



# CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## **Resurrection Lutheran Church**



**DECEMBER 7, 2025**

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**Resurrection Lutheran Church  
Annual Congregation Meeting Agenda  
December 7, 2025**

Call to Order, Welcome, Opening Prayer	Kathy Barrett
Certification of a Quorum	Kathy Barrett
Motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024, Annual meeting	Kathy Barrett
Treasurer's Report	David Frost
Presentation of the 2026 Budget	David Frost
Motion to approve of the 2026 Budget	Kathy Barrett
Presentation of RLC Constitution Amendments	Beth Smith
Motion to approve RLC Constitution Amendments	Beth Smith
Nominating Committee Presentation of Candidates	Barbara Klier
1. Executive Committee	
2. Council Liaisons	
3. Human Resources Committee	
4. Nominating Committee	
Call for Nominations from the Floor	Kathy Barrett
Election	
Presentation of Synod Assembly Voting Members	Kathy Barrett
1. Bruce Fisher	
2. Pat Fisher	
Motion to approve Synod Assembly Voting Members	Kathy Barrett
Closing Prayer	Pastor Bill

**Resurrection Lutheran Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
December 8, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 by Kathy Barrett, Vice-President of the Church Council. After an opening prayer, Kathy confirmed the presence of a quorum.

**David Pruessner moved to accept the minutes of last year's meeting.**

**Katherine Bandy seconded. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Jan Frum

- Although we are in the red, much of our problems stem from the fact that we needed to purchase a new HVAC unit.
- Everyone should consider donating more to meet our budget for the coming year.
- Insurance on the church structure will probably go up 30%.
- The education budget is increased by a little.
- **Jan moved to accept the proposed 2025 budget. There was no discussion. The motion carried.**

Mike Sciacia, representing the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers:

- President, Bruce Fisher
- Vice-President, Kathy Barrett
- Secretary, Beth Smith
- David Frost, Treasurer
- Sharon Bosse, Serve Liaison
- Human Resources, Tony Janish
- Human Resources, David Pruessner
- Nominating Committee, Mike Frank
- Nominating Committee, Bruce Johnson

There were no nominations from the floor.

**The congregation approved the slate by acclimation.**

**The nominating committee moved to appoint Craig and Phyllis Hildebrand as delegates to the 2025 Synod Assembly. The motion carried.**

Pastor Bill closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.

## **Council Treasurer 2025 Annual Report**

The church council has continued to work the details of our finances throughout the year. As with recent years our expenses continue to exceed our giving. Through the end of October (the latest numbers available when this was written) our expenses were \$509,128 and our income was \$464,243 for a deficit of \$44,885. We offer this summary each Sunday on the overhead before the service as a reminder of where we stand. The good news is that historically each December you the congregation provide additional offerings to close this gap. It does make the council meetings nervous at times throughout the year, but we move forward in faith that history will repeat.

As was discussed at the congregational budget meeting, For 2026 the council has recommended for congregational approval, an increased budget. The increase is due to increased costs as we did not feel we could expand any ministries at this time. We also wanted to emphasize to the congregation that we are not reducing any of the ministries we have been undertaking. Before we do that we would solicit inputs from the congregation so the church could move forward with a common mission.

One activity we undertook this year was to document our dedicated funds, how the funds are to be used and who can authorize distribution. With deficits and things like air conditioners breaking down, we have had to dip into the dedicated funds. Making sure your leadership is aware of what may be available and what the funds are for has been a valuable tool for us to keep the church operating.

Here is the current status of our dedicated funds:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance 10/31/2025</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Authorization</b>
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	\$5,083.61	Council Discretion	Council	Council Majority
Congregational Activities	\$434.08	Fellowship/Speakers	Council	Vice President
Memorials	\$46,371.32	Council Discretion	Council	Council Majority
Minor Assets Acquisition	\$5,375.80	Assets	Council	Council Majority
Adult Education	\$817.39	Supplies	Education	Pastor or Betsy
Mr Jacque's Corner	\$735.42	Play Area	Education	Betsy
Affirming Our Foundation	\$81,516.53	Capital Improvements	Facility	Council Majority
Defibrillator	\$884.38	Maintenance	Facility	Misti
Landscaping	\$882.21		Facility	Council Majority
Oktoberfest	\$1,059.00		Men's Group	
Charitable Discretionary	\$1,035.91	Outside Requests	Pastor	Pastor
Confirmation Camp	\$800.00		Pastor	Pastor
Pastor's Discretionary	\$635.51	Members	Pastor	Pastor
Food Pantry	\$120.00	Flow-Through	Serve	Finance Team
God's Work Our Hands	\$1,852.89		Serve	Cmte Liaison
Share The Care	\$3,682.65	Assistance	Stephen Ministry	Barbara Klier
Stephen Ministry	\$5,964.23	Team Direction	Stephen Ministry	Kathy Barrett
School Supply Project	\$0.00	Flow-Through	Treasurer	Finance Team
Special Appeals	\$79.00	Flow-Through	Treasurer	Finance Team
Organ Fund	\$993.04	Maintenance	Worship	Jim
Seasonal Flowers	\$96.00	Flow-Through	Worship	Misti/Jan
Worship and Music	\$732.95	Supplies	Worship	Jim/Jan/Lynn
Camp Support	\$4,064.86	Camp Fees	Youth	Betsy
Noisy Offering	\$139.00	Flow-Through	Youth	Betsy
VBS / Rally Camp	\$1,360.00		Youth	Betsy or Ann
Youth Activities	\$5,375.45	RYOT/Rally/Kids Club	Youth	Betsy or Ann

Finally, I want to thank the many people that keep the finances of the church managed. The offering counters, the check writers, the data entry people, the ones who make sure payroll and taxes are paid. The many volunteers to do these jobs are instrumental in making sure the other ministries of RLC can focus on their goals. Thank you for all your hard work. I especially want to highlight all the work that was done by Jan Frum. Even though she was not the treasurer, she has remained very active doing all the things she used to do except go to the council meetings. Her help and knowledge is highly appreciated.

Thank you,  
David Frost  
RLC Treasurer

## Nominating Committee 2025 Annual Report

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President: Kathy Barrett**

**Vice-President: Karen Oehler**

**Secretary: Beth Smith**

**Treasurer: Jan Frum**

### Council Liaison

**Ancillary: Jay Walls (2028)**

**Worship: Craig Hildebrand (2028)**

Learn: Katherine Bandy (2026)

Witness: Marylou Boardman (2026)

Support: Mark Waterman (2027)

Serve: Sharon Bosse (2027)

### Human Resources Committee

**Diane Frank (2027)** Bill Fisher (2026)

**Nicole Oost (2028)** David Pruessner (2027)

**Sylvia Meyer (2028)** Matt McKelvie (2026)

### Nominating Committee

**Gayle Lind (2028)** Mike Frank (2027)

**Nancy Parker (2028)** Bruce Johnson (2027)

Barbara Klier (2026)

Becky Pruessner (2026)

### 2026 Synod Delegates

**Pat Fisher**

**Cathie Irons**

**Names in bold are to be voted on at Annual Meeting**

## **Annual Report to the Congregation**

**December 7, 2025**

In a previous Annual report, I wrote that we were blessed with myriad opportunities and the means to serve Our Lord, our community and, through our Benevolence, the North Texas North Louisiana Synod (NTNL), the National Church (ELCA), and Lutheran World Relief. I am pleased to report that that hasn't changed, and we continue to serve those organizations and many more. I've mentioned a few of them below as I feel it is important for us to take stock occasionally and give thanks for the many blessings we can share with our community and the world.

We continue to provide literally hundreds of backpacks stuffed with school supplies for students who otherwise may not have them. Our Cover Girls Quilt Ministry sews and sends hundreds of beautiful, warm quilts to recipients worldwide through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and to local ministries including the Samaritan Inn in McKinney, the Plano/Wylie Children's Medical Clinic, Plano COPS, Hope's Door and Plano Children's Hospital. In addition, our Angel Tree offers love and Christmas Joy to many families in our community as do our contributions to the Mount Olive Food Pantry. GWOH Sunday directly benefits our community as does our support for 7 Scout troops (Girls and Boys) that use our building for their meetings and events such as the Scout Court of Honor, the Pinewood Derby and the Brownie Bridging Ceremony. And our recently added Columbarium is becoming a comforting resource for RLC families.

Also, as I mentioned in my 2019 annual report, "our aging facility will consume ever greater amounts of our cash flow for maintenance and repair projects." And, that prediction has proven to be true. The AOF (Affirming Our Foundation) is a dedicated fund created to provide funds for the repair and maintenance of our facility. It is funded with contributions designated specifically for the AOF. You can donate on our website, [RLCPlano.org](http://RLCPlano.org), where you will find the AOF fund under the online giving tab.

We are very blessed to support so many ministries, and we have much more to do. As we move into a new church year and soon to be a new calendar year, we know not what opportunities and challenges await but we may rest assured He is with us, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20 NRSV

Pat and I wish you all a very merry and blessed Christmas Season! And, once again, I will leave you with one of my favorite bible verses. It is from Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:8, NRSV.

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things".

Bruce Fisher RLC Congregation President



## **Pastor's Annual Report 2025**

This year seems to have gone by quickly, yet there have been some changes to our ministry. At the same time, the work we do on God's behalf in this place has been remarkable. Here are some highlights!

As always, it is our worship life together where we have been most blessed. Our average "in-person" attendance remains at just over 100 per weekend, with many weekends topping the 120 mark. In addition, 20-30 households are connected via YouTube each week. Then, even more people see our services each week as we gain 30-40 more views during the week that follows. Overall, we probably have over 200 people worshipping with us each and every week!

We did tweak how we worship on Sundays. Since returning from COVID, we had been alternating between Tradition and New Spirit settings led by "the Band." Over the summer, we gave all of the groups a break and did just one style of worship. When it came time to start again in the fall, we decided to stay with one style (a more traditional style) and incorporate all of our music leadership groups in on a rotating basis, including the Choir, the Band, and the Bells. Thus we will worship in a more consistent format, with a wider variety of music.

I would encourage all members to stay connected with their God and their fellow parishioners through regular Sunday attendance either in person or online. Encourage others to join us as well. Nearly all new members over the past five years joined us first online!

Our series of special services and events continued this year with wonderful celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. The third night of the Triduum, the Easter Vigil, was done only online this year. Even so, it still received 75 views! Mid-week Lenten Services, Pie Fest and Christmas Eve were also observed. Bingo Night, Oktoberfest, Trunk or Treat, and an Easter Egg Hunt rounded out the activities.

I am, of course, in the midst of most all of that activity. I have had the honor of serving you at worship as we continue to celebrate Holy Communion at every worship service. Additionally, I visit members in hospital and rehab facilities as I can, and as requested, at home when illness or injury befall them. Over the course of the year I have celebrated with you, mourned with you, studied with you and worked with you.

One other major addition this year was the purchase of a columbarium. A columbarium is a receptacle for the interment of people's ashes after they have been cremated. It stands as a memorial to those who have died and a holy resting place for their cremains. This has been in the works for several years,

but this year there was enough interest to guarantee that the investment would be paid off before it was purchased. The columbarium was installed just outside the living room in August and presently has two people inurned.

Of course, the “work of the people” goes beyond the liturgy of worship. We take work seriously. This year we have supported the NTNL Synod, Lutheran World Relief, Mount Olive’s Food Pantry and many others. We provided backpacks, school supplies, knitted and quilted items and Christmas presents in abundance to underserved individuals and families. We open our doors to various community groups and services including multiple Scouting organization. We worked many projects on September 9<sup>th</sup>, joining Lutherans across the country in *God’s Work, Our Hands*. Thanks to all the volunteers that make all of this “work of the people” possible.

Still, some of our work is “in-house.” As you know, we have an aging building. That was especially evident this year with the large number of HVAC issues we have had. Thanks in large part to Mark Waterman and the generosity of the congregation, we were able to replace three units this year and make the rest operational. Let’s keep praying for our House of Prayer!

In addition to worshipping and serving, we have been adding to our membership. We brought in 5 new members in 2025, through transfers and baptisms. Visitors report that they are brought in mostly by our website, but they stay because of our friendliness, our outreach and our message.

In my role as head of the church staff, I am pleased to report that 2025 was a good year. Both Betsy Boyd and Ann Loeffler have worked hard in their respective positions and have been doing wonderful things on your behalf. As their reports will reflect they have been very busy rebuilding our youth groups and our Sunday School program. Betsy has been especially active in enhancing our Adult Sunday School and VBS. Jim Loeffler and Misti Retan continue to do fine work coordinating worship and the overall administration of the congregation. Please thank these individual for their commitment and work when you next see them.

We will change our church’s constitution again this year. This is done to keep it current with the changes made by the national church body at their triennial assembly in August. The vast majority of the changes are editorial. The congregation is expected to approve those changes at the annual meeting in December.

Thanks to all who have made this year another exceptional one. First, thanks be to God for his presence, his Spirit, his direction and his calling. Without God we would have no reason to be. Secondly, thanks to this year’s council that has provided us with invaluable direction and support.

Thanks to the church staff who have put in countless hours in service to God and this congregation and have often worked in thankless capacities.

And finally, thanks to each and every one of you who have supported me in the leadership of this congregation, who minister to this community by serving God in the priesthood of all believers and have done the work of this congregation.

Yours in Christ's Service,

*Pastor Bill*

## RLC Annual Report — Ministry Highlights (Year ending 2025)

**This year we created 3 significant initiatives that will continue to grow and inspire the people of RLC.**

### **Objective 1:**

*This year our Children & Families ministry studied Adam Haidt's, raising the Anxious Generation and used its findings to reshape how we care for children and support parents in a tech-saturated age. The study affirmed that excessive smartphone and social-media use has replaced unstructured, resilience-building play and contributes to rising anxiety and depression among youth.*

#### **Key actions & outcomes**

- Phone-free policy at all children's events to protect real-world interaction and reduce online harm.
- Program design intentionally prioritizes unstructured, supervised-distance play (park outings, free-play sessions) so children can practice autonomy, conflict resolution, and resilience.
- Connection Time Taking Place in the Nursery each Sunday provides a regular space for children to debrief their week and build relational skills.
- Advocacy initiated at the state level addressing algorithmic targeting and minors' online exposure.
- Parent support group established to create a nonjudgmental forum for sharing strategies and receiving encouragement.

### **Objective 2:**

*Vacation Bible School growth: expanded VBS to 40 children with 25 volunteers; curriculum emphasized practical, real-world skills. VBS BEE-Economy Curriculum — Building Life Skills Themes:*

*Communication, Cultivate, Connection, Cooperate, Collaborate, Community.*

- Communication: Children explored self-expression through metaphor (favorite animal) and practiced naming and sharing emotions and boundaries.
- Cultivate: Activities taught diverse spiritual practices (e.g., body prayer, tactile prayers) to help children develop individual faith rhythms.
- Connection: Exercises helped children become present, self-aware, and practice healthy in-person engagement (eye contact, listening).
- Cooperate/Collaborate/Community: Students practiced following group safety and cooperation, contributing ideas in teams, and building community responsibility. Impact indicators
- Positive volunteer feedback on children's engagement and social skill growth.
- Anecdotal reports of improved peer interactions and increased confidence in group settings.

### **Objective 3: Adult Connection & Inclusion Initiatives**

*Convened a series of listening sessions (Sept–Dec) with younger parishioners to understand why they choose RLC and how to better welcome newcomers. Key findings*

- Strengths: relational, small-church feel; nursery as a central “connection hub”; active care and responsiveness.

- Identity: Member's value Lutheran theology balanced with neighbor-focused practice and openness to questions.
- Inclusion: broad desire for an explicit, public welcome statement and clearer communication about LGBTQ+ inclusion; interest in visible markers (signage, RIC information) and education on ELCA policies.
- Communications: recommendations to improve a mobile-friendly website, maintain Facebook/Instagram presence, use concise email/text communications, and equip members with easy invitation tools.
- Leadership: need to distribute responsibilities beyond long-time leaders and create clear entry points for new volunteers, especially parents.
- Worship & Events: suggestions for shorter/earlier family-friendly services and low-lift social events (parents' nights, trivia) to strengthen community ties.

#### Next steps (from the working group)

- Draft and publish a clear welcome statement and outreach cards.
- Rename and develop the nursery as the "Connection Spot."
- Audit and refresh the website and communication workflows.
- Pilot regular low-lift family events and identify co-leads to share ministry responsibilities.

#### Women's Retreat

- March women's retreat intentionally paired younger and older women for cross-generational fellowship.
- Retreat was well received; planning underway for a second retreat during Lent to continue momentum.

#### Overall ministry impact summary

- Programs intentionally refocused toward real-world connection, mental-health stewardship, and inclusive community building.
- Measurable growth in VBS participation (40 children, 25 volunteers) and stronger parent engagement through support groups and listening sessions.
- Concrete next steps established to improve communications, formalize welcome and inclusion practices, and expand family-friendly outreach.

## **Director of Youth Ministry 2025 Annual Report**

In 2025, our youth programs continued to meet throughout the year for a variety of activities. Although our groups are small, we have been able to do some really fun things throughout the year. I have enjoyed working with all of our youth and look forward to our future gatherings!

### **RALLY, grades 6-8**

Meeting once a month for a bigger activity has seemed to work well for our group. In 2025, we went to Activate, Monster Mini-Bowling, and Escape Room, and also spent some time at church for games and Gaga. We also went to the NTNL Gathering in February at Calvary Lutheran in Richland Hills, and had our second RALLY camp running concurrently with our VBS. We have other events planned as the year ends and 2026 begins.

### **RYOT, grades 9-12**

We have a grand total of 2 active RYOT members. It is always a challenge to meet the schedule needs of the busy high school student, but we continue to meet for Coffee Talk each week. We have tried to meet up with King of Glory as much as possible, and we are already discussing our mission trip for summer as well. Starting in the Fall of 2026, we will have more RYOT youths as 3 of our kids move up to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I anticipate a shift in activities when the new school year begins. Additionally, in September, we will be registering for the 2027 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis as well.

### **Worship Streaming**

Kim Hampton, Meghan Rieke, Andy Petras, and Jackson Price continue to keep our worship online for those who worship remotely. Thank you all for this amazing ministry you provide!

### **Thank you!**

A special thanks to Sallie Diamond, Pastor Emily, Lorraine Laut, Emily Duval, and Kim Hampton for their help in our youth activities. These things would not happen without you, and I greatly appreciate your help and commitment to our youth!

This congregation continues to support our youth programs in so many ways, and we would not be able to provide any of our activities without that help. Thank you for all of your donations, prayers and love! As I close out the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> year in this position, I am thankful to be able to work with our youth, and anticipate a great 2026 in ministry with you all!

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Loeffler

Director of Youth Ministry

**Director of Worship and Music Annual Report  
November 30, 2025**

Another year has come and gone! They seem to come more and more quickly.

2025 has been a fairly quiet year. That's a good thing after all the excitement of the past few.


In the summer, we made the decision to put the New Spirit service on hiatus to judge response from the congregation. We ultimately decided to keep the New Spirit ensemble but forego the two service format moving forward. While we now only offer one style of service, we will employ any musical style necessary for the needs of the congregation and appropriate for day's worship.

I was fortunate to join the church-wide assembly as well during the summer and witness the election of our new Bishop, Yehiel Curry. It was a mountaintop experience for me and would love to participate again in the future.

In October, we celebrated 10 years since the installation of the Faithful Servant Leadership Organ. This instrument continues to bless our congregation both in worship and in concert. I was joined by guest musicians Ellen Frost, Emily De La Torre, and Katie Uhrig in giving a concert to celebrate the event.

As we head toward 2026, I'm reminded of how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve this congregation using the gifts God has given me. As always, there is room for more in our ranks and I would like to personally invite you to become a part.

In Christ,



John 15:5

James W. Loeffler

## **Worship & Music Annual Report 2025**

We have just ended the Year of Luke, which is Year C of our liturgical 3-year cycle.

Our worship form is Gather in God's name, hear God's Word, feast on the meal Jesus gave us, and be sent out to bring good news to all we meet.

In December, we put up decorations, light one candle each week on our Advent wreath, anticipating the coming of Jesus Emmanuel. Then we joyously celebrate the Word made flesh on Christmas with festival worship including music, Communion, and candle lighting. This year we will have 2 services, one at 3:00PM and the other at 7:00PM.

In January worship we learned more about Lutheran World Relief through two videos. Marilyn Near also spoke about the work of the Cover Girls, who start their LWR quilts in January.

Heat was non functional for several weeks this winter but Cover Girls brought in quilts to keep us warm.

In February we recognized Scouts and scouting.

March sees women returning Katie's Fund boxes of money to be donated to community work on the Sunday we celebrate Bold Women..

Passion Sunday, Holy Week and Easter fill April and May. Instead of meeting in person for Easter Vigil, we streamed a Vigil from a former year. On Easter we put the flowering cross on the Chancel to be seen by all during worship.

June was Pentecost celebration—we all wear red. And summer is a long green season of growing in faith. New Spirit Band took a hiatus during the summer. Jim decided to include them as one of the music groups that offer their music in church on a schedule instead of every other week. Jim also was part of the music team at the ELCA National Assembly and was energized to incorporate more styles of music and more of our musicians in our worship. We also like our more casual worship style so Pastor Bill and Jim decided they would robe on festival Sundays, otherwise not.

September sees us doing God's Work with Our Hands, so we worship, eat, and work at various tasks. Texas Voices sang a concert at RLC on September 20.

In October on Reformation Sunday, Jim helped us celebrate the organ being in place at RLC for 10 years with a concert of organ music, a piano & organ duet, and a piano trio..

In November we recognize all saints and show a picture, read the names, light a candle and toll a bell for those who have died in the past year. Thanksgiving Eve is our current tradition of worship and PieFest. We also Journey through the Church Year on Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

On December 21<sup>st</sup> this year we are adding a Blue Christmas service at 4:00pm. This service is for all who do are not finding the season joyous. It offers a quiet, gentle space to acknowledge the pain of loss, loneliness, health, broken relationships, weariness, and to seek hope in Christ's advent.

Lynn Waterman and the Worship Team: Pastor Bill, Jim Loeffler, Ellen Frost, Jan Frum,  
Amy Gebrian, Craig Hildebrand, Beth Smith, Katie Uhrig,



## Share The Care 2025 Annual Report

Share the Care at RLC began the end of 2011 to help a few member families during the holiday season. The idea was to make this an umbrella term to cover each of our caring ministries but especially recognizing that some of our members have emergency, short-term financial needs. In the past fourteen years, Share the Care has provided monetary help for bills, storm damage, and medical and travel expenses, as well as other financial needs.

### **Emergency financial needs**

General guidelines for a **Share the Care** monetary request include once a year help, a cap of \$500, and bill payment to be mailed directly to the company owed, along with a copy of the bill. And, very important, all requests are kept confidential. This fund has had more offers for donations than requests for financial help. Christmas needs are now looming. Consider **Share the Care** if you need help this season. The Women of RLC, who donate part of the net proceeds from the Quilt Bingo/Chili Cook Off fundraiser, and members, who put donations in the Share the Care envelopes throughout the year, provide the money that enables Share the Care to give this kind of help. **Share the Care** has been blessed with many donations, making this fund solvent and able to meet further needs. In December holiday help will again be given to families in need of such support.

### **Transportation Team**

Another active ministry of Share the Care is the transportation team. This is an active group of members who volunteer to provide transportation to members who need rides, primarily to medical appointments and to church. Every time a request for transportation occurs, someone – or two – meets that request. Two members in particular have met many of these needs in 2025.

### **SOS Teams**

SOS (Share OurSelves) teams are organized to provide meals for members who have been hospitalized or have had a death in the family. Four teams are ready to provide meals, each bringing three meals a week for two weeks to families who need this short-term support. If meals would help you, call on us. These teams are ready and willing to provide this service.

Other ministries of **Share the Care** include volunteers who will give assistance in shopping, laundry, and house and lawn maintenance due to hospitalization or serious illness. For the prayer quilt ministry, quilts made by the Cover Girls are tied as prayers are offered. These quilts are then given to members with serious illnesses. Stephen Ministry supports members through confidential listening and “being there” when a member is going through a difficult time.

Members with a need or who know a need of another member may make referrals to Barbara Klier (214-476-8911) or Judy Severance (214-454-1885). Names referred will be kept confidential. Share the Care **welcomes additional volunteers for any of the caring ministries or teams.**

Share the Care is a “pay it forward” ministry. The members receiving help from Share the Care have shared care with others. They will continue to do so as they are able. And none of us know when we may need to ask for help. The members of RLC form a family group, and families take care of each other. And, most importantly, Jesus has called us to help and encourage one another. Thank you for reaching out to your Resurrection family members.

## **Serve Ministries 2025 Annual Report**

### **Impact**

A new ministry, Impact, was formed this year to coordinate periodic outreach opportunities. Committee members include Cathie Irons, Ellen Frost, Nancy Parker, Sharon Bosse, and Becky Schuerman Choi but we will happily accept additional teammates to help us serve the community more. Below are some of the activities spearheaded by Impact this year.

### **Feed My Starving Children**

An easy, fun, all-ages volunteer event that has been well-received is assembling “MannaPack” meals for Feed My Starving Children in Richardson. FMSC is a Christian nonprofit that works with food distribution partners dispense these meals that supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. We coordinated packing sessions on March 17, June 4 in conjunction with VBS, and October 31.

### **Mount Olive Frances Byrd Horn of Plenty Food Pantry**

On July 30, a group of RLC members travelled to Mount Olive Lutheran Church to volunteer at their weekly food pantry, a ministry we have been supporting for many years. We discovered that the primary focus of their ministry has shifted to Blessing Bags (snack packs) to unhoused and low-income members of the Fair Park community. Although the demand grows, donations have been falling and they are now only able to serve 250 people. On the day we visited, all Blessing Bags were gone within 75 minutes.

A project during VBS involved repackaging bulk rice and beans into 1-pound bags. These bags plus canned food from our donation carts were also delivered on July 30 and nearly filled their tiny space.

### **Food Donations**

Whether we ask for it or not, food donations are constantly showing up in our shopping carts by the west doors. If we are not requesting specific foods for a designated organization, the donations were usually taken by Bruce Johnson to Mount Olive. Now that Mount Olive is focusing on snack packs, most of the donated food later in the year has been delivered to Network of Community Ministries in Richardson where clients can shop their pantry for items they need most.

### **PISD Baby Shower**

After the Second Sunday Social potluck on August 10, Impact hosted a baby shower benefiting Plano ISD’s School-Age Parent Program. Our generosity supplied the Program and the young moms, dads, and babies they support with 6,136 baby wipes, 3,937 diapers, 79 pairs of socks, 37 pairs of mittens, 33 bibs, and 4 fitted crib sheets.

Additionally, Impact held a litter cleanup in May, planned “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, organized the Angel Tree with Weatherford Elementary and Hope Restored Mission, and encouraged members to write encouraging Christmas cards to immigrants through Global Refuge.

### **Blood Drives**

Cathie Irons organizes our blood drives with Carter BloodCare. In 2025, Resurrection hosted five successful events:

- January 19 – 12 units including one first timer
- March 23 – 16 units
- June 1 – 17 units
- September 7 - 15 units including two first timers
- November 16 – 13 units

Our goal is to get 15 units at each blood drive but we would love to provide more! We have another five events scheduled in 2026 so please consider giving a pint when you can.

A number of members give regularly at Carter BloodCare donor centers and credit Resurrection. This gives us bragging rights and are proud that over 74 donations – 54 of which were platelets – in 2025 were from our caring community. We don’t care if you give in the bus in our parking lot or at a donor center, just be someone’s super hero and give!

### **Sunday Morning Fellowship**

For some of our members, Sunday isn’t Sunday without a visit to the kitchen for coffee, treats, and catching up with friends. I want to recognize Bruce and Vicki Johnson, Amy Dreimiller, Marilyn Neer, and Katie Uhrig for regularly hosting coffee hour during the year. Making coffee, baking and buying goodies, setting up, and cleaning up is a commitment adopted by few but loved by many. More individuals, families, buddies, and ministries are always needed to host this Sunday tradition.

On those Sundays when cake is on the menu in the narthex in honor of baptisms, confirmation, and new members, our Welcome Team steps up with the sweets and servers. Thanks to Cathie Irons and her team for assisting during these special occasions.

*-Becky Schuerman Choi*

### **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**

A lot of activity happened on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 7. In addition to the good works stated below, many others did God’s work by fulfilling their roles during worship, weeding, building maintenance, making food, driving people to church, and just being awesome. We can all be proud of RLC’s contributions within our church, our region, and our world.

- Aluminum: 130 pounds of aluminum plus 339 pounds of scrap metal means an extra \$119 in the AOF fund.
- Blood: 15 units were donated at the blood drive, including two units from first-time donors! FYI – last 2025 blood drive is November 16.
- Care Team: team members did their own project – making goodie bags and delivering them to a dozen of our homebound members.
- Letters Against Isolation: 42 letters were written for seniors in nursing homes and Meals on Wheels recipients. (Talk to Cathe Irons about doing this the rest of the year.)
- Litter: 10 heavy bags of trash plus a decent collection of recyclables were removed from the sites in the neighborhood: creek bed in Evans Park, Park Blvd, and the former CVS on 15th.
- Lovepacs boxes: 35 boxes used by Lovepacs for food deliveries were decorated by members of all ages.
- Lovepacs donations: 220 boxes of mac & cheese, 140 cans of tuna and 10 cans of chicken were given to Lovepacs Plano.
- Pet beds: 9 beds will be donated to the Plano Animal Shelter.
- Potluck: over 70 people enjoyed the bountiful potluck. Special thanks to the crews who set up, washed dishes, and cleaned up afterwards.
- Quilts: 10 kid's quilts were tied and three more started. Additionally, we blessed 204 quilts during the worship service made by the talented Cover Girls that will be distributed around the world through Lutheran World Relief.

### 3rd Saturday Maintenance Team & TeamTrimmer 2025 Annual Report

3rd Saturday Maintenance Team is a group of volunteers that does routine upkeep on RLC's buildings and grounds. Some volunteers meet the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance tasks, and some come at random times through the week, as their schedule allows, to do specific tasks. This year we've done plumbing, painting, electrical work, indoor and outdoor lighting, door repair, and pest control, as well as other ongoing tasks.

TeamTrimmer trims trees and bushes and cleans up fallen limbs, cuts and sprays vines a few times a year, and works with our volunteer landscapers and gardeners to keep the RLC grounds attractive and welcoming.

**The Aluminati** "The Aluminati" is the silly name of the serious fundraising efforts of Mark Waterman and Becky Schuerman Choi to accumulate as many aluminum cans as possible. They continue the work of Carl Fischer who started occasional collections many years ago to raise extra money while promoting recycling. Since October 2024, money earned from aluminum and other scrap metal hauled to Cyclone Recycling in McKinney has been donated to the AOF fund – money set aside for non-budgeted maintenance expenses, like on our many HVAC units.

We thank everyone – including the "Cans for Christ" collection by the son of a member - who has been dropping off their bags of aluminum cans on the first weekend (usually) of the month. From January through November 2025, we received 1,068 pounds of aluminum cans worth \$829.60 plus another \$379.50 from other scrap metals. Make the switch from plastic and glass to aluminum and get your cans to church!

We chose this house to worship our God and therefore we are privileged to steward it. If you are able to help keep our beautiful facility in tip top shape, please contact me. I am usually at RLC on Sunday mornings, but can also be reached at [mvwaterman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mvwaterman@sbcglobal.net) or 972-832-0427.

I'm waiting to hear from you, so don't be shy!

Mark Waterman

## **The School Supply Project 2025 Annual Report**

The School Supply Project had another successful year, delivering approximately 900 backpacks to area school children.

Special thanks goes to:

- “ Walmart Super Center Coit/Spring Creek, especially Yocelin, for the ordering and organization of supplies**
- “ Atmos Energy for the 600 backpacks**
- “ The Young Men's Service League guys and moms for the heavy lifting!**
- “ The Assistance Center of Collin County for vetting the 400 or so recipients and the additional 140 backpacks**
- “ And of course, our RLC donors, volunteers, grandkids and friends. You are the backbone of this 40 year project!**

It truly takes a village and we are blessed to have these partnerships!

In addition, we have made a new connection with All in the Family Services, who were recipients of 200 backpacks.

On behalf of the Resurrection Lutheran Church School Supply Board, thank you all! We know that many students will be heading to school well-equipped to get off to a great start!

### **Stephen Ministry Annual Report 2025**

Jesus says: “Love one another as I have loved you.” As Stephen Ministers we recognize that Jesus empathized with us – experiencing what it is like to be human, understanding our pain, loving and accepting us despite our imperfections. We continue to stress empathy in our relationships, knowing that God can work through our small acts to make huge differences in another person’s life.

Our group has shrunk this year, with the retirement of Barbara Klier and the move of Tony and Cheryl Janish; however, we still have twelve active members and will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year in 2026 as an active Stephen Ministry congregation.

While our continuing education helps to equip us to better meet needs, we continue to try to find topics that are pertinent to the congregation as a whole and invite participation when appropriate. This has included: How to Prevent Falls, Being a Cancer Survivor and Using Music with Dementia. As always, we rely on the congregation for referrals of those who might benefit from one on one, confidential meetings as they navigate hard times. We appreciate the continued support and prayers. For answers to any questions you might have, contact any of the Stephen Ministry Leaders: Kathy Barrett, Kim Trigg, or Judy Severance.



### Women of RLC Annual Report- December 2025

The women of RLC had a very successful year in 2025. We endeavored to plan events that were more inclusive and would appeal to a broader scope of the congregation. Our goal was to encourage communication and build community amongst all the women of the church. The following is a brief summary of our activities throughout this calendar year.

January- We hosted the annual **Chili Cook-off/Quilt Bingo Night**. It was attended by around 150 men, women, and children. The proceeds equally divided between Share the Care and the RLC Youth programs.

February- We had a “date night” Valentine’s evening such that parents were able to drop kids off at church while they celebrated Valentine’s Day. Children enjoyed pizza, games, and crafts.

March- We participated in Bold Women’s Sunday and gathered the **Katie Boxes** we had filled with coins throughout the year. The \$800 we collected will go to the national WELCA organization to promote the work of women in ministry. We also took part in a RLC women’s retreat

May-Our annual **May Fiesta** was held on May 4. Delicious Mexican food was provided by Tino’s Too and a piñata and bingo game with prizes was enjoyed by the children. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

June- Our annual **Yearly Planning Meeting** was held and activities for 2025-2026 were discussed. We also established a **Slate of Officers** for the coming year.

August- Our annual **Bunco/ Ice cream Social** on August 20 was a fun evening. We had about 36 women of all ages attending. We had \$400 in donations for the School Supply Project. Election of new officers took place: President – Kathy Barrett, Vice-president – Marylou

Boardman, Recording Secretary – Virginia Hammond, Treasurer – Sylvia Meyer, Corresponding Secretary- Sue Willett, Programs – Gayle Lind and Nancy Parker, Communication – Claire Blancher, Cover Girls- Marilyn Neer, Hospitality – Phyllis Hildebrand and Adrienne Poppe and Webmaster – Emily Duval.

October- We hosted a salad luncheon and had Candace Warncke do a container gardening demonstration. Jackie Kerr was the winner of the container! The **Katie Boxes** were distributed on Reformation Sunday. Nancy Parker represented us at the NTNL conference on Oct. 11.

November- On November 26, we hosted the annual **Pie Fest** after the Thanksgiving service.

Submitted by Kathy Barrett

Women of RLC President

## RLC Cover Girls 2025 Annual Report

December 2025 we will donate quilts to Plano Cops Program and Hope's Door for residents within Collin County. Approximately - \$1000

Our 2024 Christmas Sale enabled us to donate - \$6000

to: LWR/\$500 which was matched; The Samaritan Inn, McKinney/\$1375; Jim Riley Outreach, Plano/\$1375; Agape Resource & Assist. Ctr/\$1375; Global Refuge/\$1375. Many THANKS to all our dedicated shoppers!!

In January we donated 18 Quilts for the Annual RLC Chili Cook Off & Bingo - \$1000

Our summer project is: Kid Quilts in which the following benefited –

Wylie/Plano Children's Medical Clinic received 46 quilts \$1380

The Samaritan Inn/McKinney received 50 quilts \$1500

Plano Children's Hospital received 50 quilts \$1500

Various Prayer Quilts to RLC Members/Family or Friends \$200

Baptism Quilts \$100

206 Lutheran World Relief Quilts – Priceless (even at \$50 ea.) \$10,300

TOTAL DOLLARS DONATED 2025 \$23,080

The Cover Girls stay very busy with their Mission "to come together in fellowship, doing what we can with what we have and passing it on to those less fortunate". We meet on Wednesdays in Rm. 16 (outside bldg..) from 10:00am to 3:30pm. You may also take items home to sew. Watch the Green Sheet, the Good News via email and the Butterflier for updated info. Experience the fellowship of other women; enjoy an opportunity to give back to God by serving others in our community and abroad. Please consider joining us in our Mission!

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR MANY PROJECTS THIS YEAR! A QUILT GIVEN AWAY SHOWS – LOVE, COMFORT, WARMTH AND HUMILITY.

We look forward to 2026 as we continue to do "God's Work, Our Hands".

Coordinator: Marilyn Neer