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SKETCHINGS: "Beginnings"



I am so very blessed and honored to be given the opportunity to serve Resurrection in the role of "Chaplain." LCR has been "my church" since Teresa and I settled in Fair Oaks, just over three years ago. It is a blessing to be able to continue in ministry in this role in our church.

And... names don't always stick with me very well, so I'll need to hear your name more than once before it will come naturally to me. Any time you can wear a nametag it will be a gift to me and help speed the process.

I'm praying for God's rich blessing for the time we have together.

Chaplain Tom O. Miller

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I have just about a month under my belt as Chaplain. So far, I've been getting acquainted with how things work and learning more about how this ministry looks and functions. I know that I'll be working with the Resurrection Lay Communion Ministers and those they serve; I'll be doing visitation as requested; I'll be doing follow up connections with the folks in our prayer concerns; and, as they say, "other duties as assigned."

For now my "work" days will be Mondays and Wednesdays. My contract is for up to 12 hours per week and I've discovered that those hours pass fairly quickly. If you'd like to contact me, it is best to call the church office, or use my LCR e-mail: tom@lcrchurch.org.

For now, I want to take as many opportunities as I can to serve. If you'd like a pastoral call, to receive home communion, or just to get better acquainted, please give me a call and we'll make an appointment. And, if there is someone whom you've missed around LCR for a while, please let the office know so that one of the Pastors can respond appropriately.

A brief story of my background is posted on the Resurrection web page, for your information.

Camp Nights Multigen Fellowship, Worship, and Play



Saturday July, 15 6:30-8:00pm & Saturday Aug, 12 6:30-8:00pm

#all-ages #campfires #skits #songs #movies #smores
#bible study #smores #too hot #family #laughter



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Audio/Visual System Update - Pr Ralph



We're exploring adding projection screens to the sanctuary. (You probably already knew that!) For some this is a welcome enhancement to worship. For others this is second worst heresy to a potluck without green jello.

As we discuss this opportunity to connect with God in new ways, we hear concerns about the screens being, "obtrusive", and "distracting." People have said they "don't feel right about it", and "need music in front" of them. These are all legitimate, real concerns to a change to such a beloved and beautiful natural sanctuary. I remember the same issues were raised about removing the altar rails too.

I can tell you in full confidence that the proposed plan addresses each of these concerns and our vision for using these screens will actually enhance our worship, deepen our connection to God, raise our voices in song and Word, and unite us in ways we cannot measure.

The proposed screens actually completely blend in with current sanctuary design. There are opportunities to use these screens to enhance communications through graphics, video, and projecting announcements. My experience has shown me that many find it easier to focus on worship when they aren't looking down regularly to flip through pages, find their spot in a bulletin, or turn through a hymnal. Speaking of hymnals – this gives us a great chance to use them! We can also project fonts that are much larger and easier to read than we can print on even the large bulletin. Studies have shown that looking up and raising your head to speak or sing increases the quality and volume of your voice, helps you inhale, and actually focuses your mind on the true purpose for worship – the cross (which is up front, not in your bulletin). Not only are there several enhancements to the worship in general, but these screens will be used to unite our three services as one church called together by Christ. We can show video and graphics from worship and events that don't happen during the 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. services. And what a hospitality screens are to the countless outside weddings, Eagle Scout courts, and memorials that expect to celebrate in a modern context with screens.

Your church council will offer plenty of opportunities to view how these screens might be used for worship, review the plan, ask questions, and provide input in the coming weeks. Please continue to, as Paul says in Romans 12:10, "*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves*" by offering constructive criticism in appropriate places and not allowing rumor, hatred, or evil to seep in.

And as always, keep
Lookin' up,
Ralph



The Craft Faire has been generating money for years for a new audio/ visual system for the Sanctuary. Looks like we now have enough funds (or pretty close) to proceed. Multiple solutions (three) were reviewed by several committees for presentation to Church Council for a vote in July. The system is comprised of three screens and three projectors. When not in use – the screens will be "hid" by a box that has as close to a wood appearance as possible to blend in with our walls. We have prepared several poster boards showing the screens "in-use" and "out-of-use" in the Narthex and the Faith Center. Council members will be on hand the next several Sundays to answer questions about the system and to also obtain your input before a vote is taken.

John Crostic, Council President

Annual Meeting Review - Part business, part fun, part celebration

The meeting started off with a Potluck (of course) as the song "Hungry Eyes" played over the intercom. The meeting started promptly on time.

It was noted that the solar installation is working very well – we are paying approximately \$30/month bills! Governance changes are bringing about a smaller council and more importance to committee chairs and team leaders. The staff is rock solid and we formally welcomed **Pastor Berry (Chris)** to our family.

Many thanks were extended to **Katie Starbuck** for setting up the Legacy team and chairing that position.

A super congratulations and gift were presented to



Kathy Johnson who celebrated her 30th year at Resurrection as Administrative Assistant. As Kathy summed it up – "My life and personal growth have been enriched by the lives of the hundreds of people who make up our congregation and community.

I have learned about love, commitment and service from those I work with directly. Imagine – it all started when Pastor Paul asked me years ago if I would do a 'little light typing.'" Congrats Kathy!

Council Elections were held. **Dale Munson and Linda Babcock** were selected to fill the two openings.

The Pastors gave their reports – Ralph is enjoying being here as Family Life Pastor and Chris feels blessed to work with the people here.

The financial reports were given by **Doc Wright** – appears we will end up the fiscal year at \$428 in the Black (thereabouts), a COLA increase is budgeted for the staff and our debt service is doing great. Motion was made to approve the spending plan and was passed. Meeting adjourned. See ya next year!

Congrats to newly elected Church Council leaders John Crostic, President; John Frith, Vice President and Len Merkel, Secretary.

Children's Ministry News

Take Jesus along on your Summer Adventures



During the "Bible Blast-Out" portion of the 9:30 service Sunday, July 2, children can go with Adriana and her helpers into the Library to hear a children's message and make a laminated Jesus figure to take with them to their summer activities; a reminder that Jesus is always with them. Over the summer, they'll be encouraged **send photos of themselves with Jesus** to Adriana to post. Anyone who'd like to make their own "Flat Jesus" (adapted from the classic school project and books "Flat Stanley") is welcome to join in! Email Adriana to send you the template, and once colored, they can be brought to the church office to laminate.

Vacation Bible School Wrap Up

Resurrection Church was brimming with camper children and teen and adult leaders



June 19-23 during a fabulous week of "Gadgets and Gizmos" VBS. The games, singing, prayers, projects, drama and Bible stories all emphasized how God wired every person uniquely and wonderfully to trust God, follow Jesus, help others and shine!

A special "LCR" touch was the mission station,

where each day the children created things that went to local organizations to benefit others: sun catchers/sunscreen/chap stick to give away at the Gathering Inn rotating shelter for homeless



people, fleece blankets and dog toys for the SPCA, and Legos and handcrafted cards for children at St. John's program for Real Change, and school supply kits to be distributed at Kid's First. Many thanks to all who donated supplies, invited children or served during the week....it was a beautiful example of whole-church shared ministry.



Friday Flash!



To keep up-to-date on summer-time Children's Ministry happenings, let Adriana know you'd like to be on the Children's Ministry e-news blast, the "Friday

Flash"! adriana@lcrchurch.org

Say Hello to Victoria



Resurrection's staff member Becca is taking a few weeks off and **Victoria** will be filling in for her. She'll open and close the church campus, provide childcare for children ages 1-5 at the 9:30 and 11:00 service, and provide the coffee service.

Youth Ministry News

Lake Day & Jr High overnight - July 10 & 11, 1:00pm-4:00pm at Beals Point

All students should join us for a day on the lake boating, eating, swimming. Then Sami Larsh is gonna lead an overnight for Jr High students back at church. Please RSVP now if you or your kids are coming so Sami and I can plan. [Email RSVP here](#)



Summer Schedule at a glance

July 10 & 11 - Lake Day and Jr High overnight
July 15 - Camp Nights 6:30-8pm at church
Aug 12 - Camp Nights 6:30-8pm at church

Helping Hands for July

In-kind donations: Cotton material and cotton t-shirts for t-shirt dresses. The t-shirt dress project has donated dresses to girls locally and around the world. You may support this endeavor by purchasing cotton material and cotton t-shirts (children's size small), by sewing a dress or by monetary donations. **T-shirt dress packets** are in the baskets in the Faith Center and the sanctuary narthex. We also are in need of suggestions of places to send our dress donations.

Tanzania



Monetary donations will help fund supplies for t-shirt dresses, Piece Maker quilts and Priceless Purls hats and prayer shawls.

Summer Worship Schedule:



outdoor setting.

Grove Services continue on the **first & third & fifth** (if applicable) Sundays throughout the summer – June 4 thru Sept. 17 the **8:00 a.m.** service will be held in our one-of-a-kind "Outdoor Chapel." Please park in the north parking lot and join nature and your Resurrection friends in this beautiful

Note from Dee Dee



Have a favorite hymn?

Do you have a favorite hymn that you haven't heard recently in our traditional worship services? Your Church Hymn Committee continues to accept hymn requests, which can then be incorporated when they align with the scriptures and themes of the liturgical year. Members of the Hymn Committee are Dee Dee Lutz, Kathy Wood and Judy Roll. Let us know! We welcome your feedback.

Worship and Music Opportunities:

- **Reformation 500 Synod Worship** - All are invited to attend a Festival Service which will be held at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco on **October 29th at 3:00 p.m.** A reception will follow with a beer brewing contest for congregations. Live Stream of the event will be available.
If any of you brew your own beer, please let Kathy Wood know. kheinzeewood@yahoo.com Maybe we can figure out a way to represent Resurrection in the competition.
- **Worship and Music Team meeting July 18th at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.
- **August 5th, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** will be at a special Sesquicentennial Worship Service at St. John's Lutheran Church at 4:00 p.m. in downtown Sacramento.

What's Cooking at St Vincent?

Thank you for all the food and funds that you donated in June. On June 25th, we served 78 people, many with second and third helpings. For many clients, this is the only meal for the day.

We will be serving Nachos on July 23rd and need the following items:

Canned Chili Coleslaw Coleslaw Dressing
Applesauce Shredded Cheese Tortilla Chips
Milk Cash donation to the St Vincent fund

Please put all items in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by **July 23rd by 9:30 a.m.** If

you have any questions, contact Sandy Russell, 916-781-959 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 work, Our hands" mission.



Piece Makers – Bringing Joy!



As a group, Piece Makers have made **40 quilts** since the beginning of the year. The 26 beautiful quilts that were recently dedicated were given to the Afghanistan refugee families that our church sponsors. They were received with great joy. The remaining quilts were given to Butte and Yuba County evacuees and Lutheran World Relief.

Parents of seven high school seniors provided us with fabric, which we made into **quillows** and presented on May 28. The presentation of the quillows takes place during the Contemporary Service at the end of the school year, with parents wrapping their son or daughter in their quillow. It is a tear-jerking moment. Join in next year!

Come join this fun-loving group of ladies. We meet Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Gathering Inn – July 18th



On Tuesday, July 18, we welcome 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. In recent months, we’ve seen an increasing number of young children in the group, some of the highest counts in Gathering Inn history. Homelessness is especially hard on kids, and the hospitality we offer these families makes a big difference.

We need volunteers in the following areas:

- 2 Set-Up Helpers – arriving at 3:30 p.m.
- 5 Cooks/Kitchen Helpers - arriving at 3:30 p.m.
- 8 Food Servers - arriving at 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Greeters - arriving at 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Clean-Up Helpers – arriving at 6:00 p.m.

Email Karen Murbach at murbach5@outlook.com to join the team. Thank you for being a part of this life-changing ministry.

On Summer Vacation...

- ❖ **Daylighters** are taking a summer break and will resume their luncheons on September 26th.
- ❖ **Fellowship Breakfast** will not meet in the months of **July & August**. Watch for our Grand Opening, September 9th. Always the second Saturday of the month.

- ❖ **Priceless Purls** will not meet in July and August. Next meeting date is tentatively set for Monday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Craft Faire Extravaganza 2017

The 10th Annual Craft Faire is coming up November 18, 2017. Mark your calendars to attend.



We have a few spots left for vendors. If you need an application, contact Susie Reese at lrcraftfaire@sbcglobal.net or call 916-759-2410. Please do not call the church office.

We are in need of someone to **take over organizing the bake sale**. We give our thanks to Doc and Sandie Wright who have done a wonderful job these past years. Please contact Ann Jolly at tenca2001@yahoo.com or call 916-784-9254, if you are interested. Thank you, Susie & Ann.

Words of Appreciation

From Anita & David Marth - How can one say "thank you" when "thank you" seems so inadequate to express the joy we feel for all the thoughts, love and prayers extended to us over the past year(s). We are rejoicing with receiving the news "the PET scan shows you are completely clear of cancer". Words cannot express the relief felt with hearing this. Praise and thanksgiving with song and dance to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for all the mercies he has bestowed on David and me. Thank you to our beloved congregation for your prayers.

From Phil & Sally Loper - Phil and I want to thank all the wonderful people of Resurrection who have been supporting our granddaughter, Samantha London, with their prayers for four years. Samantha is in total remission from the leukemia that she fought bravely with many life threatening crises. She graduated from Rocklin High on June 9th and will be attending Chico State in the fall. We know the power of prayer from you and hundreds of other people across the country made all the difference. Blessings to all of you.

Resurrection Readers



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!**

What we'll be reading:

- Jul. 20** – *Look Again*, Lisa Scottoline
- Aug. 17** – *Whistling Season*, Ivan Doig
- Sept. 21** – *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah

For All the Saints

For the Carlsens, a successful business was a ticket to helping others

By John Frith



Katy Carlsen chuckles when she says her husband, Dale, was never a foster child. And yes, the founders of the Sleep Train mattress chain, who are perhaps better known for their strong commitment to making life better for foster children, have been asked that.

Over the years, the couple has set up a foundation to benefit foster children and have led drives to provide them with everything from mattresses to pajamas to school supplies. More recently, it has even launched a program to make durable laptops available as well since most schools now require students to have reliable access to the Internet.

So why the commitment to foster children? Dale, who founded the Sleep Train and grew it to 312 stores in six states before selling it three years ago, and Katy, a pediatrician, said it stems from their interest in children and a desire to give back.

“We both have a love for kids,” Dale said. “In fact, our first conversation when we met at a fraternity party was about kids, which is pretty unusual for college students. I’d also done a research project on a group home while I was at Sac State, and because I was raised to give back, I was looking for ways to do it.”

Sleep Train consisted of only a handful of stores when the Carlsens got involved with foster kids and money was tight, but he did have access to mattress manufacturers and convinced some to donate bedding to start the Mattress for Kids program. He said it made perfect sense because “how can a kid learn if he isn’t getting a good night’s sleep?” [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. 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.

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 or phone the church office at 916.791.4661 ext. 225.

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 July:

- **AA** meets each Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week in the Fellowship Hall. Times vary.
- **Al Anon District 10** meets Sunday, July 16 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **American Association of University Women** meets Wednesday, July 5 at 3:00pm and on Tuesday, July 18 at 10:30am. Both meetings are held in the Carlson Library.
- **Granite Bay FC** will be holding rec coaches meeting on July 12 from 5:00-8:00pm in the Faith Center.
- **Los Lagos HOA** will meet Tuesday, July 18 at 5:00pm in classroom 7.
- **Granite Bay FC** referee course July 20 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, July 28 5:30pm to 9:30pm, July 29 from 8:30am to 4:30pm. These will meet in classrooms 5, 6 and 7.
- **Mankind Project** meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in classroom 10.
- **Nor Cal Children’s Chorus**, Monday July 17 through Friday July 21, 8:00am to 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall: providing vocal technique and musicianship skills to children ages K-8th grade.
- **Northern California Accordion Society** meets July 5 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.
- **SLAA** meets each Friday at 7:30pm in Classroom 9.
- **Harvest Bible Vacation Bible School**, Monday July 10 through Friday July 14, 8:00am to 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and 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 Lillian Daniel, 1st Congregational Church, Dubuque, Iowa.

Comfortable in My Seat

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor..." - Luke 14:8

At a recent Interfaith Worker Justice board meeting, Naeem Baig, President of the Islamic Circle of North America, shared a story about a scene he witnessed on an airplane. A mother was traveling with three small children but for some reason, none of them were seated together. So the mother asked other passengers if they would move so she could stay close to her little ones.

Everyone agreed to move, except for one woman who seemed able to move, but was just unwilling. By way of explanation she added her reason: "You see, I'm comfortable in my seat."

The story caused all of us to stop and imagine that awkward scene in silence. To me, the point was painfully clear. Sometimes we don't do the right thing for the most mundane of reasons. We're comfortable in our seats.

That woman who was so comfortable in her seat may not have been as comfortable later on in the flight. I imagine her seated next to a toddler, crying for his mother, loudly, interrupting her movie. Or maybe the kid was rejoicing in his new found freedom, far from parental supervision, giddily tipping his soda into the woman's lap. How comfortable was her seat then?

We don't want to move because we don't feel the pain. Why give up a comfy seat for one that could possibly be worse? Why change things? Why shake things up?

But here's the thing. Change happens anyway. God seems to like it that way.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for giving up your comfortable seat in heaven to join us here on earth, and for revealing God's ever-flexible seating arrangements. Amen.

June Average Attendance – 320