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November 1, 2017

One Combined 10:00am Worship Service All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2017!

Celebrate a festive All Saints **Sunday, November 5th** with us at a combined 10:00am service in the Faith Center. This one worship service is a combined effort of both the traditional and contemporary service worship teams. Special music, choir, instrumentalists, band, liturgical dance, and a reader's theater will be part of this festival worship. We will remember those of our Resurrection family who have died during this past year by reading their names and striking the singing bowl for each and also name those newly



baptized. Reflecting an understanding that "It Takes All the Saints" to fulfill our mission and ministry, multi-generational worship assistants have been matched to serve according to their gifts, skills, and abilities.

Following worship, view the **Shared Ministry Displays** on tables set along the corridor of the education wing. Resurrection committees and teams will provide information and handouts describing their responsibilities, the qualifications required to serve in their area of ministry, and which positions are currently available.

After viewing the displays, you are invited to proceed to Room 10 for **coffee and light bites**. Children's activities will take place on the patio in the play area outside room 10 (weather permitting!) and an **Artisan Display** of artwork of members skilled in an applied art or craft will be available to be viewed inside.

Questions? Contact Deacon Karen Idler, the Director of Shared Ministry, at Karen@lcrchurch.org or phone the church office at 916.791.4661.

Resurrection Connection!

Welcome to a Lutheran Christian Journey at Resurrection!



You may be considering joining Resurrection's ministry, or maybe you've been with us for a while and are curious about the Lutheran perspective on living God's love in the world. If you have been wondering about these things, or if you would simply like to make new **connections** and build new relationships at Resurrection, then this journey is for you!

Join us Sundays, November 12 & 19, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in Rooms 5/6. A light lunch will be served.

Contact Deacon Karen Idler, the Director of Shared Ministry, at Karen@lcrchurch.org or phone the church office at 916.791.4661 if you will be attending.

New disciples will be received Sunday, December 3, 2017 during all three worship services.

Craft Faire Extravaganza 2017

The 10th Annual Craft Faire, Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come out, do some shopping, have lunch and take home some beautiful handmade items crafted by over 65 artisans! Bring the little ones to meet Santa! We'll be serving light breakfast and lunch items, snacks, homemade soups, chili, coffee and soda.



If you are willing to make **homemade soup** for the day of the Faire, or help in the kitchen, please contact Marina Smith at marinas@surewest.net or 916-773-8485. Questions: contact Ann Jolly, 916-784-9254 or Susie Reese at 916-759-2410. Thank you!

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Greetings from your Interim Pastor



I've been asked to give a brief update as to where we are and where we are going in this interim process. Usually the first few months of an interim time are about as interesting as watching paint dry. I spend a good deal of my time getting to know the members and developing relationships with the staff as we work together to carry out the mission and ministry of the congregation. Sometimes I feel like I should have the phrase, "Really? I didn't know that!" tattooed on my forehead. But thankfully, you all have been very gracious in accepting me as your intentional interim pastor. I usually feel very much at home with you all.

The Team that actually does the most work in carrying out the crucial work of the Transition is called the Transition Team. You've heard me speak of this Team many times. The Transition Team listens to the members of the congregation and then actually prepares all the data and information that is needed for the call committee to do its work in preparing the Ministry Site Profile which is used by the bishop's office in compiling names of pastors who fit the profile of the congregation.

Sometimes organizing the Transition Team goes smoothly. Other times we hit snags. Unfortunately, we have hit several snags in the past month that have caused the formation of the Team to be slowed down. I want to assure everyone that we are not at a standstill, we are not floundering, we are simply being very thorough in this preparatory process so that the Team is representative of the many facets of the congregation and can work well together and with the interim pastor. Even as the formation of the Transition Team has slowed a bit, other crucial work is being done – much of it behind the scenes.

Please continue to keep the Interim process in your prayers. I am available to answer questions that you may have. Once the Team is appointed and trained you will receive bi-weekly reports at worship and in written form. Until then, please keep being the church that you are called to be.

Shalom
Pastor Berry

"SKETCHINGS" from Pr Tom O. Miller

"Thanks for the Welcome and Some Random Thoughts"

First of all, thank you for your warm and gracious welcome to my role as Chaplain at Resurrection. I want you to know that I am truly blessed to serve you and I am having a great deal of fun in doing so.

I always like the fall season. The cool earthy smells of a fall morning evoke fond memories of the fall

harvest season of my youth. The wonderful fall colors remind me of the dramatic fall colors of Minnesota. And the changing seasons remind me of the on-going cycles in our journeys of life and faith.



In the cycle of my faith journey, fall is a time when Teresa and I renew our commitments to our partnership with God through our generosity. So, it is, about this time each fall, I'm reminded to say "Thank You!!" to a gentleman named Skip Goodmanson. About 40 years ago Skip (a generous lay leader of the church I attended), gently and lovingly invited Teresa and I to take the faith step to proportionate giving (that is giving a designated percentage of our blessings to God through the church). We chose a biblical tithe (10%). Each year we renew the faith commitment of a tithe and even beyond. Even in the tough times of raising children and paying for college we made our tithe our first check. And in the blessed times we've been able to do even more. Every year we talk about it and recognize that, in faith, we can't in good conscious keep more than 90% of God's abundance in our lives for ourselves. For us it has been a blessing to be generous. In faith, we bring our offerings and out of faith we share the joy of being partners with God in God's work through our hands.

In the cycle of my ministry among you, I'm "normally" engaged in my routines of calling, connecting and visiting on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (late mornings and afternoons for the most part). You'll see me around at rather random times on Sundays as well. I long to know how I can serve your needs and where it might be that I need to make connections. So, please, feel free to invite me over for coffee or let me know if there is someone you know who might enjoy a phone call for encouragement and/or support. As I learn of needs or concerns, I will respond in an appropriate manner.

As we journey through fall, please be praying for our interim process and for our teams and leaders that we might grow in our faith and in our resolve to be a servant church that makes God's love and grace known in our world.

Joy and hope!
T.O.M.

A further thought paraphrased from my colleague Pr. Andreas Stein: "Don't feed and fuel negativity. There are plenty of people who speak about how bad everything is, why nothing can't be done and why it will only go downhill. Don't join this choir. Rather be part of the choir that speaks of God's power, sings praise about the good in life and hums notes of hope and faith for a new day."

Wildfire Relief Fund



Have you wanted to help with the wildfire victims in Santa Rosa? Several of the Lutheran Churches in the area had members lose their homes in the fire. At least eleven families from Bethlehem Lutheran in Santa Rosa are known to have lost their homes. Please remember in prayer these families and the members of the congregations who are offering care and support to those who have lost so much. To help this church provide help for these families, Resurrection will be forwarding your gifts to the Lutheran Social Services - Fire relief/Bethlehem Lutheran.

In addition, the **Resurrection Legacy Fund will be matching the first \$1000 gifts** going to these families in need. If you wish to help, please indicate "wildfire relief" with your donation made out to LCR and have your donation to the church by **November 5th** so the gifts can get to the church in a timely manner.

GOOD GIFTS FAIR - November 19th

You are invited to beat the madhouse at the mall and get a jump on your Christmas shopping by purchasing gifts that can transform lives at the Good Gifts Fair on **November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The foyer of the Faith Center will be transformed into a **Miracle-Making-Market-Place** where you can get olive oil from Palestine, fair trade coffee, tea, chocolates and nuts, as well as bags, purses, placemats and table runners made by ladies in Tanzania. Purchasing these gifts will not



only delight the people who receive them, but will help the people who made them provide a life for their families. Gift cards from the ELCA catalogue will also be available. These are gifts that are hard to wrap but that can provide life-saving things like water filters, vaccinations, malaria nets, blankets, and many other items.

This year we encourage you to be a Miracle worker by spending some of your Christmas money on gifts that make a real difference in people's lives! (If you want to check out the gifts ahead of time, come to the Fellowship Breakfast on the 11th! See following article.

November Fellowship Breakfast



Fellowship Breakfast, Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 a.m. Come to this month's Fellowship Breakfast to get a sneak peek at the items that will be sold at the Good Gifts Fair on November 19th. Aisia Kitaly Msechu will introduce us to the ladies from Tanzania and show us the **bags, purses, placements and table runners** they have made. Your purchase of these items will not only delight the people on your Christmas list, but will also help these ladies provide a good life for their families. We will also have Gift Cards from the ELCA Catalogue, and **coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts, and olive oil** from Equal Exchange. All of these items are made by hard working farmers who depend on you to help them care for their families.

So, come for a great breakfast with friends and stay for a presentation that could help you get your Christmas shopping done early while helping others to have a more secure life. Please contact Kathy Wood at 619-890-3087 or kheinzewood@yahoo.com to reserve a place so we will know how much food to prepare.

Worship & Music Opportunities

November 18 – Stimmen aus dem Herzen – Voices from the Heart is a musical celebration uplifting the 500th year of Luther's Reformation and the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of **St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento** at 1701 L Street. Hear St. John's combined choirs, the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, Vox Musica, and the mighty organ as they perform works by Mendelssohn, Bach, and others. This begins at **3:00 p.m.** and a \$20 donation is suggested.

One Service Only Christmas Eve Morning



Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year and there will be four services in the evening (4:00, 6:00, 8:00, & 10:00 p.m.) it has been decided to only have **one morning service at 11:00 a.m.** It will be a relaxed, reflective, contemplative, spoken service of the Word with Communion. We hope this 4th Sunday in Advent will be a time in which we can quietly prepare our hearts and minds to receive the great gift of our Savior, the Baby Jesus.

Please mark your calendars and remind your friends not to come to church at 8:00 or 9:30 a.m. on December 24th. We'll see you at 11:00 a.m. only that morning.

Note from Dee Dee

COMING SOON!



❖ Sunday, December 3

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., in the Faith Center

The Joyous Brass will make a return visit to Resurrection to provide a dynamic concert to kick off the Advent season for our church. Among the pieces will be a special arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress" in honor of the 500th anniversary of The Reformation and a combined number with our Chancel Choir. Please plan to attend with family and friends for an evening of beautiful music that is guaranteed to inspire. There is no charge for this concert, but a free-will offering will be collected to offset the group's expenses. Hope to see you there!

❖ Sunday, December 10

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Faith Center

Don't miss this year's Children's Musical, "A Red-Letter Christmas"! More seasonal music to inspire us!

❖ Sunday, December 17

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Faith Center

This year's cantata, "Sing Joy to All the World!" will be presented by our Festival Choir, complete with narration and professionally recorded orchestral accompaniment. Please join us for this musical celebration of Christ's birth.

Global Church Sunday – November 19th

Each year, more than 225 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world. They are sent by the ELCA in response to invitations from our companion churches and serve in a variety of roles, working alongside our companions to proclaim the gospel, raise up leaders, care for those in need and learn new ways of being a church together.

Each fall, ELCA congregations and ministries are invited to celebrate our church's connections and common mission within Christ's global church by celebrating Global Church Sunday. Social Ministry has chosen **Sunday, November 19th as our Global Church Sunday, to rejoice in our relationships with companions around the world, to learn more about how the ELCA is connected globally, and to support our church's global ministries.** Why do we want to celebrate our church's global connections? Because, as our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton reminds us, we are church together for the sake of the world.

Plan on spending time at the Good Gifts Fair, check out displays celebrating our global church, and bring your nickels, dimes, quarters to worship for a **Noisy Offering** with our children!



Children's Ministry News

Celebrating the Children's Sunday School Teaching Team!

Resurrection Church has a wonderful group of caring and committed teens and adults who enjoy helping children explore together what it is to worship God, know Jesus, follow the Holy Spirit, love your neighbor and serve others. Please thank them for their ministry!

Preschool and Kindergarten



Aika



Emily



Sami

Grades 1 - 3



Lynne



Marilyn



Becca

Grades 4 - 6



Eric



Karen



Lori



Adriana Findlay
Children's Ministry Director

Youth Group News!

Teen Fundraiser requesting donations for auction.

The teens are embarking on another National Youth Gathering next summer and are putting on an extraordinary event to fundraise.



We are currently looking for donations to auction such as **gift cards, time at your vacation home, service work, fine foods and items of value.** If you have any items like these that you would be interested in donating to support the teen ministry, please contact Pastor Ralph at ralph@lcrchurch.org.

Thanks for your support and plan to attend **Garlic and Goodies on Feb 24, 2018!**

Dinner with Friends – Coordinator Search

COORDINATOR(S) NEEDED: to lead Dinner with Friends (aka Tacos and Twinkies.) Mike Haag and Jane Stevens are taking their final bow in 2017 as leaders of this group. Resurrection is looking for someone(s) to step up and provide new energy to this wonderful round-table dinner event where people can meet one-on-one over a fun meal. It would be a sad to see this tradition end this year. Please call Mike 916-765-3410, Jane 916-632-9884 or the church office, if you are interested in leading this event or hearing more details.



November Daylighters

Happy Thanksgiving!

Celebrate all of our blessings at noon on **November 28th** in Fellowship Hall. All seniors are invited for fellowship and food. Please contact Sue Ellen Williams at 916-899-5239 with questions.



Christmas is just around the corner!

Before you know it, Christmas will be here. That means it is time to start thinking about Resurrection's annual **Christmas Gifts & Food Baskets.** Sign-ups will begin on **Sunday, November 12th,** and the baskets of food & gifts will be delivered on Saturday, **December 16th.** Baskets go to families through Lutheran Social Services and Roseville Home Start. **Barbara Peterson leads this huge effort, and could use some help this year.** If you would like to help with the organization beginning in November, or if you would like to help with the assembly of the baskets or delivery on December 16th, please contact Barbara at bjpeterson@rcsis.com.



LAFF Christmas Celebration

'We are Family @ Resurrection'

Saturday, December 2, 2017
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Resurrection Faith Center

\$10 per person

Sign-up on Sundays November 19 and 26

Or contact Bob or Marti Dennis

916-663-6517, mdennis1@att.net

rfdennis1@att.net

Invite your friends and family to this 'adult' holiday party

Please bring a hearty appetizer to share
LAFF Committee will provide drinks and dessert
LAFF will be sponsoring a special gifting program that evening

Childcare will be provided

Come and enjoy the jubilant festivities and Christmas decorations complete with favorite foods and delightful drinks, inspirational Christmas caroling, plus an abundance of fun and fellowship!!



The ticket/registration tables will have information about the special gifting and preparations for 'We are Family@Resurrection'.

A New Focus for LCR Mission Support

Our Missionary, Robin Strickler, completed her 10 years of missionary work in Rwanda earlier this year. With her retirement, ELCA Global Church invited Resurrection to support the **Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program in Rwanda.** The Social Ministry Team discussed the opportunity and made the decision to sponsor this program.

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.

A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need.

We will be supporting the team of five YAGM volunteers in Rwanda, and look forward to sharing more in the months to come about their work and experiences.

November Helping Hands

During October we collected new duffel bags for foster children served by Koinonia and had an awesome response! Members brought in **70 duffel bags!** Thank you for your generous giving!



In November, we will focus on providing goods for Lutheran Social Services – clothing, bath and household items. Lutheran Social Services has served homeless people and emancipating foster youth in Sacramento for over 50 years, and operate nine housing programs. Contribution of these items helps LSS make the best use of their financial resources to meet the needs of families, individuals and youth.



Monetary donations in November will support the Heifer Project.

Contributions to Heifer International provide livestock and training to families in countries like Bangladesh and Guatemala who struggle with hunger and poverty, helping them to build lives of self-reliance and dignity. [Click here](#) for a link to farm animals/cost chart. Be on the lookout for Chris Steele and her wagon, or check out the table at the Good Gifts Fair.

Gathering Inn



Are you interested in serving our guests at The Gathering Inn?

The Gathering Inn is a “nomadic” community-based shelter for homeless families and individuals. More than 20 local churches take turns each month serving a hot meal and providing a warm, safe place to sleep.

We need people to help cook, greet guests, serve dinner and help with clean up. Karen Murbach has all the scheduling details. To learn more or sign up, contact her at murbach5@outlook.com or (916) 730-5825. Thank you for your support of this life-changing ministry.

What's cooking at St Vincent?



Thank you for all the food and funds that you donated in October. We served **90** people on a beautiful afternoon – many of them came back for seconds, thirds and fourths. For many clients, this is the only meal for the day.

We received rave reviews and many requests for the **Ham w/Scalloped Potatoes** so we are doing it again on **November 26th** and will need the following items:

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| Package Scalloped Potatoes | Coleslaw |
| Coleslaw Dressing | Shredded Cheese |
| Butter/margarine | Milk |
| Cash donation to St Vincent fund | |

If anyone would care to volunteer to help, we would love to have a roster of people's names so we can rotate helpers.

Please put all items in the **Fellowship Hall kitchen** (not the Faith Center kitchen) on November 26th by 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Russell, 916-718-9595 or Jane Stevens 916-632-9884. Please fill out the colorful insert in the bulletin on the second Sunday of the month so we can plan the meal or give us a call. Thank you for your past, present and future support. This is our monthly “God's Work, Our Hands” mission.

Legacy Committee News



The Legacy Committee Remembers **Bob Peterson** – Founding Member and True Saint

With All-Saints Sunday approaching on November 5, the Legacy Committee was inspired to reflect and offer thanks for the saints who started the Endowment Fund (now known as the Legacy Fund) – especially Bob Peterson.

The Legacy Fund was started in 2004, largely because of Bob's efforts. He had a vision for his church family of creating a perpetual endowment fund that would serve the church, the community, and the world. According to Dave Freiberg, “Bob said to me many times, “This is really important for this congregation. We really need to do this!”

And he did. With Dave Freiberg and Bob Dotti, Bob worked tirelessly and passionately to assemble the necessary documents, obtain Council approval, and finally gain congregational approval. Bob's initiative and his service on the committee were vital to the formation and early development of the Legacy Fund. More recently, contributions from Bob and Ruth's memorial and estate gifts made a significant difference to the Legacy fund. The total gift is now the second largest the Legacy Fund has ever received.

Bob was the original chair of the Legacy Committee and served in that role for several years. His passion for the Legacy Fund was always evident. “He loved the meetings,” said former pastor Don Haven. “I think it was mainly that he loved the company of those gathered – and would find ways to make the meetings last far beyond a normal hour or hour and a half!”

A few years ago Kathryn Starbuck and John Wickeraad talked with Bob over lunch as they were starting up a revived Legacy Committee. Bob was still passionate about the Legacy Fund and especially excited that the recent gifts to the Fund were starting to fulfill his vision. He was always interested in finding better ways to promote the Fund, building awareness, and educating anyone on how they could leave a legacy.

The total gifts given to the Legacy Fund is now about \$150,000. These gifts are invested so that the income from these gifts can be granted to needy causes year after year. Nearly \$10,000 in grants will be given in 2017.

Bob passed away on February 10, 2017, and on November 5, he will be among those recognized as a saint at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Helen Walton said, "It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived." Bob and Ruth scattered an incredible amount of love and other gifts to friends, family, community, and the world. And through their gifts to the Legacy Fund, they will continue scattering for many, many years.

For All the Saints

Carolyn Brodt: Following the Spirit's call

By John Frith

Sometimes it takes a while for people to respond to the Holy Spirit's nudging. In Carolyn Brodt's case, it took decades. But the long-time Resurrection member finally decided to follow her calling and is now a second-year student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, and plans on becoming an ordained minister once her studies are over.



"I've always felt a call to be within a Christian community. Especially in my early 20s, the call was really important," she said recently after an exhausting week of studies along with work at her teaching parish, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in El Dorado

Hills.

"I considered converting to Catholicism and becoming a nun, because I didn't see any possibilities in the Lutheran tradition at that time. I felt a yearning, but then life got busy."

In fact, the ELCA's two predecessor denominations both ordained their first women pastors in 1970, but in an era before social media and the Internet that was not widely known among many Lutherans and she didn't realize that there were women clergy until Kathryn Gulbranson, a Resurrection member, was ordained in 1990.

Instead, Brodt pursued a career in public health and at first traveled widely, serving as a hospital administrator in the Marshall Islands (then a U.S. Trust Territory in the mid-Pacific), before taking a job in Massachusetts and later pursuing a doctorate in Michigan. Some years later, she returned to Sacramento to work for Sierra Health Foundation.

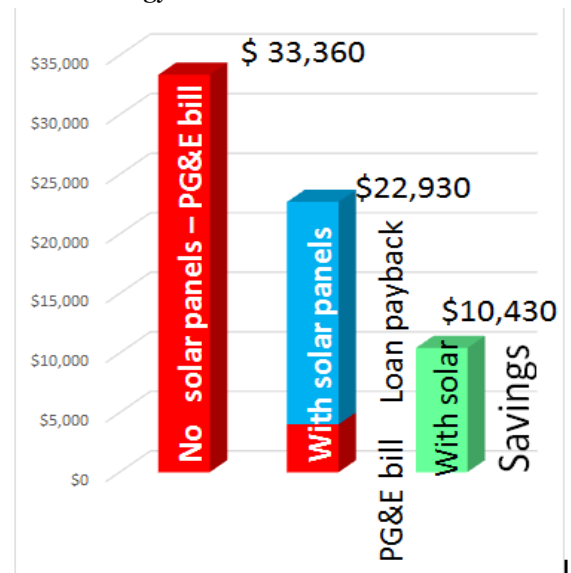
But her work always reflected her faith. [Read more!](#)

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. Contact Karen Idler, Director of Shared Ministry, if you have a person you would like to have interviewed **FOR ALL THE SAINTS** at karen@lcrchurch.org or phone the church office at 916.791.4661 ext. 225.

First Twelve Months of Solar Summary

by Ron Becker

Resurrection's first twelve months of solar went well and the prospect for the following years is even better! LCR saved \$10,000+... and it was a tough year (vendor installation issues, heavy rains in the spring, record heat wave in the summer and hazy skies from smoke). LCR also experienced "Solar Creep", a common phenomenon in which users erroneously think solar makes energy cheap and electrical consumption increases (installing more electrical items, leaving doors open and lights on). The Property Ministry Team is making small changes and encouraging members and staff to conserve energy.



What's next? The solar team – **Ed Babcock, Herb Mathay, Skipp Donelson** and I are seeking a 'solar liaison' person or two (guys or gals) to carry on with solar monitoring and reporting. An interest in solar helps but prior experience is not necessary. Interested? See anyone of us. Thanks.

Resurrection Readers – New Reads!



On the 3rd 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!**

Here's what's coming up:

- Nov. 16** How the Light Gets In, Louise Penny
- Dec. 21** Merry Christmas – No Meeting
- Jan. 18** Death Comes for the Archbishop, Willa Cather

Feb. 15 The Underground Railroad, Colson Whitehead

Mar. 15 Lilac Girls, Martha Hall Kelly

Community Activities at Resurrection

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection has long been the center of community activities in Granite Bay.

Here's what's happening in November:

- **AA** meets each Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week in the Fellowship Hall. Times vary.
- **Al Anon District 10** meets Sunday, November 19 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **American Association of University Women** meets Wednesday, November 1 at 3:00pm and on Tuesday, November 21 at 10:30am in the Carlson Library.
- **Boy Scout Patrol Leader (PLC)** meeting November 9 & 30 at 7:00pm in various classrooms.
- **Community Baptism Gathering** on Sunday, November 26 at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Daughters of Norway** meet Saturday, November 4 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **LifeLine Screening** will provide health screenings on Friday, November 3 from 8:30-4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Los Lagos HOA** will meet Tuesday, November 28 at 5:00pm in classrooms 5 & 6.
- **Mankind Project** meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in Classroom 10.
- **National Charity League, Granite Bay Chapter**, meets November 13 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall: fostering mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences.
- **Nor Cal Children's Chorus** meets on Tuesday's at 4:15pm in the Fellowship Hall: providing vocal technique and musicianship skills to children ages K-8th grade.
- **Northern California Accordion Society** meets November 1 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. \$3 donation at the door. Food and entertainment provided. Donations support musical scholarships for teens.
- **Sierra Kronan** meets Monday, November 6 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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 written by **Sandy Van Zyl**, ELCA Pastor serving United Congregational Church (UCC) Butte, Montana.

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

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Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

In my previous congregation, there was a faithful woman who shared with me her prayer practice and how she began each day. Before she got out of bed, she would pray this simple prayer, "Here I am, God. Use me." She was a nurse, a mother, foster parent, wife, sister, friend, church council leader, Sunday school teacher and more. Like many of us, she lived a busy, full life and never knew each day what her work or life would bring; but she knew she always wanted to be used by God.

In her prayer of opening herself up to God's will and work in her and through her there are hints of Mary's response to the angel when she received the news that she would become pregnant with Jesus. This simple prayer also echoes Philippians 2:17-18, reflecting the poured-out, servant life we are called to as God's people. Following Jesus can be challenging in this complex, fast-paced world in which we live. But sometimes we receive the gift of clarity to be able to say: "Here I am, God. Use me."

PRAYER: Here we are, God. Take our hands, our voices, our money, our minds, our time and our talents and use us, ever, only, all for thee. Amen

October Average Attendance 324