

Resurrection Notes



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A Short Note, Dear Friends...

...to say I hope that you and those dear to you will have a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving. I am thankful to each of you whose spirit of generosity and great faithfulness has made this church vital and strong in its witness, and caring in its capacity to reach out to those in need...thank you.

Thank you too for your response to our Stewardship emphasis. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please mail or bring them to the church office.

And a special thank you to Cyndi Warren and Rachel Rhodes-Dyar for coordinating our latest edition of the Resurrection Church pictorial directory and for all those who were "pictured." Thank you.

By the time you receive this we will also have completed our annual Advent Night which is a wonderful warm up for the holiday season and is only made possible by our willing volunteers who enable we folk of all ages to make Christmas crafts/decorations for our homes.

And December will be a busy and joyful month. We will have opportunity to help folks in our community with the Augusta Action Ministries Christmas food bags. Those tags will be on the Angel Tree which will be located in the Catacombs this year. Also on the Angel Tree will be the ELCA Good Gifts tags which enable us to send very practical gifts around the world that help grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives.

The Mitten Tree for gloves, mittens, and hats will be located by the Greene Street entrance of the Educational Building. The Coat Barrel will also be located there. And on December 7th, our volunteers will ring the Salvation Army Bell at Macy's in the Augusta Mall and help support that wonderful ministry.

In addition to the joy of giving we will also experience the joy of the LutherLegends Christmas Luncheon and fellowship (please bring an unwrapped toy) on December 12th; the Children and Youth Christmas Program, "Lo and Behold..." and covered dish supper on December 15th, and then the most wonderful experience of Christmas, our Christmas Eve Festival Worship Services.

A very long time ago, the prophet Isaiah wrote, "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." I know really?

Consider this, "A virgin shall conceive and bear a child and his name shall be called Immanuel, which is God with us." Oops! There goes Isaiah again. And this time he's saying that the one true God, the almighty, omnipotent God will become a human. Can you believe that? Really?

I would suggest that reason opposes such a possibility with all its might. That just doesn't make sense, not to me, not to you, not to anyone. But (we preachers always have a "but"), that does not mean that it's not realistic, that it did not happen. Just because reason is blind to the Son of God lying in Bethlehem's manger, is not grounds to cast it aside.

On the contrary, the Christmas miracle is incredible because it defies our reasons and invites us to a new and greater reality – a reality where a baby, a lion, and a lamb will help us think things through again, and maybe, just maybe, lead us home.

Come to Bethlehem and see.....

Lo and Behold!

Please keep us in your prayers, and remember that I love you.

Your pastor and friend,



Acolytes

12/1	(8:30)	Jadon Mace	(11:00)	Scarlett Oetting and Mercer Hogg
12/8	(8:30)	Noah Stuckart	(11:00)	Macey and Tyler Hughes
12/15	(8:30)	Jadon Mace	(11:00)	Noah Lindler and Ben Doughtie
12/22	(8:30)	Ben Olmo-Nord	(11:00)	Banks Strickland and Genny Beavers
12/25	(5:30)	Mercer Hogg		
	(11:00)	Jackson Beavers, Noah Lindler, Genny Beavers, Ben Lindler		
12/29	(8:30)	Sophia Olmo-Nord	(11:00)	Shelby Folger and Bryden Kelly

Altar Guild

December 1	Team 3	Pat Ward, Mandy Bryson
December 8-December 15	Team 4	Elvie Walling, Paul & Robyn Walling, Madison Walling
December 22-December 24	Team 1	Tina Dunn, Allison Buchanan, KatieBeth Jennings, Pat King
December 29	Team 2	Frank Chandler, Becky Buchanan, Anne Spray, Monica Proctor

Ushers Head Usher:

12/1	Tara Spray, George Nelson, Lisa Steinberg
12/8	Jim and Leigh Thouvenot, Jim Klein
12/15	Monica and Steve Proctor, Keith Dyer
12/22	Joe Holley, Ken Dyar, Rachel Rhodes-Dyar
12/29	Allen Strickland, Bryan Hunter, Tom Momeier

Lay Assistants

	<u>8:30 Worship</u>	<u>11:00 Worship</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Assistant</u>
12/1	David Harbeson		Leigh Thouvenot	Harrison Warren
12/8	Boyd Lien		Rachel Rhodes-Dyar	Cindy Folger
12/15	Pam Lien		Kate Gary	Keith Dyer
12/22	Bill Rauscher		Ken Dyar	Barbara Green
12/29	Angie Chandler		Carolyn Gary	Brenda Lackman

Greeters

12/1	Anne Spray
12/8	Tara Spray
12/15	Kelly Knitter
12/22	Bill & Becky Buchanan
12/29	Ken Dyar & Rachel Rhodes-Dyar

Mini-Breakfast

12/1	Monica Proctor and Irene Frei
12/8	Taz Edlefson and Heather Doughtie
12/15	Kim Beavers and Pam Lien
12/22	Kim Beavers and LCOR
12/29	Cynthia and David Harbeson

Church Council and Committee Chairs

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Vice President Cheryl Lindler
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Christian Education – Kate Gary
Youth – Lynda Anguilla, Cheryl Lindler
Witness – Andrea Stuckart
Service – Mandy Bryson, David Moretz
Stewardship – Kevin Knitter
Building - John Leibach
Property – Jim Thouvenot, Kevin Knitter, Diane Costello
Congregational Fellowship – Anne Spray; Lynda Anguilla
Keith Dyer; Leigh Thouvenot
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Staff Support – Ken Dyar
LutherLegends – David Harbeson

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Lay Assistants - Barbara Green
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WELCA - Anne Spray
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*Let us remember those who are, at this time, confined
to a nursing home or to their own home.*

A visit or a card would mean so much.

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 Christmas
Luncheon *Annual Adult*

*Thursday, December 12th
12:00 p.m.*

*This is a wonderful way to welcome the season of Christmas
...lots of laughs and singing and great family and friends!*

*Remember to bring an unwrapped child's gift to be donated to
"Toys for Tot's" and a side dish or dessert to share.
Hope to see you there!*



January 4th at 3:00 p.m.
at Pastor Hunter and Kathie's
(1208 Wood Valley Rd.)



*The Children and Youth of
Resurrection present:
Lo and Behold....
December 15th
6:45 p.m.*



*Mark your calendars
and come help!!
December 11th
6:30 p.m.*



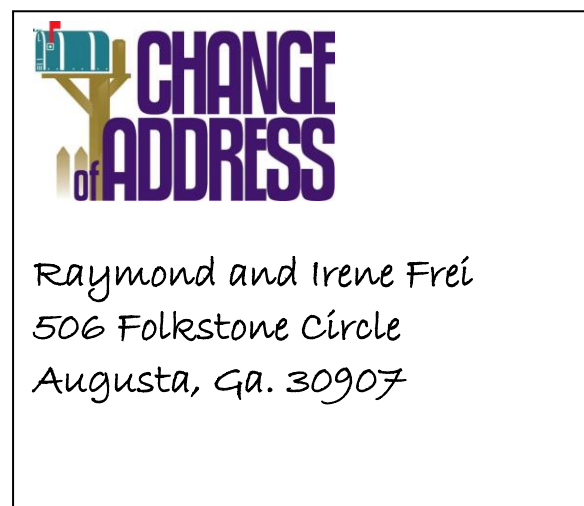
5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Worship
10:30 p.m. Special Music
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship



Save the date, 12/7/2019, for our annual Christmas get together luncheon. We will meet at 11:30am at the French Market Grill. Reservations have been made under Miriam Lang LCR. Please sign the reservation sheet on the WELCA bulletin board. Join us for fun, fellowship and good food!

Please help support LWR by remembering soap contributions for the holidays. We already have 450 bars for 2019-2020. If you don't want to shop for the soap yourself...you can contribute \$\$ and we will do the shopping for you.

Thought for the month.....



Raymond and Irene Freí
506 Folkstone Circle
Augusta, Ga. 30907

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

was wonderful!!

We had a tremendous turnout for our annual holiday fun “craft” night. From painting edible mangers and much more, everyone had a grand time! This fun filled night could not have been possible without the helping hands working at the various tables. If you were unable to make it this year, make sure to attend this fun filled night for children and adults next year.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Advent night a wonderful success! We couldn't do it without you. And to Sandra Prichard for filling us with the Christmas spirit with an inspiring carol sing.

*Hope your Advent Season is a blessed one!!
~The Christian Education Committee*



During the coming Christmas season, may you be blessed with the Spirit of the season, which is peace, the gladness of the season, which is hope, and the heart of the season, which is love.

*Merry Christmas from the staff...
Pastor Hunter, Pastor Terri,
Sandra Prichard, Carolyn Gary, Cyndi Warren,
Rosa Williams and Mary Stokes*



To Christmas Carol with the choir

*Sunday, December 8th
3:30 – 6:00 p.m.*

*Meet at the church and travel
to visit our shut-ins.*

*RSVP to Sandra Prichard
snprich@bellsouth.net*

The Joy of Christmas

Much of the joy of Christmas can be found in sharing with those in need!
This Christmas Season we have many opportunities to do just that.



ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Your gift was hard to wrap.

ELCA Good Gifts inspire leadership, nourish the hungry, heal the sick and respond to needs around the world. A donation to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been given in your name.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Learn more about your gift at
www.elca.org/goodgifts



There is also our traditional Mitten Tree where we place mittens, gloves, scarves and hats to be distributed through the soup kitchen and the Salvation Army.

The Coat Barrel is back to collect gently used coats, jackets, and heavy sweaters for those who need warm clothing in our community.





**Blessing Bags for ACTION MINISTRIES.
Tags can be found on the tree in the
Gathering Area with items needed to fill
the bag.**

they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:6-7)

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her*

Dear Church Family:

Grace and peace to you!

Time is surely flying, and Advent and the Christmas season is upon us! I remember as a child, Christmas Day took forever to come around, and now it seems that it’s here before I know it!

No doubt, it is easy to forget the real meaning of Christmas – to get carried away with the gift giving and the secular version of Christmas. As a mom, I would often struggle to keep the focus on the Christ Child, as well. We have a daughter who was born on December 21st. Because of her birthday, we named her, Christina. Christina loves Christmas! She loves it because it’s her birthday and Christmas, and she would often make a list a mile long of all the things she wanted.

One December a few years back, Christina had been Christmas shopping and she called me so excited about her presents she had bought everyone. She said to me, “I cannot wait until Christmas!” Thinking that I could outsmart her, I asked her, “Christina, is it Christmas that you cannot wait for or is it Christ that you cannot wait for?” There was a pause and a long moment of silence. Finally, she responds, “Whichever comes first!”

I had to commend Christina with her clever answer. However, I’ll be honest. I look at my calendar and between now and the end of the year, just about everyday is packed with things I think I need to do to get ready for Christmas Day – Christmas shopping, wrapping presents, meals, decorating, and so forth. I get tired just thinking about all of it! In fact, sometimes it feels overwhelming!

And, so I wonder, what would it be like if I put on my calendar, “Jesus is coming!” What would I need to do to prepare my heart for His amazing coming? Would a simple manger scene to remind me of the Christ child be sufficient? Would I think of ways that I could deepen my relationship with Jesus, be more beneficial than spending time in the crowded shopping malls? Am I bold enough to begin to prepare for the coming of Christ instead of Christmas Day? What if Jesus did come tomorrow, am I really ready?

In all honesty, it is a lot to think about. Jesus came into the world, born in a barn, was laid in a manger where the cows ate – all because there was no room in the inn for the Messiah. The next time Jesus comes to earth will be the same way He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:11). The first time He came to earth, He was emptied of God

and was made in human form (Philippians 2:7); however, the next time He comes to earth, He will be God to take us with Him to our new home!

Are we ready?

Merry Christmas! Jesus is Coming!

+ Pastor Terri +