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SKETCHINGS: “Sending of Resurrection Lay Communion Ministers”



If you worship at 8 a.m. or 11 a.m. you’ve no doubt noticed a little prayer near the end of the service called, “Sending of Resurrection Lay Communion Ministers.” You may have even thought, “What’s up with that?” Or “What is that all about?”

Resurrection has 13 specifically trained and commissioned Lay Communion Ministers. Each week several of these lay communion visitors pick up “Home Communion Kits” from the altar area and to make visits to, and serve communion to, some of our 18 – 20 shut in and home-bound brothers and sisters in faith. In the end each communion visitor goes out about once a month and in the end each of the shut in and home-bound folks receive a visit, Holy Communion, a worship bulletin and prayer on a monthly basis. Sometimes, family members and friends are a part of this visit. In some cases, where several folks from Resurrection are in the same facility, all gather for this visit and worship time.

According to Lutheran practice, the elements of the Communion Kits are blessed during the Great Thanksgiving portion of our worship service and are delivered as an extension of our Communion Table and as an extension of our worship time. The Communion visitors do not “re-bless” the elements, but simply recall with those receiving communion that the elements as an extension of our Sunday morning worship.



The Sending of Resurrection Lay Communion Ministers is a way of recognizing this important and valuable shared ministry at Resurrection. It is a way of acknowledging our care and concern for those who cannot be with us on Sunday mornings. More importantly, this is a prayer of

blessing in which we call forth God’s blessing for both the Communion Visitor and those they visit.

Now, all of that being said, it is possible that there are some folks who should be receiving visits from Lay Communion Ministers. If you know of someone (or you yourself) who hasn’t been able to be at Resurrection worship for a while, please let me know. Such information will help me, along with the rest of the Pastoral staff; arrange appropriate pastoral care for our faith community.

And, if you have some interest in being a Lay Communion Minister or in serving in some other role in the shared ministry of caring for individuals, please let me know.

Right now my “normal” ministry days are Monday and Wednesday. However, due to some previous commitments with my children and their families, I’ll be away from town quite a few days in August. Thanks for your understanding if I’m unavailable, or my reply is delayed, when you contact me.

Chaplain Tom O. Miller
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**Camp Nights
 Multigen Fellowship,
 Worship, and Play**



**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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Summer Worship Schedule:



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 outdoor setting.

Legacy Committee Updates

Transforming: The Legacy Committee has made some recent changes. **Kathryn Starbuck** stepped down from her position as chair, and the church council approved **John Wickeraad** as the new chair. Current team members include **Harry Valler, Carolyn Jansen, Terri Batsel, Kim Grage,** and our newest member, **Jane Stevens**. We have room for one additional member, so if you're interested in participating, please contact [John Wickeraad](#) for more information. Committee participation requires a nominal time commitment, but it's a great opportunity to get involved in our church and help provide financial resources to those in deserving circumstances.



Recognizing: A big THANK YOU to Kathryn Starbuck, who was a Legacy Committee member and chair for the past three years. Kathryn made a huge impact on the growth of the Legacy Fund, and she generously shared the huge heart she has for giving. With the committee's gratitude, she has kindly volunteered to provide investment consulting for the Legacy Fund.

Giving: If you know of a need within our church, our community, or our world, please consider applying for a Legacy grant or encouraging others to apply. Visit the [Legacy web page](#) for details. The committee has given approximately \$2,200 in gifts this year alone, and we have more money to share!

Growing: The Legacy committee has received more individual donations this year than in any previous year! Are you looking for a way to touch the lives of many? Have you been thinking about donating to the Legacy fund, but just haven't found the time? Now is a great time to get your donation in place. Visit the [Legacy web page](#) for details.

Audio/Visual System Results

There was a tremendous amount of input and feedback received the last four days prior to the council vote on July 18. Some excellent redesign suggestions and input was given on the aesthetics, alternative solutions, sound system and placement

of possible equipment. Other items such as an accurate design and installation process could not be developed in time for the satisfaction of the council.

A dedicated group (task force) will be created to review the new requirements and suggestions to recommend a solution for an August vote by council. If interested to be on the task force – please email – jcrostic@prodigy.net

John Crostic, Council President

Note from Dee Dee



You won't want to miss traditional worship on **Sunday, August 13th!**

Guest organist Susan Hamre and the Resurrection Brass have prepared magnificent music to enhance worship at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. In a beautiful arrangement of the "Maestoso" from Saint Saens' Symphony # 3, you will hear the full power and majesty of our Sanctuary organ, complemented by the sounds of the brass. Susan is the very busy Director of Music at American River College, so summer is the only time we are able to take advantage of her availability to play the organ for us. You will be lifted up!

Oktober is coming early this year...

Oktoberfest that is! It will be on **September 30**, so mark your calendars and save the date. More information will be coming in the September newsletter. LAFF is planning another fabulous event with a German Band, delicious German food under the direction of Doc Wright, and a surprise visitor this year. You don't want to miss it!



If you're interested in helping out with this fun event, please contact Doc Wright, Ron Becker, or Kathy Wood.

Adult Faith Formation Ministry Team



This VBS was the BEST! A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated supplies and their time. Many of you recruited new campers. It was well below budget. Let's give a SHOUT OUT to Adrianna Findley, our Children's Ministry Leader for her superb imagination and organization.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION: Plans are in the works for many ways to celebrate this unique occasion during October. Save the date for an old-fashioned Lutheran potluck on **October 29th** after the last service. More news and details coming.

Hello All! For those who are interested in a **weekly, pastor-led biblical study**, keep your eyes and ears open. Pastor Berry will be leading a 5-8 week study beginning mid-fall. Topics being considered are the Sermon on the Mount, a study on the Gospel of Mark, or a study on the Non-Synoptic Gospels. Classes would be held during the week and

offered twice – evening and sometime during the day. More information will be coming as staff calendars are set for Fall.

Children's Ministry News

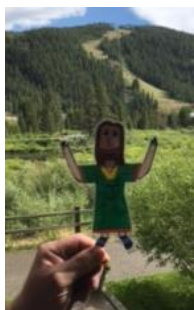
Adventures of Flat Jesus!



We know Jesus is always with us, but it's been fun to get some pictures of "Flat Jesus" being included on some summer activities of Resurrection folk.

Here are a few of the returned photos: Flat

Jesus at the beach, in Colorado, in Cameron Park, at Cal Lutheran College and in Ohio! Anyone can still print,



cut and color their own Flat Jesus, using the template [here](#). He can even be laminated if you bring him in to the church office. Send photos to [Adriana](#), Director of Children's Ministry.



Sunday School News

Children's Sunday School classes resume at the 9:30 service on **August 27th**, and are offered for Preschool (age 3) through 6th grade.

Multi-Gen Camp Nights

A casual time for all ages, coming up Saturday **August 12**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. to be held on the lawn outside the Fellowship Hall.

Meet people, choose from a variety of fun activities, and have dessert! The photos are from the first camp night, July 15th.



Friday Flash!



To keep up-to-date on summertime 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

Dream Big! Western States Youth Gathering

The theme at the Western States Youth Gathering was, *Dream Big!* The WSYG used the theme as a way to peek into the way God is calling out to us and through us calling us to act. The high school youth from Resurrection joined over 600 youth from Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, California, Nevada, and Arizona to learn, grow in their faith, and build relationships. The students engaged in worship, singing, games, activities, and workshops and were inspired by daily speakers, including Bishop Mark Holmerud. The mainstage worship was incredible. The students listened to the Old or New Testament reading and then heard a speaker reflect upon the relationship between the Word and their life experiences and their dream. Then, the WSYG team put on a skit to further develop the scripture in a creative way. This was followed by questions and time to reflect. The gathering also included an immersion trip to LA to experience the sites and history of the EL Pueblo area of Olvera Street followed by some time at the beach. The youth from Resurrection had time to spend together building their friendships with each other. Trips like this embrace their relationship that will last a lifetime!



It was an amazing week of fun, learning, and building friendships. The participants were asked, "What is it that you dream about? What is that you hope for yourself? What is God calling you into and what dream has God placed in your head?" I ask you the same questions!

God's Work. Our Hands - Let's put our faith into action!

"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



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 four ways: Commissioning, Gathering, Serving the Local Community, and Reflecting

Commissioning: We begin during worship on September 10 with prayer and commissioning all God's people to be Jesus hands and feet in service.

Gathering: On September 10 from noon – 2 pm, there will be opportunities to learn about advocacy in our local community from Mark



Carlson, director of the Lutheran Public Policy, make homemade projects, assemble kits, write cards to our local firemen, police, and first responders, and much more. The gathering will also be a time to share a potluck lunch and build relationships with members who attend different worship services. Please sign up for the potluck and/or the projects after worship on August 13, 20, 27 or online beginning August 13. *Invite a friend or neighbor to be part of the projects and fellowship!*

Serving the Local Community: Opportunities to serve in the local community are planned throughout the month of September. Teams will serve at the Lutheran Social Services, St. Johns Program for Real Change, River City Food Bank, Orangevale Food Bank, Salvation Army, Gathering Inn, St. Vincent de Paul, Foothills Habitat for Humanity Restore, Red Cross Disaster Program, Red



Cross Blood Drive and many more. Please sign up to be part of a serving team after worship August 13, 20, 27 or online beginning August 13.

For additional information, please contact Michelle Larsh at michelle@larshfamily.com

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 tennca2001@yahoo.com or call 916-784-9254, if you are interested. Thank you, Susie & Ann.

Worship and Music Opportunities:

- **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.
- Worship & Music's next meeting is **Aug. 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the conference room. All are welcome.
- The Worship and Music team is looking for people to form a **Decorating Committee**. This group would coordinate the decorations for the Sanctuary, Faith Center, and Fellowship Hall. Please contact Kathy Wood if you'd be interested in being a part of this ministry.

August Helping Hands



We are in the midst long hot summer days and thoughts of school are far away for most of us, but not for those children and their parents who know school is just around the corner. Many area schools start back in mid-August and with that comes the need to fill that long school supply list. **Helping Hands in August will focus on collecting those school supplies** – notebooks, paper, pens/pencils, binders, and the list goes on. Collected school supplies will be given to deserving children in our community.

Monetary contributions will support the Rwanda School Project, which Resurrection proudly supports. The school recently earned the highest score in their region on a national test. Our support makes a difference in children's lives – here at home and across the globe.

Many thanks for all of the July donations of material and t-shirts that we received for the t-shirt dress project!

Social Ministry Impacts

If you look at the church budget, you will see many line items of support for both global and local community organization support.

But do you know what impact those contributions make? Your Social Ministry Team would like to share some those impacts. One organization we support you may never heard of until now – Camp SignShine, a non-profit summer program that has served the communities in California and Nevada for 40 years. The camp has enabled deaf and hard of hearing children to experience opportunities and to engage in ways that encourage growth. Here is what one camper had to say in a personal letter to us: *“Thank you so much for helping this camp this year. I had so much fun. This was my first year and I was very nervous to come, but everyone was very welcoming. The memories I shared will always hold a special place in my heart and I thank you for making that happen.”* - Savanna

What’s cooking at St Vincent?



Thank you for all the food and funds that you donated in July. On July 23rd, we served 80 people, many with second and third helpings. For many clients, this is the only meal for the day.

We will be serving Sloppy Joes on August 27th and need the following items:

Sloppy Joe mix (can or jar)	Coleslaw dressing
Coleslaw	Applesauce
Milk	Hamburger buns
Cash donation to the St Vincent fund	

Please put all items in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by August 27th by 9:30 a.m. **We always welcome extra helpers!** If you have any questions or wish to help, 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.

Gathering Inn – August



On **Tuesday, August 15**, 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 helpers 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.

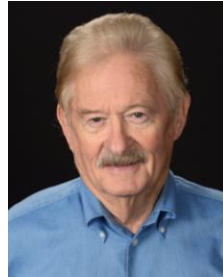
4 Greeters - arriving at 6:00 p.m.

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.

For All the Saints

Wayne Osterman – by Karen Murbach



You might serve next to Wayne Osterman at The Gathering Inn, say hello to him at Men’s Breakfast or worship with him every Sunday, and never know his incredible history. Never mind Tom Cruise, Capt. Wayne Osterman, USN (Ret) is a true TOPGUN. He’s a graduate and

former instructor of the United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor Program (the setting for Cruise’s 1986 blockbuster), and rumor has it, he even had a cameo in the movie.

In his 27-year career, Wayne logged more than 5,000 flight hours and 1,100 aircraft carrier landings. “To qualify for jets, you have to make eight successful carrier landings. There are four wires to catch you and they want you to hit the third. If you aim for the first, you’re looking at the ramp, and if you hit the ramp you probably aren’t going home,” He pauses and smiles. The weight of his statement hangs in the air.

He went on to serve with three jet squadrons and commanded an F-14 squadron. Once, near the end of President Reagan’s last year in office, when tensions with Libya were near the boiling point, his



squadron encountered a pair of MIG-29 jets off the coast of Libya. The MIGs barreled toward the US jets on a collision course. Finally, the Americans were given authorization to fire their weapons. [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.

Sierra Pacific Synod Council Report



Linda Babcock

What a gift to attend my first meeting on June 23-24 as a Synod Council member representing our Sierra Nevada Foothill Conference. I met many new friends and am beginning to see the wonders and working of our larger Church.

There are 12 council members, with one third being Clergy. We meet four times a year; three times in the Sacramento headquarters and at the Annual Synod Assembly (site varies). There are 185 congregations in our Synod. The geographic boundaries are roughly San Jose to Fresno to Reno to Quincy. Resurrection, Good Shepherd (Sacramento), St John's (Sacramento), Christ Lutheran Church (Visalia) and Hope Lutheran Church (Fresno) are the largest congregations.

There are 10,000 Lutheran congregations in America with 65 Synods. Here in the Pacific Sierra Synod, 48 of our congregations are currently being served by other than full-time pastors. Some pastors are serving two churches. We are a desirable Synod (Climate? Culture?), and therefore pastors apply to serve here. However, many congregations cannot afford the salary of an experienced pastor. About one quarter our churches will probably be unsustainable in 10-15 years due to their demographics.

I profess some hesitancy to further describe the work of our Synod. I am beginning to learn the depth and breadth of their work and would not want to misrepresent them. In future newsletters I plan to share more information. [Read more](#)

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:

Aug. 17 – *Whistling Season*, Ivan Doig

Sept. 21 – *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah

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.

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 August:

- **AA** meets each Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week in the Fellowship Hall. Times vary.
- **Al Anon District 10** meets Sunday, August 20 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **American Association of University Women** meets Tuesday, August 15 at 10:30am in the Carlson Library.
- **Granite Bay FC** parents will meet Monday, August 28th and Wednesday August 30th. Coaches will meet Tuesday, August 29th. All meetings held at 7:00pm in the Faith Center.
- **Mankind Project** meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm in Classroom 10.
- **Northern California Accordion Society** meets August 2 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 8.

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 Matthew Laney, Senior Minister of Asylum Hill Congregational Church, UCC, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Lobster Bisque in a Paper Cup

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from ourselves."

– 2 Corinthians 4:7

I'm a sucker for chunky lobster bisque. It's a pricey, hoity-toity sort of dish, typically served in gourmet establishments, which means I don't enjoy it very often. The best I've ever tasted was at The Harbor Gawker, a funky little takeout café on Vinalhaven, Maine, served in a large paper cup. The contrast was not lost on me. The humble container might have made the bisque taste all the better to a cheapskate like me...that and the outstanding harbor view off the restaurant's back deck.

When Paul describes us as "earthen vessels" in the verse above, he doesn't use the word for "good china." He's talking about ordinary, everyday dishes. In effect, Paul is saying, "We're not vases from the Ming dynasty. We're the paper cups you find in aisle five at Walmart."

Yet God has dumped her jewelry box into the likes of us to make the contents shine all the more. After all, diamonds stand out better on a pile of dirt than in a pile of treasure. And this heaven-in-an-earthen-cup image has profound import for us. Whenever we think poorly of ourselves, it helps to remember that we are not only "stardust" as Carl Sagan famously said, "we are dust that carries the priceless power of God. Conversely, whenever we think too highly of ourselves, it helps to recall that we are only a paper cup."

Never forget that you have eternal value as God's beloved vessel. If you need a good cup of bisque to remind you, I'll meet you on Vinalhaven (or closer, San Francisco!)

Prayer: God, may we treasure You and one another today as much as You always treasure us. Amen.