is ELCA's annual day of service this year. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Here's what's happening on GWOH Sunday:

- We will begin with one service in the **Faith Center at 10 am.**
- When the service ends, we will set up to we will be preparing lunches for others – approximately 400 others! In partnership with Sunrise Food Closet, we will make lunches to be delivered to The Gathering Inn in both Roseville and Auburn.
- There will be cards for young and old to write messages of love and support to our members who are homebound and not able to join us in person for Sunday worship.

There will also be activities for you to join us on the following two Sundays:

- Sunday, Sept. 14th we will have rocks to paint. Join others on the patios to paint uplifting pictures or sayings on rocks to leave anywhere people are walking – a park, trails, around trees.
- Sunday, Sept. 21st we will be assembling hygiene kits for those receiving services from Lutheran Social Services.

But that is not the end of GWOH! There are still ways to "use your hands" to serve our community.

- Sign-up sheets for various projects that will be happening in the month of September (and October) will again be out on Sunday Aug. 31st as well as on GWOH Sunday.
 - Food prep/serve dinner for The Gathering Inn, Saint John's Program for Real Change and St. Vincent's de Paul
 - A workday at Hearts Landing Ranch
 - And if nothing here strikes a chord – follow your passion & invite others to join you in an activity serving others --- maybe yard work, meals for neighbors – the ideas are endless! Let us know what you did!

Let's have our biggest GWOH yet – a great way to get to know others within our church community, reaching out into the community and learning about our fellow brothers & sisters in Christ!

DAYLIGHTERS IS BACK

Come! We invite you to join DAYLIGHTERS on Wednesday, **September 24th**, at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be Food, Fellowship, and a Travel Log presented by Gail Bimber. Daylighters look forward to seeing you.

Questions: Contact Grace- 916-276- 2884 or

Sue Ellen- 813-495-3990

YOUTH NEWS!

Confirmation - First confirmation volunteer service opportunity will be at God's Work, Our Hands. Report to room 13 at 12:00 noon on **September 7th** to meet with Joyce Sager for more information.

The first class will be on **September 21st** 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.

CONNECT & GROW

Men's Happy Hour w/Pastor Ralph

Monday, September 1

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!

Ladies' Night Out...

Tuesday, September 2

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. Hope to see you on August 5! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Larsh at 916-390-7655 or michelle@larshfamily.com.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 6

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

Bunco

Tuesday, September 9

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.

NEW PLAYGROUND BARK!

How much is 30 yards? About 200 wheelbarrows full! We had 15-18 people representing LCR, Church of the King Church, and both Sancta Maria and



Willow schools using our campus! How long does it take to move 200 wheelbarrows about 100 yards from the

parking lot and spread it out in the playground? Not long with a tractor to load wheelbarrows and lots of energetic help! We

started at 8am and by 9:30 it was so well cleaned up Pastor Derek was a bit incredulous that we had done anything. Huge thanks to Mark Billeci for all the prep work



including creating a great path into the playground, providing snacks, water, and coffee. The playground looks great and will be a safer place for all the kids to play.

LAFF OktoberFest

September 28, 5-7:30 pm

LCR Faith Center

Enjoy Fellowship with Friends, Food, and Music

Lutherans Active in Fun & Fellowship (LAFF) will once again transform the Faith Center into a Munich Beer Garden on Sunday, September 28th. The Alpenmeister Band will entertain us as we munch on pretzels with various mustards, partake in German Food, sip on German beer and wine, and socialize with church family and friends.

Brats, buns, sauerkraut, red cabbage, and authentic warm German potato salad will be served, followed by deserts. Dancing and the Beer Stein Contest will add to the fun of the evening. Guests are encouraged to wear their lederhosen or dirndls.



The Alpenmeisters German Band

In lieu of advance registration, guests will be asked at the door for a cash or check donation (recommendations: adults over twenty-one \$20; youth \$10; children under 12 are free). Children, under parental supervision, are welcome.

LAFF encourages you to come early as there are a limited number of seats and food, and for you to invite friends.

If you have any questions, or you can help LAFF with the preparations please call, or text Mark at 916-751-6722.

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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 Megan 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 CHURCH LIBRARY.

Contact Beryl Bakken at 916-791-1582 with questions.



What we'll be reading in 2025/26:

- **Sept 16** - *Just For the Summer* by Abbey Jimenez. - A hilarious, tender, and altogether life-affirming gem of a book. This is the kind of novel that leaves you a little better than when it found you.
- **Oct 21** - *Left On Tenth* - Delia Ephron
- **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

COUNCIL CORNER

Council welcomed a visitor, Betty Karamotova, our new Director of Worship and Music. We were able to spend a few minutes introducing each other and learning more about Betty.

Council reviewed the July financial reports and even though the Net Total (Income - Expenses) was -\$3831 there was some good news. Giving was higher than expected and the primary reason expenses were higher were some significant

facilities/maintenance expenses. The larger facilities expenses were payments for the new HVAC system in the fellowship hall and some dry rot repair and roof work along the front breezeway. In addition, some carpet cleaning was done in the faith center and around campus. We have continued to make some progress with our deferred maintenance items as finances and resources allow projects to be done.

Pastor Derek reported on his class that will be starting up, some upcoming stories/focus that the connect team is planning, as well as great progress on forming a stewardship team that will be working on a more continual stewardship model. Pastor Ralph gave an update on a "vision" that was created about 18 months ago to work on different aspects of our church ministry. Some of these focused on different funding models, marketing, and possible new business/ministries. There has been great progress on some of these subjects and others will be part of what is being considered during the current vision/strategy process.

Other topics that council looked at were - health insurance changes for staff being driven by what Portico is offering as well as a possible new church insurance (fire/theft/liability) option of which council will be requesting some additional review.

Good news is that we have received enough contributions towards the mortgage paydown to allow for re-amortization, and we will be moving forward with this. There will be more information provided on this as we finalize the numbers and the impact.

John Wickeraad, Council President