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## Social Ministry Committee December Update:

**Again, our heartfelt thanks for all our Resurrection Church families contributed this Holiday Season.**

**Heifer International** was so pleased to receive our request for enough shares to provide a Water Buffalo, also we purchased 3 sheep, 2 goats, a cow, two pigs, many sets of chickens and ducks. Just think how many families will benefit from what we were able to give from our church, because it is a gift that keeps on giving!

**Good Gifts Fair.** Thanks to the generosity of the Resurrection members we were able to send \$1000 to ELCA Good Gifts, pay for the purchase of all the "goods" that were sold, and netted \$600 profit which we will use to purchase more "Textiles from Tanzania" for next year's sale at Resurrection and thus enable this small group of ladies to earn money to support their families. Thank you all for your support of others who are trying to improve their lives! We sold coffee, teas, basket of goodies, toys,



purses, placemats, greeting cards and donations were given to purchase many more items for those in need.

**Christmas Baskets.** You again opened your hearts to provide 80 families with food baskets and 130 individuals with gifts. You really helped make Christmas special for so many people. Thank you so very much to the many people who helped with the assembly and delivery of the food and gifts. We all appreciate your tremendous giving and help!! Barbara Peterson, Carroll Fingar and Lisa Rasico did an enormous amount of planning to fulfill the needs of others. This is a time consuming job that is so appreciated!

January starts a new year and as our committee fills in the local needs for each month, we are making some positive changes to help others in need.

In January we continue to assist Sleep Train with their Pajama Drive for foster children. All sizes are needed. If you have any questions please call Linda Corr, 791-0622, and read the Helping Hands article in this newsletter.

In addition to January Helping Hands, we are adding Kids First. **Kids First's** mission is to end child abuse and neglect. Their vision is that **all children** live in a safe, healthy, and nurturing home. Their needs for January are for diapers (size 4-6), baby wipes, Elmer's glue, Elmer's glue sticks, and kid's scissors.

## Craft Faire 2016 Wrap Up



**This year's faire was a wonderful occurrence.** We had rain and still a great attendance. The TV camera was again on us.

Our thanks to our fantastic kitchen co-chairs, Marina Smith and Barbara Wells and their many helpers and **soup makers**. We have so many great soup makers in our church, people return just to have the soups! Thank you.

Our **bake sales** have been very successful thanks to Doc and Sandie Wright, their many helpers and our church members (you were fantastic)! The baked items were a huge success. Thank you.

This year we had a new addition to our thank you list, our Santa, James Martin and his helpers. He was fantastic and pictures were taken by many, small and large.

We are so lucky to have such a faithful and great bunch of workers! Bakers! Soup Makers! We cannot do it without your help. Thank you! Thank you.

Ann Jolly & Susie Reese, co-chairs

**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT THE FAIRE 2017**

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## January Leadership Summit

The purpose mapping process with the Joshua Group has been energizing for many of us. We pray that you shared and heard how God is leading our congregation through the interviews with Kristin Wiersma and the community listening panels.

Kristin is busy reviewing all our input and compiling her report to help us to determine waypoints that we may direct our ministry. During the weekend of January 21-22 Kristin will be joining us to share her results and motivate us for the next steps in moving forward together.

The entire congregation is encouraged to join us during worship on Sunday, Jan 22 where Kristen will share the highlights and waypoints from the process. This will give you an opportunity to discern how you may be involved in some of our ministry focus.

On Saturday, January 21 many of Resurrection's leaders will gather with Kristin for a leadership summit from 9am-12pm in the fellowship hall where she will share her findings and suggestions in depth. All staff, church council, ministry team leads, and other influential leaders will receive an invite in early January. This will be a life-giving time to hear how God is leading us and inspire us to be involved.

Look forward to more purpose mapping!  
Lookin' up,  
Ralph

## 2017 Dinner with Friends



Through January we are taking sign-ups for fellowship, food and folly with Resurrection's round robin dining for the new year. It's a quarterly potluck dinner opportunity with your fellow church members.

Just pick a month that you would like to host and you'll be on your way to meeting new friends, renewing old friendships, and having a lot of fun.

**Sign-ups** can be done by submitting your sign-up sheet in the offering plate, to the church office or by sending the form to me by email – **Mike Haag** [mike@haagfamily.com](mailto:mike@haagfamily.com). Sign-up sheets available Sunday mornings or [click here](#) to download.

If you prefer not to host, please sign up to be a substitute and you may get a call to join a group and only need to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert.

Remember, this is for fellowship, not haute cuisine. We look forward to dining with you. If you have any questions, please call or email, **Mike Haag**, [mike@haagfamily.com](mailto:mike@haagfamily.com) or 916-765-3410.

## Gathering Inn in January

On **Tuesday, January 17**, we welcome our neighbors from **The Gathering Inn**. Each month, this “nomadic”



community-based shelter rotates among 40 local churches, who provide a warm welcome, a hot meal and a safe place to

sleep for about 75 homeless individuals and families.

The number of people we serve is increasing, and we're seeing more children than ever. Homelessness is especially hard on kids, and the hospitality we offer these families makes a big difference.

If you'd like to be a part of this important ministry, we need:

- 2 Set-Up Helpers (able to move tables and chairs) – arriving at 4:00 p.m.
- 4 Cooks - arriving at 4:00 p.m.
- 8 Food Servers - arriving at 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Greeters - arriving at 6:00 p.m.
- 2 Clean-Up Helpers – arriving at 6:00 p.m.

To sign up, please email [murbach5@outlook.com](mailto:murbach5@outlook.com) and let us know which team you'd like to join.

Thank you for taking the time to be a part of this life-changing ministry.

## Helping Hands for January

**In-kind and Monetary Contributions** are for the *Sleep Train Foster Children's pajama drive*. Over 60,000 California children will find themselves living in foster care at any given time. Many foster kids enter with few or no possessions; many have suffered the effects of poverty, neglect, and even abuse; and for many these challenges are just beginning. **You can help this month by placing new pajamas in the Helping Hand baskets** in the narthex and Faith Center and/or by making a special offering via your offering envelope or online.



## Fellowship Breakfast

Join us for a delicious breakfast on, Saturday **January 14**, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The morning features a great breakfast by Tim & Joan Moore, a farewell and send-off to Pastor Don, who has sponsored and supported this program, and a presentation by Katie Starbuck and John Wickeraad about the LEGACY PROGRAM. John, will host the day's events. A \$5 donation is suggested for the breakfast. All adults are welcome.



## Daylighters Invitation!

**Happy New Year to all from the DAYLIGHTERS!** The next luncheon will be the **last** Tuesday of the month, January 31, 2017 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. On the menu is soup and salad, French bread and dessert. (Please let me know if you can make a crock pot full of soup for us.) '**Senior Safety Tips**' is our program title. Welcome, if you are new to the group. To reserve a place for you, please contact Elizabeth Bieniek at [bethniek@gmail.com](mailto:bethniek@gmail.com) or 916 780-0472. Thank you.

## ALOA is planning a wine tasting trip to

Amador County on Saturday, **January 28**, 2017. In order to firm up our arrangements, we need all interested parties to commit by **January 10<sup>th</sup>** by calling Wayne Osterman at 916-204-4315 or sending an email to [f14sticker@gmail.com](mailto:f14sticker@gmail.com).



The current plan is to arrange for a van/bus with driver, leave Resurrection around 10 am and return to Resurrection at 4:00 p.m. The names and number of wineries will be finalized later. Cost will range between \$23 and \$38 per person, depending on how many folks attend. Final arrangements will be shared with the committed group after the January 10<sup>th</sup> signup deadline. Should you have any questions, please call Wayne at 916-204-4315.

## Priceless Purls:

In December, this industrious group of knitters and crocheters provided 67+ hat and scarf sets for adult recipients of the Christmas baskets, plus more the kids in those families.



Chemo patients at Kaiser Eureka received 42 hats. Seventy-five hats were made for new babies at Sutter Roseville. This group meets next on Monday, January 9 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring any knitted or crocheted baby hats, chemo hats, hats or scarves for Gathering Inn and/or prayer shawls.

Questions? Contact Joanne Auerbach at 624-3651 or [bauerbac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bauerbac@sbcglobal.net)

## Begin 2017 with Yoga



Build flexibility, balance, and friendships every Thursday morning from 10- 11 AM in Fellowship Hall. Our skilled instructor, Theodora Wilner, adapts the program for both chair and mat yoga. For chair yoga – bring yourself and a positive attitude. For mat yoga – bring your mat and a smile. Classes are run in 6-week sessions. **First session will run from January 5th thru February 9th.** Cost is \$45 for the six weeks; \$30 if you can attend three sessions or less. Questions? – call Kay Valler at (916)791-1001.

## Legacy Team Valentine's Lunch – February 12<sup>th</sup> - Save the Date!

**On February 12th at noon** (following second service), the Legacy Team is hosting a “hearty” Valentine’s lunch. Please join us for good food, education on the importance of monetary giving, and heart-warming stories of how giving can impact the lives, hearts, and souls of others (and ourselves).



Help the Legacy Team find new lives to bless in 2017! Don't miss this incredible opportunity to celebrate the joy and love of giving together. Watch for more information coming soon.

## Children's Ministry News



### Wish lists for Children's Ministry at Resurrection!

As we begin 2017, Children's Ministry at Resurrection is hard at work dreaming of what could be. Want to be a part? Contact [Adriana Findlay](mailto:Adriana.Findlay), Director of Children's Ministry if you would enjoy contributing to the following:

#### Children's Ministry Team Wish List:

There are so many ways to show children that God created them, Jesus loves them and the Holy Spirit is guiding them! Ministering to children works best when done in ways well matched to passions and gifts, and in a supported setting. When it's done could be mutually determined later. Seniors to teens, do you have any of these interests?

- sharing Bible stories via drama for and with children
- decorating to create a stimulating and fun space for children
- praising God by leading children in singing
- reading to children
- using art to help children express themselves
- sharing a love of cooking with children
- gardening with children
- listening to children

*Resolve to share how  
God is working through  
our lives!*

Christ is shining through us



**Children's Supplies Wish List** (used is fine, but please be clean and in good shape):

- Lego and Duplo blocks and figures
- Magna-Tiles, Picasso Tiles, etc.
- Beanie Babies
- 24 to 200 piece jigsaw puzzles
- wooden blocks
- CD player

Thanks for making Resurrection a great place for kids!

**“Friday Flash” Weekly Children’s Ministry E-news** - For the most up to date and detailed information on Children’s Ministry, ask to be included on the “Friday Flash” by contacting Adriana Findlay, Director of Children’s Ministry.

## Teen Ministry

### High School Retreat CHANGED!!!

Feb 3-5.  
Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Tahoe City  
Cost \$100.  
Email RSVPs accepted until Jan 22

### Western States Youth Gathering

**Deadline pushed back!** We're still accepting teens currently in 8th-11th grade! Please at least RSVP by Dec 29 so we can register you before the cost goes up.

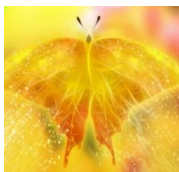
**June 28 - July 2, 2017**

**California Lutheran University in  
Thousand Oaks, CA  
Your Cost = \$250**

**\$100 deposit due Dec 27  
\$150 remainder due May 1**

Fundraising will cover the remaining \$300+. WSYG is for high school youth (grades 9-12) in ELCA congregations from Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4 and only occurs every three years. There will be mass gatherings with great speakers and musicians; learning and small group experiences; worship that takes you in new directions; and much more!

## Adult Faith Formation Ministry Team



Learn how the Israelites lived before Jesus! **ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE**

This unique 8-week class is offered though the Center for Bible Study, and taught by Dr. Cynthia Shafer-Elliott, a professor of the Old Testament at William Jessup Univ. It starts the evening of **January 17<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Antelope at a cost of \$100. The emphasis is on the daily lives of the average Israelite household as discovered by archaeologists at the sites. Dr. Shafer-Elliott is currently part of the excavation team at Tel Halif, Israel. Call St. Andrew's office at [916-332-1476](tel:916-332-1476) to register.

## Save the Date: February 7, 2017

The Reverend, Dr. Ted Peters will be coming to Ascension Lutheran Church on **February 7** (10:00 – 11:30 a.m.) to talk with the Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class on the topic of **“Our Cosmos, God’s Creation.”** Has God brought life to fellow creatures on other planets who also belong to the cosmic story? Talking about religion and science (or faith alongside scientific facts) is new for people in the church. (Dr. Peters was one of my professors at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. I hope you'll find a way to come and join us! -- Pastor Cindy) Contact the office if you'd like to attend: [916-723-5223](tel:916-723-5223)

## Faith Formation Ministry Team News

**Linda Babcock** is the new team leader (many thanks to Diane Holmes for her service). New members are welcome. We're looking at new ideas, including online classes. Come to the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at 3:30 in the Conference Room to see if you want to join – no commitment. Call Linda 916-608-2109.

## Caring for the Caregiver



Many individuals and families in our congregation provide ongoing care for a loved one at home or have neighbors or friends who are doing so. Interested in providing an unbroken circle of congregational compassionate care and support throughout the seasons of life, Resurrection offers a variety of resources to come alongside caregivers in their journey. A brochure listing such resources is now available [here](#) or can be obtained in hard copy in the narthex of the sanctuary and through the church office. Please contact the Director of Shared Ministry at [Karen@lcrchurch.org](mailto:Karen@lcrchurch.org) for further information or phone the church office at (916) 791-4661.

## Needing Transportation?



Placer County Transit provides DIAL-A-RIDE Service Bus rides (**Monday through Friday**) to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Granite Bay, in a designated area of Placer County. To schedule a ride, phone (916)745-7560 a day (or two!) before your trip time. Should you live outside their area of service, Placer County residents are encouraged to ask for referrals to other providers, such as the Placer County **MyRides** program. Transportation through **MyRides** is provided by volunteer drivers who are approved and scheduled by Seniors First.

For more information about **MyRides**, phone Cheryl (916)782-4202 from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

## Words of Appreciation

**From Ann Jolly** – I want to thank the church for all of the prayers for my son, Matthew, during his long and difficult surgery. Please continue to pray as he has another surgery and a long recovery ahead of him.

**To Bill Zempel** – Have you noticed the beautiful



Welcome/Information table in the narthex? Be sure to send your compliments to **Bill Zempel** who designed and built it using ideas from Pastor Don and his own craftsmanship! Thank you, Bill!

## For All the Saints

**FOR ALL THE SAINTS** features stories of the lives of Resurrection members some of whom, for a variety of reasons, are no longer able to worship with us. We continue to hold these saints in our thoughts and corporate prayers and reading about them is one way our entire community can get to know them also! Thanks to our interviewers, John Frith and Karen Murbach, who contact and set up interviews and write the newsletter articles.

If you have a person you would like to have interviewed FOR ALL THE SAINTS, please email Director of Shared Ministry, Karen Idler, at [karen@lcrchurch.org](mailto:karen@lcrchurch.org) or phone the church office at 916.791.4661 ext. 225.

## Couple relied on faith to get through airplane crash, cancer

By John Frith



How does someone cope with a horrific airplane crash only to learn just four months later that you also have metastatic breast cancer? For Anita Marth and her husband, David, the answer was simple: faith.

Which is not to say the past 15 months have been easy, and there were many days the couple were scared and even angry at God, but in the end their faith got them through the ordeal.

“When I was scared about the cancer diagnosis, I

took daily walks, and I remember one day just getting so angry with God and just saying, ‘Why? Why all of this? I don’t understand all of this,’” Anita said.

“But when I came back from my walk, the sun was shining on our front walkway and there was a reflection of a fish through a window, and I remember hearing God, feeling God saying, ‘My grace is sufficient for you and I’m with you every step of the way.’ Any time I would get to that point, He would give me something visible, something substantial I could just lean on.”



The couple’s ordeal began on October 3, 2015 – a beautiful sunny day. David, a dentist who now helps administer Delta Dental’s Denti-Cal program for

low-income Californians, first flew gliders while stationed in Oahu with the Navy in 1973 but really got into flying in 2001. On that day, Anita – who had been recovering from bariatric weight-loss surgery – felt well and told David she wanted to go flying with him. So they drove to Yuba City where their plane is based and decided to fly to Benton Field near downtown Redding. ([Read more](#))

## Resurrection Readers

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month our book club meets in the library at 2:00 p.m. Contact Beryl Bakken at 916-791-1582. **Please join us!**



### What we’ll be reading:

**Jan. 19** – *Eat Sleep Seek Stride*, Theodora Wilner (the author will be with us)

**Feb. 16** – *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson

**Mar. 16** – *When Breath Becomes Air*, Paul Kalanithi

**Apr. 20** – *Leaving Time*, Jodi Picoult

**May 18** – *Dead Wake*, Erik Larson

**Jun. 15** – *America’s First Daughter*, Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

**Jul. 20** – *Look Again*, Lisa Scottoline

**Aug. 17** – *Whistling Season*, Ivan Doig

**Sept. 21** – *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah

## Church Council – December Highlights

- Council met with Bishop Mark Holmerud to discuss the upcoming Interim process related to Pr. Don’s retirement.
- The Purpose Mapping Leadership Summit is coming up Jan 21 9-noon. Report during services Jan 22 by Kristen Wiersma.

- Council greatly appreciates the wonderful Children's Christmas Musical and the efforts of all those participating, child participants, families, adult leaders, and audience!
- The Christmas Baskets project every year is a feat of organization and shows great generosity on the part of Resurrection. Thank you to the organizers and those contributing.
- Did you miss one of the Community Listening Sessions for our Mapping Process? Audio of both sessions is available on the Resurrection website.
- Bryce Simmons will build a new cross for our grove sanctuary for his Eagle Scout project.

In His Service, Lynne Larock

## Scouts making new cross for Grove



When Grove worship starts next May, the site will feature a new cross, thanks to an Eagle Scout candidate who is a Resurrection member.

Bryce Simmons, who just completed his term as senior patrol leader for Troop 121, which meets at the church, said he wanted to benefit Resurrection with his Eagle project. He spent part of his Christmas vacation creating the new cross from two dead redwood trees, one from Resurrection's campus and another donated by Ron and Sue Becker.

The Scouts debarked the trees, then stained, sealed, and bolted the members together. The joined area will be wrapped with rope to hide the bolts.

Bryce, his parents Mike and Kiersten, and his grandparents Dale and Kay Munson, are all members at Resurrection. Bryce is also active in the church youth group and sings at services.



He hopes to have the cross in place early this month.

## January Community Events

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection has long been the center of community activities in Granite Bay. Here's what's happening in January:

- AA meets each Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week in the Fellowship Hall. Times vary.
- Al Anon District 10 meets Jan. 15 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- American Association of University Women meets Jan. 4 at 3:00pm and on Jan. 17 at 10:30am. Both meetings are held in the Carlson Library.
- Boys Team Charity meets Jan. 30 at 7:00pm in the Faith Center.
- Daughters of Norway meets Jan. 7 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Mankind Project meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in Classroom 8.
- National Charity League, South Placer Chapter, meets Jan. 9 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- National Charity League, Granite Bay Chapter, meets Jan. 23 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Northern California Accordion Society meets Jan. 4 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. \$3 donation at the door. Food and entertainment provided.
- Older Adult Collaborative meets Jan. 11 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sierra Kronan meets Jan. 2 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- SLAA meets each Friday at 7:30pm in Classroom 8.
- St. Joseph Marelo, Knights of Columbus, Seafood Pasta Dinner will be held Jan. 28 at 5:30pm in the Faith Center.
- Troop 121 meets Jan. 10, 12 and 26th. Times and locations vary.

## Shared Ministry Matters

**From the Director of Shared Ministry, Karen Idler**



Resurrection church groups are encouraged to begin our meetings and other gatherings with a brief devotion. Groups may choose a devotion for themselves or use the devotion provided in the monthly newsletters. This month's group devotion is adapted from the foreword of a publication titled "The Mission Table" written by ELCA Presiding Bishop at the time, Mark Hanson, on the Day of Pentecost 2003:

### What are your expectations of the Holy Spirit?

When you read the scriptures, what are your expectations of the Holy Spirit? What do you expect the Holy Spirit will accomplish when you gather for worship? If I asked you to describe what the Holy Spirit is up to in and through our congregation, to what would you give witness? What are the hopes and the hurts, the fears and the faith of those who live in the community around our congregation? How would they describe the good life? Who are the neglected, the isolated who assume no one knows their names and who have no table to which they are welcomed? [Read more](#)