Resurrection Lutheran Church

November 2026

# The Butterflier




## Thanksgiving Worship Wednesday, November 25th 7:00 pm—Pie Fest






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# Pastor Bill's Page




November has always been one of my favorite months of the year. The weather finally begins to cool down (at least that's the theory here in Texas!), the holiday season is just around the corner, and we have a whole day set aside for something we probably don't do nearly enough of the rest of the year: giving thanks.

Of course, Thanksgiving isn't really supposed to be just one day on the calendar. For people of faith, thanksgiving should be a way of life. It is recognizing that the blessings we enjoy are gifts of God's free grace, and that our response to those gifts is to live lives of gratitude, generosity, and service.

This year, as Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself with a particularly long list of things for which to be thankful.

As you now know, I will be retiring at the end of December. And while that news has prompted quite a few conversations about what comes next, it has also given me an opportunity to look back over the ministry we have shared together.

And what a ministry it has been! Think about all the ways God has been at work through this congregation. The worship services where we have gathered around Word and Sacrament. The children and adults who have grown in faith through Christian education. The people who have been comforted in times of grief, supported through illness, and encouraged through life's challenges. The countless acts of kindness and service, some very public and others known only to the people whose lives were touched.

Think about the friendships that have formed, the laughter we have shared, the challenges we have faced, and the ways we have discovered, sometimes to our surprise, that God was leading us somewhere we hadn't expected to go.

None of that happened because of one pastor, one council, or one group of dedicated volunteers. It happened because the Holy Spirit has been at work among us, calling ordinary people like you and me to do some pretty extraordinary things.

And here's something else worth remembering: **We're not finished yet!**

There are still weeks of ministry ahead of us before December 31st. There are people to serve, worship services to celebrate, opportunities to share God's love, and plenty of reasons to give thanks. The ministry of this congregation isn't winding down simply because its pastor is preparing to retire. In fact, God's work through this congregation will continue long after I've cleaned out my office and figured out what to do with all those books!

That's one of the great blessings of being the Church. Pastors come and go. Congregations change and grow. Ministries evolve. But the One who calls us together, equips us for service, and sends us into the world remains the same.

Which brings me back to Thanksgiving.

On **Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will gather in the **Celebration Center for our Thanksgiving worship service and Pie Fest**. I hope you'll make plans to join us! It will be an opportunity to pause amid the holiday preparations, give thanks to God for the blessings of this year, and enjoy some good fellowship and delicious pie. (And let's face it, any church event involving pie already has a lot going for it!)

As we gather, I suspect my own prayers of thanksgiving will be a little more personal this year. I'll be giving thanks for the privilege of being your pastor, for the many ways you have blessed Cathie and me, and for the faithfulness of God that has carried us through our years together.

But most of all, I'll be giving thanks that the story God is writing through this congregation is far from over.

**Thanks be to God!**

Pastor Bill

# Worship & Music

***The end is near****—the end of this* ***church*** *year.* November brings us to the end of Year A of our three-year cycle and starts the cycle of Year B with Advent. We begin again, just as we can do in our lives. The church year cycle is a blessing when we let its pattern undergird our daily lives. Each year's cycle gives us times to experience and reflect on God in Jesus—birth, growing, ministry, death, resurrection, and the body of Christ as the church—us. We can allow ourselves to feel the varied emotions of *anticipation*, *excitement* of discovery, *comfort* of knowledge, *purpose* in giving/living, *celebrating* lives lived in faith, *trusting* the promise of eternal life with God, *knowing* the church will continue as the body of Christ even as we pass. God has made all things good and we are to enjoy them and each other and God, and live in joyful hope.

November 1st **All Saints Sunday**. We praise God for the saints in our lives and remember them with thanks and love, speaking their names, lighting candles, tolling a bell.



**November 8th** **24th Sunday after Pentecost**. We are still in the green growing season.

**November 15th** **25th Sunday after Pentecost.** The last Sunday in the green growing season.

**November 22nd** **Christ the King Sunday.** We journey through the life of Christ with a short story for every season of the church year in the order they occur.

**4:00 pm—Concert** by our own Jim Loeffler



**November 25th** **Thanksgiving Worship** is on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 pm in the Celebration Center.

**Piefest** afterward is always tasty and is served by the Women of RLC.



**November 29th** **Advent 1:** The new year begins with the anticipation of the coming of Jesus.



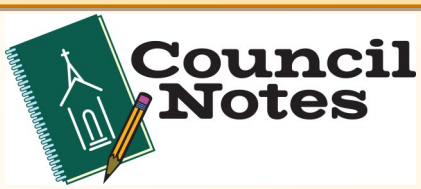
On **Saturday, November 28th**, the Worship Team would like help putting up and decorating the four Christmas trees we use. The tree in the Chapel and the one in the Sanctuary need to be put up and decorated. And there are two large pre-lit trees in the Narthex that need to be put together, but are not decorated.



We start at 9:00 am and, with a few seasoned workers, we are usually done by 11:00 am. Let Lynn know if you could help, please. Tell me in person or email: joyfullynn@sbcglobal.net

May many quiet blessings be yours.
Lynn Waterman for the Worship Team

# Church Council




Church Council News of Pastor Bill's retirement has brought a mix of emotions. I first yelled, then cried, then tried denial. After moving past the "poor pitiful me" stage, I calmed down, took a deep breath, and accepted it. I'm happy for Bill and Cathie, who are healthy and financially secure enough to look forward to retirement and whatever adventures that may bring. They truly deserve it!

However, that leaves questions about the future for us, doesn't it? So, let me try to calm you, as well. I have met with the staff and am very happy that there will be no changes there. Council will continue to work diligently to sustain and grow our mission. We are still Resurrection Lutheran Church. We still have the same goals, the same principals, the same Purpose: Celebrating the Risen Christ through Acts of Love, Care, and Justice.

Guiding Principles:

- Worship -- Praise our Lord together through Prayer, Word and Sacraments
- Learn -- Nurture each other in our Faith Journey
- Serve -- Actively Care for our Neighbors
- Witness -- Welcome Everyone as a Part of God's Family

Support -- Share the Gifts God Gives us

**Next steps:**

I have had contact with the synod who assure me that an interim will be in place beginning with the new year.

A call committee will be formed to begin the search for a permanent replacement. (If you would like to serve, please let us know!)

We have two months for the farewells and celebrations!

There will be holes to fill. But between all of us, we'll get it done! The Lord is on our side!

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barrett, Council President




Save the Date
Next blood drive is
Sunday, December 6th.



# Stephen Ministry



The Praying Hands by Albrecht Dürer

Many have seen this picture of the praying hands. There is a legend that goes with it. The legend says that both Albrecht Dürer and his brother wanted to study art. They were from a large family and both could not afford to go away to study. Albrecht's brother stayed home and worked doing manual labor. By the time his older brother got home and was established as an artist, the younger brother's hands were unable to hold a paint brush or a pencil. Albrecht recognized the sacrifice his brother had made for him and painted his hands. Albrecht went on to dazzle the art world and the praying hands were just one of his beautiful drawings.

Most of us are not called upon to make huge sacrifices for someone else. But, we are asked to help others in their time of need. Stephen Ministers are asked to visit those who are homebound, those who need a little extra care. Stephen Ministers are there to help anyone who needs a caring "ear". Sometimes it is easier to talk to a friend than a family member. Everything that transpires between the Stephen Minister and the care receiver is confidential.

If you have ever just needed a person to talk to, call the church and ask for a Stephen Minister. They will always be there for you. Pay attention to those around you. Sometimes people don't even know they need to talk to someone, but you can be there for them and listen. We don't have to make huge gestures like Dürer's brother to show kindness and love to those around us. We do have to be aware of the needs of our friends and neighbors. Whether the story about the origin of the Praying Hands is true or not, the picture should be an inspiration for all of us.

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

# Cover Girls

The RLC Cover Girls Sewing Group has been busy with our "summer project" of sewing Kid/Baby Quilts. There will be at least 150 in inventory – ready to be donated to various non-profit groups within Collin County during the months of November/ December. These quilts are always greatly appreciated. We will also be boxing up the 177 Lutheran World Relief quilts on November 14th and delivering them to Messiah Lutheran Church/Plano They will be loaded onto trucks that will deliver to LWR warehouse in Maryland. Helping our neighbors across the World is the Opportunity WE have to be a part of LWR's Mission to the people who receive them. Check out the LWR Website (lwr@lwr.org) – Note: See ALL that LWR does and where some of these quilts go, including the USA! GREAT JOB TO ALL COVER GIRLS, INCLUDING ALL QUILT TIERS AND TO OUR TWO "COVER GUYS" WHO MOVE THESE QUILTS BACK & FORTH!

At this point, we move on to:

## COVER GIRLS CHRISTMAS SALE

Our Sale will be held in the outside Annex rooms.

Start date is Sunday, November 15, 2026—11:00 am–3:00

November 21st, 22nd, 28th & 29th, 2026—11:00 am – 3:00 pm

December 5th & 6th, 12th & 13th and 20th, 2026—11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come Shop, See What We have for Sale!– Christmas/other throws/quilts, lap quilts, placemats, table runners, microwave bowls, ice cream bowls, potholders, casserole carriers, baked potato bags, kitchen hand towels, lots of cute kid/baby quilts, ornaments, adult bibs, tree skirts, Christmas wreaths and décor.

All make great gifts and NO SHIPPING COSTS!!

As in the past, all net proceeds will go to various non-profit groups within our Community. Watch for further info in the Good News and the Green Sheet. If you can't meet any of these dates, please contact Marilyn Neer to set up a time to meet you at the Sale. The Cover Girls work day is :Wednesdays in room 16 (outside building from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Neer at: neermarilyn@yahoo.com or text: 214-557-2886

# Cover Girls Christmas Sale





## HOLIDAY CRAFTS & QUILTS

Resurrection Lutheran Church 1919 Independence Pkwy, Plano

November 15, 21 & 22, 28 & 29

December 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 20

Saturdays and Sundays: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

## Handcrafted Items:

Quilts for all ages

Placemats & Table Runners

Wreaths & Christmas Decor

Baked Potato Bags

Microwave Bowls

Ornaments, Pillows, and other Treasures!

## QUILT SILENT AUCTION

Net Proceeds Benefit Non-Profits within Collin County

Credit Card and Zelle accepted





# Christian Education

**Adult Education Offering for Advent, Sundays November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th led by Brian Boyd in Room 1. Reading the book is not essential to join in the discussion.**



Advent is a sacred season of preparation, quiet reflection, and repentance that prepares hearts to welcome Jesus Christ. Far from a time of anxious guilt, it uses honesty about human weakness to anchor us in God's mercy and invites believers to seek and extend forgiveness.

## Core Themes of Forgiveness in Advent

**Honest Self-Reflection:** The season calls for an **examination of conscience** to recognize personal shortcomings, broken habits, and the ways we fail to love God and others.

- **Receiving Mercy:** Scriptural figures like John the Baptist prepare the way by calling for a change of heart, reminding us that Christ's coming offers a clean slate and deep spiritual renewal.
- **Reconciling Broken Relationships:** Just as God approaches humanity with grace, Advent challenges us to mend strained bonds, let go of grudges, and act as ambassadors of peace.
- **Releasing Self-Judgment:** Forgiveness during this period means letting go of harsh self-criticism, trading guilt for the hope of the promised Savior.

While we prepare ourselves in preparation for Christmas, we will explore the themes of forgiveness and reconciliation through the book entitled The Sunflower.

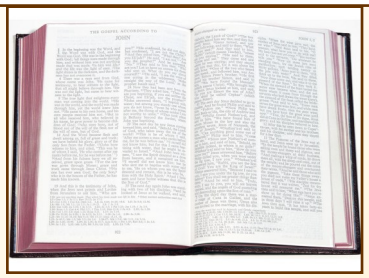
The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness is a 1969 book by Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal. The memoir recounts Wiesenthal being brought to the bedside of a dying SS soldier who confesses to mass murder and asks a Jewish prisoner for absolution, followed by a symposium of responses from 53 thinkers.

### The core plot and discussions.

- **The Encounter**: While imprisoned at the Lemberg/Janowska concentration camp, Simon Wiesenthal is summoned to the makeshift hospital bed of a dying Nazi soldier named Karl. [1, 2]
- **The Confession**: Karl recounts atrocities he committed against Jewish people—including locking a house of families on fire and shooting those who jumped—and begs for Wiesenthal's forgiveness so he can die in peace. [1]
- **The Silence**: Faced with a profound moral dilemma between justice, mercy, and truth, Wiesenthal walks away in silence without granting absolution. [1]
- **The Symbolism**: The title originates from Wiesenthal's observation of sunflowers planted on German soldiers' graves outside, contrasting with his fear that he would end up in an unmarked mass grave. [1]

**The Question of forgiveness and what it means will be discussed in this class. In the second half of the book 53 diverse figures—including the Dalai Lama, Primo Levi, Cynthia Ozick, theologians, and human rights activists—answer Wiesenthal's core question: *"how is forgiveness given and received?***

# Christian Education



## Mid-day Thursday Bible Study

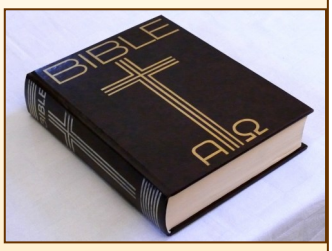
The group meets on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in Room 1.

11:30 to 12:00—Social Hour

12:00 to 1:00—Bible Study

We are studying the topic: ***Acts of the Apostles***

**FIRST TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**




Tuesday November 3rd will be our next time to gather and study Mary Magdalene. Karen Oehler will be leading this study, so mark your calendars and plan on joining us at 6:30 on the 3rd. All women of RLC are invited to join us in the library. For more information, contact Ruth Parker @ 214-533-7554.



## Babies and Bibles



A special time for little ones and their grown ups (parents and grandparents, etc. welcome!) to grow in faith together!

We meet on the third Sunday of each month in the Cry Room during Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Each gathering includes a Bible story, song, simple faith practice, and time for parents and children to connect and explore faith together.

**Dates:** November 15th, December 20th.

# Book Discussion

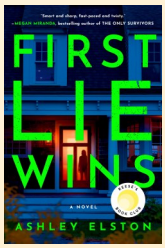
Women's Book Discussion

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Our next women's book discussion will be held on Saturday, November 7th. As always, all are invited to join us for treats and social time at 9:00 am followed by a lively discussion beginning at 9:30 am.

Our selection is: First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston

Here's a summary:



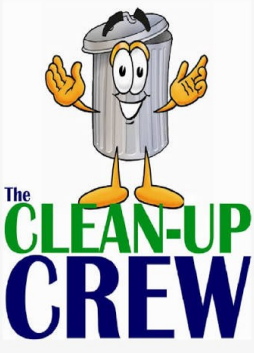

Evie Porter has everything a nice Southern girl could want: a doting boyfriend, a house with a white picket fence, a tight group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist.

The identity comes first: Evie Porter. Once she's given a name and location by her mysterious boss, Mr. Smith, she learns everything there is to know about the town and the people in it. Then the mark: Ryan Sumner. The last piece of the puzzle is the job.

Evie isn't privy to Mr. Smith's real identity, but she knows this job isn't like the others. Ryan has gotten under her skin, and she's starting to envision a different sort of life for herself. But Evie can't make any mistakes—especially after what happened last time.

Evie Porter must stay one step ahead of her past while making sure there's still a future in front of her. The stakes couldn't be higher—but then, Evie has always liked a challenge. . . .

# 3rd Saturday Maintenance




As the name implies, the third Saturday of each month is Maintenance morning for the RLC buildings and grounds. We typically meet 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and replace light bulbs, pick up litter, repair doors, and do landscape weeding and trimming. Sometimes we even wash windows. It's a lot of fun!

Additionally, we have an ongoing project of parking lot painting in which we continue to paint curbs, parking spaces, and handicap spaces. If you're interested in helping, it's even more fun! We can get you on the list. In either case, just contact Mark Waterman at 972-832-0427 or mvwaterman@sbcglobal.net.

# Share the Care




Share the Care would like to start up its SOS meal program to help members. This entails help from many of our members. Previously we had four teams with six members each. This allowed for three meals a week for two weeks. This worked very well until we lost two team captains, one to death and the other to a move. Recently we have had meal requests and hate not to be able to meet this need. Members who have been hospitalized or have debilitating diseases truly need our help. As a caring congregation, we want to meet this need. Ideally, you would only have to do this maybe once a year.

If you can volunteer for this ministry, please text or call Barbara Klier at 214.476.8911.

Thank you

# 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.

# Pie Fest

## Pie Fest is coming soon!



This family event is a great way to share your favorite pie and to sample the pies brought by others.




On Thanksgiving Eve (November 25th) we will gather at 7:00 pm in the Celebration Center. Pastor Bill will deliver a Thanksgiving Blessing which we always appreciate. Then there will be plenty of time to socialize and do some serious pie sampling. See you at the Pie Fest! Please join us!

## Katie's Fund Boxes

Start saving your loose change!

You can pick up a Katie Box in the Narthex

Please place change and/or bills in the convenient box and return it on Bold Women's Sunday, March 7, 2027

The Women of RLC are grateful for your generous support of Katie's Fund which supports ELCA ministry development.

The endowment fund honors the legacy of Katharina von Bora Luther.



# Announcements




## Help Wanted!




Volunteering in the church is a great way to meet others, do good works, and identify and implement improvements. If you have a little time to spare, some of our ministries that are needing assistance might be the perfect way for you to give back to RLC.

**Blood Drive Coordinator:** Work with Carter BloodCare representatives to set blood drive dates and meet/send off Carter bus on blood drive days. Contact Cathie Irons for more information. Save the Date – next blood drive is December 6th.

**Coffee Hour Coordinator**: Recruit and train hosts for coffee hour, monitor coffee hour supplies, and host when no one volunteers. Contact Becky Schuerman Choi for more information.

**Handbells:** If you are familiar with basic music reading, you can be a ding-a-ling. Contact Jim Loeffler for more information.

**Impact members:** Join the team that identifies and executes events and community service projects. Past Impact events include GWOH, Feed My Starving Children, PISD baby shower, and special collections for area nonprofits. Contact Cathie Irons or Becky Schuerman Choi for more information.

**Recycling:** Properly collect and dispose church recycling (usually in your cart at home). Knowledge of proper recycling or willingness to learn necessary. Preferable to come during the week before custodians clean on Friday afternoons. Contact Becky Schuerman Choi for more information.

**Welcome Team member:** join the team that supports church membership - order cake and serve during special events (baptisms, Confirmation, new member Sundays), host new member breakfast or lunch, "mug" visitors. Contact Cathie Irons for more information.

## Angel Tree



One of our favorite holiday traditions is the Angel Tree benefitting the neighborhood students at Weatherford Elementary. Watch for the Greensheet and Good News email after November 20 to access the SignUpGenius form. Gifts will be due Sunday, December 13th and delivered to the school that week.






Annual Budget Review Meeting:
Sunday, December 6th







Annual Congregational Meeting:
Sunday, December 13th



# Events




**Thanksgiving Movie for All Ages:**
**Morning Movie at Cinemark West on November 25th at 9:45 am.**

Cost: $13 include snack

Do you need a place for your guest and family to go while you prepare the feast? Think no further and send them to the movies. This year we will see the following:

Genre: Animation, Coming of Age

In Walt Disney Animation Studios' all-new magical coming-of-age saga, "Disney's Hexed," an impulsive and unconventional teenage girl named Billie (voiced by Hailee Seinfeld) discovers secret magical abilities which, once unleashed, hurtle her out of suburbia and into a spectacle-filled journey through a vast witch realm called Hexe. Forced to team up with her cautious mother, Alice (voiced by Rashida Jones), they uncover family mysteries that could change the world of witches forever. Walton Goggins voices Beef Roger Crummchuk, a reclusive, magical three-eyed cat who forges an uneasy alliance with Billie and Alice. Two-time Academy Award® winner Jodie Foster voices Queen Celeste, a sinister figure who will stop at nothing to maintain her power in perpetuity over Hexe. The voice cast also includes Henry Winkler, Dan Stevens, Tracey Ullman and Stephen Fry.



# BREAD WANTED

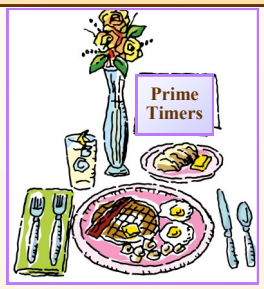


Are you willing to provide bread for Communion each Sunday. Oh, but you don't bake. No problem, your local bakery does and you can order one loaf of unsliced bread, soft crust and soft inside so it can be torn for serving, but not be crumbly. (Try the bread you choose yourself to see if it tears easily 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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| November 1st | Gayle & Bill Lind |
| November 8th | Phyllis & Craig Hildebrand |
| November 15th | Becky & Steven McNeill |
| November 22nd | Linda Morreale |
| November 29th | Rita Fischer |

# Events








Primetimers will meet on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 11:30 am at Norma's Cafe. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving. We encourage everyone attending to please sign up in the Narthex or notify Judy Hoffmeister. We need to give Norma's an accurate count. Join us for good food and good fellowship.



## RLC Guys' Night Out

Guys Night Out usually meets the last Thursday of the month. However, the last Thursday of November is Thanksgiving and the last Thursday of December is Christmas Eve. So, the holiday meeting of Guys Night Out will be Thursday, December 3rd. All guys are invited to attend at 6:00 pm at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 1101 N. Central Expressway, Plano, TX. Just come as you are, no holiday attire required!

For more information contact Mark Waterman at 972-832-0427 or mvwaterman@sbcglobal.net



### *November 2026 Flower Chart*



**November 1:** Marilyn Neer—In loving memory of my husband Jacque Neer
**November 8:** **OPEN**
**November 15:** Rita Fischer—Celebration of Grandson Will's Birthday
**November 22:** Misti Retan—Test #17
**November 29:** **OPEN**

# Thanksgiving Poem






BE THANKFUL...

**For our great country, and the flag we call Glory.**

**Those keeping us safe... they tell a brave story.**

**For bright autumn mornings and leaves of gold;**

**The first flakes of snow: breathing frost in the cold.**

**A table filled with family who laugh for no reason.**

**Cherished times with loved ones: this special season.**

**Plenty to eat and food for our soul**

**We worship in peace, a fortunate role.**

**Fresh water to drink: a toast to good health.**

**These blessings are treasures, ours beyond wealth.**

**Celebrate, Alleluia! Sing praises together.**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us thankful**

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by Ardyce Wiemers 2014

## December 2026/January 2027 Butterflier

## Again this year, there will be a combined December/January newsletter.

## All articles for December and January are due on Wednesday, November 18th.

# Aluminum Can Recycling



Almost $1500 for the year:

| Date: | $$ | lbs. | $/lbs. | Miscellaneous Scrap |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January 5, 2026 | 47 | 70 | 0.68 | 26 |
| February 9, 2026 | 126 | 146 | 0.68 | 32 |
| March 10, 2026 | 12673.05 | 77 | 0.95 | 18.75 |
| Apr 13, 2026 | 90.78 | 102 | 0.89 | |
| May 11, 2026 | 114 | 136 | 0.84 | |
| June 8, 2026 | 68 | 85 | 0.8 | |
| July 6, 2026 | 45.99 | 73 | 0.63 | |
| July 17, 2026 | | | | 25.5 |
| August 3, 2026 | 70.4 | 110 | 0.64 | 85.15 |
| September 8, 2026 | 104 | 137 | 0.76 | 33 |
| October 5, 2026 | 71 | 94 | 0.75 | 462 |
| **TOTALS** | **$810.32** | **1030** | **0.78** | **$682.50** |
| **Average all metal** | **$1,492.82** | | | |

A big month of metal collecting, including three garage cleanouts plus cans, which yielded big numbers. Details below:

Aluminum cans: 94 lbs. @ $ .75 - $71
Steel: 995 @.08 - $80
Electric motors: 189 @ $.52 - $98
Wire: 20 @ $2.51 - $50
Brass: 16 @ 3.59 - $57
Copper: 7 @ $5.43 - 38
Aluminum: 69 @ $.71 - $49
Miscellaneous: 100

GRAND TOTAL: $543

## Día de los Metals

Although an empty Dr. Pepper can may be of no use to you, when you recycle it, it continues to live on as someone else's beverage can. Do your part to keep the souls of aluminum cans alive by bringing them to the west doors on **November 1st** for our monthly collection.

With some generous donations of particularly valuable scrap metal in October, the Aluminati has turned your aluminum and scrap metal donations into nearly $1,500 ($1,492.82) for our AOF fund so far in 2026! Thanks for giving but we want more! Questions about scrap metal can be answered by Marco Waterman.

# Advent Calendar



## ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day add an item to a box.
On Christmas Eve donate the contents
to a local Food Bank.



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| December 1: | Box of Cereal |
| December 2: | Peanut Butter |
| December 3: | Stuffing Mix |
| December 4: | Boxed Potatoes |
| December 5: | Macaroni and Cheese |
| December 6: | Canned Fruit |
| December 7: | Canned Tomatoes |
| December 8: | Canned Tuna |
| December 9: | Dessert Mix |
| December 10: | Jar of Applesauce |
| December 11: | Canned Sweet Potatoes |
| December 12: | Cranberry Sauce |
| December 13: | Canned Beans |
| December 14: | Box of Crackers |
| December 15: | Package of Rice |
| December 16: | Package of Oatmeal |
| December 17: | Package of Pasta |
| December 18: | Spaghetti Sauce |
| December 19: | Chicken Noodle Soup |
| December 20: | Tomato Soup |
| December 21: | Canned Corn |
| December 22: | Canned Mixed Vegetables |
| December 23: | Canned Carrots |
| December 24: | Canned Green Beans |

# Christmas Pageant

Advent Intergenerational Sunday on

Sunday, December 13th during worship.

Rehearsals on Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 a.m.

This year, we want to bring the joy of the Christmas Pageant to the whole service. Musicians, singers, actors, readers, and acolytes of all ages are welcome to join us as we get ready for Christmas on the Third Sunday of Advent. If you'd like to take part in this special tradition of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ's birth, please let Betsy know. More details will be coming soon.



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# Thrivent Financial Member Updates

## ACTION TEAM PROJECTS FOR 2026

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 **2 projects per year each funded by a $250 pre-paid VISA card. Associate members can have up to 1 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 2026 for a total of approximately **$3,250!** Keep this Thrivent program in mind as you plan activities for 2027. Below are some possible 2027 projects:

- Chili Cook-off and Bingo – Marilyn Neer
- Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project – Marilyn Neer
- Vacation Bible School – Middle School and High School Camp – Lorraine Laut
- School Supply Project – Richard Laut
- Cover Girls Kid's Quilts – Sylvia Meyer
- Fall God's Work – Our Hands – Becky Schuerman Choi
- Fall Festival – Lorraine Laut
- Cover Girl's Christmas Sale – Sylvia Meyer
- Angel Tree – Richard Laut

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.

# November 2026 Calendar

| *Sunday* | *Monday* | *Tuesday* | *Wednesday* | *Thursday* | *Friday* | *Saturday* |
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| **1**<br>**All Saints' Sunday**<br>**10:00 am:** Classic Worship Service In Person and YouTube | **2**<br>**7:00 pm:** Stephen Ministry Meeting | **3**<br>**6:30 pm:** First Tuesday Bible Study | **4**<br>**10:00-3:30 pm** Cover Girls | **5**<br>**11:30-1:00 pm** Mid-Day Bible Study<br>**7:00-9:00 pm:** Executive Meeting | **6** | **7**<br>**9:00 am** Book Discussion |
| **8**<br>**10:00 am:** Classic<br>Worship Service In Person and YouTube | **9** | **10** | **11**<br>**10:00-3:30 pm** Cover Girls<br>**11:30 am:** PrimeTimers<br> | **12**<br>**11:30-1:00 pm** Mid-Day Bible Study<br>**7:00-9:00 pm:** Council Meeting | **13** | **14** |
| **15**<br>**10:00 am:** Classic Worship Service In Person and YouTube<br>**11:00-3:00** Cover Girls Christmas Sale<br>**11:15 am:** Babies & Bibles | **16** | **17**<br>**7:00 pm:** Worship Planning Meeting | **18**<br>**10:00-3:30 pm** Cover Girls | **19**<br>**11:30-1:00 pm** Mid-Day Bible Study | **20** | **21**<br>**9:00 am:** 3rd Saturday Maintenance<br>**11:00-3:00** Cover Girls Christmas Sale |
| **22**<br>**10:00 am:** Classic Worship Service In Person and YouTube<br>No Sunday School<br>**11:00-3:00** Cover Girls Christmas Sale<br>**4:00 pm:** Jim Loeffler Organ Concert | **23** | **24** | **25**<br>**9:45 am: Movie**<br>**7:00 pm:** Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and Pie Fest<br> | **26**<br> | **27** | **28**<br>**Set up and decorate Christmas Trees**<br>**11:00-3:00** Cover Girls Christmas Sale |
| **29**<br>**First Sunday in Advent**<br>**10:00 am:** Classic Worship Service In Person and YouTube<br>**11:00-3:00** Cover Girls Christmas Sale | **30** | | | | | |



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**10:00 a.m. In Church Worship Service**
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## 2026 Congregational Council

**Executive Committee:**
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- **Karen Oehler, Vice President**
- **Jan Frum, Treasurer**
- **Beth Smith, Secretary**

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- **Sharon Bosse, Liaison for Serve**
- **Jay Walls, Liaison for Ancillary Ministries**
- **Craig Hildebrand, Liaison for Worship**
- **Mark Waterman, Liaison for Support Ministry**
- **Marylou Boardman, Liaison for Witness**
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