



WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

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STRATEGIC VISION NEWS

On Tuesday, August 18, members of the Strategic Vision Team gathered with our Council President, John Cameron, to celebrate and recognize a job well done with a dinner, drinks, and a toast to the future!



And the reins (so to speak) were handed over to them as they begin to lead us into our future!

It is indeed a bright future thanks to the work of the Vision Team and now, all of you, as we begin to enter this new phase of life at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection!

Please join me in expressing gratitude for a job well done and the excitement of our commitment and support towards the work to come to the following team members:

Strategic Vision Team

Paul Mercurio - Casey Mills - Linda Babcock - Cheryl Lewis

Len Merkel - Kelsey Long

Pastor Ralph Supper - Pastor Derek Harman

Newly established "Theme / Team Leads"

- Energizing Participation - Marilyn Lapkass
- Community Engagement - Jacob Gamble
 - Spiritual Deepening - Casey Mills
- Sustainable Stewardship - Nancy Sappenfield & Kelsey Long

In peace,
Derek

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM RESURRECTION CONNECTION

This month, we have joyful news to share: everyone who participated in our recent “Resurrection Connection” gathering has decided to become a member of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

We are grateful for each person who took the time to attend, ask questions, and get to know one another, and the staff—and we are genuinely excited to welcome you into our church family. Becoming a member is more than adding a name to a list. It is a step into worship, learning, service, and community—centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in God’s grace. We look forward to walking with you in the seasons ahead, growing together in faith, and sharing in the life of the Church.

To our newest members: welcome. We are thankful you are here, and we are honored to be your church home.

If you see our new members in worship or at an event, please take a moment to introduce yourself and extend a warm greeting. A simple hello can be a meaningful first step in building lasting connections.

With thanksgiving,
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

New Members:

Lisa Bauler	Kelly Moore
Sherry Gouweloos	Alex Arrendondo
Pat Penn	Danilla Arrendondo
Jill Lewis	Alex Negrete
Debby Johnson	Marion Speed
Linda Geery	Jim Speed
Mark Geery	Bruce Bartholomew
Kim Maness	Toni Bartholomew
Rick Maness	Carol Rovai



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.

HANDBELLS

Another way to give thanks and praise - “Make a Joyful Noise” (Psalm 100).

Friday rehearsals (daytime hours). Beginning September 11. Play for our Traditional Service once a month. Contact Kim Meder at (916) 960-3974 or kimcmeder@gmail.com

YOUTH & FAMILY – UPDATES & INFO

THE PARABLES OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9TH, 6PM-7PM (LIBRARY). Jesus was a master storyteller, and His parables invite us to see God, ourselves, and the world in surprising new ways. In this 4 week Bible study, we’ll explore some of Jesus’ most memorable stories and navigate the questions they raise: Who is my neighbor? What does God’s kingdom really look like? What might Jesus be challenging us to see differently? Come discover why these stories still have the power to surprise, challenge, and transform us today.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 3PM-6PM (FAITH CENTER). In partnership with “Shine with Purpose” join us for a Mental Health Resource Fair connecting individuals and families with local organizations, resources, and support. Come learn, ask questions, and discover practical tools for strengthening mental and emotional well-being in a welcoming, judgment-free environment.

FALLFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 12PM-5PM. FallFest is an invitation to our entire community to come together, connect, and have fun! Designed as part of our vision to become a true community hub, FallFest will bring neighbors, families, friends, and our congregation together for a day filled with food, music, laughter, and connection. We’ll have a Family Area with games and activities, Trunk-or-Treat, a craft fair, bingo, a cake walk and bake sale, plus live music and our friendly Chili Cook-Off. Adults can gather in the Beer Garden (Sponsored by LAFF) for food, fellowship, and fun.

Whether you’re a longtime member, a nearby neighbor, or joining us for the first time, there’s a place for you at FallFest. Come celebrate the season on October 24th from 12pm-5pm, meet your neighbors, and experience a church that’s opening its doors to the community!

Love In Excess, Sal

HELPING HANDS HELPING KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

August Helping Hands Keeps St. Vincent DePaul Clients Busy!

Helping Hands request this month was to provide jigsaw puzzles and puzzle books (such as word searches, sudoku, crosswords, etc.) for clients of St. Vincent DePaul, in response to their quarterly donation request. Currently we have 28 jigsaw puzzles and 33 a great variety of puzzle books, with another week still to go! Once again, Resurrection members responded tremendously!

On behalf of St. Vincent DePaul and those they serve, THANK YOU for your support!!

September's Helping Hands Expands Ways to Serve

Sunday, September 13th is God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) Sunday, and that is where the Helping Hands will be focused. If you have been around for prior years' GWOH activities, you know we don't limit ways to serve to just one Sunday!

On GWOH Sunday, there will be just one service in the sanctuary at 10am. Following that, we will come together in the Faith Center to make 150 sandwiches which will be delivered to Gathering Inn. This will be a good family activity! In addition to that, there will be cards to write, and Priceless Purls will have a table for knitting or crocheting caps for babies or cancer patients at local hospitals. You don't need to know how to knit or crochet – they are great teachers!

In addition to the Sunday fun, there will be activities throughout September and October to participate in. There is something for everyone – kids and adults alike! Sign-up sheets are available in the Faith Center Lobby between services. Some old favorites like meals at St. Vincent DePaul, Gathering Inn, and Saint John's Program for Real Change. And some new ones, partnering with Shine With Purpose like preparing casseroles for Senior Center, painting rocks to place in your neighborhood or parks and trails, and preparing a Sunday meal for Gathering Inn in Auburn and delivering and serving that meal. Another opportunity will be to join the Property Team to finish up some painting of buildings on campus! Look for the sign-up sheets to see all the possibilities!

Did You Know.....

...That you could designate contributions beyond your pledged giving to three different funds that the Social Ministry team manages? Those 3 funds are World Community, Local Community and Service/Mission. Within each of the 3 funds there are individual organizations which can receive those contributions.

- **World Community Fund** includes organizations such as Lutheran Disaster Relief, World Hunger, ELCA Good Gifts, and Lutheran World Relief
- **Local Community Fund** includes Lutheran Social Services and the Angel Fund
- **Service/Mission Fund** includes those projects that Resurrection does in the community such as Gathering Inn and St. Vincent DePaul meal program, Christmas Baskets, GWOH and Helping Hands. This also includes the general category of Social Ministry.

If you have questions about these funds, contact Bookkeeper Judy Moore at judy@lcrchurch.org or catch her on a Sunday after church!

DAS SPEISE CAFÉ



LAFF (LUTHERAN ADULT FUN & FELLOWSHIP) for its first 32 years but now Lutherans Active in Fun & Fellowship for the last several years) has enjoyed hosting over 100 social events for LCR.

LAFF (LUTHERAN ADULT FUN & FELLOWSHIP (CONTIINUED))

Besides an activity at each event, LAFF events include food and refreshments. This year LAFF is supporting LCR's visionary goal of expanding our community engagement by hosting a German style café open from 1 to 4 pm in front of Fellowship Hall for Fall Fest 2026 on Oct 24th.

LAFF and the LCR ministry team are promoting this as a community event – much broader than inviting just friends and family of LCR members. Many of the activities are for children (Trunk or Treat, Bounce House, Pumpkin carving...just to name a few) and are free. Plus free flavored cotton cane cones for all!

The café will offer two types of brats (one is a Weisswurst), five types of adult German drinks, personal size Bavarian soft pretzels, German mustards and cheese sauces, ¼ lb. hot dogs. While there is no charge for the Fall Fest, LAFF is charging for brats, hot dogs, pretzels and drinks – cash only. Quantities of some items are limited. German or Halloween costumes are welcome. Pets are welcome. Let's hope Oct 24th is a sunny day. More info? Call Ron Becker 916-390-7947.

GATHERING INN.

Gathering Inn guests visit Resurrection on the first Thursday and third Monday of the month. In August, that's September 6th and September 21st. 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** invite all to join us on Wednesday, **Sept 30** at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall- for lunch and an African Safari! Guide Gail Bimber and friends will introduce you to African National Parks, the Big I Five animals who rule there, their families, friends, foes, and the local natives who live among them. You won't want to miss this!!
Contact: Grace Betts 916-276-2884
- ◆ **LADIES NIGHT OUT – Sept 1**
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 – Sept 8**
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, Sept 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
- ◆ **RESURRECTION READERS BOOK CLUB – Tuesday, September 15**
Book club meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Beryl, 916-791-1582. Join us on September 15th for...
 - **THE LOVE STORY OF MISSY CARMICHAEL**- Beth Morrey- A warm, humorous, and heartfelt " coming- of-old" novel about forgiveness, second chance, and the unexpected ways love can return.

TREASURERS REPORT

SO, HOW DID LCR FINISH OUR 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR?

The final report is in.

Including replacing a \$25K HVAC unit and then replacing 2 much larger HVAC unit costing \$89K, both of which were unexpected...here's you answer.

Actual	Budget	
Contributions	\$823,938	\$873,250
Other Income	\$172,870	\$127,500
Total Income	\$996,809	\$1,000,750
Less:		
Expenses	\$999,375	\$1,000,734
Net Total	(\$2,566)	\$16

It was an amazing accomplishment due to your generosity and faithfulness.

COUNCIL CORNER

This is an exciting time for LCR as the Strategic Vision teams (Energize Participation, Community Engagement, Spiritual Deepening, and Sustainable Stewardship) have begun meeting to develop ideas to fulfill the vision goals. This includes meeting with the existing church committees to coordinate efforts with them. We look forward to a positive future for LCR! Congratulations to Sal Espino for becoming the Vice President of the Synod. We know that the Synod and all the Lutheran Churches associated will benefit from Sal's experience and insight as he takes on this challenging position.

Financially, our joyful giving for the last month was down significantly causing a shortfall of approximately \$5,000. We are also continuing to pay for the major repair work that has been done to our campus.

Doesn't the carpet in the Faith Center and Library look great (if you haven't seen it yet, check it out)! We have also been performing upkeep on our Solar System which has repaired a faulty string and improved the output of the system. The large wooden cross at the front of the church had the section on the bottom that was deteriorating removed and the cross has been replaced. Again, we continue to make our campus beautiful and efficient.

On behalf of Council

John Cameron, President