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# RESURRECTION TIMES

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## Pastor's Notes

*from Pastor Brad Stienstra*

Twelve months after the retirement of Pastor Carl, I am sure you fully expected that the person writing the words in this space at this point would be your new settled pastor. And back when I was appointed by the bishop to serve you during the interim period, I certainly assumed that any newsletter duties would have concluded by now, leaving me responsible only for composing the turkey day pie list for our family gathering. But apparently God is operating on a slightly different schedule than the one we set!

So as we approach what is my favorite national holiday and what was to have been the end of my contract, let me express my gratitude for all of you. I want you to know that I am personally very thankful for the warmth of your welcome and the continuing generous hospitality you have extended to me and to Carol. You have managed well the often-awkward challenge that attends these transitions – that of maintaining the delicate balance between treating us as if we belong while respecting that we are required to maintain some emotional distance out of a concern for the long-term health of the congregation. You have willingly cooperated with me in every phase of this leadership role, and I appreciate how easy you have made the job for me.

I marvel at your exemplary devotion to the Lord and to his church – both here in this place and around the world. No pastor – permanent or interim – could hope to be blessed with more willing servants. You give freely of your energy, your extraordinary skills, and your resources to care for one another, to make sure the programs of ministry don't miss a beat, and to improve the quality of life in this community. You have been very faithful in worship even with a strange preacher presiding (both in the sense of unfamiliar and odd). And you have worked hard on clarifying procedures and putting the campus in great shape for the eventual arrival of your new shepherd.

I thank God for all of this. You have made the list of things I will be including in my prayers of gratitude this year. And the gift you are to me will surely help to sustain me long after the memory of the pie has faded. Happy Thanksgiving!

### Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, November 12, there will be a single 10:00 a.m. worship service, immediately followed by our annual congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and to adopt a budget for 2018.

### Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner and Worship Service

On Wednesday, November 22, please join us for a pre-Thanksgiving potluck dinner and an intergenerational harvest art project beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up with Jamie beginning November 12.



**The next newsletter deadline is Wednesday, November 22—  
Please submit articles to [lcr17@verizon.net](mailto:lcr17@verizon.net)**

## **Church Council Highlights**

Your Church Council has been very busy these past few months. Below are highlights of those efforts and actions that have been taken.

### **1. Sanctuary Improvements:**

- a. Our current projector has failed and the back-up has limited time left on its bulb, which is no longer available. A new projector and screen are on order and will be installed soon.
- b. We are evaluating the current microphones and deciding which ones could and should be replaced. This would include both wireless and hard-wired.
- c. Council voted to install a new speaker that faces the choir to enable better hearing of the service in that area.

### **2. Campus Improvements:**

- a. The block wall between the parking lot and the adjoining apartment complex has been repaired. Trellises were installed to prevent people from climbing over the wall and damaging both it and the landscaping. A special thank you to Paul Coulter for heading up this project.
- b. Room 8 and the nursery have received new flooring, a fresh coat of paint, and other improvements.
- c. The entire office has been repainted.

### **3. Call Committee:**

The committee members are busy going through the process very carefully and are committed to staying on track. Please continue praying for the committee and our transition to a new pastor.

### **4. Youth, Sunday School, and Pre-School:**

Jamie and Cassie are doing outstanding jobs. They are working together to grow and foster these important ministries. We are blessed to have them, their staff and their volunteers.

### **5. CCN and Japanese Ministry:**

Fumi Liang, Carolyn and Pastor Hitoshi lead these outstanding outreach ministries that exist to provide much-needed services and opportunities for our members and the surrounding community. Again, we are blessed to have these dedicated leaders on our staff.

### **6. The Annual Congregational Meeting:**

The meeting will be held November 12 after the 10:00 service. The Church Council is finalizing a slate of nominees for Church Council, the Preschool Board and the Pacifica Synod Assembly members. These names will be published soon. Also, the Budget Committee presented a 2018 proposed budget which the Council debated and approved for the congregation to consider. The Church Council will also present a couple of options for air conditioning some, all or none of the buildings on our campus. More details will be forthcoming.

Finally, a special thank you to Pastor Brad, Pastor Hitoshi, all of our faithful staff and volunteers for continuing the momentum and ministries of LCR. We are a strong and vibrant congregation because of the efforts of all these servants. We will continue to pray for our Call Committee and will celebrate when God chooses our next pastor for LCR.

Thank you for your prayers and support, and may God bless.

Tad Trout

President of the Church Council

### **Paper Rollers Needs More Helping Hands!**

If you would like to help the church while enjoying the company of other LCR members, please join us each Thursday morning, from 9:00-11:00 in Bercaw Hall, when we collect, sort and roll newspapers which are sold to a local florist. The money earned goes back to the church in different ways! If you would like more information, please call the church office at 714.962.5005.

## What's New with YOUth?



High school trip to Savers

What an October we have had! We began the month with an apple-picking trip to Oak Glen! We had about 35 church members and friends join us for this fun fall outing! Our youth groups continue to meet during the week for Bible study, games, snacks and time together in fellowship. We took a field trip to Savers with our high school youth to do some bargain shopping and get Halloween costume ideas!

Our middle schoolers attended a "late-nighter" event at Boomer's and Irvine Lanes toward the end of the month, riding go-karts, bowling, and playing laser tag! We celebrated Halloween early with pumpkin carving and cupcake wars with high school and middle school youth, and are looking forward to our Community Fall Festival celebration and outreach at the end of the month!

On the horizon...we have our High School Leadership Retreat November 10-12, the Middle School Youth Gathering November 17-19, and an Intergenerational pre-Thanksgiving feast and art project on November 22, from 5-7 p.m.! Stay tuned for details! Blessings for this holiday season!

### Looking Ahead...

Please join us for our Christmas and New Year Services:

<b>Christmas Eve Morning</b>	Single Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Bilingual Japanese/English Candlelight Service	4:00 p.m.
	Family Candlelight Service	6:00 p.m.
	Traditional Candlelight Service	9:00 p.m.
<b>December 31</b>	Single Worship Service	10:00 a.m.



### Single Worship Service and Christmas Luncheon

Think of a sleigh ride to Grandma's house...think of the green fern trees dolloped with snow...think of cinnamon sticks wrapped up with ribbon...smell the fragrance of a Christmas comfort meal of Swedish meatballs with mashed potatoes, red cabbage and all the trimmings.

Now imagine you are enjoying this wonderful warm luncheon after the single 10:00 service of lessons and carols on Sunday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Adults \$10, 12 & under \$5, 3 & under free. Please sign up between November 12 and December 3.

### Joy's Book Club

Joy's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 2:00 p.m. in T. Hall. Please bring a book you have read and be prepared to discuss it, and put it on the book exchange table. Also bring any other books you would like to add to the exchange table. We will discuss a book to read for Christmas, and talk about a tea/cookie exchange for our December 5 meeting. Please try to attend the November 7 meeting as three of our regulars are traveling. Questions? Call Gail at:

949.400.6174 or 949.548.1044.

### BCIS Toy Donations



We will be donating toys to fill the shelves of Beach Cities Interfaith Services this Christmas season. If you would like to donate a toy for a child ages 0-14, please drop it off, unwrapped, in the narthex, any time beginning Sunday, November 5.



## News from the Preschool

Around the Preschool in November we talk about Thanksgiving and what it means to be “thankful”. We get lots of interesting answers! Many are thankful for possessions, candy, Disneyland, etc. Some of the little ones seem to understand the concept right away and say they are thankful for loving parents, siblings, pets, and other blessings. If you have a minute, stop by the preschool rooms and you will see what our children are thankful for and some of the beautiful fall art projects that they are doing. The rooms are alive with wonderful fall colors, fall leaves, and turkeys! We will have our Thanksgiving feasts on November 19 and 20. The dinner night-out fundraiser location is at *Mama’s on 39* on the 15<sup>th</sup>—please join us for another great meal together! Our “Fruit of the Spirit” this month is “goodness”, and our Bible verse is from Hebrews 13:16...“And do not forget to do good and share with others...” (There is more to that verse, but we try to keep our verses very short for these little ones).

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

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### Resurrection Lutheran Scrip List

Sue Taylor Email: [wrtaylor@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wrtaylor@ix.netcom.com)

As the holidays approach, why not consider using Scrip cards for some of your gift-giving needs? Scrip cards save you time and earn LCR an average profit of 5%. The Scrip list is attached for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you at the Scrip table, and thank you for your continued support.

Sue Taylor  
Scrip Coordinator

#### RESTAURANTS

Applebee’s \$25  
Carl’s Jr. \$10  
Cheesecake Factory \$25  
Chipotle \$10  
Claim Jumper \$25  
Coffee Bean \$25  
Del Taco \$10  
El Pollo Loco \$10  
Islands \$25  
Jack in the Box \$10  
Mimi’s Cafe \$25  
Newport Rib \$50  
Olive Garden \$25  
Outback \$25  
Panda Express \$25  
Panera Bread \$10  
Starbucks \$5, \$10, \$25  
Subway \$10  
Taco Bell \$10  
Wendy’s \$10

#### FOOD MARKETS

Albertson’s \$25, \$100  
Safeway (Vons) \$25, \$100  
Smart & Final \$25, \$100  
Sprouts \$25  
Stater Bros. \$25, \$100  
Whole Foods \$25

#### RETAIL STORES

Ace \$25  
Amazon.com \$25, \$100  
Arco Gas \$50  
Barnes & Noble \$10, \$25  
Bath & Body \$10  
Bed, Bath & Beyond \$25  
Century Theaters  
(Cinemark) \$25  
Crate & Barrel \$25  
CVS Drugstore \$25  
Gap/Old Navy/Banana  
Republic \$25

Hallmark \$25  
Home Depot \$25, \$100  
Kohl’s \$25, \$100  
Lowe’s \$25  
Macy’s \$25  
Nordstrom \$25, \$100  
Regal Entertainment \$25  
REI Sporting \$25  
Rite Aid Drugstore \$25  
Sees \$17  
Shell \$25, \$50  
Talbots \$25  
Target \$10, \$25, \$100  
TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home  
Goods \$25  
Visa \$50, \$100  
Walgreens \$25  
Wal-Mart / Sam’s Club \$10,  
\$25, \$100



## CCN Updates – November 2017

- **Our next educational seminar is “Hearing Loss & Balance and Fall Prevention” on Thursday, November 16 at 11:30am.** Our presenter is Chris Townsley, Au.D., Audiologist for Providence Speech and Hearing Center. We will discuss the following topics: the latest studies in hearing loss and cognitive decline, hearing aid options, and the side effects associated with hearing loss (including balance issues). Lunch will be served, but you must pre-register. There is no charge for the seminar or for lunch, and all are welcome. Sign up by calling the CCN office at 714.962.9346.
- **CCN/RLP Story Time! Volunteers are needed!** Enjoy a morning reading stories to Resurrection Lutheran Preschool students on Mondays from 11:00 – 11:30. Sign up as a volunteer for this fun program by calling the CCN office at 714.962.9346.
- **Game Day!** All are welcome. Bring a favorite game and a snack to share with the group. We meet **Thursday, November 2 from 1:00 – 3:00** in Bercaw Hall, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.
- **Chair Yoga!** Join us Monday mornings at 8:50 in Bercaw Hall. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel. Cost is \$10 for CCN members and \$12 for nonmembers. Your fifth class is free!

### *Carolyn's Corner*

Join us!

The Huntington Beach Academy for  
Performing Arts Performs

#### *Inherit the Wind*

**Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m.**

Huntington Beach High School Auditorium  
1905 Main Street, Huntington Beach

We will enjoy dinner (at your own expense)  
following the performance at  
BJ's Restaurant  
200 Main Street, Huntington Beach

Thank you to our ticket sponsors for this event:  
April and Quinten Sharp  
Sharp Homes By the Sea

To register call the CCN office at 714.962.9346

**Care Connections  
Network  
Christmas Party**

**Saturday, December 2  
at 5:00 p.m.**

We will enjoy a festive dinner and a  
quartet caroling performance  
in the traditional “Dickens” style

This event is free to CCN members  
Non-members may purchase  
a ticket for \$25

R.S.V.P. by November 22 to the  
the CCN office at 714.962.9346 or  
cross.ccn@hotmail.com



**Oktoberfest  
Fun!**



# November Birthdays

- 1 Bonnie Knezevich  
Marianne Allen
- 2 Yoshiko Chedester
- 3 Christine Williams  
Nick Buzby
- 8 Chizuko Miller
- 12 Sheila Wenzel
- 13 Bob Griffith
- 14 Ed Magee  
Jaclynn Brandt  
Rita Bekemeyer
- 16 Frank Ferrini
- 17 Bob Achziger
- 19 Julie DeWees
- 20 Matt Harding  
Rebecca Harter-Foist
- 26 Mike Ross  
Reed Sharp
- 27 Linda Gardner

## Thank you to...

- Peggy Sheldon and Karen Krueger for the gardening work
- Stephen Czajkowski for the plumbing work in the preschool restrooms

## A celebration of life

for **Bob Genelle** will be held on

**December 2, 2017**

At the Orange Elks Lodge #1475  
211 E Chapman Avenue  
Orange, CA 92966

11:00 a.m. Elk Memorial Service  
and Pastor Brad Stienstra  
In the Lodge Room

Followed by  
Potluck lunch reception  
In the Crystal Room

# November Anniversaries

- 2 Doug and Alma Krueger
- 4 Greg and Linda Griffiths
- 7 John and Dot Magnuson
- 8 Bob and Betty Griffith
- 13 Jim and Barb Kaping
- 22 Ray & Debbi Stewert
- 27 Jeff and Shirley Buzby



## Family of the Day

Please keep these families in your prayers:

- 1 Karl Skindrud
- 2 Susan, Andrew & Peter Skowron
- 3 Paul Smith
- 4 Rodica Smith
- 5 Alice Speakman
- 6 Ray and Debbi Stewert
- 7 Rita Swanson
- 8 Chris, Amy, Bethany, Madi & Connor Switzer
- 9 Craig, Cindy, Malissa & Amy Taylor
- 10 Warren & Sue Taylor
- 11 Soyoko Thompson
- 12 Cheryl Tonic
- 13 Lisa, Hailey & Max Tripodo
- 14 Tad & Debbie Trout
- 15 Kelsey Turk
- 16 Ed Uehara
- 17 Tomoko Uehara
- 18 Fran & Karen Ursini
- 19 Takami, Rosa & Robert Usuda
- 20 John, Kirsten, Claudia & Joe Valenta
- 21 Don Volkerding
- 22 Estelle Webster
- 23 Jim & Carol Weepie
- 24 Tom & Carol Welch
- 25 Bob & Sheila Wenzel
- 26 Dave & Judy Wiggins
- 27 Lorna Wilfert
- 28 Don & Christine Williams
- 29 Pete & Viola Williams
- 30 June Yoshinari

***Is your name missing from the November lists?  
If you have a birthday or anniversary in  
the month of November and we have not included  
your name, we would appreciate you bringing it  
to our attention.***

***Please email: [lcr17@verizon.net](mailto:lcr17@verizon.net) or call  
the church office at 714.962.5005.***