



WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

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A New Year of Hope, Joy, and Light Revealed in Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin this New Year, we do so in the season of Epiphany—a time when we celebrate the light of Christ revealed to the world. This season reminds us that God's promises are not hidden or distant, but made known in Jesus Christ, the Light who shines into every new beginning.

The turning of the year invites reflection and hope. While we do not know all that lies ahead, we trust the One who has already gone before us. In Epiphany, we remember that Christ meets us on the journey, guiding us as the star guided the Magi, leading us into deeper faith and joyful trust. God's mercy is new each morning, and His grace continues to sustain and renew us.

As the Church, we are centered in Word and Sacrament, where Christ is revealed again and again—for our forgiveness, our strength, and our joy. Through these gifts, we are sent into the world to reflect His light: loving our neighbors, serving those in need, and sharing the hope we have in Him.

May this New Year be a season of renewed vision and faithful witness. May the light of Christ shine brightly in our worship, our service, and our daily lives, so that others may see God's love revealed through us.

**Wishing you a blessed New Year and a joyful season of Epiphany,
as we walk together in the light of Christ.**

YOUTH & FAMILY – January Updates & Info

Happy (almost) New Year! As 2025 ends and we step into a new year, my prayer can best be summed up in the words of Henri Nouwen, that we would "Live each day as full of promises. Imagine that we could walk through the new year always listening to a voice saying to us: I have a gift for you and can't wait for you to see it!". I'm excited to see all that this year has in store for us all, and so grateful that I get to serve your families. Here are a few updates for January as well as some dates to keep in mind for this quarter:

Sunday School/Confirmation: This Sunday, January 4th, we will begin having Youth & Children connect groups from 10am-10:30am. Youth (middle and high school) will gather in room 14 and Children will gather in room 10. Middle and high school students will engage in faith conversations and activities; these will include confirmation topics. For now, we will not be having a separate Confirmation program, rest assured students currently going through Confirmation will still receive adequate knowledge to meet goals for Confirmation. Our younger students will likewise engage in faith formation activities such as games, arts and crafts, and stories of faith.

YOUTH & FAMILY (continued)

Quarterly Dates:

High school retreat: The Sierra Pacific Synod's high school retreat is scheduled for March 6th (beginning at 7pm) to March 8th (ending at 11am), at Mt. Cross in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Pricing and registration info will be available soon, but please keep the dates in mind.

Please reach out if you have any questions, I look forward to seeing you soon!

Love In Excess, -Sal

NEW LOOKIN' UP SMALL GROUP



40-DAY SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY beginning **January 7 at 5:30** in the Fellowship Hall for six weeks. An easy experience. Each day, just ask God, "What do you want me to know right now?" Read Pastor Ralph's devotional, jot down a few thoughts. On Day 7 (or somewhere close) we will gather and talk about what we heard. And if there's a theme emerging. Contact Ginger for more information at 2gingirv@gmail.com or text 916-768-4015. "...joy isn't something you earn, it is something you receive. When we root ourselves in God's love – no matter the season – we find joy waiting where it's always been."

WOMEN'S RETREAT



**Friday, February 13 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm and
Saturday, February 14 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Faith Center**

Join us on a journey of self-discovery and self-love.

Our time together will include: mindfulness and affirmation activities, making cards via the SoulCollage process, and reaffirming our baptismal promises during worship.

Cost is \$40/person.

Contact Joyce Sager for more information at 763-257-2820

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY PROGRAM

"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 February 2nd through March 8th, 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 receive information on program materials.

THE GATHERING INN – Support Update

As you remember, we asked for your support in providing new duffle bags for the guests of The Gathering Inn. With your help, we received 102 bags! Our team, led by Anneleise Graf, carefully stenciled each bag and added a personal name tag. Thank you, all, so much for helping these guests to know they are supported with love. (see pictures below). In addition to these gifts, we are adding four additional overnight dates to our schedule for 2026.



Before



After

BUNCO HAPPENINGS!

A big thank you to Joyce Sager for chairing the Bunco group for the past two years! Jennifer Khan will be the new LCR contact and will assist Cheyenne Tornstrand in organizing the monthly meetings. We continue to grow and strengthen our connections in this group with laughter and love. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month and encourage you to join us, invite a friend and laugh with this wonderful group of ladies! Our December Bunco dollars totaling \$272 were donated to Outreach Uganda! Bobbie Christensen presented the funds to Carol Davis.

CONTACT: Jennifer Khan 916-521-4520 with questions.

BUNCO 2026 – SAVE THE DATES:

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| January 13 | July 14 |
| February 10 | August 11 |
| March 10 | September 8 |
| April 14 | October 13 |
| May 12 | November 10 |
| June 9 | December 8 |

A game so easy you can eat, drink & visit while playing!



PIECE MAKERS – have been busy!

It was a privilege to have 50+ quilts blessed in December! They represented 5+ months of work. Piece Makers meet every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to noon. It is not only a time for cutting and sewing donated fabric, but a time for sharing and caring for each other while working on the quilts. In 2025, over 100 quilts were given to different charitable organizations. Included in the picture here are quilters Josie Freibert, Roberta Pierson, Kim Meder, Yvonne Elliott, Gail Johansen, Sandie Russell, Jane Stevens, Darlene Reber, and Colleen Arakaki. Not pictured is Pat Wildman. Come join them!



JANUARY HELPING HANDS

The holidays are behind us, and after the rush of providing holiday meals, many food banks struggle to meet the increasing need of families straining to feed themselves. Help restock the shelves of **two local food banks** by bringing in non-perishable food items during the month of January. **Twin Lakes Food Bank** Folsom, El Dorado Hills, and Granite Bay. **Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank** serves Orangevale, Fair Oaks, Folsom and Citrus Heights.

Most needed items include:

- Beans, rice, dry pasta
- Canned main dishes (stew, chili w/meat, ravioli)
- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Tomato products (sauce, diced, stewed)
- Healthy cereals
- Oatmeal
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
- Canned soups
- Nutritional drinks (Ensure, etc)



It is as simple as the next time you are at the grocery store, pick up a few of these items, and then bring them to church on Sunday. Leave them in the Helping Hands baskets in the sanctuary narthex or the Faith Center lobby, or in the church office during the week. Any financial donations will be sent to Feeding the Foothills (formerly Placer Food Bank).

Together, we will help single mothers, families, and seniors who struggle to make ends meet to feed themselves and their families.

Thank you for helping care for our neighbors!

SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Sunday, February 15, 8:00 am to 11:00 am Fellowship Hall

The Connect Team has invited Sierra Kronan Lodge to come back again for an authentic Swedish Pancake Breakfast as we approach Shrove Tuesday (February 17) and the beginning of Lent.

Come and enjoy another Swedish Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 15 anytime between 8:00 am and 11:00 am. Hosted by Sierra Kronan Lodge who meets monthly in the Fellowship Hall. A free-will donation to cover expenses is welcome. For questions, contact Cheryl Seberger at 925-337-7284.



THE CHRISTMAS ELVES

Ever wonder how the Sanctuary and Faith Center get decorated so beautifully for Christmas? It takes the MANY hands of our own dedicated members to make this happen, seemingly overnight! Take a look below and please give them a big thank you for creating the beauty and bringing in the spirit of Christmas for us all!



THANK YOU!

COUNCIL CORNER

The Vision and strategic planning team presented a great overview of the preliminary vision and strategy report. A huge thank-you from the council to the team for the incredible work that has been done so far. Council then received a copy of the report with some homework to review and provide feedback to the team by December 22nd.

The November finances showed an increase in year-end giving which pushed our year-to-date net to a positive \$5,000. We did not have any significant unexpected maintenance expenses in November but are still trying to get quotes for replacing 2 larger HVAC systems in the faith center which are expected to be in the range of \$50-60k each. There are a few smaller HVAC systems that are not working properly as well in the faith center. Other upcoming larger expenses will be parking lot repairs and Faith center carpet. The sanctuary flood on Dec 25th also created some additional expenses for clean-up.

A two-year contract extension was signed with the Christ the King church to continue leasing our facilities which will give us ability to do some long-term budget planning to utilize the additional income.

The staff appreciation brunch for the Resurrection staff was appreciated and enjoyed by staff and council. Much of the excellent food was provided by resurrection members.

A huge thank you to everyone supporting the ministry at Resurrection!

On behalf of Council,
John Wickeraad, President

CONNECT AND GROW

- **Connect** – through ice breakers and passing the peace
- **Grow** – through the Bible readings and sermon
- **Give** – through our offering
- **Serve** – through volunteer roles like choir, altar guild, lector, and more
- **Care** – through prayer and support for one another

If you're curious about how you can deepen your worship experience, stop by the Faith Center to explore opportunities, or contact the office – we'd love to help you get connected in a way that's meaningful for you.

DAYLIGHTERS

Wednesday, January 28, 12:00 – Fellowship Hall

Daylighters meet each month for a delicious lunch and guest speaker. Come and join us!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT...

Tuesday, January 6

Ladies Night Out – Fellowship Hall! 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, January 3

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, January 5

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, January 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.

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:

- Jan 20- PALLISER PARK- Anne Merino (Come meet the author - Refreshments will be served)
- Feb 17- THE CUCKOO'S CALLING- Robert Galbraith
- Questions: Beryl Bakken- 916-791-1582