



WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

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(STRATEGIC) VISIONS AND MIRACLES

The feeding of the 5000 is our Gospel text for this coming Sunday so I've got "miracles" on my mind. As I've been reflecting on this miracle, I got caught up in the nitty gritty details of the miracle, trying to think through exactly how it happened. For example, I began to think through what the disciples experienced when they took the small amount of bread and fish from Jesus after he blessed it, turned from Jesus to the mass of people (5000+) and began to distribute the food. How did the small amount they each had become "enough" - and not only enough, but more than enough (12 baskets left over).

As I'm reflecting on this, I'm also looking outside of my office window at our freshly sealed and painted parking lot. Yesterday I went and walked on the new carpet in the Faith Center (thanks to your generosity). And, since returning from vacation, I've been thinking a fair amount about our new Strategic Vision Plan and how to move that forward to achieve some incredible things. Those incredible things (our goals) feel like they might take a miracle similar to the feeding of the 5000. My tendency is to see the vision ahead as a significant, perhaps challenging feat to accomplish. Likely not unlike what was going through the minds of the disciples as they turned from receiving meager pieces of bread and fish from Jesus and faced the community of 5000 with the task of distributing sustenance *enough* to fill each and every one of them.... plus...

So, what I take away from these experiences and my thoughts on this day is... What if the "how" of the miracle *can* be let go? What if I can move beyond my human tendency towards a scarcity mindset and simply work with what we have and take the first step forward? (and see what God does with it?) Significant parts of our Strategic Vision Plan seek to do exactly what Jesus seeks to do with that crowd of 5000 - that is move a crowd of people from "*crowd of individuals*" - each with needs and particular circumstances - to a "*community*" - connected and resourced to care and support one another.

Our plan is filled with ideas around being a resource for the community around us, providing a place that the public recognizes as a place of hope, support and community - the efforts made recently towards maintaining our facilities (new carpet, sealed parking lot, replaced HVAC systems, etc.) all serve that purpose. If we intend to offer the community a place to gather and be supported, we need to take care of it. And as the teams

begin to form and evaluate and engage in ways to accomplish the goals of our plans over the coming years, people are stepping forward and offering skill sets and gifts needed to move things forward. It's as if God spoke to us through our Visioning Team's efforts and the results - telling us, as Jesus did the disciples, "you feed them" - and now we are in the process of turning from the hands of Jesus with our meager pieces of bread and fish and facing the crowd to begin our distribution. Perhaps we don't need

to have it all figured out and know the details of how the bread and fish are enough - but simply move forward and experience the generosity and abundance of God's grace.

Miracles...they're awesome. But I don't need to know how they work. That can distract me and overwhelm my sense of what is possible. Perhaps we just need to move forward, step into the crowd with the hope and promise that God's grace is here in abundance - and that the crowd in front of us will indeed become a community where hope, love, forgiveness, grace - all of it - fills us... because it is enough.

In peace,
Derek

RESURRECTION CONNECTION: NEW MEMBER CLASS

This gathering is an opportunity for anyone that is looking to know more about the Resurrection community, how to get further involved, or is interested in membership. We will meet **11:30am – 1pm on Sundays, August 2 and August 9** in classroom 5 on campus. Both sessions will be unique and share different information, but neither is required to become a member of the church. Lunch will be provided so we would appreciate you registering ahead of time by calling the church office at (916) 791-4661 or emailing lcr@lcrchurch.org. **New members will be received on Sunday, August 16.**

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING MARK BUTLER!

As most of you might know, for the last several months Kathy Johnson had returned from retirement to help smooth out the transition of staff adjustments and she has been an incredible help in accomplishing that transition for us. Thank you, Kathy!! In order to allow her to return to retirement, we have filled her position temporarily with Mark Butler. Many of you might know from his support of our worship team in providing tech support with worship slides and online streaming of our Sunday services. Mark comes to the position with a variety of experience in varied fields but has served in church offices before in Wisconsin and he's been invaluable in supporting our ministries in a number of ways. Welcome Mark!!



YOUTH & FAMILY – UPDATES & INFO

I hope your summer is off to a great start, I'm so excited to hear about all the trips and activities your families have going on in the coming months! Here are a few updates for this month and beyond:

Summer Sunday School: Sunday School is paused for the summer, Kids Connect will continue at the **10:30am service**. We plan to have a few gatherings/activities for the youth over the summer depending on family schedules, please send me dates that your student will be around so I can plan those accordingly.

Events and Programs: If your student is involved in any summer sports, productions, or events, I'd love to attend! Here's a link to a [Google Form](#) where you can submit your students' events and programs so I can make it a priority to be there to support them!

I look forward to seeing y'all at Sunday services this Summer!

Love In Excess, Sal

SPIRITUAL DEEPENING MEETING

Interested in spiritual practices and faith formation? Come join us! A group will be meeting to discuss how to implement the Spiritual Deepening goals in LCR's recently adopted Strategic Plan on Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30 pm in Classrooms 5,6,& 7. We'll have snacks and drinks. Call, text or email Casey Mills, 530-722-8810, caseyryanmills@gmail.com with any questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY PROGRAM – “Beyond the Broken Heart – A Journey Through Grief”

Judy Moore and Melodee Mathay, former Stephen Ministers at Resurrection, are again leading a grief support ministry program entitled “Beyond the Broken Heart - A Journey Through Grief.” If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one, a divorce, a job loss, or any of life's losses, this support group can offer a connection and community to aid in dealing with loss. The 8-week program will be held on Mondays, beginning August 24th through October 19th, at 1:30 pm in the Carlson Library, in the Resurrection Faith Center. (Note: We will skip meeting on Labor Day, September 7th.) Participants need to purchase the book “Beyond the Broken Heart ” by Julie Yarborough. Please contact Judy at 916-521-2392 or Melodee at 916-208-3635 for more information and to sign up.

HELPING HANDS HELPING KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The month of July brought backpacks, school supplies and new books to be distributed to children who may not have these resources ready to start the new school year. Forty backpacks and supplies joined others collected by Shine with Purpose for their Backpack Drive and were packed up by volunteers on July 15th in the Youth Room. A total of over 300 backpacks were then picked up by various nonprofits for children they serve.

New books for children were also collected last month for Placer Literacy Council, which will be given out during Placer County Child Support Services' annual Backpack Giveaway and End of Summer Bash. Placer County Library will be giving out 300 books to the children that attend. Books not given away will be used to support the monthly story time at Acres of Hope. Of the 300 books to be given away, Resurrection members contributed 56!

All in all, once again Resurrection members stepped up to the plate to support children in our community that need a bit of help! Thank you to everyone who participated!

AUGUST HELPING HANDS TO SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELP OTHERS

St. Vincent de Paul of Roseville's mission is to provide basic human services and programs to prevent hunger and homelessness. Their programs include the Food Locker providing supplemental groceries, the Dining Room, serving a warm meal 3 days a week, and a cold meal 2 days a week, to both homeless and low-income individuals and families (we provide the hot meal on the 4th Sunday each month), BAGS Home Delivery Program available for homebound seniors and adults with disabilities, and rent & utility assistance.

How can we help? Food of course is essential, but how about filling their time? We are going to help fulfill their wish list for puzzles to occupy their days and keep minds active. These should be **new puzzles, or like-new** if you are absolutely, positively know that all the pieces are there! In addition to adult jigsaw puzzles, we will also collect puzzle books – such as word search, sudoku, crosswords etc. Let's fill the Helping Hands baskets in the sanctuary narthex and Faith Center foyer with puzzles of all sorts! Items can also be dropped off in the office during the week.

SUMMER CLOTHES FOR GATHERING INN.

Gathering Inn guests visit Resurrection on the first Thursday and third Monday of the month. In August, that's August 6th and August 17th. They receive overnight shelter and food. Gently used and new clothing and new toiletries are distributed as well. Items can be brought directly to the foyer of the Faith Center between 5 pm and 6 on those days. Items can also be left in the office or in the foyer of the Faith Center. As storage space at LCR is limited, items can be taken directly to Gathering Inn: Tuesday – Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM TGI SOUTH PLACER CAMPUS 201 Berkeley Ave Roseville, CA 95678 Check their website for what donated items they need.

CONNECT OPPORTUNITIES:

- ◆ **DAYLIGHTERS** are taking the summer off. Watch for us to return on Wednesday, September 30th. Contact: GRACE- 916-276-2884.
- ◆ **LADIES NIGHT OUT – August 4**
Tuesdays at 5:30 pm – Join us the first Tuesday of the month in Fellowship Hall. For questions, please contact Michelle Larsh at 916-390-7655 or michelle@larshfamily.com.
- ◆ **BUNCO – August 11**
A game so easy, you can eat, drink & visit while playing) Join the fun at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Jennifer Khan at 916-521-4520 with questions. **SAVE DATES:** June 9, July 14, October 13, November 10, December 8.
- ◆ **MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, August 1**
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
- ◆ **RESURRECTION READERS BOOK CLUB – Tuesday, August 18**
Book club meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Beryl, 916-791-1582. Join us on:
 - Aug 18 - *Book of Lost Names* - Kristin Harmel. This book is a historical fiction novel about a young Jewish woman who helps forge identity documents for children during World War II while secretly preserving their real names.
 - Sept 15 - *The Love Story of Miss Carmichael* - Beth Morrey

COUNCIL CORNER

This month the Church Council was coordinating with the Bishop's office in preparing for and supporting Pastor Ralph's disability leave. We continue to pray for his healing and recovery as he focuses on his health. As a result, we are looking at ensuring that we have sufficient manpower support for Pastor Derek and the church staff to keep operations running smoothly.

We have also continued to tackle the maintenance issues of our campus to keep it beautiful and welcoming to all who come here. Some of the major accomplishments this month have been the repair of the roof over the seating area outside the Faith Center, the sealing and restriping of the parking lot, and replacing the carpet in the Faith Center. All of these items will support the use by our congregation and the many others that enjoy our campus and the events that are held here.

On behalf of Council
John Cameron, President