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at Resurrection Church



From the Pastors A Message from Pastor Tim

A Message from Pastor Tim

I had the honor of meeting a man that just turned 100 years old. This man has left an amazing legacy, especially to his family. He is rich in his love of music, a strong belief in encouraging others, and is steeped in his faith and love for the Lord. He mentioned to me that throughout his life, he has made it his mission to share something very powerful with those who are closest to him. He tells people, especially his children, to "go and do the good things". Not to go and do good, not to go and do things, but to go and do THE good things. The good things... are the things that God calls us to do; the things we find in the holy scriptures. I really love that!

We are called as children of God and as the church to go and do THE good things in the world. To love big. To treat each other with grace. To not be judgmental. That kind of love is radical. It cares for the things our neighbors care about, ALL our neighbors. It calls us to step outside of what makes us comfortable and reach out to our neighbors on the margins. It allows us the opportunity to be stretched and it moves us to where God needs us to be.

As I drove home from meeting this centenarian, I begin reflecting on the power of those 6 words "go and do the good things". I began to imagine a world where all of us, EVERYONE, was intentional about doing "the good things". Imagine how much different that world would be. I also wondered if that day would ever be possible. A day when every person regardless of race, gender, religion, financial status, their past or their present would live out a life of intentional grace. Where handshakes and hugs are warm, words are spoken gently with love, and where each one of us felt tied to one another, responsible for each other's wellbeing.

The doors of the church- all churchesshould always swing out and not in; out to a community that is in need of the radical

hospitality that God calls us to share with others. We are called to continue the work of Jesus. So many good are happening as we swing the doors open here at RLC, and they are happening because



Pastor Tim Nybroten

folks are "doing the good things" that God calls us to do.

We are our neighbor's keeper. We should always open our doors to the opportunity to love big and reach outside of our comfort zone to "do the good things". God will never send you on a mission to the wrong address! No matter where God sends you there is always good things to be done! Go and do the good things!

Presently, we are in the Season of Advent, and for centuries, the church has seen this season as a time of anticipation, a time to reflect and ponder the coming of the Christ-child. Beyond a time of contemplation and preparation, we want to also use this as a time of invitation... inviting you to step into this season and participate each week in meaningful worship. Renew your commitment to weekly worship.

Let me also encourage you to reach out to those who are disconnected from the church or struggling with issues of faith and invite them to journey with us through this season. This gracious invitation to come and worship is surely one of "the good things" that we can offer. Our prayer is that Advent will not only prepare us for Christmas but will also allow us to set aside time to breathe deeply, slow down, and consider the Promise, the Restoration, our Hope, and the precious gift of Jesus Christ.

See you in Church! Pastor Tim

Whynot

When I was living in Colorado, I worked at a ski shop called Larry's Boot Fitting. We sold ski boots and custom fit people's ski boots. It was a small but incredibly busy shop. While I was working there, I earned the nickname "Why-not" (get it; it sound like Wyatt hahaha) because my answer to any question was "Sure, why not?"

"Hey Wyatt, will you help me with this fitting?" "Sure, why not?"

"Hey Wyatt, will you answer the phone?" "Sure, why not?"

"Hey Why not, will you mold this boot liner?" "Sure, why not?"

I was proud of that nickname because I had earned it serving others. Not only was I helping customers, but I was helping the people I worked with. I never really thought about my response when someone asked for help, or that I was saying the same thing every time. But I truly couldn't think of a reason "why not" to help in the ways I was asked.

In November, during our Stewardship Season, we took time to highlight all of the various ways people serve and can serve here at Resurrection. We are now moving into the Advent Season when we



Intern Wyatt Linde

take time to look expectantly for the savior who was promised, Emanuel, Jesus the Christ. As we wait for The Savior, I invite all of us to watch out for the ways God is inviting us into service and life together. Some of them will be very obvious (like announcements during worship), but most will be far more subtle and easy to miss. I pray that we would notice God's invitations and answer the call to service and relationship with God and each other with a resounding, "Heck yeah!" or at least a "sure, why not?"

With Advent hope, Intern Whynot

The Long Wait For the Answer is Over!

Thank you to all who participated in November's Vision Photo Contest! We hope you had fun searching!

If you look closely, you will see that there is an "extra" leg in the background!

Congratulations Photo Contest Winners!

Connie Burda

Don Ilse

And tied for third: Mike Taylor and Janyce Lundstedt



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Juarez House Building Mission Trip

Feb 23, 2023 – Feb 26, 2023

Dear Church Family,

I am writing this letter to you while I ride back from a weekend spent in Juarez, Mexico building a house with Casas Por Christo Missions organization and members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder, CO. As I stood looking at the house we finished on Sunday afternoon, in what had been a dirt lot just three days before, my eyes filled with tears because what I saw before me was a testament to God's love. I saw God's love testified to in the tired, shining eyes and dirty hands of the people who built the house. I saw God's love in the money Trinity Lutheran Church raised for the resources to build the house. I saw God's love in the missionary who has dedicated his life to providing houses for people in need. But most of all, I saw God's love in the family who we built the house for. God's

love was present in the joy and praise they had for finally having a home. God's love was present in the food they cooked us out of thanksgiving to God and Trinity for the gift of a home. And God's love was present in the love the family shared with each other.

I can't wait for the opportunity to return to Juarez with many of you in February. Yet, the houses that we are giving in are not gifts only from the people who will be traveling to

Juarez to build them. They will be gifts from our entire congregation because the money for the houses will be raised from the faithful generosity of our community. Your generosity to this mission, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a member of our congregation, will change the lives of two families forever. You will give them a home. I pray that you would give what you can, so that two family's children do not have to be born in stables and laid in mangers.

With God's Love, Intern Wyatt

Thanks to You! was a huge success!

2,531 baby diapers

Craft Fair Committee also donated \$1,000.00 from their funds for a grand total of \$2,479.82.

Our 7th Annual Diaper Drive we gathered:

Because of our members and friends,

47 adult diapers 964 wipes

We also collected \$1,479.82. The

The diapers and money will be used to support one of Southern Arizona's neediest and most vulnerable populations.

Worship Schedule for December 2022

The shepherds, angels, wise men, and animals all were in awe as they saw what lay in the manger on Christmas Eve. They brought with them all they had; their gratitude, their very selves, their joy and their sorrows. As we wait for the Christ child we will ponder what it is we bring to the manger. And then on Christmas Eve we will receive all that the manger gives to us. Come and join us this Advent and Christmas.

Sat/Sun, Dec 3/4 Advent 2 Commitment Weekend (OV, SB)

Wed, Dec 7 Advent WED 12:00 PM and 6:15 PM (OV)

Sat/Sun, Dec 10/11 Advent 3 Children and Youth Leading Worship

at all Services (OV), (SB- regular service)

Wed, Dec 14 Advent WED 12:00 PM and 6:15 PM (OV)

Sat/Sun, Dec 17/18 Advent 4 Choir singing the Messiah

at 5:00 PM and 9:15 AM services only (OV)

(7:45 and 10:45 AM are regular services)

Wed, Dec 21 Advent WED 12:00 PM and 6:15 PM (OV)

Sat, Dec 24 Christmas Eve

1:00 SaddleBrooke only (SB)

3:00 Kids and Family Worship (OV)

5:00 Contemporary Communion and Candlelight (OV)

7:00 Traditional Communion and Candlelight (OV)

9:00 Traditional Communion and Candlelight (OV)

Sun, Dec 25 Christmas Day (9:15 only OV, no SB)

Sat, Dec 31 Lessons and Carols (OV)

Sun, Jan 1 Lessons and Carols (9:15 only OV, no SB)

Pet Blessing, November 5, 2022

Regular Service Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM (OV)

Sunday

7:45 AM and 9:15 AM Traditional (OV) 10:45 AM Contemporary (OV) 9:00 AM (SB)

* All services are at regular times unless otherwise noted.

Advent

Advent is a special time of waiting in expectation for the Christ child. Jesus calls us to slow down and spend quality time with one another. An intentional commitment to family (our immediate or church family) helps us connect with our loved ones so that our Advent preparation is carried out in community. Come join us for Advent services on Wednesdays at 12:00 PM and 6:15 PM in the Memorial Plaza.

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Ministries

PrimeTime Food Donation

As you may have read in the November Vision, a portion of our Fall Food Drive was distributed to the Oro Valley Assembly of God Church's food pantry. They are right in our backyard and serve over 359 unique families in the Oro Valley area each month for a total of 1398 family members. While it is hard to imagine that there could be food insecurity in Oro Valley, it certainly exists. We received the following note from Pastor David Filner...

"We were most blessed by your church's donation to us, both in food and in the check, you sent us. It, along with many others, has helped us continue to feed those in need in our community. So, thank you and your church very much for your partnership.

We get wiped out of our food supplies almost every service day (Every Wednesday and Saturday). So, all types of canned goods and dry goods are appreciated and will be used up right away. Here is a list of some of the typical things we stock on our shelves.

- Canned vegetables
- Pastas (Spaghetti, Rotini, Macaroni, etc)
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Beans
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Breakfast items like... (Pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, cereal etc)
- Meal helpers like (Instant mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, etc.)

The items listed are some of the most common items that we must purchase every week to help supplement what we can get from our Grocery Rescue partners. Even the smallest donation makes a difference. Again, we are so blessed by your partnership in helping feed those who are hungry."

We at Prime Time would like to help the Oro Valley Church of God food pantry and the Oro Valley community regularly by asking that when you come to PrimeTime, bring a food item to donate or make a small monetary donation.

Your generosity blesses so many lives and truly makes a difference!

Qualified Charitable Distributions

Many of us are aged 72 or older and are required to take annual distributions from our IRAs. Generally, these distributions are taxable. The tax impact can be offset by making a comparable contribution to a charity, but this works only if you itemize deductions. And 90% of us do not itemize. If you must take an annual distribution from your IRA, and you use the standard deduction on your tax return, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) may be right for you. Here is how it works. Instruct your financial institution to send your required IRA distribution directly to a 501(c)(3) charity such as Resurrection Lutheran Church. The QCD will fulfill your requirement to take a distribution, and the distribution is not taxable. Make sure that the QCD goes directly to the charity (not through you) or it will not qualify. Discuss with your financial or tax advisor whether this strategy is right for you.

Important Dates for Year-End Giving

December 23

Gifts of stocks must reach Resurrection's account by December 30 to be included in 2022 giving. Contact your broker by December 23 to initiate stock transfers.

December 26

All third party checks must reach Resurrection by December 30 to be included in 2022 giving. If you are requesting an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) or QCM (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from an IRA or other account, be sure to allow several business days for the check to be issued and sent.

December 27

Credit card gift transactions must reach the Resurrection bank account by December 30 to be included on your 2022 Giving Statement. Allow 3 business days for the credit card transaction to clear the bank.

December 30

Last day for online ACH bank transfers. The transfer must reach the Resurrection bank account by 5:00 PM on December 30.

December 31

Checks sent by mail must be postmarked by December 31 to be included in your 2022 giving. The church office will be closing at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 30th. Your last chance to drop off a check or cash to be included in 2022 giving will be at the 5:00 PM Service (Lessons and Carols at Oro Valley) on Saturday, December 31.



PrimeTime Wednesday with trivia and great prizes! December 14, 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Immediately following midweek Advent Service in the Outreach Center. Come join us and enjoy baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and pumpkin spice cupcakes, for only \$10 per person and a canned food donation.

Make your reservation no later than Sunday, December 11. Kindly make reservations on line at https://rsvp.church/r/ztKN2dJ9 or call the church office.

Children, Youth and Family

Merry Christmas from the RLC Children!

The children of RLC have been preparing a Christmas gift for you. We can't wait for you to see how hard they have been working at it, and hope it brings us all great holiday spirit and reminds us of the best gift of all... Jesus Christ!

Please join us at the December 10 service at 5:00 PM or December 11 service 9:15 AM as the children lead worship along with Pastor Erin.

If you love funny kids, sweet smiles and joyful Christmas songs, you're not going to want to miss this! We'll see you there!



Brenda O'Connor

Youth Christmas Lock-in!

Open for 6th-12th Grade
December 16 at 5 PM - December 17 at 8 AM

Hello Resurrection Youth! We are celebrating Christmas this year Lock In Style! Join us as we join together and share tidings of joy all night, with good food, fun games, powerful worship and of course late-night snacks. Contact Josh Carlson at jcarlson@orovalley.org to sign up!

Confirmation Worship Day

December 11 at the 9 AM service at Saddlebrook location and December 11 at the 10:45 AM service at Resurrection Oro Valley

Our Confirmation youth have been working on and will be leading worship at these services, from greeting to preaching. Come and worship with us!



Josh Carlson-Kroschel

Confirmation Details

- December 4 Confirmation Extravaganza
- December 11 Confirmation Worship Day
- December 18 Confirmation Mentor Day
- December 25 No Confirmation- it's Christmas!

Chris Justesen, Child Development Center Director

Child Development Center

Did you know...

It is that time of year where people will be hustling and bustling into the holiday season. Although it is busy, it is a good time to take a look back before we make a plan for the future. It is fun to look back and remember that we opened RLCDC in 1996 with only 11 children enrolled! (and 2 of them were mine!!) Since then, your Child Development Center has provided a safe, loving, Christian Early Childhood School for **798** children! Some of our children have guite literally grown up on the Resurrection Campus! They have started at the Child Development Center as an infant or toddler, attended Vacation Bible School, and gone through our Sunday School and Confirmation programs. At 14 years old, some have worked in our church nursery on Sunday mornings, and at age 16 many became teaching assistants. Then in the blink of an eye they transitioned from beautiful children to amazing adults and are now either teaching with us or bringing their own children back to RLCDC! I am grateful to have been able to witness all these ages and stages! It speaks to the community that has been built here and the families that have grown up here and returning to raise their own children. Teaching our littlest members is not just fun, it is incredibly important. The cognitive and spiritual connections being made in these years will be the building blocks upon which the rest of their lives will be built.

When I Play, I learn...

Working in collaboration with my friends I learn:

- To share my ideas with others
- To consider and respect other people's ideas
- To create and follow an action plan
- To celebrate a job well done!



Chris Justesen





Market On The Move

Beginning January 14th, we will begin partnering with Market on the Move (MOM) to host our first MOM market for fresh rescued produce. We will host the second Saturday of each month from January 2023 –June 2023. They offer 60 pounds of produce for \$10. Times will vary depending on the time of year, we will share times with you as soon as we find out. Check out their website at www.3000club.org.

From LOFT



There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry! And the Star rains it's fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

Once a year we bring back those favorite songs we've sung so many times and yet yearn to sing again. I talk to people often who say they can't sing and yet most will at least quietly add their voice to Silent Night or The First Noel or Away in the Manger they learned as a child. Take a moment to think of one of your favorites whether it's an oldie or a new one you've heard on the radio. Look up the words. Spend some time thinking about what they say and the images that come to mind. The Christmas season is full of memories. May the music bring you joy!

Resurrection Singers is a "family" that always welcomes new members of all skill levels. Contact Susan at church, at 520-591-8987 or at stjossem@comcast.net if you have questions.

-Susan Tjossem Music Director at SaddleBrooke

Worship Choir Schedules

Spirit Singers Choir (OV)

Sings for the Sunday 9:15 AM service Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 PM Sanctuary Choir Loft

Chancel Choir (OV)

Sings for the Sunday 7:45 AM service Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7 PM Sanctuary Choir Loft

Sings for the Sunday 9:00 AM service Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 1 PM Mountain View Clubhouse in the Sonoran Room

> No auditions required. All ages and abilities welcome! Please contact Tanya Elias (OV) at tanyavelias@gmail.com or Susan Tjossem (SB) at stjossem@comcast.net for more information.

Susan Tjossem

Saturday Worship Choir

We're so pleased to share that we've had a good number of people express interest in singing in a choir for the Oro Valley Saturday evening worship service, but... we don't have quite enough voices yet for a choir. What is the commitment, you ask? Approximately two rehearsals per month, to take place on Saturday before worship from 4:15 - 4:45 PM. The choir would sing for worship once per month, on the second Saturday of the two rehearsals. If you have a heart for singing and would like to take part in this new choir or would like additional information, please see or contact Tanya Elias at tanyavelias@gmail.com.



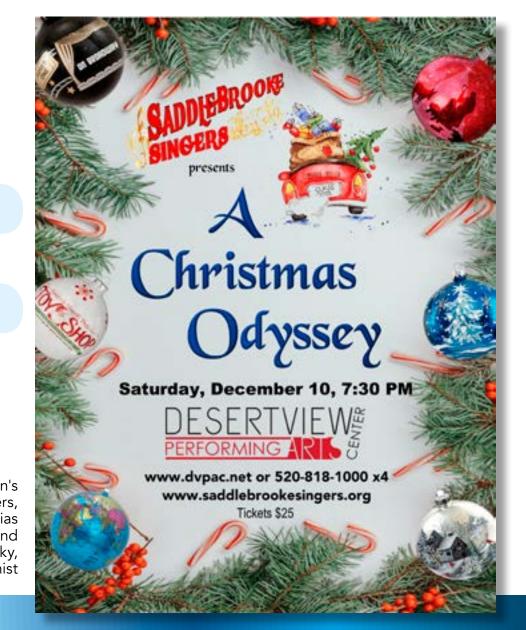
Tanya Elias

Resurrection Singers (SB)

Please Note:

The OV choirs will not be rehearsing December 28 or 29 in celebration of the holidays.

> Featuring Resurrection's staff members, Tanya Elias Artistic Director, and Sly Slipetsky, Collaborative Pianist



Presents: Saturday, Esunday, De

Handel's Messiah

Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 PM and Sunday, December 18 at 9:15 AM

Oro Valley Sanctuary

About the Messiah:

George Frederic Handel was born in 1685, a contemporary of Bach, a fellow German and Lutheran, yet they were never to meet. At age nine, a duke heard Handel play an organ postlude following worship. Handel's father was instructed to provide formal musical training for the boy. At age 18, he became a violinist and composer for Hamburg Opera Theater. He later traveled to Italy, where he lived from 1706 to 1710 under the patronage of the music-loving courts. In 1712, after a short stay in the court of Hanover, he moved to England, where he lived for the rest of his life.

Although Handel wrote his greatest music in England, he suffered many personal setbacks, leaving him to confront bankruptcy more than once. He felt forced to retire at the age of 56. Two events converged to change his life: a wealthy friend gave Handel a libretto based on the life of Christ, taken entirely from the Bible. At the same time, he received a commission from a Dublin charity to compose a work for a benefit performance.

Handel set to composing on August 22. He grew so absorbed in the work that he never left his house for three weeks, barely stopping to eat. All 260 pages of manuscript were filled in the remarkable short time of 24 days. A friend who visited him found him sobbing with intense emotions. Handel groped for words to describe what he had experienced, he quoted the apostle Paul, saying "Whether I was in the body or out of my body when I wrote it I know not."

Messiah premiered on April 13, 1742, raising 400 pounds and freeing 142 men from debtor's prison. As the first notes of the triumphant Hallelujah Chorus rang out, the king rose. Following the royal protocol, the entire audience stood too. Legend has it that, during the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus, when King George II heard the words, "King of kings..." he stood to honor the "King of kings", Jesus, the Messiah.

Handel's popularity remained constant until his death. By the end of his life, Messiah was firmly established as standard repertoire. Its influence on other composers would be extraordinary. When composer, Haydn, heard the Hallelujah Chorus, he wept like a child and exclaimed, "He is the master of us all!" Bach is quoted as having said that Handel 'is the only person I would wish to see before I die and the only person I would wish to be were I not Bach'. Beethoven was equally effusive, having said, "Handel was the master of us all, the greatest composer that ever lived. I would uncover my head and kneel before his tomb."



A few days before Handel died, he expressed his desire to die on Good Friday "in the hopes of meeting his good God, his sweet Lord and Savior, on the day of his Resurrection." He died on the morning of Good Saturday, April 14, 1759. His death came only eight days after he conducted his final performance of Messiah. Handel was buried in Westminster Abbey with over 3000 in attendance at his funeral. A statue erected shows him holding the manuscript for the solo that opens Part III of Messiah's, I Know That My Redeemer Liveth.

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Calendar of Events SUNDAY MONDAY

Resurrection Lutheran Church

OV: Oro Valley Location SB: SaddleBrooke Location

SUNDAY	MONDAY TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
Regular Weekend Services (unless otherwise noted): Saturday: OV: 5:00 PM Sunday: OV: 7:45 AM, 9:15 AM Tradition 10:45 AM Contemporary SB: 9:00 AM		Vision Articles: Due by ays before the Friday you w These submissio	the 15th of each month. ish the article to appear. ns should be very brief. diadesign@orovalley.org	Art by Heart 1p - 4p Matching Dragons Mah Jongg 1p - 4p Social Ministry 3:30p - 5p Chancel Choir 6:45p - 9p	The Learning Curve 10a - 12p Quilters 10a - 2p Stone Soup Play and Pizza 5p - 7p	Men's Breakfast 7:30a - 9a Generosity Committee 11a - 1p Messengers 2p - 3:30p		
Just Coffee Sales 8:30a -10:45a	Stay on Your Feet 9a - 10a Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic 9a - 11a Bible 101 10a Hydration & Holy Conversations 6p - 8p	Staff Meeting 9a - 10a Art by Heart 1p - 4p	Sisters in Christ 9a - 10:30a Coping With Grief 10a - 11:30a Sisters in Christ Wrapping Party 10:30a - 12p Advent Services 12p and 6:15p Knitters 12p - 1:30p SB Resurrection Singers 1p - 2:30p Spirit Singers 6:45p - 9p	Art by Heart 1p - 4p Matching Dragons Mah Jongg 1p - 4p Chancel Choir 6:45p - 9p	Ladies Luncheon 12:30p	Men's Bible Study 8a - 9a Compassionate Friends 11a - 12:30p Memorial Service Richard Mueller 11a - 12p Memorial Reception 12p - 2p Featuring Children & Youth leading worship at all services		
God Squad 9a - 10:30a Featuring Children & Youth leading worship at all services Columbarium Service for Tony Chiasson 12p - 12:30p	Stay on Your Feet 9a - 10a Bible 101 10a Banner Committee 1p - 3p	Art by Heart 1p - 4p	Sisters in Christ 9a - 10:30a Coping With Grief 10a - 11:30a PrimeTime Wednesday 12:30p - 2:30p Advent Services 12p and 6:15p Knitters 12p - 1:30p SB Resurrection Singers 1p - 2:30p Messiah Dress Rehearsal 6:45p - 9:15p	Art by Heart 1p - 4p Matching Dragons Mah Jongg 1p - 4p Messiah Dress Rehearsal 6:45p - 9:15p	Quilters 10a - 2p Youth Christmas Lock-In 6:45p ->	Youth Christmas Lock-In 8a <- 		
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Christmas Day 25 Worship 9:15a (only) Baptism of Prisha Charlton 9:15a - 10:15a	* Office Closed *	* Office Closed *	Sisters in Christ 9a - 10:30a Coping With Grief 10a - 11:30a Knitters 12p - 1:30p SB Resurrection Singers 1p - 2:30p	Matching Dragons Mah Jongg 1p - 4p	3	New Year's Eve 31 Worship Services: Lessons and Carols (OV) 5p		

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am-1:00 pm

at Resurrection

PrimeTime Wednesday December 14 at 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Immediately following the midweek Advent service. \$10 per person and a canned food donation. Kindly make reservations no later than Sunday, December 11 at https://rsvp. church/r/ztKN2dJ9 or call the church office.

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, December 20 at 8 - 1:30 PM

Katie's Quarters in the Outreach Center. Winter Donor incentive: Shake up your traditions and recieve a NEW long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt! Reserve your appointment at https://www.redcross.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=RESURRECTION

Primavera Lunch Prep Friday, December 23 at 8:15 AM

Outreach Center Kitchen Sign up sheet on the patio or call the church office at 520-575-9901.

Bible 101

Mondays at 10 AM in Luther's Lair A continual course discussing the nature of Scripture, how we use it and how it speaks to us in our daily lives.

Stay On Your Feet Balance Class Every Monday 9 - 10 AM

For more information contact Jim Truitt at 520-275-2742 or fourtruitt@aol.com

Hydration and Holy Conversations 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 6 - 8 PM

This month we will meet December 5 and 19 at Noble Hops

A chance for small group conversations over food and drink on how we view the world through a Christological lens. Weather permitting, we will be dining on their patio.

Coping With Grief Wednesdays from 10 - 11:30 AM

at High School Youth Room Led by Arlyn and Pilar Norris

Sisters In Christ Bible Study Every Wednesday 9 - 10:30 AM In Luther's Lair.

Knitters Every Wednesday 12 Noon - 1:30 PM In Luther's Lair.

Parkinson's Support Group (PMD Alliance)

3rd Wednesday of every month This month will be held December 21 10:30 AM - 12 Noon at Katie's Quarters.

Matching Dragons - Mah-Jongg Every Thursday 1 - 4 PM at Luther's Lair.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Jackie Verdick at jackieverdick@gmail.com



Art By Heart Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 - 4 PM

The Art By Heart studio is open every Thursday from 1 - 4 PM. Crafters are usually on hand to help you learn the basics of clay pottery, glass fusing, and other crafts. Come join us any Thursday for crafting fun and fellowship!

Men's Saturday Bible Study Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 8 - 9 AM at Luther's Lair

Quilting Bee Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month 10 AM - 2 PM at the Music Room

All skill levels are welcome. Please contact Marguerite Hepner at 520-797-7311 for more information.

Ladies Luncheon Friday, December 9 at 12:30 PM

Michelangelo's Restaurant

Kindly make your reservation no later than Monday, December 5 at https://rsvp.church/r/ztKN2dJ9 or contact Lyn Pariseau at <u>lynpari-</u> seau@gmail.com or 651-775-2929 for more information.

2022 Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 4 at 12 noon Oro Valley Sanctuary

Casas Por Cristo Mission Trip

An anonymous donor has committed to matching dollar for dollar all donations made toward this incredible Outreach Project. Go to www.orovalley.org

Please Note:

Oro Valley Campus CLOSED Monday, December 26, and Tuesday, December 27, for the Christmas holiday.

Save the Date:

New Member Class Sunday, January 29 at 12 Noon

Katie's Quarters

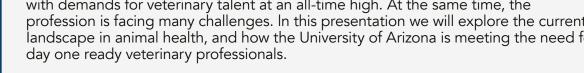
Lunch will be provided, and childcare is available. This class gives you the opportunity to learn more about Resurrection and to meet the Pastors, Council, and staff. Sign up on the patio after worship or contact Kristina at 520-575-9901 or krandolph@ orovalley.org.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 AM

We will meet in the Outreach Center Gym. \$10 per person. Guest speaker will be Dr. Julie Funk, UA Veterinary School Dean, DVM, MS, PhD.

An Introduction to The UofA College of Veterinary Medicine- Oro Valley AZ.

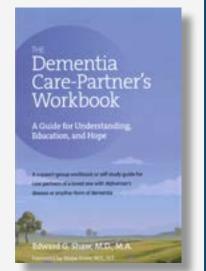
Presentation Summary: It is one of the most exciting times in veterinary medicine, with demands for veterinary talent at an all-time high. At the same time, the profession is facing many challenges. In this presentation we will explore the current landscape in animal health, and how the University of Arizona is meeting the need for



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Coming Soon: Memory Support Group

A Memory Support Group is looking to form. The group will work through the book pictured and facilitated by one of our members. If you are interested in being part of this support group, please get in touch with the church office at rlc@orovalley.org or 520-575-9901. A meeting day and time will be determined once we know how many are interested.



Altar Arts

We need your creative eyes and hands to be a part of a team that creates visual scenes or décor for the altar area for church holidays and distinctive preaching texts.

Please contact Tanya Elias at <u>tanyavelias@gmail.com</u> for more information.





Cafe Justo Celebrates!

Cafe Justo is celebrating their 20th anniversary this fall! From the two coffee growing villages in Chiapas, Mexico to the roasting, packaging facility in Agua Prieta on the border across from Douglas, Arizona to the many churches and individuals who drink and enjoy the coffee we are all part of the success of this cooperative. We at Resurrection consider our participation part of our mission. It is a small way in which we can help the many Mexican people involved remain at home without feeling the need to head north to look for work.

Cafe Justo (pronounced cafe hoosto) translates to just coffee in English. Just coffee meaning simply good coffee but also fair, honest and equitable coffee. Enjoy it as part of Holy Grounds after church or buy some to enjoy at home. We'll be selling on the patio after church on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month.

Salvation Army Angel Tree Now through December 18

RLC is excited to partner with the Salvation Army in sponsoring an Angel Tree this coming Christmas season. Take a special tag with the child's age, gender, and gift request, and bring your unwrapped gift to the Angel Tree box in the Narthex by Sunday, December 18.

The Christmas season is often called, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year". But it can also be a hard time for families without the resources to buy gifts. Just for that reason, Majors Charles and Shirley White of the Salvation Army came up with the Angel Tree program in 1979. They put up a Christmas tree in a Lynchburg, Virginia shopping mall and decorated it with Hallmark cards (many of the cards depicted an Angel, thus the name), each with a gift suggestion. That year they collected gifts for 700 children. Since that humble beginning, the Angel Tree program has provided gifts for hundreds of thousands of children throughout the country. This year our local Salvation Army is vetting 1,600 families with approximately 5,200 children ages 17 and under, to receive gifts.

Our tree was put up on Saturday, November 26th. It has been decorated with individual tags with the child's age, gender and gift request. The Salvation Army suggests that gifts should be under \$30.00.

Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. As you are able, we hope you will consider making this Christmas "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" for someone in our community.

2023 Flower Chart

Now available in the church office. \$25 per altar arrangement.





Blood Drive Resurrection Lutheran Church

Katie's Quarters 11575 N. 1st Ave. Oro Valley, AZ 85737

Winter Donor Incentive:
Receive a NEW long-sleeved Red Cross T-Shirt!

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=RESURRECTION

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at Resurrection

Come one and all! Wednesday, January 4 from 7 - 8:30 PM

Come join us in Katie's Quarters outreach center if you:

- Want to grow your faith in a small group setting.
- Desire fellowship and build authentic trust filled relationships with other RLC friends.

Contact <u>Connie.burda@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Card Players Activity Life Group

The organizational meeting was held on November 15, and it is a "go." The first card party will be held on January 10 in Katie's Quarters at 7 PM. All card players are welcome. Please watch for the January Vision for the details.

Interested in starting your own Life Group? Contact Connie.burda@gmail.com



Day Trippers December 15 at 4 PM

We are going to Winterhaven Festival of Lights on Thursday, December 15. Winterhaven has over 250 homes lite up for the holidays along with 80-100 ft pine trees with lights strung on them and over the streets. We will go as a group on a walking tour for a mile+plus viewing the magical sights. If the people in your car would like to stay and see more just let me know that you are going off on your own. Admission to the festival is non perishable food items or a cash donation. All proceeds go to the Community Foodbank of Tucson.

We will meet at 4 PM at Charred Pie restaurant next to Century Theater in Oro Valley for an early dinner. If you prefer not to eat, you can meet us in front of the restaurant at 5 PM. We will then carpool and be given parking instructions on where to meet. Driver donation is \$2. All ages are welcome. Please contact Carole Backstrom at 520-818-6738 or carole46cb@gmail.com. Hope to see you then!

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, January 13 at 10 AM

We will be visiting the Biosphere! More details to come!



Inspirational Walk at the January 8th Memorial November 7, 2022

Desert Wanderers

Please contact Elisabeth Wheeler at <u>hikerelisabeth@gmail.com</u> for more information or to participate in any of these fabulous hikes!

Hike to Seven Falls in Sabino Canyon Saturday, December 3 Departing from RLC at 8 AM

The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, continues to lower Bear Canyon, then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls. The falls constitute one of the most spectacular natural features in the Tucson area, especially when water is flowing. The trail crosses the Bear Canyon wash several times in each direction and can involve significant boulder hopping after rainy periods. Hike 8.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 662 feet; accumulated gain 1307 feet. Option: Ride the tram for \$8 to save 3 miles of hiking. Driver donation is \$3+ Golden Age Pass or \$2.

Bird Walk at El Rio Preserve Wednesday, December 7 Departing from RLC at 7:30 AM

Let us delight in God's creation! An introductory bird walk will be offered by Joanne and Chris Aeschliman at El Rio Preserve in Marana. This is a slow & easy meandering walk for all to enjoy. Participants will spend 2 hours discovering the resident and migratory birds of Southeast Arizona. Birders of all experience levels are welcome! Driver Donation \$3. Sign up with Joanne Aeschliman at ja0199@yahoo.com.

Tortolita Trail Loop Tuesday, December 13 Departing from RLC at 7:30 AM

The trailhead is at the end of W. Moore Road about 1.5 miles off Dove Mountain Blvd. The hike involves a portion of the multipurpose Tortolita Trail located on the Tortolita Preserve. It took outdoorsman and amateur trail designer Chuck Boyer, age 66, more than two years to carve out the 9-mile recreational trail using only hand tools. Hike 6 to 8 miles; trailhead elevation 2500 feet; net elevation change less than 500 feet; driver donation is \$2. Sign up with Christine Wells at 3hondas@msn.com.

Inspirational Walk at the January 8th Memorial Saturday, December 17 Departing from RLC at 9:15 AM

Jim Tucker, a survivor of the January 8, 2011 shooting in Tucson, will guide us through the Memorial Garden at the Historical Pima County Courthouse. The memorial represents the loving, embracing arms of the community that came together to honor the victims and survivors. Jim is permanently disabled from being shot. Jim has experienced many surgeries. Jim will share his "faith journey" and the scriptures which supported and comforted him during the walk. Limit of 9 participants. Afterwards, participants will gather in the courtyard for devotions and a picnic lunch. Driver donation is \$3 including parking garage.

Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs Saturday, December 31 (or whenever we can get high-clearance vehicles) Departing from RLC at 8 AM

The hike begins at the Catalina SP north gate trailhead. The Sutherland Wash Rock Art District is a special National Historic Registered site in our backyard. Hohokam petroglyphs dating from 900 AZ to 1300 AD number in the thousands on the western slope of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Along our hike we will see beautiful saguaros, several petroglyphs panels, and vistas of Pusch Ridge. The hike involves a few short, steep, rocky sections of trail. We will lunch and have devotions on rocks near one of the petroglyph locations. Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation 3000 ft; total ascent 459 ft. High clearance vehicles are required to reach the trailhead. Driver donation is \$3. The hike crosses Arizona State Trust Land and requires a hiking permit.

Art By Heart

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 - 4 PM

Check out the creative work of art in the photograph by Judy Elmquist of the Art by Heart Ministry. Judy has many talents with art and shares them with all who come to the Art by Heart studio. Judy also teaches Glass Fusing and Stained Glass on Tuesday afternoons.

Judy greets all newcomers with enthusiasm and energy to help them with their project.

Judy contributes many hours to the mission of the Art by Heart Ministry. Come and meet Judy and experience her talents and willingness to assist individuals with learning a new skill or improving on an existing talent.

Art by Heart is a self-funded ministry. Profits are generated by the sales of art created by the ministry at the Boutique located in the Outreach Building. As profits are generated, some funds are used to obtain additional art supplies as well as profits are donated to special fund raising projects at RLC.

The Boutique is open on various Sundays. Look for signs in the courtyard area that wil indicate when the Boutique is open. The Art by Heart studio is open most Tuesdays and every Thursday from 1-4 PM.

Crafters are typically on hand to assist interested individuals in the craft or working with clay, glass, mosaics, and painting. If you are interested in learning and seeing what arts and crafts are being worked on, you will be welcomed to come and join in the work of the ministry. Start your own projects or just spend some time in fellowship with other RLC members and guests. All are welcome.



Judy Elmquist, Leader of the Art By Heart Ministry

Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study

Now through January 28, 2023

The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study began a new series in October and will continue until January 28 according to the schedule shown. The meetings will be on the second and fourth Saturday mornings from 8 - 9 AM in the Outreach Center at church.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Duane Udstuen at 612-518-3690 or duane.udstuen@gmail.com.

Growing Older: Time to Celebrate Life

Date: Topic:

December 10 Leaving A Legacy
January 14 Looking Back
January 28 Looking Ahead

<u>Scripture:</u>
Numbers 27:12-23
Joshua 23:1-16
John 11:1-44

Learn at Resurrection in January

Start the new year with growing deeper in your faith and your community through study and fellowship. Here are just a few of the opportunities that will be happening.

Bible 101 Starting January 8 Sundays 3 - 4:30 PM

Bible 101 will start a new session in January. This class, using "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton, will explore how our Bible came to be, how we understand scripture in our lives and look at contemporary topics through the eyes of scripture. The goal of the class is to seek to understand each other, not to defend or be right. The class will be 11 weeks starting on the 8th of January (skipping a couple of weeks due to scheduling. A full schedule will be handed out at the first class.) and ending on March 26th. We also would like to offer childcare. For more information, please talk with Pastor Erin.

Life and Ministry of the Messiah of the Ray Vander Lann Studies Time and location TBA Meeting twice monthly

Join member Rob Hartman as you explore the time and places where Jesus walked. All are invited to join this study, but for those who are going on the Holy Land Pilgrimage, this will be wonderful background.

If you are interested in doing a Bible study, but not sure what to study, how to study, or who you want to study with, join our Life Groups Coordinators on January 4 in the evening to brainstorm and have conversation. Contact Connie Burda at Connie.burda@gmail.com



Coming in January 2023! Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group is meeting beginning January 3, 2023, through February 21. We will meet in the Sanctuary Tuesday mornings from 10 - 11:30 AM. This session we will be discussing "The Universal Christ" by Fr. Richard Rohr. Jeff Kraus will facilitate the discussion. All are welcome.

MEMORIUM

Richard "Dick" Mueller

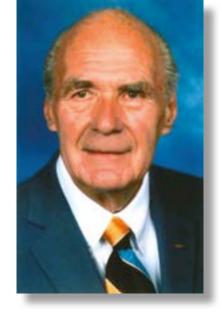
Memorial Service

Resurrection Oro Valley Sanctuary

Saturday, December 10 at 11:00 AM

> Luncheon Reception to follow in Katie's Quarters

Please keep the Muller Family in your prayers.



MEMORIUM

Arlys Wanstrom

Passed away on November 15, 2022 in Minnesota surrounded by her family.

Please keep DeMar, Lynnae, and the Wanstrom family in your prayers.



NEMORIUM

Ellen Nelson

Memorial Service

Resurrection Oro Valley Sanctuary

Thursday, January 5 at 11:00 AM

Luncheon Reception immediately following in Katie's Quarters.

Please keep the Nelson Family in your prayers.



Ministry Team



As the Resurrection Lutheran Church family prepares to sponsor another family in 2023, I would like to share some words offered by Edwin Andrade from Lutherans Social Service of the Southwest.

Hello Friends,

Thank you all so much for your continual support and donations! LSS would not be where it is without contributions from individual donors and local faith communities. In particular, I want to give a shoutout to Rachel Rulmyr. She and I have met a few times since I began with LSS earlier this year, and she has been a tremendous help serving our clients.

I want to take you behind the curtain and share some numbers in terms of the impact we have had in people's lives. Over this last year, we have

- Resettled 79 refugees, both individuals and families
- We have assisted 709 immigrants and educated over 70 refugee women with the Women's Empowerment Program
- We matched 123 mentors and youth mentees in Tucson

We look forward to working with Resurrection next year to resettle another family. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry!

Thanks again,

Edwin Andrade | Faith & Community Volunteer Coordinator Refugee & Immigration Services, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

If you wish to support the RLC Refugee Ministry either financially or as a member of the Refugee Ministry Team, please contact Rachel Rulmyr at 520-909-8008 or the church office. Financial donations are cheerfully accepted by check payable to RLC (in the memo line, please write Refugee Ministry).

-Kris Perry Retired ELCA Deacon

MEMORIUM

Tony Chiasson

Columbarium Service

Resurrection Oro Valley Columbarium

Sunday, December 11 at 12:00 Noon

Cookie reception immediately following in Katie's Quarters.

Please keep Claire and the Chiasson Family in your prayers.



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RLC ChurchWatch Team Member Openings

The ChurchWatch program went into action on Christmas Eve, 2021, almost a year ago. It has been very successful. While "On Watch" inside the Sanctuary or outside on the RLC campus we continually are thanked by members of the congregation for being the "eyes and ears" of the campus. You have seen us on campus wearing navy blue RLC polo shirts with 2 way radios and a cord hanging from one ear.

The ChurchWatch program was modeled after Neighborhood Watch. The Team Members are trained to respond to a variety of emergencies. All the members have communication with each other through 2 way radios and cell phones. They also have direct communication with 911 through a church wireless phone for outside and a dedicated landline in the Sanctuary.

The Team members watch all services at the Oro Valley Campus, one person inside and one outside for total of 8 team members every weekend. The Saddlebrooke campus is watched by Private security that is provided by the Saddlebrooke Home Owners Association.

We have a very dedicated team. Unfortunately we have lost a few team members due to health issues or job transfers. We are looking for new Team members to fill the vacancies. They will be trained along with the staff, ushers, teachers and Team members before becoming "Watch" members.

We have two different format training sessions scheduled, Saturday January 28, 2023, 8 AM until Noon and Saturday February 4, 2023 for 8 AM until Noon. Both are to be attended. After the training, new team members will be given available dates and services for the first 6 months of 2023 and asked to volunteer for the openings.

There are many says to serve the church, this is one of them. If you are interested in becoming a ChurchWatch team member or want to know more about the program, please contact Don Thurmond, dcthurmond@aol.com.

We Need YOU!

Your presence is needed to shine God's light and love on all who come to worship here at Resurrection for Christmas! Share the JOY of Christmas by serving in one of our worship hospitalities, Altar Care, Communion Assistants, and Ushers/Greeters. Please go to

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0E4AA8A92AA3F8C25-experience to find the perfect place to serve.

Scam Emails or Phone Calls

It is sad that in our world today, you can't trust all the communication that comes to you, even from your "pastors." Remember, no Resurrection Staff or Pastor, will ever ask you through an email for gift cards, cash, access codes or other private information without first having a conversation with you. Please, always check the full address of where an email is from and if you ever have a question, contact the church office first before responding.

Scripture Readers in Worship

If you feel called to be a reader for worship, we are especially in need of willing hearts for the Saturday, 5 PM, and Sunday, 7:45 AM worship services. To sign up, please contact Tanya at tanyavelias@gmail.com or Nova at nhinrichs@orovalley.org.

Please Help Us!

As you leave worship, kindly check the chair pocket in front of you, removing any tissues, wrappers, rubbish or personal items.

Thank you!

Christmas Carol Word Search

How well do you know your Christmas Carols?

The missing words from the carols are hidden in the puzzle. Words are hidden

Hope this will get you singing and enjoy the sounds of Christmas!

From all of us at RLC, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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O Holy Night! The stars are brightly
It came upon the midnight clear, that song of old
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie, Above thy deep and sleep the silent stars go by
We Three Kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse
Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let Earth receive her King Let every heart Him room And Heaven and nature sing
Silent night, holy night All is calm, and all is
God rest ye merry gentlemen Let nothing you

Away in a manger No ____ for a bed Angels we have heard on high Sweetly ____ o'er the plains What Child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with ____ sweet While shepherds watch are keeping? Good Christian men, rejoice With ____ and soul and voice; Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the ____ King The first Noel the angels did say Was to certain poor _____ in fields as they lay, We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year. Good tidings to you, And all of your kin. Good _____ for Christmas, And a Happy New Year!

PRAYERS SAME

of the People

Please make sure to let the church office know if you have any prayer requests or a need for pastoral care. Bold names are those new to the list.

We Pray for Healing

Marge Ahlstrand, Maureen Amenda, Julie Anderson, Josephine Armato, Grace Ayinkamiye, Baby Mazie, Liz Baty, Ben and Amy, John Benedict, Carrie Benning, Martha Berg and Jeff Kraus, Michael Bivens, Elnora Borchers, Pam Brandt, Kim Brennen, Heidi Brunk-Gingrich, Elaine Calomeni, Cathy Clark, June Cole, Baby Cassie Rae Crandall, Jenna and Robert Crandall, Gretchen and Jim Crandall, Doug Davidson, Harvey Deardorff, Carol Dilks, John Ebert, Virgil Gerdes, Marge Guinn, Susan Haddorff-Farwell, Char Hassel, Louis and Virginia Hiett, Sue Hoffman, Patty Horton, Brenda Howard, Carol Goeman, Kathy Griffith, Corinne Herndon, MaryAnn Hickey, Rita Hoel, Gayle Gustafson Jacobs, Mary Joviak, Dan and Jan Jungling, Bill and Diane Kautenburger, John Kessler, Kil, Kim, Henny Kuipers, Carol Koeneman, Lori Lepore, Keith Lerch, Herb Maag, **Don Malick,** Michael McDonald, Bill McInnis, Brooke McIntyre, John McMullen, Andria McNeal, Betty McNeill, Ida Merritt, John Meslow, Bill Meusel, Jeanne Mietzner, Miguel and Kate, Glenn Mock, Martin Moser, George Neiman, JoAnn Nelson, Ed Ogilvie, Kathleen O'Hara, Kurt Ohlrich, Mike Parr, Sue Personius, Andrea and Lance Peterson, Helmuth Pfenning, Reeder Family, Renatta, Bill Ring, Liliana Maria Rodriguez, Franklin Roller, Baby Olivia Roller, Kendall and Casey Roller, Steven Romej, Todd Root, Mae Rowe, Cathy Sather, Frank Santoro, Joanne Schleisman, Howard Schultz, Sue Searcy, Jim and Sandy Seppala, Paula Singervault, Tracy Sisson, Ilona Skjordahl, Janitzy Spencer, Elizabeth Spengler, Dean Strandskov, Don Sullivan, Nelson Sulouff, Shelly Summerville, Jaxson Swann, Mary Taylor, Ron Thames, Ann and Carter Thoenes, Bill and Kathleen Thomas, Carol Tombre, Rosanne Thurmond, Cliff Van Eaton, Rick Vrstal, Don Walter, Marie Winkelman, Barb Wojciechowski, John Yakimow, Carol Zylstra.

Friends and Other Concerns

ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Grand Canyon Synod Bishop, Deborah Hutterer. Members of the military and their families, people with disabilities and chronic illness, the homeless, Youth On Their Own, people with addictions, foster kids, foster families, widows, widowers, all essential workers, healthcare workers, first responders, active, retired and reserve military, caregivers, scientists, medical researchers, and for all those affected by the devastating fires and hurricanes.

We Mourn with Those who Mourn

The family and friends of Ellen Nelson, due to her death.

The family and friends of Shirley Murray, due to her death.

Claire Chiasson and family, due to the death of Tony.

Milton and Hope Guevara and family, due to the death of Milton's sister Sofia.

Please submit, and re-submit names, of those to keep in our prayers. As names will not be carried over for the January Vision. Please contact the church office. Thank you!