



August 2025

The Butterfly

RLC August Events

Sunday, August 10th:



Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday School Teacher Meeting



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Pastor Bill's Page



What were you doing ten years ago? Well, Cathie and I and two young boys were shopping for houses, packing, and preparing to make our way back to north Texas to take on the position of Senior Pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church. That's right, August 17th will mark the 10th anniversary of my first Sunday as your pastor. What a privilege it has been to live and serve beside you for this past decade.

These last ten years have seen a lot of good done in the Kingdom of God and a lot of changes in our small corner of it. In the last decade we have packed and distributed over 8,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to underserved children in the Plano ISD. More than 2000 quilts have been pieced together and tied by the Cover Girls and distributed by Lutheran World Relief. We have sent nearly \$250,000.00 in support to the wider expressions of our church, including the Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran in America. We have collected literally tons of food for our sister congregation's food bank and hundreds of Christmas gifts for children through the Giving Tree. Other outreach into the world was done through packing food, packing hygiene kits, mission trips, God's Work Our Hands events and through countless acts of kindness by all of our members.

There have been some significant changes in our ministries as well. Notably, after years of service to our community, we closed the Ark Preschool as its enrollment dwindled. But where one door closed, others opened. For example, we have broadened our support to the community through our extensive support of Scouting. Troop 1000 and various Girl Scout units have been meeting here "forever," but the past decade has seen the addition of a girl's unit of Scouting America, Troop 3000, as well as two Cub Scout packs and a Venturing Crew. Vacation Bible School has also grown in the past ten years, gathering community kids as well as children and grandchildren of our own members.

Halfway through the decade we were engulfed in the Covid pandemic. That brought changes, too. During the pandemic, we learned to worship in the parking lot with drive-through communion and to worship together-yet-apart by streaming our services. While not meeting in the building, the building got a makeover with a revamped Celebration Center and new flooring throughout the building. When we came back together, we kept streaming, but pared down to only one service on a Sunday, alternating between two worship styles. Bulletins were replaced by screens. A new style of receiving communion was adopted. We certainly learned how to be flexible in our response to that nasty disease!

Of course, our congregation has changed over the past ten years as well. Although we took in nearly 100 new members in the last 10 years, many of whom were younger with children, we lost over 225 to relocation, attrition and death. We were especially hard hit these past two years with the death of many significant, long-time members. Over the past decade, our congregational membership has fallen from 484 in 2015 to 353 in 2025. Even so, we are still one of the larger congregations in the Synod, still vibrant and still making a great impact on our church, our community and the world.

Things have changed at the Irons household as well. Those young boys we brought with us a decade ago have left the nest and are now out on their own. Our four older kids have gifted us with another son-in-law and two more grandkids to keep us busy. (That's a total of 8, if you're counting!) Cathie retired from her position at Child Protective Services, but I continue to carry on as your pastor and your co-worker in Christ, a position that I have been proud to hold for these past 10 years.

So come to church on the 17th and enjoy a bite of cake to celebrate our last 10 years together. And then we'll see where the next ten will take us!

Pastor Bill

Church Council



This is my first year on Council as the liaison for Serve Ministries. Do you know how busy Resurrection is serving our communities and Church? I always knew there were many opportunities but didn't put it all together until I took this position. Take a look at these ministries and see where you might join in or maybe it will inspire you to suggest a new ministry where you see the need!

Fellowship

Some of the social gatherings include:

- ◆ Guys Night Out – meets monthly for dinner and adult beverages
- ◆ R&R – open to any adult and meets in members homes to catch up with friends and meet some new ones
- ◆ PrimeTimers – meet at Norma's Cafe the second Wednesday of each month
- ◆ Sunday Morning Fellowship – coffee and treats after the church service. Can you help serve? Help is needed to make the coffee and put out the treats. Volunteer once or more often! Sign up online or in the kitchen. Please consider this opportunity.
- ◆ Summer Potlucks – potluck lunch after the church service June through August
- ◆ Rangers Game – group tickets for a Rangers game in May/June

Women of RLC

The women's ministry is open to all women of RLC and organizes special programs and fundraisers throughout the year. Following are some of the events.

- ◆ Chili Cook-Off and Quilt Bingo – after a chili dinner, Bingo is played with handmade quilts as prizes. This is a fundraiser for various groups such as the teen annual mission trip
- ◆ Luncheons with guest speakers
- ◆ Pie Fest following the Thanksgiving Eve church service
- ◆ Annual Fiesta held around Cinco de Mayo
- ◆ Bunco and Ice Cream – a rousing game of Bunco with ice cream for treats is held usually in late summer
- ◆ Book Club – is held the second Saturday of every other month. Interesting topics and discussions. Join in at any time
- ◆ Cover Girls meet on Wednesdays to sew, tie, iron beautiful handmade quilts. These quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief and also to area nonprofits serving children in the area. They also make quilts and other handmade items for the annual Christmas sale.

Share The Care

This is the umbrella name for our caring ministries. The following ministries serve our members and friends in various capacities.

- ◆ Stephen Ministers – trains lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christians to individuals in our congregation that are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Several times throughout the year they also provide speakers on topics of interest to the whole congregation.
- ◆ Transportation Team – volunteers provide transportation for members to medical appointments and Church services.
- ◆ Memorial Receptions – this team organizes food and setup for memorial services.
- ◆ Prayer Chain – at a members request, the prayer chain is notified and prays for the members' needs.

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Church Council (continued)

Community Outreach

RLC has so many opportunities to help our neighbors. Here are some of them.

- ◆ Impact – a new group formed to brainstorm ways RLC can further help with our community's needs. Examples of these services were volunteering at:
- ◆ Feed My Starving Children and having a baby shower to provide baby supplies to Plano ISD for their program with teen mothers.
- ◆ God's Work Our Hands – ELCA's annual day of service. This will be held on September 7th.
- ◆ Numerous projects are available for the congregation to participate and support other non profit organizations
- ◆ School Supply Project and Angel Tree – backpacks are put together in July to provide various schools with supplies for students in need. Then in December, the Angel Tree provides gifts to help families have a present under their tree for their children.
- ◆ Various other outreach projects include the quarterly blood drive with donations to the Carter Blood care, litter cleanup in our own backyard and nearby parks and roadways

Aluminati

A monthly collection of aluminum cans and other metals such as copper, etc. These are taken to a local collection center where RLC receives money for our aluminum. This money is then donated to the Church to help pay off our HVAC loan. So save up your cans and bring them to the Church west door once a month!

As you can see, RLC is a SERVING congregation. It takes many volunteers to make all of these services possible so please consider joining one. It's a great way to meet new people or catch up with friends and most of all WE HAVE FUN while serving.

Please forgive me if I've left any group out. I'm new at this job!

Sharon Bosse, Council Liaison for Serving Ministries



August 2025 Flower Chart



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| August 3rd: | Cathie Irons—Celebration of anniversary |
| August 10th: | Beth Smith—In honor of Kim Hampton's Birthday |
| August 17th: | Rita Fischer—In memory of husband Carl |
| August 24th: | Marilyn Neer—In loving memory of Jacque Neer |
| August 31st: | Beth Smith—In memory of Terry Smith |

RYOT/RALLY



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! (ish)

As school begins, we are starting our Fall activities again at church. Here is the tentative plan. Let me know if you will be joining!

RYOT

Hopefully, we will be able to join King of Glory again this year for their get togethers. We have a couple of opportunities that I want to call to your attention. I am looking into a summer 2026 trip to Puerto Rico for our mission trip. I am waiting on some additional information and will pass that along as soon as possible.

Additionally, please see the announcement on a separate page 8 for the Gathering Expedition the weekend of October 3-5.

RALLY

Every month after Confirmation is done, we will have lunch and do an activity. Here is the tentative schedule through 2025. Let me know if you're able to be here!

- ⇒ August: 24th – Lunch & Bring a friend so we can plan for the year and play games
- ⇒ September: 7th – GWOH; 14th – Lunch and Activity TBD
- ⇒ October: 3rd-5th – Gathering Expedition (See separate announcement)
- ⇒ November: 16th - Lunch and Activity TBD
- ⇒ December: 14th - Lunch and Activity TBD

I look forward to meeting regularly with you again soon!



Ann

Christian Education



Sunday School Teacher Meeting- Sunday, August 10th

Following the church potluck, there will be a brief meeting for all Sunday School teachers. During this meeting, teachers will receive their curriculum and classroom schedules in preparation for the start of Sunday School on **August 17th**. We're excited to kick off a new year of faith and learning together!

Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 10th

Join us on **Sunday, August 10th**, during our 10:00 am worship service as we offer a Blessing of the Backpacks for all students. We invite every child and youth to bring their backpack to church as we pray for a safe, and joyful school year.



Sunday School Teacher Installation – August 17th

During worship on **Sunday, August 17th**, we will bless and install our Sunday School teachers and Christian educators. This special time honors the dedication of those who help guide the spiritual growth of our children and youth.

We're still looking for a few more volunteers! Whether you enjoy teaching, assisting, or simply being a supportive presence, there's a place for you. Let's come together to build a warm, welcoming space where every child feels seen, supported, and encouraged in faith.

Sunday School Starts

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Christian Education



Join us for *Oceans of Faith*, a four-week class led by Karen Oehler designed to spark conversation, share insight, and help us grow together. Meet in Room 1 after worship.

Karen has almost finished the two-year program with our regional Parish Lay Ministry Academy (PLMA). PLMA is a program of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), designed to prepare and train lay leaders in congregations and other ministries across the Church. The goals of this August class at RLC are to relay highlights of some of the PLMA classes, initiate conversations on various meaningful topics, and provide participants with time to share their experiences and preferences as they connect with the material and each other.

Faith, like an ocean, is not meant to be shallow. It invites us to go deeper—to let go of the shore and trust in the One who holds us up in every wave. There are many ways to grow in faith. We can learn more about God's message by immersing ourselves in Scripture, allowing His Word to guide and shape us. We can explore the history of our Church and those who came before us, gaining strength from their testimonies and struggles. And we can grow through prayer, learning to trust God more fully with our hearts, our worries, and our hopes.

August 10 - Week 1:

New Ways to Learn the Old Testament -

Creation → Covenant → Kingdom & Wisdom → Justice & Mercy → Exile & Hope

August 17 - Week 2:

New Ways to Learn the New Testament;

Historical context, the Life and Mission of Jesus, and early Christian community

August 24 -Week 3:

Lutheran History and Identity in Today's World

From Martin Luther & Melancthon to US Midwest Lutheran immigration and now

August 31 - Week 4:

50 Ways to Pray, we'll explore 4–5 unique prayer styles as we encourage one another to draw closer to Him.

Come ready to listen, learn, and dive into faith together. All are welcome!

High School Retreat

8TH GRADE – HS RETREAT



If you are in 8th-12th grade, this is the event for you!

Meet other kids from our area for a weekend of fun, faith, and fellowship.

When: October 3rd – 5th (We will leave early afternoon on the 3rd)

Where: LaGrange, TX

Cost: \$50/per person

Please let Ann know if you are coming ASAP.

Deadline to sign up with \$50 deposit: September 7th!

Women's Book Discussion

Women's Book Discussion

Saturday, September 13th

9:00 am

Our next women's book discussion will be held September 13th on **The Queen of Sugar Hill: A Novel of Hattie McDaniel—The Untold Story of Hattie McDaniel's Life and Legacy.**

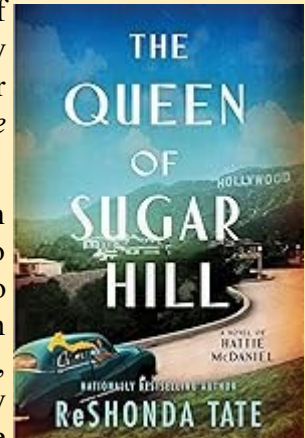
Bestselling author ReShonda Tate presents a fascinating fictional portrait of Hattie McDaniel, one of Hollywood's most prolific but woefully underappreciated stars—and the first Black person ever to win an Oscar for her role as Mammy in the critically acclaimed classic film *Gone With the Wind*.

It was supposed to be the highlight of her career, the pinnacle for which she'd worked all her life. And as Hattie McDaniel took the stage in 1940 to claim an honor that would make her the first African-American woman to win an Academy Award, she tearfully took her place in history. Between personal triumphs and tragedies, heartbreaking losses, and severe setbacks, this historic night of winning best supporting actress for her role as the sassy Mammy in the controversial movie *Gone With the Wind* was going to be life-changing. Or so she thought.

Months after winning the award, not only did the Oscar curse set in where Hattie couldn't find work, but she found herself thrust in the middle of two worlds—Black and White—and not being welcomed in either. Whites only saw her as Mammy and Blacks detested the demeaning portrayal. As the NAACP waged an all-out war against Hattie and actors like her, the emotionally conflicted actor found herself struggling daily.

Through it all, Hattie continued her fight to pave a path for other Negro actors, while focusing on war efforts, fighting housing discrimination, and navigating four failed marriages. Luckily, she had a core group of friends to help her out—from Clark Gable to Louise Beavers to Ruby Berkley Goodwin and Dorothy Dandridge.

The Queen of Sugar Hill brings to life the powerful story of one woman who was driven by many passions—ambition, love, sex, family, friendship, and equality. In re-creating Hattie's story, ReShonda Tate delivers an unforgettable novel of resilience, dedication, and determination—about what it takes to achieve your dreams—even when everything—and everyone—is against you.



All women are welcome!

Come for treats at 9:00 am

Stay for discussion at 9:30 am.

Ice Cream Social and Bunco Night



ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND BUNCO NIGHT

All women are invited!
Wednesday, August 20th
7:00—9:00 pm in the Celebration Center
Bring your favorite topping; ice cream provided by
Marylou Boardman.
We will teach you to play Bunco if you need help.
PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL.

Please come for a fun evening!
Sign up in Narthex.
Help us elect officers and board members of
Women of RLC.

**Free-will offering for School Supply Project is
welcome and will be appreciated.**

Aluminum Can Recycling



The aluminum can collection this month was shortened due to vacation and holidays, so brought in a rather low total 55 pounds, at a lower price of \$.75 per pound, which comes to \$41 that goes to the HVAC fund. Still, every little bit counts, so let's stay with it!

Waterman the Metalman

You know the drill by now. Our next aluminum can collection will be during the weekend of August 2-3. Drop off your bags of cans by the west doors so The Aluminati can cash them in to feed our AOF (Affirming Our Foundation) fund that helps pay for some of our surprise building expenses. Since October 2024, your scrap metal and aluminum have added \$955.28 to AOF!

Recycling reminders:

Non-aluminum components make can recycling problematic. Please remove the plastic shrink sleeves and adhesive labels found on some cans to make them more visually appealing.

Disposable aluminum (foil, pie plates, etc.) is NOT recyclable.

If you think a can might be aluminum, test with a magnet. If not attracted, it is aluminum; if the magnet sticks, put the can in your recycling cart at home.

Crushed cans preferable.

Talk to "Metal Man" Mark Waterman if you have any valuable scrap metal to donate.

Baby Shower



Baby Showers Aren't Boring!

Q: At what time of day did God create Adam?

A: Just before Eve.

More bad dad jokes and other silly fun is planned for our upcoming Second Sunday Social on August 10th!

After worship, come on over to the Celebration Center for a good ol' church potluck. Enjoy the adventure of a miscellaneous buffet and spend some time getting to know other RLC members. Sharing a meal is a great way to build community.

Another way to build community is to uplift our neighbors when they need support. As we wrap up our meal, the Impact committee will host a baby shower to support Plano ISD's School-Age Parent Program. But this isn't your normal baby shower! This party is for all ages, guys and gals, looking for a good laugh.

Please consider supporting this program by bringing gifts. The most needed items are **diapers**, so for every package of diapers you bring, you'll be entered into the drawing for prizes. Other necessities we are collecting include **sensitive baby wipes, bibs, baby mittens, and baby socks**. Can't come to the party? Look for a donation box on the pew by the west doors.

We would also love to borrow decorations. If you have any baby shower décor, please talk to Cathie Irons, Becky Schuerman Choi, or Ellen Frost.

God's Work, Our Hands



God's work. Our hands.



September 7
2025

GWOH: Service in September Service With Purpose

The ELCA's national day of service – “God's work. Our hands.” Sunday – will take place on September 7th. For 12 years, thousands of ELCA members have engaged in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love.

Come to worship at 10:00 am, then join us for the final and largest **potluck** of the season in the Celebration Center. Afterwards will be a time for people to participate in **community service projects**. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex as well as online to volunteer for activities. Our new outreach ministry, Impact, is planning this year's celebration but we value YOUR input to make this a purposeful day for our members of all ages and abilities. If you or your ministry have a project idea or are willing to lead a project, please contact anyone on the Impact planning team: Cathie Irons, Ellen Frost, Nancy Parker, Sharon Bosse, or Becky Schuerman Choi.

We will also hold a **blood drive** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The donor appreciation gift is a Cowboy's / Carter BloodCare t-shirt!

The Aluminati will be collecting **aluminum can donations**. The donor appreciation gift is air conditioning!



Stephen Ministry



When you walk through a storm
 Hold your head up high
 And don't be afraid of the dark.
 At the end of the storm
 Is a golden sky,
 And the sweet, silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind,
 Walk on through the rain,
 Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.
 Walk on, walk on,
 With hope in your heart,
 And you'll never walk alone.
 You'll never walk alone.

This very old song from the musical, "Carousel" gave me strength on July 4th as I woke to news of the terrible tragedy in the Kerrville area. Two of my grandchildren were attending camps along the Guadalupe River that week and my thoughts instantly shifted to concerns for their safety. After calling my daughter, I was relieved to find out that my grandson had been picked up the day before at noon. His camp was damaged, but no campers were on site. My granddaughter was still at her camp during the storm, but their cabins were safely located on higher ground. She could not be picked up until Saturday afternoon due to the high water on the roads. When they were safely home, my prayers of Thanksgiving were abundant!

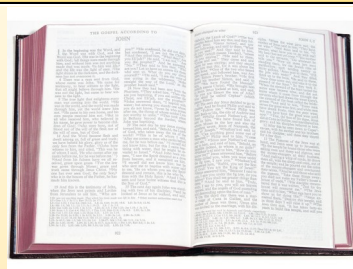
However, as the reports continued through the week-end and the death toll climbed, my heart ached for the families that had lost parents, siblings, children, friends in this 100 year flood. How do you continue when the very lives of your loved ones have been ripped away? Again this song, not a Christian song, ran through my head. All of these families' dreams were "tossed and blown". The physical storm was over now, but how do you "walk on with hope in your heart" after this tremendous loss?

As a Christian, I believe that through the love of Christ, we will "never walk alone" through all of the storms of our lives. Our Savior has given us the hope and promise of Eternal Life through his death and resurrection. The storms of life will continue: divorce, illness, death, financial worries, lack of job security, depression, loneliness, etc... Thanks be to God, we will never have to walk alone through any of these trials. He is always beside us guiding our way!

As a Stephen Minister, I am trained to listen, empathize, and walk beside those in need in our community. I know that we are also the hands of God's love in this world. I hope that your prayers continue for everyone affected by this catastrophic flood. If you are able, Lutheran World Relief is receiving donations to assist with the massive recovery effort. Loving our neighbors as ourselves is the least we can do in this time of need. God bless!

Submitted by a member of RLC—each month these articles are written by various Stephen Ministers

Announcements



Women's Mid-day Thursday Bible Study

The group meets on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the RLC Library. Bring your lunch and your Bible.

We are studying the topic of : *John*



Brew Crew Wants You

Join the Brew Crew – a vital ministry for Sunday morning survival and socializing. Crew members host coffee hour after our Sunday service by making coffee, bringing treats, and cleaning up afterwards. Hosting duties are great for families or a group of friends. Training and reimbursement available. Sunday School starts on **August 17th** so coffee hour does, too. [Sign up online](#) or on the sign-up sheet found on the kitchen counter. Questions: Becky Schuerman Choi at beckyschuerman@gmail.com.



Former member Charles Goebel died Monday morning, July 14th. We want to keep Charles' family especially his children Clara, Sebastian, and Amanda in prayer. Services for Charles are pending and will likely be held in Austin. If you wish to send words of sympathy or thought please send them to his daughter:

Clara Goebel
237 Quarry Hill Rd # 237,
South Burlington, VT 05403

Cover Girls

The RLC Cover Girls Sewing Group is experiencing the lazy, hazy days of summer! We try not to let that slow us down too much as we work with our mission project – “Kid Quilts”. We have so many “fun-loving” fabrics to sew together which makes this project tons of fun! AND, knowing they will be given to kids to give them love and comfort makes it even more fun!



If you would like to be a part of this mission – join us on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in Room 16 (outside building) **OR** you can pick up a kit or two of “square kits” (ready to sew together at home) at the Cover Girls Drop Off (top of stairs in Narthex). You can also contact me (see information below) to arrange a pickup of squares to sew at home. The kid quilts will be donated in the fall to non-profit organizations within our community. In the past years we have donated at least 150 quilts back out into our Collin County Community per year!

REMEMBER ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE SUNDAYS AT RLC!!!

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON “BLESSING OF THE QUILTS SUNDAY” TO TAKE PLACE ON SEPTMEBER 7, 2025

Thought for today

Take time to Live; it is one secret of success.

Take time to Think; it is the source of power.

Take time to Play; it is the secret of youth.

Take time to Read; it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time to Friendship; it is the source of happiness.

Take time to Laugh; it helps to lift life’s load.

Take time to Dream; it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time for God; it is Life’s Only Lasting Investment!

Questions: Contact Marilyn Neer at neermarilyn@yahoo.com
or text to 214-557-2886

PS: Don’t Forget – we always have kid/baby quilts on hand for sale throughout the year! AND – if you have any gently used sheets or fabric or crochet thread that is taking up space in a closet; we can put it to good use if you would like to donate. Just drop it off in the Cover Girls Drop-Off at the top of the steps.

Announcements



Guys Night Out for August will happen at Austin Avenue Grill & Sports Bar located at 935 West Parker Road, Plano, TX on Thursday August 28, 2025. Starting time 6:00 pm. Join their Loyalty Program for a \$1 discount on food item orders over \$10!

Contact Craig Feronti (972)989-3222 for information.

PrimeTimers in August

Will meet on Wednesday, August 13th at 11:30 am
at Norma's Café. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Everyone is welcome for great fellowship



Volunteers Needed

One vital part of Share the Care is the Transportation Team. These volunteers pick up members who need occasional rides to Church or to medical appointments. Often substitutes are needed to fill in for regular drivers who bring elderly members to Church but have to miss a Sunday or two. Currently there are only five volunteers for this important ministry. If this is something you could do on an occasional basis, call Barbara Klier at 214.476.8911.





VBS/RALLY Camp Update



Our 2024 VBS Quilt was given to Daniel Howell, who has headed up our VBS the last two years.

This quilt will go with Daniel to share in his
Mission to:



Engaging children in the concepts of the "Bee-conomy", where kids experience building a better "Me"

Becoming a strong community by building a better "You"

When Daniel goes into various communities, he will bring "Our" community with him as he shares the story of "Our" quilt and how we became his first "Bee-conomy".

Our 2024 VBS quilt will be viewed by kids all over the United States and possibly globally!



Communion Bread



Bread Wanted



Are you willing to provide bread for Communion each Sunday. Oh, but you don't bake. No problem, your local bakery does and you can order one loaf of unsliced bread, soft crust and soft inside so it can be torn for serving, but not be crumbly. (Try the bread you choose yourself to see if it tears easily into smaller pieces and doesn't shed crumbs.) You can bring it to the Church preferably on Saturday or contact Pat Fisher to make other arrangements. Only one loaf of bread is needed for the 10:00 Worship Service each week. If you are willing to provide a loaf of bread, please let Pat Fisher know. You can email her at: pmifisher@gmail.com, sign up for one Sunday a month or only periodically.

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| August 3rd | Gayle & Bill Lind |
| August 10th | Phyllis & Craig Hildebrand |
| August 17th | Phyllis & Craig Hildebrand |
| August 24th | Pat & Bruce Fisher |
| August 31st | Rita Fischer |

Recycling continues . . .

Do you ever wonder what to do with the flower vases you have collected over the years.

Contact your local florist and ask if they will accept used vases.

Plano Florist, who supplies the Altar flowers each week, will be happy to accept your vases.



Thrivent Financial

ACTION TEAM PROJECTS FOR 2025

Are you a benefit member of Thrivent? If so, we could use your help in applying to Thrivent for seed money for a number of service projects and fundraisers at Resurrection Lutheran. It is a quick and easy way to bring in additional funding to Resurrection's annual budget. There are currently about 75 Thrivent benefit members at Resurrection. Each benefit member can have up to **two projects per year each funded by a \$250 pre-paid VISA card. Associate members can have up to one project per year.** That is **\$37,500** that does not have to be funded by Resurrection's annual budget!

We did about 13 Action Team grants in 2024 for a total of approximately **\$3,250!** Keep this Thrivent program in mind as you plan activities for 2025. Below are some possible 2025 projects:

Chili Cook-off and Bingo – Marilyn Neer
 RYOT fundraiser for summer trip – Becky Choi
 Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project – Marilyn Neer
 Vacation Bible School – Mt Olive Food Bank – Ellen Frost
 Vacation Bible School – Middle School and High School Camp – Lorraine Laut
 August Baby Shower – Impact Team
 School Supply Project – Richard Laut
 Cover Girls Kid's Quilts – Sylvia Meyer
 Fall God's Work – Our Hands—Becky Choi
 Fall Festival –
 Love Pac – Plano -
 Cover Girl's Christmas Sale – Sylvia Meyer
 Angel Tree –

SUPPORT TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF

In the wake of the catastrophic flooding across Texas, many of our clients and friends have expressed a heartfelt desire to support the recovery efforts. At Thrivent, we're standing alongside you—committed to helping all who are impacted by this devastation. Together, we can provide meaningful support and hope to individuals and families as they navigate the weeks and months ahead.

Here are three ways to help:

1. Make a donation; Thrivent will boost it!

Donate to support disaster relief efforts. For every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform or through a Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing® Donor Advised Fund to a featured organization, Thrivent will add \$1, up to \$250,000.* Thrivent will also pay the processing fees so 100% will go directly to the cause.** Organizations included in the matching opportunity:

- Austin Disaster Relief Network, Austin, Texas
- Convoy of Hope, Springfield, Missouri
- TEXSAR Inc (Texas Search and Rescue), Wimberley, Texas

2. Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team

Jump into action and lead a Thrivent Action Team with your friends, family or co-workers. When you apply, input "Disaster 2025" in the Promo Code field to expedite the shipping of your Thrivent Action Kit.

Note: Apple Pay or Google Pay users, choose the electronic credit card option on the application to receive the seed money within one business day of approval.

Looking for inspiration? Check out the Thrivent Action Teams Hub to see how clients are making a difference.

3. Direct Choice Dollars®

If you are an eligible Thrivent client, direct Choice Dollars to organizations helping with disaster response efforts.

Thank you for joining Thrivent to help Texas communities in need.

Contact Lorraine Laut at 214-205-0886 or at lblaut@outlook.com if you can help or if you have an idea for an Action Team. She will guide you through the application process.



August 2025 Calendar



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 Aluminum Can Recycling |
| 3 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service via YouTube | 4 | 5 | 6 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls | 7 11:30 am-1:00 pm: Women's Mid-day Bible Study 7:00-9:00 pm: Exec. Meeting | 8 | 9 |
| 10 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church and via YouTube Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday School Teacher Meeting 11:00 am: Second Sunday Social | 12 | 12 | 13 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 11:30 am: PrimeTimers | 14 11:30 am-1:00 pm: Women's Mid-day Bible Study 7:00-9:00 pm: Church Council | 15 | 16 9:00 am: 3rd Sat. Maintenance |
| 17 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church and via YouTube Sunday School Teachers Installation Sunday School Starts Coffee Hour after Worship Service | 18 | 19 7:00 pm: Worship Planning | 20 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls 7:00 pm-9:00 pm: Ice Cream Social/ Bunco | 21 11:30 am-1:00 pm: Women's Mid-day Bible Study | 22 | 23 |
| 24 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church and via YouTube Coffee Hour after Worship Service RALLY | 25 | 26 | 27 10:00-3:30 pm: Cover Girls | 28 11:30 am-1:00 pm: Women's Mid-day Bible Study 6:00 pm: Guys' Night Out | 29 | 30 |
| 31 10:00 am: Classic Worship Service In Church and via YouTube Coffee Hour after Worship Service | | | | | | |



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