

WELCOME! We are pleased to have you worship with us today! Please join us for coffee and snacks in the fellowship hall after worship today.

VISITORS: Please sign the attendance register as it is passed during worship. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to a member of our Congregational Council, or the folks at the welcome center in the entryway of the church. During the offering, you are welcome to give, but please do not feel obligated. You are our guest today.

HOLY COMMUNION: We believe that Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is received in and under the earthly elements of bread and wine. We welcome all baptized Christians who believe our Lord's words: "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" to come and receive the Lord's Supper. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are also available. If you are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward and receive a blessing. The gifts of God for the people of God!

BRING THE CHILDREN TO ME: We are pleased to provide activity bags for children of two different age groups at the church entrance on a weekly basis. The bags include crayons, scratch paper and an age-appropriate activity bulletin that is built around the Gospel lesson for the day. Please take a bag and return it after service so we can refill it for the next Sunday.

MEMBERSHIP: If you have interest in becoming a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, please complete a membership application which can be found in the entryway of the church at the welcome center or in the racks in the entryway or fellowship hall.

PRAYER CHAIN: Prayer is powerful and can be a tremendous help for those in need. If you have a prayer request, or if you are interested in being a member of our prayer chain, please contact Joan Lavoie at 354-8819. All your prayer requests will be kept in confidence among those in the prayer chain.

Welcome and sharing of the peace

Praise Singing "Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord"
"Shout to the Lord"
Prayer
"Prepare Our Hearts"

Children's Sermon "Books of the Old Testament"

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 1120)
Psalm 85 (p. 923)
2 Peter 3:8-14 (p. 1896)
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Mark 1:1-8 (p. 1555)

Sermon Pastor Mike Potter

Hymn of the Day "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering "What a Beautiful Name"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion "Our God Reigns"
"Gentle Shepherd"

Benediction "The Lord Bless You"

Closing Hymn "Jesus Messiah"

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Director – GO Ministries
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Preaching – Pastor Joe Bonno, Pastor Brad Matuzak and Pastor Mike Potter



*Saved by Grace Alone
Through Faith Alone
Because of Christ Alone*

We are committed to being rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions while working to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations. We have a great respect for the reality that the church is where the people of God gather together around Word and Sacrament and then go forth to live as witnesses to His love and mercy.

December 10, 2017

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SERVING TODAY:

Mike Potter – Guest Preacher

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Beth Strong, Don Grabiell, Rocky and Ginny

Roland and Mark Hamann – Worship and Music Leaders

Linda Kitzman – Reader

Bonnie Urlaub – Assisting Minister

Augie Matuzak and Joe Spigelmyre – Ushers

Lily Spigelmyre and Ava Kolar – Communion Cups

Terry and Kim Marzean – Greeters

Annette Kindt and Linda Sansom – Worship set-up

Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician

Greg and Linda LaHaie and Lori Muszynski – Fellowship

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Shelley Tuuri, Noretta Schwartz, Kayla LaHaie, Barb Tripp, Joanne Gallagher, Dick Reed, Bob McManus, Shelby Benoit, Al Nadeau, Joanne Root, Betty Horne, Beverly Attwell, Daryl Lang, Shawn Manning, Leonard Kemnitz, Jamie Siess, Dennis R. Diamond, Cathy Carpenter, Marilee Mead, J.R. Fugate, Ann Marie Brousseau, Mark Kandow, Ella Enderby and the men and women working to unlock the chains of addiction. For those in the military and civilian services, may God guard and protect them as they guard and protect us: Jake Strong, Josh Root, Brandon Brewington, Leland Swift, Roy C. Johnson, David Kloft, Mandy Killingbeck, Jason Michael Duggar, Lance and Hilary Bovee, Justin Besgrove, Brad LaFleche and Aaron Jarvi. *To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.*

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES: If you would like to have copies of approved Congregational Council minutes including financial reports, please send Julie julie@rlca.us an email and she will put you on a list to regularly receive them, or simply stop by the office and pick up a copy.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30 pm.

This Week at RLCA

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for this coming Sunday are Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 and John 1:6-8, 19-28.

BIRTHDAYS: Therese LeNart and Jean Neiman celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you both!

DECEMBER SERVICE PROJECT – SALVATION ARMY: To end the year of Monthly Service Activities at Resurrection Lutheran, we will be collecting warm mittens, hats and scarves for our neighbors in Alpena. Your items will be included in the Salvation Army Christmas efforts. Your gifts can be placed in the basket in the entryway. We will end this gift opportunity early on Dec. 17th. For more information please call Dawn DesChamps at 354-4241.

The twenty-five RLCA Christmas Shoe boxes were delivered in November and tracking labels were attached so we may eventually find out where they go.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP: In addition to our regular Sunday worship times, we will celebrate the season of Advent by holding two more mid-week worship services on December 13th and 20th. There will be a light supper served at 5:45 pm each evening with worship beginning at 6:30 pm. These short, 30-40 minute worship times are a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Come join us!

DECEMBER 24TH WORSHIP: Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, there are two different occasions being celebrated on that day. At our regular 9:00 am worship service, we will be celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent. Then at 5:30 pm, we will have our Christmas Eve worship. Come, fully participate in the waiting of Advent in the morning as well as remember the birth of Christ in the evening!

Sunday, December 10.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School
10:45 am – Turning Brook worship

Monday, December 11.....5:30 pm – Feeding Kids Packing (RLCA Team 2)
7:00 pm – Adult Bible study

Tuesday, December 12.....2:00 pm – Tuesday Bible Study
5:30 pm – council meeting

Wednesday, December 13.....7:30 am – staff meeting
5:45 pm – light supper
6:30 pm – Advent worship
7:30 pm – Prophecy Fulfilled Study

Thursday, December 14.....8:00 am – men’s text study
4:30 pm – worship team rehearsal

Friday, December 15.....6:00 pm – Esther study

Sunday, December 17.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR NOV. 27-DEC. 3, 2017:

Worship attendance: 104

Offering: \$5218.44

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 27-DEC. 3: \$967.00