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Advent/Christmas Schedule

Advent Worship Services

This year Resurrection will again celebrate the season of Advent with Wednesday evening worship services at **7:00 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. The service will include messages around the Spiritual Practices of **Waiting, Listening and Witnessing.**

December 6, 13 & 20

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Christmas Eve Worship Services

Sunday AM, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Service of the Word – **One service only** at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve - Please join us for a celebration of Christmas with traditional and contemporary carols, the reading of God's word and the sharing of Communion, as we remember the birth of Christ our Lord.

4:00 p.m. – Family Worship w/Candlelight in the Faith Center

6:00 p.m. – Candlelight Worship in the Faith Center

8:00 and 10:00 p.m. - Candlelight Worship in the Church Sanctuary

Sunday, December 31 – Lessons and Carols. **One service only** at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Note from Dee Dee



Sunday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.

The Joyous Brass will be presenting a wonderful evening of music in the Faith Center to celebrate the Advent Season. Our Chancel Choir will also be performing with the band. Joyous Brass gave a concert to rave reviews here at Resurrection last May. You won't want to miss their return, which is guaranteed to put you in the Holiday spirit with outstanding brass band arrangements of Christmas favorites for your enjoyment.

Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for this concert, but a free-will offering will be taken to help defray band expenses. See you there!

Children's Christmas Musical – December 10th



"A Red Letter Christmas". This year the children of Resurrection celebrate all the colors of Christmas in a pageant for the holiday season, featuring old carols and new favorite songs to bring the story of Christ's birth alive.

Gold makes us remember the Golden wings of the angels who announced the birth of the Christ Child. **Green**, the hills on which the shepherds tended their flocks. **Blue** and **white** the Bethlehem sky and the star that guided three wisemen to the mother and child. And finally **red** the color of Christ's words in the Holy Bible which remind us why he came.

Children's musical at the 9:30 and 11:00 services in the Faith Center.

Traditional service at the 8:00 a.m. hour in the Sanctuary.

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Greetings from your Interim Pastor



Greetings Friends!

This coming Sunday we begin the season of Advent. It's the season of the church year where we concentrate on Hope, Repentance, Anticipation and Wonder. After all, we are all looking forward to the end of Advent when we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus.

In a lot of ways Advent is very similar to the Intentional Interim period we are in as a congregation.

During this Intentional Interim process we are filled with Hope. We look forward to seeing ourselves as a congregation in new ways. We take the time to look inward as we continue to reach outward to those in our community who do not share in the Hope of this season.

We also take time during this process to Repent. Yes. The congregation needs to Repent. After all, do we not all need to "turn around" and reflect on what we can do better in our lives as members of the Body of Christ? Do we all not need to heed the call of the Baptist to "turn around and prepare for the coming of our Messiah?"

It is also a time of Anticipation. I understand that sometimes people equate anticipation with frustration or impatience. But during this interim process, I'd ask you to remember the words of the Angel as it spoke to Mary, "Fear not!" When we substitute frustration and impatience for Anticipation, it is very difficult for us to heed the words of the Angel and allow God to address our fears.

Finally, Hope fills all of our lives during this interim time. We hope for thorough and well thought out process. We hope for a greater understanding of our congregation, our community, our world, our church and ourselves. We hope for peace and justice in our community, nation and world. We hope that the Messiah on whom we wait will bless us again as he comes to us once again during this interim time.

I pray that you all experience the Hope, Repentance, Anticipation and Wonder that the season of Advent and the interim process brings you this year.

Pastor Berry

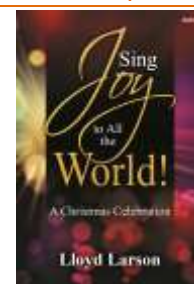


December Daylighters

Tickets are available now for our **Christmas Luncheon**, catered by Hannibals on **December 19, 12:00 p.m. in the Faith Center**. All seniors are invited for fellowship and food. Please contact Sue Ellen Williams at 916-899-5239 or Grace Betts at 916-276-2884 with questions.

Christmas Cantata – December 17th

Our Festival Choir will present Lloyd Larson's **"Sing Joy to All the World"** in the Faith Center for **8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services**.



Lloyd Larson says in his introduction to this work that "we who have been recipients of the Gospel have the privilege and responsibility to share it. To celebrate it. To sing it. That is the reason for this Christmas musical. It is conceived as a vehicle to help us share, celebrate and sing the joyous Christmas message!"

We look forward to presenting this work to our church with great joy and love, complete with narration and professionally recorded instrumental accompaniment.

Annual Christmas Gifts & Food Baskets

It's Not too Late to Participate!

There are plenty of gifts left to buy, opportunities to bring specific food items or financial donations to buy needed items to finish the gift and food baskets to be delivered to Roseville Home Start and Lutheran Social Services. **Sign up in the foyer of the Faith Center this Sunday or [sign up for gifts online](#), [Click here](#) for form to donate monetary help, food or time in preparing the food baskets.**



Helpers are needed on **Saturday, December 16th** – Picking up food at WinCo at 8:30 a.m. and Assembly/Delivery of baskets beginning at 9:30 a.m. Contact Barbara Peterson at 791-5754 or bjpeterson@rcsis.com.

December Fellowship Breakfast



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, on **December 9th** has been **CANCELLED**. Please take part in a full calendar of December church activities.

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!**

St. Olaf Choir Concert news

Music Lovers! The world famous St Olaf Choir is coming to Sacramento in February. Below are links to their concert at Mondavi Center, get tickets early for best seats. Also provided is a link to **their annual Christmas Concert**. For more info call Al & Noreene Shaffer at 916- 663-5527.

St. Olaf Christmas Festival – December 3. Live streamed at 1:00 p.m. PST. If unable to watch live, you may purchase a download. <https://wp.stolaf.edu/christmas/>

St. Olaf Choir - West Coast Tour - Sacramento area on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Mondavi Center UCD. Tickets now on sale through Mondavi Center. <https://wp.stolaf.edu/stolaf-choir/>

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Global Church Sunday – November 19th

November was a busy month at Resurrection, and members continue with their generosity for others in local and global communities. Throughout November, we had a focus the global church.

Donations through **Helping Hands** raised over \$500 for Heifer International – with donations still coming in as donor boxes are being returned.

Thanks to help from the children in the congregation, the **Noisy Offering** on Global Church Sunday (11/19) brought in \$554.34 for ELCA Global Missions!



Members supported the **Good Gifts Fair**, sending \$1182 to ELCA Good Gifts – see more about the Good Gifts Fair in separate article.

GOOD GIFTS FAIR - Recap

This year's Good Gifts Fair was a great success, thanks to all of you who purchased gifts that give twice. Because of you we will be able to send \$1182 to support the ELCA Good Gifts Catalogue. We supported a small group of women in Tanzania who have started a business making purses and placemats and other goods that enable them to provide for their families, and we helped small

farmers get a fair and stable income by selling their crops through Equal Exchange. Thanks to you, many people will have a better life this Christmas!

There are still a few items left that are available for purchase. If you need fair trade chocolate chips, almonds, K-cup coffee, olive oil, Tanzanian placemats, or a gift basket, please contact Judy Moore, 916-782-2749 or Kathy Wood, 619-890-3087.

Craft Faire a great success!

Resurrection's 10th year was a great success! Susie & I need to make some special thanks. So many I hope I don't forget anyone. Our kitchen staff was tremendous, Marina Smith, & Mark Billeci, also Barb, & Bill Wells, (all the soup makers). Everyone loved the soups!



Santa was played by Jim Martin. He did a great job for the second year, and is so fit to play Santa. Thank you, Nadine Azevedo & your niece, for helping Santa.

Thank you, Sydney

Brooks, for being there to allow the vendors to take a break, as needed.

I want to especially thank Diane McCauley for setting up the Faith Center. Thank you, Kathy Johnson, for the help with all the newsletters. I know I must have forgotten someone, forgive me if I did!

Without all the help the Craft Faire would not be a great success. The funds earned will be set aside for a special fund for the church.

We are in need of someone to step forward to be in charge of the bake sale and bring it back next year. It might be a great fund raiser for the youth program.



Also, it's getting to be the time for some younger people to come forward and learn about how to continue with the craft faire - in case Susie and I get too old. HaHa!

Thank you, Ann Jolly, Susie Reese, (Co-Chairs of the Craft Faire)

Piece Makers

We delivered 15 quilts to the Mark West school district in Santa Rosa. The district set up a distribution center for their schools after the fire. They were joyfully received! Bethlehem Lutheran in Santa Rosa received 12 quilts.



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS!

Gift Yourself with Yoga

Join our class on Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. You will learn healthy modified exercises emphasizing balance and flexibility while connecting body, mind and spirit. Instruction in both chair and mat Yoga are provided by Theodora Wilner who has inspired us to health for three years.

The class operates on six-week sessions costing \$40 per six-week session with a discount of \$25 per session for travelers who miss three or more classes. Your first class is free to help you discover the pleasure of yoga and the camaraderie of the class. We will meet on December 7th and 14th, take a holiday break, and begin a new session on Thursday, January 4th, 2018. Call Kay Valler at (916)791-1001 for additional information.

Petal Connection is blooming!



The Petal Connection is a non-profit organization run by volunteers who provide beautiful floral bouquets to local hospice patients and seniors in need of a little joy!

Originating in Granite Bay, The Petal Connection collects donated flowers weekly from local grocers, florists, corporate events and weddings. Volunteers work three mornings a week to create the colorful bouquets for delivery. 10,000 bouquets were distributed to hospice and care centers in our area in 2017.

Resurrection members and Daylighters have been donating small vases since The Petal Connection's inception in 2014. Thanks for your support of this local, caring organization. Small vases or small metal cans to be decorated are always needed and can be left at The Petal Connection site at 4157 Rocklin Road, Suite M between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Mondays or Tuesdays, or in the church office. Donations to defray the site and insurance costs can be made at www.thepetalconnection.org. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jennifer Arey at 916-955-6698 or at thepetalconnection@gmail.com

Words of Appreciation



We continue to offer a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have provided baked goods for the coffee hour on Sunday morning. It's been greatly appreciated!

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 November. We served 42 people – many of them came back for seconds, thirds and fourths -that came out on a very rainy afternoon. For many clients, this is the only meal for the day.

We serve the fourth Sunday of the month, but since it is Christmas Eve Sunday this month, we have been given the day off. So there is no appeal for your help this month. Next month – January – we will be starting the New Year with **Ham w/Scalloped Potatoes** again since it is a warm meal for a cold day.

Sandy, Val, Wayne and I thank you for your continuing support. Merry Christmas to all!

Legacy Committee News

This fall, our nation watched the devastation of multiple islands, territories, cities, and communities from a distressing parade of hurricanes and fast-moving fires. The Legacy Committee met in late October and quickly decided to make a difference in the lives of those who were affected. In response to these disasters, **the following donations were made and matched.** The Legacy Fund provided \$3,000 of these donations.

- \$5,197 to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa, where eleven members lost homes in the fire. The Legacy Committee requested donations from Resurrection members with a promise to match up to \$1,000. The response was outstanding – we received \$4,197 from members, so we were able to donate \$5,197 directly to those in need.
- \$1,000 to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Thrivent Financial matched these funds.
- \$500 to the Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County, Santa Rosa. Thrivent Financial matched these funds.
- \$500 to Salvation Army Cantina, which helped feed more than 45,000 meals to first responders

and victims of the Santa Rosa fire. Baker Avenue Financial Services matched these funds.

We are so fortunate to be part of this loving and generous community that comes together in times of need. Thank you to our Resurrection family for making all of this possible.

A quick reminder: please continue to look for opportunities and needs where a Legacy Grant could help. Visit the [Legacy web page](#) for more information.

For All the Saints

Sherri Burley, by Karen Murbach

God built Sherri Burley to be a warrior. Though the diminutive great-grandmother moves through a room leaving the gentlest hint of Chanel No. 5 lingering in the air, she is no pampered princess. Her son Terry loves to give her special girly gifts, like the perfume or the occasional Michael Kors handbag to let her know just how much he appreciates her limitless strength, love and support. Clearly, she's the glue that holds their enormous love-filled extended family together.

So, while these feminine touches suit her to a T, they're just icing on the cake for a woman who's dealt with some major obstacles in life. Because at her core, she's a whole lot tougher than she looks. No matter what task or challenge she faces, Sherri tackles everything with fierce passion, an abundant spirit, and unquenchable faith.

"You've got to keep your eyes on the positive side of things. I wear leg braces, and tomorrow I have to go in and get them adjusted. They might be



Sherri & her son Terry celebrate her victory at the 2017 Granite Bay Chili Cook Off

uncomfortable for a while, but they also mean I can get up and walk." Whether it's a good day or not, take one look at Grandma Sherri and you can see the glint in her eye and the determined set to her jawline that dares anyone or anything to get in her way.

Sherri and her husband Garry have been members of Resurrection for decades, "We've been here since Pastor Paul came riding in with his long hair and motorcycle," she chuckles. In those days, the congregation worshipped on folding chairs in the Fellowship Hall and the whole area was part of Roseville. Granite Bay didn't even exist.

Garry was a line driver for PG&E and they moved here from Big Bend, outside Redding. The couple's two sons, Lonnie and Terry, were about to start elementary school and it was time to put down permanent roots. So, the Burleys settled into their new hometown. For Garry, it meant getting up Monday morning and driving wherever PG&E needed him, then driving back on Friday night to spend weekends with his family.

As she talked about their life with Garry working on the road so much of time, Sherri pulled out a faded newspaper clipping with the headline "Hometown Hero." When storm damage caused power outages, he and other PG&E crew members could be called out at a moment's notice to work 18 – 20-hour days for weeks on end to get it repaired. Most of the time, Sherri was basically a single mom, but she managed it all with grace. She kept those boys in line and the home fires burning bright.

Over nearly 58 years of marriage, Sherri and Garry have enjoyed a struggles and tragedy. Shortly after birth, both sons faced multiple surgeries and spent months in full-body casts. Today, Sherri struggles with health issues including anemia so severe it can be tough for her to get up and walk across a room. But all that was dwarfed by the sudden death of their son Lonnie. He was herding cattle along a roadway in Winnemucca, NV when he was struck by a car and killed.

Even four years later, talking about it can take Sherri's breath away. "I wouldn't have made it if I didn't have God," she said. Finding a way to live through, and with, the terrible loss challenged her strength, her determination and her zest for life. But it didn't shake her faith. In fact, whether a crisis is big or small, Sherri always relies on her "conversations with God," to keep her focus and her faith intact.

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 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.

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.

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
Apr. 19 Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus, Nabeel Qureshi

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 December:

- **AA** meets each Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week in the Fellowship Hall. Times vary.
- **Al Anon District 10** meets Sunday, December 17 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **American Association of University Women** meets Wednesday, December 6 at 3:00pm in the Carlson Library.
- **Boy Scout Patrol Leader (PLC) and Assistant Scout Master (ASM)** meet December 12 & 14th at 7:00pm in various classrooms.
- **Daughters of Norway** meet Saturday, December 2 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Mankind Project** meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in Classroom 10.
- **Nor Cal Children's Chorus (NCCC)** meets Thursday December 7 & 14 at 4:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. NCCC provides vocal technique and musicianship skills to children ages K-8th grade.
- **Nor Cal Children's Chorus Board of Directors** meets December 7 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Northern California Accordion Society** meets December 6 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, December 4 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Venture Crew** meets Saturday, December 9 in various classrooms.

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 Mary Luti, seminary educator and United Church of Christ Pastor.

"I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." - Romans 1:11-12

Half the time we don't even know we're doing it. We're just being our unremarkable Christian selves. And if someone were to tell us that something we did or said made their soul wiser, their faith stronger, gave them a reason to start again, or conveyed God's grace to them like a holy sacrament, we'd be flummoxed; maybe even embarrassed. After all, we're as fallible as the next person, not saints or deep thinkers, just us.

No, half the time we're not even in on the secret of just how many gifts we have and just how generously we give them away. Such calculation is rarely on our minds as we routinely encourage each other and routinely receive encouragement. As a colleague once noted, it's a team sport, our life in Christ, a pooling of strengths. It's mutual, Paul says, a communion, a single shared heart.

We may not always know that we're encouraging each other, but heaven knows. The hovering angels see. They bow in praise each time—mindful or unknowing—we put our arms around a flagging heart to say, "The road is long, dear sibling, dear friend; and times are hard. But we go on, for the sake of promised joy. And the best thing? You're beside me. And I with you. And in our sharing, God is near. Take heart. Take heart. Take mine."

PRAYER: For encouragement and for encouragers, we thank you, God. For one shared heart in Christ, we bow in praise, the others do not dim. And there are more blessings in your hand than stars in the starry sky.

November Average Attendance 315