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## Let's put our faith into action!



God's Work, Our Hands gives people the opportunity to serve with 4 million members across the country as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

*"One church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor"*

This year our plan is to serve in three ways: Commissioning, Gathering, and Serving the Local Community.

**Commissioning:** We begin during worship on September 11 with prayer and commissioning all God's people to be Jesus hands and feet in service.

**Gathering:** will include opportunities to crochet, knit, and sew, make tie-blankets, build planter boxes, assemble school kits, write cards to our local firemen, police, and first responders, and many more homemade projects, a potluck lunch, and a time to build relationships with members who attend different worship services. Please sign up for the potluck and/or the projects after worship on **August 21, 28, and September 4 or online beginning August 21.** Invite a friend to join!

**Serving the Local Community:** Opportunities to serve in the local community are planned throughout the month of September. Teams will serve at the Courage House, Lutheran Social Services, St. Johns Program for Real Change, River City



Food Bank, Orangevale Food Bank, Granite Bay Community Gardens, Salvation Army, Petal Connection, Gathering Inn, St. Vincent de Paul, and many more. Please sign up to join a team after worship **August 21, 28, and September 4 or online beginning August 21.**



*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven".* – Matthew 5:16

For additional information, please contact Michelle Larsh at [michelle@larshfamily.com](mailto:michelle@larshfamily.com)

## Solar Update

**Yes, solar is coming to Resurrection because of your generosity!** ROI roofing company has completed their work on replacing the faith center with a new 20-year roof.

As of July 22nd, we have approval from the County Building Department and Placer County Fire Department for the installation of our solar panel system.



Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, K12 solar will begin installation of our system on the Faith Center roof. Construction will take about 10 days. We then will connect with PG & E electrical grid, and upon PG & E approval we should be operational by late August.

Blessings and again many thanks from the Property Ministry Solar Team.

Ed Babcock

**Divine Worship: 8:00 & 11:00 AM**

**Contemporary Worship: 9:30 AM**

**Sunday School, all ages: 9:30 AM**

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## Creative Christian Writing

If you like to write, but don't know where to start, try writing a devotion.



**Resurrection will be compiling an Advent devotion book.** For inspiration, think about some of the words of Advent: waiting, pondering, peace, gifts, angels, treasure, prophet, etc. Each day of Advent the devotional booklet will have a paragraph or two, based on a word, with a scripture, and a prayer. You can submit your thoughts for Advent in a rough draft, as each submittal will be edited for length and consistency. If you can't think of the scripture or prayer, just submit a draft of your thoughts and we'll add the scripture and prayer.

Submittals or questions can be sent to Joanne Auerbach at [bauerbac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bauerbac@sbcglobal.net) or dropped off at the church office. All submittals should be received by August 15 to allow time for editing and formatting.

## Freed and Renewed in Christ

**2016 Churchwide Assembly** - Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will gather **Aug. 8-13** in assembly in New Orleans. Meeting under the theme "Freed and Renewed in Christ: 500 Years of God's Grace in Action," the assembly's business will include preparations for observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. The assembly – the highest legislative body of the ELCA – will be composed of 980 voting members serving on behalf of the 3.7 million members of the ELCA. Pastor Cindy Carroll will be one of the voting members from the Sierra Pacific Synod.



People not attending the assembly can follow #ELCAcwa on social media for updates and access live video of plenary sessions at [ELCA.org/Churchwide](http://ELCA.org/Churchwide)

## MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!



We hope that you have been lifted up with the music of Summer Choir this year! As summer draws to a close, we look forward to the start of the Fall Season in the Music Ministry at Resurrection. The 500th Anniversary of The Reformation will take place in October, 2017, and we anticipate a wonderful year of beautiful song and celebration of our faith through music.

The Chancel Choir's Kick-Off Rehearsal for the 2016-2017 season will take place on Thursday, September 8th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in the Music Room. If you like to sing, won't you consider joining us? No audition is required. All that is needed is a love of singing and a commitment to participate in scheduled rehearsals and worship services throughout the year. If you would like more information or if you know already

that you wish to join the choir, please contact Worship and Music Director Dee Dee Lutz at [deedee@lcrchurch.org](mailto:deedee@lcrchurch.org) prior to September 8th.

## Resurrection Brass shares beautiful music

On Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Resurrection Brass will bless us with beautiful music at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services in the sanctuary. We also will welcome Professor Susan Hamre of American River College. Professor Hamre is a gifted organist who will be accompanying the brass quintet on various pieces during the services.



Resurrection Brass is composed of five Sacramento area professional brass players who have made several appearances at Resurrection in recent years. They will be back again on Reformation Sunday in October as we begin a year of musical celebration for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.

## Summer Worship Schedule:



**Grove Services continue** on the **first & third & fifth** (if applicable) Sundays throughout the summer – **thru Sept. 18** at the **8:00 a.m.** service 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 outdoor setting.

## 9th Annual Craft Faire Extravaganza

**November 19, 9am- 3pm!** Start spreading the news, the more we advertise the more people we have to attend. So set your calendars, come out, do some shopping, eating and spending. We have some surprises added this year. Bring the little ones, Santa may be there!

*We are in need of homemade baked items, candies, jams, jelly, cookies, cupcakes, pies, breads, cakes.*



Contact Sandie or Doc Wright at [sandiekwright@gmail.com](mailto:sandiekwright@gmail.com) They need help selling and wrapping the items.

Contact Marina Smith at [marinas@surrewest.net](mailto:marinas@surrewest.net) (773-8485) or Barbara Wells, [barbwells@comcast.net](mailto:barbwells@comcast.net), (773-1881), if you can make some wonderful soup, and be a kitchen helper. We also could use helpers the day of the event - guys, gals, teens.

We are so lucky to have such a faithful group of workers and cannot do it without you! Please contact Ann Jolly & Susie Reese-co-chairs. Thank you!

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIRE!**

## Raising Spirits Update

The 16th annual "Raising Spirits" wine, beer, and food tasting fundraiser held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, raised over \$40,000 dollars once



again! Each of the four non-profits that assist the homeless and poor in our communities - Home Start, St. Vincent de Paul, Lazarus Project, and What Would Jesus Do - are receiving a check for \$11,500. Many thanks to Resurrection for its sponsorship and to all the members who attended the event or donated individually.

**If you are interested in helping** with the event by being on the Raising Spirits board (an enjoyable eight month commitment) contact either Kevin Daley (624-2570) or Gary Litzsinger (772-8531). Next year's "Raising Spirits" fundraiser will be on April 30, 2017.

## ALOA ROCKS...



On the morning of Saturday, **Aug 20**, ALOA (Adult Lutheran Outdoor Adventures) will tour the Black Chasm, a zen garden, and Indian Grinding Rock near Jackson. Should be a rocking good time. Let Tom Neal, 916-791-7463 know if you are interested asap.

## Teen Ministry Update



**Paintball!** Students are invited to play paintball on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Capital Edge Paintball Park in Sacramento. Stay tuned for more details.

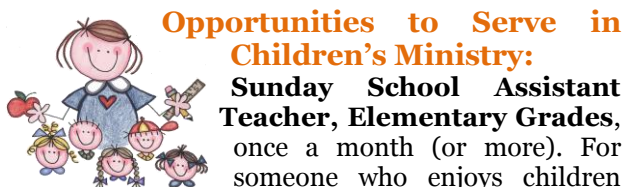
## Children's Ministry News

**It's been a great first month on the job** here as your Director of Children's Ministries! I've been meeting parishioners, developing working relationships with other ministry leaders, getting oriented to the children's ministry spaces and supplies, and freshening up the church Nursery. My focus now is on setting things in place for the start of Sunday School as well as planning for other children's activities and events. My days in the office are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and I can also be found most Sundays outside the entrances before and after all three services. Please contact me if you'd like to chat about Children's Ministries. [adriana@lcrchurch.org](mailto:adriana@lcrchurch.org)



## UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS - Save the dates:

- August 28, Sunday, 11-12:30, Rm. 10: **Info and Orientation for Sunday School Teachers and open to anyone CONSIDERING** being a Sunday School Teacher or Assistant (with no commitment to sign up). I will be sharing information about my team approach to leading Sunday School, explaining any ways I have modified the teaching and learning experiences, and setting a focus for the year. There will also be some training that morning including child safety and abuse awareness, which is mandatory for all who volunteer with children.
- September 4, Sunday, time TBD (after service): **Sunday School Kick-Off for Families.** A time for families with children to socialize with one another as well as get to know me and what I hope for our children to experience in Sunday School.
- September 11, Sunday, 9:30 am: **First day of Sunday School** for Pre-School to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- September 11, Sunday, 12:00 noon: **God's Work Our Hands**, a church-wide, on-site event with children's activities included.
- October 14-16, Fri-Sunday: **Mt. Cross Retreat** in Santa Cruz for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Information on registration available soon.
- October 23, Sunday, time TBD (after service): **Communion Preparation Class** designed for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents.



## Opportunities to Serve in Children's Ministry:

**Sunday School Assistant Teacher, Elementary Grades**, once a month (or more). For someone who enjoys children and can be punctual, yet isn't able to do preparation ahead of time. Provides assistance and camaraderie to the lead teacher, and enables students to receive extra attention, more facilitated lessons, and doubles the teacher gifts, interests and personalities offered in the classroom. It is also an industry best practice, a Biblical model and positions us for growth! Interested persons are welcome to join the returning teachers and attend the Teacher Information and Orientation Meeting on August 28, 11:00-12:30 in Room 10 without making a commitment to teach.

**Childcare Aide**, minimum of two Sundays/month (9:30 or 11:00 service), or occasional special events. Perfect for a teen or anyone who enjoys playing with children. The Aide would assist Becca, our childcare provider, in providing a safe, fun and social experience for children ages 1-5, in the Church Nursery. A great resume builder too, and excellent training to next become a paid childcare provider.



**Sunday School Greeter.** One or more Sundays a month, 9:20-9:40. Hospitality and punctuality are the desired gifts! At the entrance to the Sunday School rooms, a greeter can welcome children and families as they check in, obtain contact and health information, provide church news, receive special instructions and answer questions. This is especially appreciated by new and visiting families who do not know what to expect nor where their children will be, and they are often arriving at a time the teachers are preparing for or already engaging with the students. Research shows that newcomers make a decision whether to return to a church or not in the first few interactions they have, and a friendly, helpful and personal greeting can make for a very positive experience!

### **Adult Faith Formation Ministry Team**



Earlier this year, the congregation shared in the sermon series and Richard Rohr's book "Breathing Under Water". The series opened a door to deeper transformation of the self by learning to thrive through Christ in the deep waters of our hurts, anger and suffering. Richard Rohr's **2016 Daily Meditation** this year continues this theme and invite us to discover, experience, and participate in the foundation of our existence--Love. Throughout the year, Rohr's meditations follow the thread of Love through many of his classic teachings in 1-2 week segments. Learn more and watch a video introduction at [cac.org/2016-daily-meditations-overview](http://cac.org/2016-daily-meditations-overview)

Expand your understanding of the faiths of our neighbors of the world. The **Cultural Literacy for Religion** class is continuing each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 to 12:00 AM through September 4<sup>th</sup>. The series, led by Kay and Harry Valler, covers the history, beliefs and practices of major world religions and features lectures by Religions Professor, Mark Berkson.

**Looking forward!** Keep an eye out and your calendar open for these upcoming Adult Faith Formation events:

- 9/11-10/16 - Sunday Morning Class - "Everyday Conflict in Families"
- 10/23-11/20 - Sunday Morning Class - "Reformation Roots"
- 11/11-11/13 - Retreat at Christ the King - Citrus Heights

### **HELPING HANDS FOR AUGUST**

**In-kind Contributions** for the month of August is BOOKS, BOOK, BOOKS!!!! We especially want books for elementary school children living in low-income families!!! The books will be donated to schools that



do not have the resources to provide supplemental reading materials for students needing to raise their skills to grade level. We would also like adult books for individuals and families transitioning from dependency to self-sufficiency through programs offered by Lutheran Social Services. These do not have to be new books, yet the books must be in good condition. We have a big box to fill in the Narthex and the Faith Center!!! We are hoping our church family will continue to rally to meet the needs of others.

**Financial Donations:** The Rwanda School Project. After the horrendous 1994 genocide in which 1,000,000 people were killed in 40 days, Rwanda has come together, uniting its citizens to build the safest and fastest growing African country. In 2010 the Rwanda School Project opened the Rwamagana Lutheran School, an intermediate school bridging the gap between the existing public education system and the university. It offers a secure and nurturing school environment that transforms vulnerable youth into future leaders and problem solvers, championing environmental sustainability and social change. Resurrection has supported this ministry for many years, both through Helping Hands donations and an annual Social Ministry Committee contribution.

### **Tasty Recipes for Healthy Eating**

Healthy food is the foundation every person needs to function well physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. Finding time to cook or prepare a healthy meal or snack can be difficult if you have a busy schedule. According to the Wellness Coach, Theadora Wilner a basic definition of healthy eating is "eat whole, organic, locally and responsibly grown foods savored slowly." If you search on a computer for recipes, or peruse a variety of different cookbooks you can find a menagerie of good foods to eat; however, combining all these healthy recipes into a single location for quick viewing can be tedious.

The Health Ministry Team will be providing you with a healthy recipe in the Newsletter each month in order to offer you a resource of easy to prepare healthy dishes. ([Click here for Chicken & Pasta Salad recipe](#)). The monthly recipe will be offered for taste testing after Services on one Sunday of the month. We are also seeking church members who may be interested in providing their favorite healthy recipes for us to try and we hope to include all of them into a new cookbook, to be compiled later this year or next. If you would like to participant, please email your recipe to [leawalder@yahoo.com](mailto:leawalder@yahoo.com) with *Recipe* in the Content line or you can drop off your recipe at the church office. We look forward to seeing and sharing your yummy and healthy recipes!



## Comb your hair!



Plans for a **new photo directory** for our congregation are underway! Working with Life Touch Photography (formerly Olan Mills) a schedule for sign-ups and photo shoots is being developed. Sign-ups will tentatively start later in August (at church and online) with photo shoots on September 27, 28, 29, 30 & Oct 1. Each Resurrection member photographed will receive a FREE 8 x 10 and a color printed directory. Plus, Resurrection will receive a FREE color online directory of our church family. More details coming soon!

Coordinators will be seeking people to help with sign-ups on Sunday mornings in August as well as helping to check members in at the September shoots. If you would like to offer your services for either of these events, please contact Kathy in the church office at [lcr@lcrchurch.org](mailto:lcr@lcrchurch.org). Thank you!

## 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 FOR ALL THE SAINTS and write the newsletter articles. (Con't)

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.

## For the Zempels, service and world travel go hand-in-hand

By John Frith

It's not every American couple who would celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by getting remarried in a traditional ceremony in Papua New Guinea, complete with grass skirts, headgear and painted faces.



But then Bill and Maria Zempel are not your typical Americans. Since retiring from teaching jobs in San Mateo in 1990, they have spent a few weeks or a few months during most of the past 25 years volunteering for the Peace Corps, Lutheran World Missions, and Habitat for Humanity in nations from Portugal to Namibia to New Zealand.

Now retired from that second career, the Zempels don't travel much anymore but they continue volunteering closer to their Sun City-Lincoln home, including work at Resurrection, where Bill built the Faith Center altar and Maria sews T-shirt dresses and participates in the quilting group.



They met in 1950 on a blind date in Fresno while Bill was stationed at Castle Air Force Base near Merced. After marrying three years later, the couple began a teaching career that led them to San Mateo, where he taught physics and meteorology at the community college for 26 years and she taught first through third grades in the public schools. [Read more!](#)

## Shared Ministry Matters

From the Director of Shared Ministry, Karen Idler

Resurrection church groups are encouraged to begin group meetings and gatherings with a brief devotion and opening prayer. Groups may provide a devotion for their group or share the devotion and prayer provided in the monthly newsletters.



The following is from **"Sheltering and Serving"** by Kati Kluckman-Ault, from the March 2013 issue of *Gather* magazine.

## A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then<sup>[b]</sup> they went on to another village.

## Would-Be Followers of Jesus

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus<sup>[c]</sup> said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my

home.”<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:51-62.

### **Making church walls permeable**

“We cannot assume that the poor, the oppressed, the blind and those in captivity are not among us every Sunday when we gather as God’s people. Our defining mission is to embody God’s liberating and healing presence to all people—including our brother or sister who sits next to us in the pew. At the same time, we must work mightily to make the walls of our churches more permeable so that congregational members can move out to serve and to invite others to come in to experience the persistent love of God in Jesus Christ.”

**PRAYER:** Christ, our prophet, just as you sent out your first followers with the mission of making disciples, you have called us to serve. Stretch our lives beyond our familiar boundaries to proclaim the stories of your mighty acts and the good news that you are always with us to all who will hear. Amen.

**Current Opportunities to Serve.** [Click here!](#)

**July Average Attendance      308**

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