Resurrection Notes







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A Slightly Longer Note to say.....

..... I am truly thankful for you, the people of God at Resurrection Church, for your many kindnesses to me and my family, and for my colleagues in ministry – Carolyn, Cyndi, Sandra, Pastor Terri and our congregation leaders. It is a great joy and privilege to serve you and our Lord Jesus together.

It is thought that the month of January was so-named for the Roman god Janus who is pictured with two faces since he looks to both the future and the past. And January is the month when we look to the past, the old year (2019), and to the future – the New Year (2020).

Like Janus, as we look back, we see a number of significant events. In January we voted to go forward with the construction of a new Reiser Hall; we broke ground on February 17, we began using it in December and the Dedication Ceremony will be February 23.

In February we voted to call Rev. Terri Landers to be our Associate Pastor and she was installed in March. Also in February, we held a Council Retreat led by Pastor John Mocko which eventually led to the Congregational Vitality Process which will enable our congregation to envision our future mission and ministry. We also began an individual "40 Days of Prayer" devotional experience in May.

In August we dedicated our 2nd Habitat House. Keisha Michelle Brooks and her family are the proud and overjoyed owners of the first two story Habitat House in the CSRA – so designed to accommodate two special needs children. A wonderful and generous act of grace for the Brooks family.

And in October, we completed a congregational survey which will be presented to us by Pastor John Mocko on January 26 following the Annual Congregational Meeting.

As we continue to look back to 2019, even more significantly we see the many faithful, ongoing, ministries of Resurrection Church as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ in this community each and every day – the Master's Table (300 + meals every day); DCCM (the largest food distribution ministry in the CSRA); ministries around the world through WELCA, ELCA, and Lutheran World Relief and ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts; compassionate care for local families in times of great hurt and struggle through WeeCare, and our "neighbors in the street" (prescriptions, toiletries, food, transportation, lodging, etc); the Angel Tree, the mitten tree, coat barrel, Luther Legends children's gifts and the Salvation Army Kettle. And all our faithful and diligent folk who serve meals and teach children and youth and adults; who plan and do special events, who prepare the church and altar for worship, who share their marvelous musical talents and lead us in inspiring worship – our prime time reenactment of the Gospel story.

And the joyful singing of "He is Risen, Alleluia!" on Easter and "Silent Night" with God's people at Christmas! Indeed, as we look back, we surely must be smiling.

And, of course like Janus, we also look forward to the New Year, 2020, and again the news is good as we see a church with a future. A church that is busy in the present but also has its eye on the future; a church joyously, vigorously experiencing what is, but also a church that is excited about what is yet to be. A church envisioning tomorrow so that we may persuade others to join us in the journey. A church to share the story of Christ's love and draw others into that story so that the capacity of our vision and our action is ever-enlarging and surrounding and embracing more people.

A church with people humble enough to say their prayers and bold enough to share their faith. A church with a future is a church with a vision.

A church with a future is also a church that is positive. We win people by showing them their better selves in Christ, not by telling them what is wrong with them. We constantly tell people what they can be in Christ, of the hope and help we all have in Christ. The hallmarks of our faith are described by the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The church with a future is positive not negative because the gospel is good news not bad news.

The church with a future is a church that is losing itself for Christ. If we are to do Christ's work in this world we must be willing to give ourselves away for His sake. Christ told us we find life not by saving it or hoarding it but by losing it, by giving it away, by making His interests more important to us than our interests.

The church with a future is a church with a vision, a church that positively proclaims good news; and a church that is always and forever losing itself for Christ; and the best news of all is that that is exactly why we're here – TO BE THAT CHURCH.

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

Your pastor and friend,



Acolytes

1/19	(8:30) Ben Olmo-Nord	(11:00)	Noah and Ben Lindler
1/26	(8:30) Sophia Olmo-Nord	(11:00)	Tyler Hughes
2/2	(8:30) Jadon Mace	(11:00)	Jackson and Genny Beavers
2/9	(8:30) Noah Stuckart	(11:00)	Shelby Folger and Bryden Kelly
2/16	(8:30) Ben Olmo-Nord	(11:00)	Banks Strickland and Charles Hogg
2/23	Youth Sunday – One Service	at 11:00	

Altar Guild

January 26 – February 2	Team #4	Elvie Walling, Paul Walling, Rachel Rhodes-Dyar, Brandi Green, Jen Redman
February 9 – February 16	Team #1	Tina Dunn, Pat King, Allison Buchanan, KatieBeth Jennings
February 23 – March 1	Team #2	Frank Chandler, Becky Buchanan, Anne Spray, Monica Proctor

<u>Ushers</u> Head Usher: Kate Gary (January); Jim Thouvenot (February)

1/19	Donnie Hooks, Keith Dyer, Matt Lindler
1/26	Jim and Leigh Thouvenot, Jim Klein
2/2	Frank Lackman, Tara Spray, Harrison Warren
2/9	Kelly Knitter, Dennis Sodomka, Tom Momier
2/16	Joe Holley, George Nelson, Jen Redman
2/23	Youth Sunday – One Service at 11:00

Lay Assistants

	8:30 Worship	11:00 Worship	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Assistant</u>	
1/19	Pam Lien	•	Rachel Rhodes-Dyar	Keith Dyer	
1/26	Boyd Lien		Barbara Green	Brenda Lackman	
2/2	Bill Rauscher		Anne Spray	Carolyn Gary	
2/9	Angie Chandler		Chip Warren	Leigh Thouvenot	
2/16	Frank Chandler		-	G	
2/23	Youth Sur	Youth Sunday – One Service at 11:00			

	<u>Greeters</u>	Mini-Breakfast
1/19	Kirby Holley	Carol Page and Miriam Lang
1/26	Linda Sack	Cyndi Warren and Fran Shipp
2/2	Vic and Sheri Scarborough	Margaret Strickland, Jean and Allen Strickland
2/9	Anne Spray	Janie Jones
2/16	Tara Spray	Julie and David Moretz
2/23	Kelly Knitter	Jackie Frey and Jennifer Dhom

Church Council and Committee Chairs

President Vic Scarborough
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Secretary John Leibach
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Worship - Frank Chandler
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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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Lay Assistants - Barbara Green Mini-Breakfast - Kim Beavers Activity Bags - Kirby Holley CD Ministry - Tim Howard Lutheran Men - Jim Thouvenot WELCA - Anne Spray Wee Care - Kirby Holley Prayer Chain - Kathryn Spears



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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Our quilting ladies need your gently used twin sized flat sheets to make the quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You can leave them at the WELCA room door or call Miriam Lang to make arrangements.

Our most needy charity continues to be the Ronald McDonald House. During this season children sized blankets are greatly needed in addition to the usual snacks, kitchen items, baggies, cleaning items, homemade casseroles, etc. any questions please call Anne Spray.

Wishing you and your family a very blessed New Year. Anne Spray WELCA Board



February marks the start of the WELCA Personal Care Kit drive in support of Lutheran World Relief. Personal Care Kits are distributed to victims of disasters worldwide. Consider the significance of a clean towel and toiletry items to someone who has lost everything due to flood, hurricane or other natural disasters.

Beginning February 2, please deliver the kits to the baskets in the Narthex or in Reiser Hall. The drive will continue through the end of April. The list of contents is printed below. Please do not add other items of leave out any of the items listed. Should you prefer to make donations that can be applied to purchase these items, please contact Monica Proctor.

One (1) light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

Two or three (2 or 3) bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 or 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

One (1) adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

One (1) sturdy comb, remove packaging

One (1) metal nail clippers, remove packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

Please give new items only. Do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, our church name or any items decorated with a U. S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Assembly of kit – Fold the towel in half lengthwise. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out. Secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

There will be copies of this list in the Narthex and in the hallway of the Educational Building outside of the workroom should you need extras.



"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior." (Luke 1:46-47)

Dear Church Family:

Happy New Year! Prayers and hope that your Christmas was blessed with all good things! I love the New Year! I love it because I feel like it's a fresh start. Everything is new and fresh! People have had some time to rest with the holidays, many get to spend time with loved ones and family, and now we get to sit back and reflect on our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we approach the time of Epiphany, I can almost imagine all the wisemen, the shepherds, and those who had heard about the Christ child, fleeing to the little town of Bethlehem to see that precious child. I wonder what they thought when they walked into a barn and saw Him laying in a manger? However, no doubt, there had to be something very special about Him that drew people in, even at a very young age.

In Luke 2, Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple for their purification, Simeon takes one look at the baby Jesus, holds Him in his arms, and says, "...for my eyes have seen your salvation" (v.30). Even Mary and Joseph could hardly believe what they heard Simeon say to them! They were amazed at how this man took one look at the Christ child and knew who He was to him and the world!

None of us know what the New Year holds for each one of us. However, what we do know is that Jesus came to the earth to be with us – to live in us and make His home in us! There is nothing about life that is easy and many of us will struggle; some will lose loved ones, others may lose their jobs, and there will be circumstances and situations that seem unbearable. However, as a family of faith, not only do we have each other to lean on for support, love, guidance, and help, but also, our Lord Jesus Christ who will give us the strength, the ability, and the courage to forge through each day.

As we move forward into the New Year, there is one sure and certain hope – we are safe and secure in our future, no matter what the circumstances and situations we find ourselves. When Simeon sees the Christ child, he tells God, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace" (v.29). We too, can move forward in our lives and live in God's peace! Our future is safe and secure with the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I love all of you so much! Thank you so much for all you do to make this church so amazing!

Blessings on your New Year! + Pastor Terri +

Pain in the Resurrection <u>Family</u>

Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Susan Suer and Family upon the death of her father, Tom Garman, December 12, 2019.



David and Summer Hunter 314 Bridle Path Road North Augusta, SC 29860



The JOY Circle will meet Thursday, February 3rd at 10:30 a.m. Our study will be on "The Parables." We look forward to having ladies of Resurrection attend.

Thought for the month.....

I've decided my 2020 will start on February 1st...

January was a free trial month!





February 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us!!!



February 26th Services at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday Lenten Worship Services will at 12:10 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. during the Lenten Season.

There will be a Lenten Luncheon hosted by WELCA following the 12:10 p.m. worship service and our regular Wednesday night supper at 6:00 p.m. prior to our 6:45 p.m. evening worship service.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 26th following the 11:00 worship service



February 23rd

Join us as our Youth and Children use their gifts and talents to lead us in worship!

There will only be one Service on the 23rd at 11:00 followed by the dedication of our newly renovation Reiser Hall.

Please make plans to join us as we worship and celebrate this very special day!!

GRAND VIEW V UNIVERSITY Choir

At the evening Lenten Service on March 18th, our church will welcome The Grand View Choir from Grand View University – a Lutheran College in Des Moines, Iowa – as part of their 2020 Spring Choir Tour.

We are looking for host families to house them that night. There are 36 in all – 31 singers and 5 adults.

If you are interested in being a host, please call Sandra at the church or email her at snprich@bellsouth.net



The Congregation of the
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
cordially invites you to the
dedication of the newly completed
Reiser Hall on

February 23, 2020

If you are able to worship with us that day, the service will begin at 11:00 a.m.
There will be a luncheon to follow.