

Our Vision:

RLC is to be a
Christian
Community
that grows...

*Closer to God,
closer to
one another, &
closer to
"the action."*

Our Mission:

To discover **God's**
grace through
Jesus Christ,
Grow in Faith,
Commit to
Active Service,
& Tell Others the
Good News!

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Resurrection

Lutheran Church ♦ Redondo Beach

November 2013 Newsletter

Welcome to our New Members!

Please Welcome Our New Members and Families to RLC!

*The **Freed** Family: Jack & Lissa - - Children: Zac, Jonas & Julia*

*The **Solar** Family: Ricardo & Mariana - - Children: Regina & Sofi*

*The **Felix** Family: Gabriel & Laura - - Children: Blake & Chase*

*The **Light** Family: Ron & Pamela - - Children: Cooper & Presley*

*The **Sigler** Family: Marty & Brooke - - Children: Zachary*

*Mr. Sean **Lathrom**, Ms. Barbara **Apodaca**, Ms. Janet **Brooks**, Ms. Peggy **Wishon***



RITE OF CONFIRMATION

ELIZABETH ANDERSON: Philippians 4: 13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

LOGAN TAHLIER: John 3: 16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."



Pastor's Message

On Giving Thanks. Perhaps Daniel Defoe gave us some good advice through his fictitious character Robinson Crusoe. The first thing that Crusoe did when he found himself on a deserted island was to make out a list. On one side of the list he wrote down all his problems. On the other side of the list he wrote down all of his blessings. On one side he wrote: I do not have any clothes. On the other side he wrote: But it's warm and I don't really need any. On one side he wrote: All of the provisions were lost. On the other side he wrote: But there's plenty of fresh fruit and water on the island. And on down the list he went. In this fashion he discovered that for every negative aspect about his situation, there was a positive aspect, something to be thankful for. It is easy to find ourselves on an island of despair. Perhaps it is time that we sit down and take an inventory of our blessings. I well imagine that there are some of us that are long, long overdue in expressing our thanks to God.

I think it is possible to say that in spite of all its extraordinary variety, the Bible is held together by a single plot. It is one that can be simply stated: God creates the world, the world gets lost; God seeks to restore the world, at His expense, to the glory for which he created it. That means that the Bible is a book about you and me, and being thankful or not. We might add to that, of course, that of all the books that humanity has ever produced, The Bible is the one that more than any other - and in more senses than one - that holds us together. I am thankful that I can sometimes tell the difference. I am thankful that I even recognize there is something to be thankful about. Thank you for making the Ramirez family feel like someone cares. Thank you for helping the Lathrom family cope with their grief. Thank you for helping the church in El Salvador get built.

As we set our tables for a meal this Thanksgiving, join with others to share a toast or just a helping of dessert, let us remember how lucky we truly are to even consider how lucky we are. In the northlands where many of us grew up there are just two seasons, winter and July. When the roads begin to thaw, they become muddy. Vehicles going into the country leave deep ruts that become frozen when cold weather returns. For those entering this primitive area during the winter months there is a usually a sign on the road that reads, "Drivers, please choose carefully which rut you drive in, because you'll be in it for the next few miles." Which rut are you going to choose to drive in? Are you going to choose to be thankful, grateful and joyful or are you going to be stuck traveling with a cloudy attitude? Problems on one side, blessings on the other: It's a choice we have to make; a matter of how you choose to live out this holiday season. My prayer is that your thanksgiving would be filled with many thanks. +Pastor Ken



Announcements

Christmas Cards for Our Military!

Cara and the youth are creating and collecting Christmas cards to send to our armed forces in coordination with amilionthanks.org. If you, a family member, or friend you know would like to make any kind of Christmas card to send to our Military; please bring them to church and leave in the basket outside the Parish until November 19th. Your card can be as simple as a picture, or giving thanks or simply wishing them the best while they protect us over the holidays. **For more information please contact Cara Ihde at (310) 791-8923 or email carai@surfrlc.com**

Winter Camp 2014! Sign up

today for the Jr. high winter camp at Forest Home! January 17th - 20th Spots are limited so please sign up with Cara ASAP!

Adopt A Family!

This Thanksgiving & Christmas adopt a family in need! See Angie on the Church Patio between services for information.

Toy Drive

This Christmas bring a wrapped gift for a child in need. Bring your wrapped present stating for a boy or girl and drop off in the school office by November 21st.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Love Felt Around the World

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. Make a child's Christmas extra special this year by donating.

Drop off your shoe box gift in the Narthex **before 10:15 AM on Thursday, November 17th.**

Contact Angie Rosen on the church Patio between services for a box or more information.

You can also visit:

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

BUY A COW!

RLC is raising money to buy a real calf to send to El Salvador for the children at Hope House orphanage. Put your name & phone number on a cow ornament in the church office for your \$10 commitment today!



African Team Ministry Jewelry & Craft Sale

We will be selling jewelry and crafts from Africa on **Sundays, during November** between services on the **Patio**. All proceeds go to benefit orphans in Africa. This is a great opportunity to buy gifts for Christmas and give while helping globally.

For further information please contact Karen Ragone at 310-508-0915.



Announcements



The Azusa Pacific Choir and Orchestra comes to the South Bay. This year's dinner concert will be held at the Carson Civic Center.

The musical excellence of this acclaimed ensemble will fill your heart with the Joy and Love of Christmas. The South Bay Christian Business Men's Committee will sponsor this Christmas concert.

This year, instead of the usual holiday ham or turkey, give your employees, customers, friends and relatives tickets to a fabulous Christmas dinner enhanced by wonderful holiday carols. This is an event they won't soon forget!

Our Christmas dinner promises to be a sellout!

To Join us at our Resurrection Lutheran Church table please call **PAUL KASPER** for tickets at **(310) 540-2463**

Please reserve today!

Third Annual Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, November 26, 2013, 7 p.m.
Carson Civic Center

Ticket donations: \$40 for adults
\$25 for children 18 & under
\$375 for a table of 10

For information, call:
Dennis Paustian
Tickets and Reservations
(310) 533-0124



Presents: The Fall 2013 Gathering of Men Breakfast

Presenting Guest Speaker:

Phil Downer - Attorney, Marine, Author & Business Leader

Tuesday, November 19th from 6:45 AM - 8:00 AM

The Carson Community Center

801 E. Carson St., Carson, CA 90745

Please contact **PAUL KASPER** for tickets at **(310) 540-2463**

Announcements



BASIC

TURKEY DAY

Wednesday, November 20

12-2pm in Rygh Hall

Together again
Unbelievable
 price: \$6.00
Remember
 the date
Know more about
 Turkey
Enjoy friends & food
You won't want to
 miss this!

Plan to join your BASIC friends

(Boomers And Seniors In Christ) and celebrate that popular North and Central American fowl, (or maybe the coveted bowling triple,) but especially a chance to hear Dave and Karen Westberg "talk turkey"

Our noon-time culinary delight will feature the season's popular bird and an assortment of trimmings followed by a virtual tour of the Middle Eastern nation with the same name by our favorite tour guide, Dave.

Sign up at church or phone Donna Dunlap: 310-540-9646, Or Nancy Fisher: 310-375-3715

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EMPTY BOWLS

f u n d r a i s e r

Join Family Promise of the South Bay for an artisan soup dinner served in a handcrafted ceramic bowl designed by local artists. The event includes a silent auction, beer and wine bar, and a special presentation from a former homeless family.

Saturday, November 16, 2013
6pm to 9pm

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
21100 Victor Street, Torrance

\$40 individual with designer bowl
\$20 individual without bowl
\$275 table for eight

*For more information and
to RSVP, visit*
www.familypromiseosb.org



Family Promise of the South Bay is a registered 501(c)3 organization offering a permanent solution to homeless families with children by providing temporary housing within local congregations, keeping families together, developing job skills and assistance in seeking permanent employment and housing.

Principal's Message

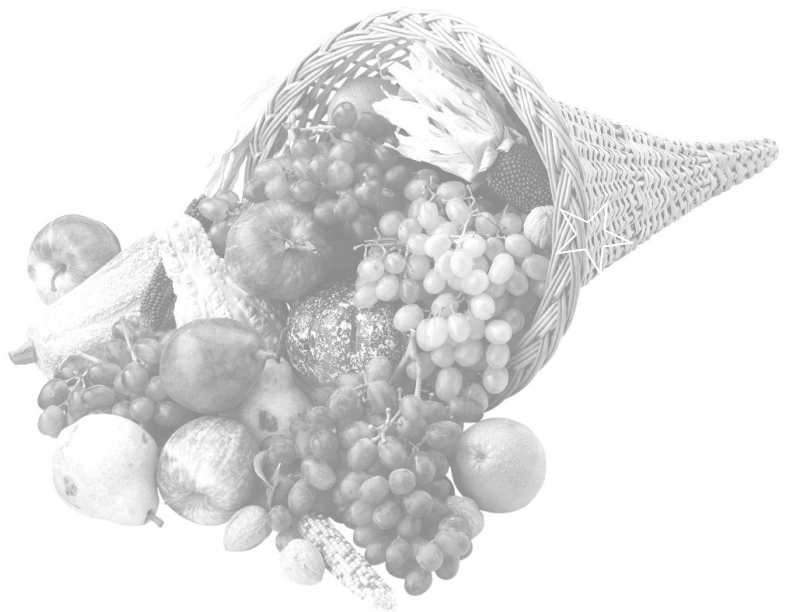
Happy Thanksgiving

We, at Riviera Hall Lutheran School would like to say a most special "thank you" to the members of Resurrection Lutheran Church for your support for the past sixty-one years.

Have you ever thought about what your support has meant to our students, their families and to our community? For several of our students and their families you are a life line. Our church and school provide a safe environment; one where strong academics are taught in a loving, Christ-driven environment. For others, those who come from homes without a family church, RLC is their place of worship and praise every Thursday. Praise the Lord for bringing his children to us to grow in his Glory.

The relationship between Resurrection Lutheran Church and Riviera Hall has created students of strong character and deep-seated morals, students who have proven to positively impact all who they meet. In this month of giving thanks, we thank you, our RLC Family, for providing a place where children feel loved and safe. Because of your vision and continued support, you leave your imprint on the future. THANK YOU! Yes, God had a grand plan in 1951 and we are so thankful!

Phyllis Nollan, principal



For more information about RHLS, contact the Riviera Hall School Office at info@rivierahall.org or at 310-375-5528.

Student Ministries

The Month of Thanks and Giving

Upcoming Events in November...

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Annette's Angels 3-7pm | 2nd |
| Confirmation 10:15- | 3rd |
| Youth Group 4:30-6pm | 3rd |
| NO confirmation and NO YOUTH GROUP (Veteran's Day Week- | 10th |
| Confirmation 10:15- | 17th |
| Youth Group 4:30-6pm | 17th |
| Confirmation 10:15- | 24th |
| Youth Group 4:00-6pm Adopt-A-Family delivery (please bring \$5 or \$10 donation to purchase the meal) | 24th |
| Mandatory Dress Rehearsal for T.E. Service & Pizza Dinner 6-8pm | 25th |
| Youth led Thanksgiving Eve Church Service 7-8pm | 27th |

Contact Information:

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- Cara's Phone: 310-920-8565
- Cara's Email: carai@surfRLC.com
- RLC address: 330 Palos Verdes Blvd Redondo Beach, CA 90277

The month of November is about giving thanks to God for all of the blessings He has given us. It is important we, as Christians, take the time each day to look at these blessings and thank God. Not only should we thank Him, but also praise Him by acting graciously to others in honor of Him. Therefore, our youth department has decided to use our blessings to bless others this Thanksgiving season.

Serving others:

This month our youth group will participate in various service projects; one of them being Adopt-A-Family, delivering a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need.

Participate!

There are two projects the youth will be leading in November that you may participate in!

- 1) Making Christmas cards to members of the military.

You may write letters, buy a card or make a card. It can be as personal or scripture-filled as you would like. If you would like to participate, please drop your cards off in basket in the narthex by Sunday, November 24th. For more information or sample cards, please go to www.amillionthanks.org.

- 2) Donate to Mama Trinidad's home and farm in El Salvador.

After going to El Salvador with some of the youth this past summer, this is something very close to our hearts. Our goal is to raise \$500 by Nov. 27th. The money will be collected and given to Mama Trini to help with payments on her home, farm, and taking care of her family and the orphans she graciously takes in. She is such

an extraordinary woman; she uses the little she has to serve others in her home and in the community (which includes a homeless shelter and medical clinic she runs in San Salvador.) The money will be collected from RLC and RHLS in the month of November. This is more than just a donation. For the students of Riviera Hall Lutheran School and Preschool, we are stressing the importance of giving their *own money* out of the goodness of their heart. Therefore; we are asking the students of all ages who would like to participate to *earn* the money (\$5, \$1, 50 cents) by working, doing chores around the house, etc. to instill the values of serving others.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our annual, youth led service is here! Join the RLC youth ministry to celebrate Thanksgiving by praising God for everything He has blessed us with this year!

The service will be held in the sanctuary on **November 27th from 7-8pm**. We

invite you to bring your family, including relatives from out of town, to share in this unique and special experience,

Know of any youth who would like to participate? Any students 6th-12th grade are welcome to be in

the service! We have various jobs to choose from, such as ushers, greeters, readers, prayers, musicians, singers and speakers. Please contact Cara Ihde if you are interested. Hope to see you there!

For more information about Student Ministries, contact Cara Ihde at Carai@surfRLC.com or 310-791-8937.

Children's Ministries

RLC Kids Nov. 2013



OCTOBER Update:

This month was full of fun! We started Christmas Program rehearsals for "Christmas Snapshots" and we have a wonderful cast. We also learned about Martin Luther and how to keep Jesus in our hearts. Look for info on Christmas Camp (Dec. 23,26,27, 30 and Jan. 2 and 3) to be coming soon!

Help Wanted:

If you are available between 4-5:30 pm on Tuesdays please consider joining our kitchen/ set up crew to prepare dinner at Kids Klub. Contact Sherri to volunteer.

Donations Needed:

Pumpkins! We need all shapes and sizes for our Oct. 29th PUMPKIDS event.



Kids Klub:

For children in TK- 5th Grade
Meets Every Tuesday in Rygh Hall from 5-7pm. \$5 suggested donation to cover dinner

Nov. 5- Tonight is Art Night! We will create some slightly messy art and talk about our creator. Dinner is corn dogs, potato smiles and fruit.

Nov. 12- Honor our troops! We will be making Christmas Cards for our soldiers. Dinner will be build your own burritos.

Nov. 19- Let's be Thankful! We will dine on chicken, mashed potatoes, corn and pumpkin pie and make crafts that remind us of our blessings.

Nov. 26th- No Kids Klub!
All families are welcome to join RLC at the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 27th.

LIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

For ages 3-6th grade
Continues each Sunday during the 9am service
Contact Sherri Miller
310-791-8923 or sherrim@surfRLC.com for more information

For more information about Children's Ministries, contact Sherri Miller at sherrim@surfRLC.com or 310-792-2671.

Remember in Prayer

Lathrom Family, Fredrick Family, Craig Knaus, Matt & Karen Williams, Dee R., Michael, Ray, Eileen Fend, Kathy, Sebastian & Family, Gordon, Colleen S., Cindy Hale, Josh Lindsay, Jenny Hilke, Caren & Betsy Rubenstone, Jan Berg, Kenny R., Wendy, Annette Ramirez & Family, Dick Leef, Marlene Beyo, Rosanne, Mary Cox, Andy Bottrell, Lela Holladay, Sylvia, Ken Nims, Brent R., Katie, & Michael Buettner.

Those serving in the military: Andrew Ramstead, Vincent Alaniz, Reid Heck, Kris Ljunggren, Ben Kealey, Robert Briggs & Joey Mucha.

If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining the Prayer Team, please contact Ericka Anderson at RLCparkinglot@aol.com or 310-540-7046.

Congregation Average Attendance for September 2013

9 AM 115 11 AM 44 Total 158

September Offerings

| MONTH | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
| \$36,592 | \$38,850 | (\$2,258) | \$326,965 | \$305,365 | \$21,600 |

Need

Scrip

Help support RHLS and RHLP by purchasing scrip! Visit Tanya Wofford at the **scrip table** out on the **Patio, between services (10-11 AM)** if you are interested.

Economic Response Team

If you or a loved one is hurting from a current economic situation, please contact the church office at 310-375-5382 or communications@surfRLC.com.

All inquires will be confidential.

November Birthdays

- 1 Avalon Ragone
- 1 Dillon Ragone
- 1 Vincent Ragone
- 2 Sherri Miller
- 3 Joseph Black
- 3 Zachary Hatakeyama
- 5 Robert Nims
- 5 Elaine Semple
- 5 Teresa Young
- 7 Art Alaniz
- 12 Lois Howard
- 14 Samantha Starr
- 16 Patricia Severa
- 16 Stephen Sheffield
- 18 Andrea Coene
- 20 Tanner Schnittger
- 20 Tanya Wofford
- 21 Aaron Reithel
- 21 Michelle Serpico
- 22 Michael Buettner
- 22 Donovan Soulakis
- 25 John Doering
- 25 Paul Joseph Ragone
- 26 James Black
- 26 Sherry Black
- 27 Jolaine Marrill
- 28 Angie Rosen
- 29 Sarah Ball
- 29 Tom Cooper
- 29 Jane Spaeter
- 30 Eric Schnittger



November at a Glance: RLC Events

Children's Ministries

Sunday School

Is available for children ages 4 through 6 grade. Nursery care will be provided for those 4 years of age and under. (Parents with 4 year olds can decide which is more suitable). Children begin in 9 AM worship with their families and then are dismissed after the Children's Sermon to go with their teachers. Parents pick up children 4 years of age and under in the Nursery and those who attend Sunday School in their classrooms after worship.

Kids Klub - Tuesdays from 5-7 PM in Rygh Hall. It is for children PreK-5th grade and a \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of dinner.

Student Ministries

Sunday Youth Nights - Sundays from 4:30-6 PM in the Youth Room

Confirmation Classes - Sundays at 10:15 AM in the Youth Room

Thanksgiving Eve Youth Service - Wednesday, November 27th from 7-8 PM in the Sanctuary

Young Adults

TNT (20's & 30's Small Group) - Meets 3 Wednesdays per month at 7 PM. Contact Sabrina Heim at 310-371-2835 for more information.

Women

Women's Breakfast - 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM at Mimi's Café, Torrance. RSVP to Betty Dossey at 310-316-7720.

Women's Bible Study - Every other Thursday at 7 PM at Tanya Wofford's house in Redondo. Contact Tanya at 310-374-3514.

Women's Mizpah Circle Bible Study - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM at Lela Holladay's home. Contact Lela at 310-376-5830.

Women's "Moms In Prayer" Prayer Group - Open to all women! Every Wednesday from 8-9 AM in the Conference Room. Contact Kristen Roman at 310-704-1928 or kwroman@verizon.net

Women's "North Star" Bible Study Group - First and third Wednesdays of the month from 7-8:30 PM at Sarah Auernhammer's home. Contact Sarah at 310-991-1370.

Men

Men's Bible Study - 1st Saturday of each month at 8 AM at First Lutheran, Torrance. Contact Ted Coene at 310-378-9533.

GOMSC (Southern California Gathering of Men) - Fall 2013 Men's breakfast presenting speaker Phil Downer @ the Carson Community Center. Contact Paul Kasper at 310-540-2463 for tickets.

Seniors

BASIC Group - Wednesday, November 20th from 12-2 PM in Rygh Hall. Contact Nancy Fisher at 310-375-3715 or Donna Dunlap at 310-540-9646.

Everyone

Decorating Sanctuary & Rygh Hall
November 30th @ 9 AM


Music

Band rehearsal, Tuesdays at 7:30 PM
Choir practice, Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Communication Deadlines

Weekly: Wednesdays, 12 PM
Newsletter: The 15th of the PREVIOUS month
Send information to office@surfRLC.com

November 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | 1 Harvest Festival 8AM | 2 Men's Bible Study 8AM Annette's Angels Event 3P Thrivent Dinner 6 PM |
| 3 All Saints Day Worship 9&11AM YouthNight 4:30P | 4 | 5 Kids Klub 5PM | 6 Mom's In Prayer 8-9 AM "Snapshots" Practice 6 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM North Star Adult Bible Study 7PM | 7 | 8 | 9 Women's Breakfast @ Mimi's Café 8:30A |
| 10 Worship Services 9 & 11AM Sunday Youth Night 4:30PM | 11 Council Meeting 6:30 PM | 12 Women's Mizpah Bible Study 9:30A Kids Klub 5PM | 13 Mom's In Prayer 8-9AM "Snapshots" Practice 6 PM Choir Practice 7:30PM | 14 Grandparent / Special Friend Day | 15 | 16 Empty Bowls Fundraiser 6-9P |
| 17 Worship 9&11AM Sunday Youth Night 4:30PM OCC Deadline | 18 | 19 GOMSC Men's Breakfast 6:45-8A Kids Klub 5PM | 20 Mom's In Prayer 8-9AM BASIC 12-2 PM "Snapshots" Practice 6 PM North Star Adult Bible Study 7PM Choir Practice 7:30PM | 21 Toy Drive Drop-off Deadline | 22 Moms Hot Lunch @ 10 AM | 23 |
| 24 Worship 9 & 11 AM Sunday Youth Night 4:30PM Adopt a Family Food Delivery | 25 | 26 Kids Klub 5PM Azusa Christmas Dinner-Show 7 PM | 27 Mom's In Prayer 8-9 AM "Snapshots" Practice 6 PM Youth Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 PM | 28 Thanksgiving  | 29 | 30 Decorating Sanctuary & Rygh Hall @ 9AM |

Sunday Worship Services: 9 AM Contemporary & 11 AM Liturgical



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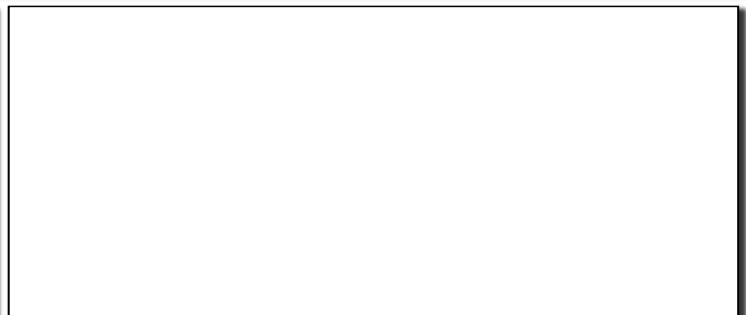
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