RESURRECTION
EXPERIENCE GOD IN LIFE TOGETHER

Newsletter
November 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

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WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THANKSGIVING TO GIVE THANKS.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1 (NIV)
November begins, and already there is so much asking for our attention. Decorations to hang. Gifts to buy. Programs to attend. Calendars that fill before we've had much time to think about what we're putting in them.

These can be wonderful parts of the season. But I don't want us to arrive at Christmas having hurried past the people beside us. Or the quiet ways God has cared for us along the way. Thanksgiving gives us a reason to pause. We don't have to wait until Thanksgiving Day to begin.



We can start in the morning, before the day gets busy. One specific blessing. Not a whole list, not something that needs to sound impressive. A person. An answered prayer. A kindness we needed more than anyone knew. Sometimes, simply the strength to begin again.

Notice it. Thank God for it. Maybe write it down.

Then let that gratitude reach someone else. Tell a family member what you appreciate about them. Call the friend you've been meaning to check on. Thank a coworker for something you might otherwise let pass without a word.

It's easy to assume people know what they mean to us. There is something different about letting them hear it.

Throughout November, we can make room for those small moments. A meal without screens. A walk together. A few minutes with a coworker when we ask how they're doing and stay long enough to hear the answer. A Bible passage read with our children. A familiar story we choose to listen to again.

Nothing elaborate. Just our attention, given without making the other person feel that we need to be somewhere else.

You might keep a gratitude jar, adding a brief note each day and inviting others to join you. At the end of the month, read the notes together. Remember the things that could have slipped past unnoticed—the help that came, the kindness someone offered, the ordinary afternoon that held something good.

Small things are easy to forget. Writing them down gives us a way to return to them. And when Thanksgiving Day comes, let it be one gathering in a month of giving thanks, rather than the only day we stop to notice.

Whether we're sharing a meal with family, gathering with friends, or spending part of the day with coworkers, we can make room for a simple question: "What are you thanking God for today?" Invite each person to name one blessing and one person they're grateful for. Let the conversation take its time. When you gather to pray, pray not only for the meal, but for one another.

For some of us, though, gratitude will come with an ache.

An empty chair. A strained relationship. A burden we haven't found words for yet. Scripture doesn't ask us to pretend those things aren't there. God's goodness does not depend on a flawless year or a full house. We can bring Him our sorrow and still thank Him for the ways He sustains us. Both can be true. We can be grateful, and we can be hurting.

Remember, too, the person who may be spending the day alone. Make the call. Offer a place at the table. Bring a plate and stay for a little while. Gratitude can become something another person receives—not only something we feel.
Christmas will come, with its beautiful reminder that God came near to us in Jesus Christ. We don't need to hurry past Thanksgiving to prepare our hearts for that celebration.

We can begin here. With the people God has already placed in our lives. With a little more listening and a little less rushing. Before we turn our attention to the gifts we hope to give, let us thank God for the people we've been given.
And give them some of our time.

Miriam Stanford

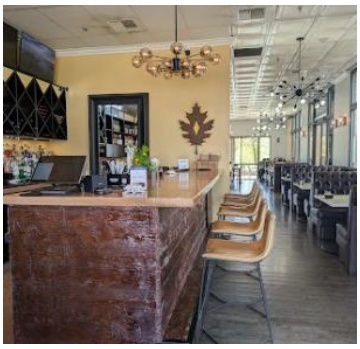
RESURRECTION'S ANNUAL GOOD GIFTS FAIR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST 9AM – NOON. You don't ant to miss this great opportunity to purchase meaning full gifts that support individual artisans around the world (and local too!).

- Fair traded coffee, chocolate, nuts and more from sustainably grown by small farmer co-ops.
- Handcrafted items that support schools in Uganda and South Sudan.
- Program rescuing young women from sex trafficking in Cambodia, providing education, housing, and employment making beautiful clothing, jewelry and more.
- Quilts prepared by our own Piece Makers, supporting their ability to make quilts that are distributed to organizations serving the less fortunate.

Join us and do some early Christmas shopping knowing that your purchases are making a difference in others' lives!

MEN'S BREAKFAST - November 7th



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

SPIRITUAL DEEPENING WORKSHOP November 8



Come learn how to practice Centering Prayer, a simple, ancient form of Christian meditation that seeks to deepen our relationship to God. The Spiritual Deepening team will be hosting this introductory workshop on Sunday, November 8th from 2:30-4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our instructors will teach the basics of Centering Prayer, then we'll practice the prayer in community. There will be opportunities to ask questions and share experiences. All are welcome! Please RSVP by emailing Casey Mills at caseyryanmills@gmail.com.

Sponsored by the LCR "Spiritual Deepening Team"

GATHERING INN.

Gathering Inn guests visit Resurrection on the first Thursday and third Monday of the month. For November that is **Thursday the 5th and Monday the16th.** 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.

BUNCO November 10th

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** November 10, December 8.

PIECEMAKERS - KNITTERS, CROCHETERS AND PRICELESS PURLS

Meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, at 10 am.

RESURRECTION READERS.



Meet the 3rd Tuesday - 12:00- in the Fellowship Hall.

November 17th THE TIME IN BETWEEN by Maria Duenas.

Dec 15: NO MEETING - CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS.

Contact: Beryl Bakken- 916-791-1582

LADIES NIGHT OUT

On break until January 2027 Then, Tuesdays at 5:30 pm.
Contact Michelle Larsh with questions at 916-390-7655 or michelle@larshfamily.com.

NOVEMBER HELPING HANDS



KidsFirst Counseling & Family Resource Centers
During November, we will be collecting diapers and wipes for infants and toddlers. You can place the purchased items in the Helping Hands baskets in the sanctuary narthex or in the Faith Center foyer. During the week you can drop off at the office, Monday – Thursday, 9am – 3pm



DAYLIGHTERS – November / December



DAYLIGHTERS **will not be meeting** November 25th-12:00- Due to Thanksgiving being the next day.
However, tickets will be selling for $20.00 for our December 9th Gala Catered Christmas Luncheon.
Don't wait- tickets could go fast.
Please contact Grace Betts- 916276-2884

YOUTH & FAMILY Updates

STAY TUNNED FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION



TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Yes, believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner, and it is time to launch our annual Christmas gift program, partnering with Lutheran Social Services (LSS). As you may remember (or not if you are relatively new to Resurrection), LSS would provide a list of names, with ages and gift wishes, members would sign up for a particular child, purchase the gift and return it to the church, to be picked up by LSS.



This year they are doing things a little differently. They will still provide us a list, but will not include names – just gender, age and suggested gift. When they pick up the gifts, they will become part of a holiday gift workshop at the child's program site. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the workshop and personally choose gifts for their own children.

There are two important reasons behind this approach.

· Families may move in and out of our programs throughout December, and the holiday workshop helps LSS make sure every child who is with the program during the holidays receives a gift—even those who join the programs after the gift lists have been shared.

· Just as importantly, we want parents to experience the joy and dignity of choosing a special gift for their own child. For families who have experienced homelessness and so much uncertainty, having that opportunity can be especially meaningful.

Dates are still to be determined, so watch the weekly updates each Friday over the next couple of weeks. Signups will most likely start the week or two before Thanksgiving, with gifts due back early December. Not only will we be providing gifts for the children but also giving their parents the opportunity to be part of that experience, shopping and selecting gifts!

WELCOME OUR NEW ACCOMPANIST

We are pleased to announce that John Gloudeman has joined the LCR staff as our new accompanist. He will assist worship in both the traditional and contemporary services.

John has an extensive background in church music, in traditional, contemporary, and blended styles. He plays many instruments, including piano, organ, guitar, accordion, and percussion, and has served served churches as both a music director and a composer and arranger. He also has led stage productions and overseen AV techs and sound reinforcement, and is an experienced private piano and vocal instructor.

A Rocklin resident, he graduated from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles with a minor in music and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

COUNCIL CORNER



Well, we have completed many major maintenance items this year…the replacement of the Faith Center HVAC units, replacement of the Fellowship Hall HVAC unit, replacement of the Faith Center Carpet, and sealing and repainting the parking lot.

These have been expensive repairs but our finances are still better off than we were a year ago. We have also received various gifts that we will be able to use to pay down our mortgage and reduce the amount of our monthly payments once again. Additionally, there have been many projects that have been taken care of in house by our Facilities Maintenance Manager (Stacy Wicks) and the Property Team (Chairman Mark Billeci) at a significant savings to our church. These guys are truly amazing and deserve a pat on the back when you see them next!
All of this will make a difference to our neighbors visiting the campus for the first time while attending our Community Fall Fest on Saturday, October 24th!

On behalf of Council,
John Cameron, President

CONSIDER YEAR-END GIVING WITH A TAX-ADVANTAGE GIFT

We know that many of you will carefully consider your charitable giving plans as we near the end of the calendar year. This is also an important time to meaningfully support congregations and ministries to equip them for future ministry. As you plan ways to give, we encourage you to consider opportunities that can help you make the most of tax policies and your assets.

Donating appreciated Assets - If you have appreciated assets (stocks/property) that you have owned more than one year you can donate the assets and avoid paying the capital gains on those assets. This is a much more tax effective way of giving than selling the asset and donating the proceeds on those assets.

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) – These distributions are ones you must take each year from most traditional IRAs once you reach a certain age (73). These Required Minimum Distributions can be directed to a charity which can limit taxable income from your IRA. This can be a great tax-savings way to donate to your favorite charity. A RMD given to charity is called a Qualified charitable distributions (QCD), QCDs are limited to $111,000. Most IRA custodians allow you to make regular QCDs to your favorite charity if you desire. You can start donating QCDs from your IRA at age 70 ½.

- Please discuss options with your financial advisor or CPA before deciding what makes the most sense for you.
- Consider adding an additional gift to the QCD that would go to one of our endowment Funds – Resurrection Life Fund or Legacy Ministry Fund. If you do this make sure you let Judy Moore, LCRs bookkeeper, how you would like your gift distributed.

Increase your impact! – LCR has received several gifts that council has decided to use to impact our budget now and long term. We will use the gifts to paydown the mortgage and re-amortize the loan to reduce the mortgage payment. A portion of the mortgage payment reduction will be then be contributed to the Resurrection Life Endowment Fund(RLF) monthly until the full amount of the original gift is put into the RLF. This will allow the gift to make an significant budget impact now and for generations to come. If you would like to know more about this or add a contribution to make the impact even bigger please contact John Wickeraad.
Questions? Please feel free to contact John Wickeraad (916-316-6943 or john.wickeraad@gmail.com). He will help get you in contact with the right person if there is any information that he cannot answer himself.

Shine With Purpose

COUNTY OF Placer
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Supervisor Suzanne Jones

DOUGLAS FEED & PET SUPPLY

PRESENT

Granite Bay
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026

AT THE QUARRY PONDS TOWN CENTER

5550 Douglas Boulevard, Granite Bay, CA

4:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Many shops will be open and will have activities for the families.



Santa will arrive at approximately **5:45 PM**

Photos available – **$5.00**
Gift card donations being accepted for kids in need.

6:00 PM
TREE LIGHTING

Followed by
CAROLING, SHOPPING AND FOOD!

Looking for local artisans and business vendors!

Please contact: Mindy Mohlenbrok 916-834-3932