**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.

**<u>VISITORS</u>**: 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 given in, with and under the earthly elements of bread and the fruit of the vine. 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	"My Savior, My God" "How Great is Our God" Prayer "Nearer my God to Thee"		
Children's Sermon	"Great Stories, Bible Stories"		
Scripture Lessons	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (p. 22) Psalm 22:23-31 (p. 859) Romans 5:1-11 (p. 1750)		
	"Create in Me a Clean Heart"		
	Mark 8:27-38 (p. 1570)		
Sermon	Pastor Phil Phife		
Hymn of the Day	"As the Deer"		
Apostles' Creed			
Prayers of the Churc	h		
Offering	"Your Love Defends Me		
Confession and forgiveness			
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Words of Institution			
Lord's Prayer			
Communion	"I Lift my Hands"		
Benediction	"Go, my Children with my Blessing"		
Closing Hymn	"O God Our Help in Ages Past"		

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**<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES</u>**: 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.

**<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING:</u>** The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

## **STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Pastor Phil Phifer – <u>pastorphil@rlca.us</u>, (850) 543-3281 Director – Faith Development Director – Pastoral Ministries

Julie Wood – julie@rlca.us, (989) 657-6887 Director – GO Ministries Director – RLCA School of Music Director – Worship and Music 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.

February 25, 2018

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#### SERVING TODAY:

Phil Phifer – Pastor Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Don Grabiel, Beth Strong and Mark Hamann – Worship and Music Leaders

Doug Horne – Reader Scott Thayer – Assisting Minister Augie Matuzak and Joe Spigelmyre – Ushers Amelia and Harrison Kaszubowski – Communion Cups Charlotte Werth and Barb Timm – Greeters Phoebe Rang – Worship set-up Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician Tim and Barb Smith – Fellowship

**PRAYERS:** We remember in our prayers: Mary Coleman, Sandi Skaluba, Ben Sharpe, Sandi Hering, Shelley Tuuri, Noretta Schwartz, Kayla LaHaie, Barb Tripp, Joanne Gallagher, Bob McManus, Shelby Benoit, Al Nadeau, Betty Horne, Beverly Attwell, Shawn Manning, Leonard Kemnitz, Dennis R. Diamond, 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.* 

**FOR STUDY AT HOME:** The scripture readings for next Sunday are Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and John 2:13-22.

## This Week at RLCA

**<u>RECITAL</u>**: Our School of Music students and instructors will present our Winter 2018 recital today, Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm here at Resurrection. This is free of charge and is followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. Come and hear our students and be the hands, feet and face of Jesus to their families!

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Phil is starting a new Bible study on Sunday mornings after worship. We will be going through the Peak Performance Bible Reading Plan. It is a plan to read through and discuss the scriptures over a period of two years. We will start at the beginning in the book of Genesis starting this morning, February 18<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to grab some coffee and snacks and join Pastor Phil in the Fellowship Hall – north end classroom.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Becca Wojciechowski, Joanne Gallagher and Beverly Attwell celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all!

**NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY:** Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, we started a new 10-week study on the book "Joining Jesus on His Mission." This is open to all people in the church. We will meet together in the church after Wednesday worship to view a short video and then break into smaller groups for discussion. If you are interested in joining or want more information, please talk with Pastor Phil or Julie. We look forward to this study and how God can use us to join in what Jesus is already doing around us. Come and see!

Sunday, February 25	9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School 10:30 am – worship at Greenview 2:00 pm – RLCA School of Music recital 4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth
Monday, February 26	6:00 pm – Feeding Kids Packing (Brad Przeslawski and friends) 7:00 pm – Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, February 27	2:00 pm – Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday, February 28	7:30 am – staff meeting 5:30 pm – Lenten supper 6:00 pm – Lenten worship 7:00 pm – Joining Jesus small groups
Thursday, March 1	8:00 am – Men's text study 3:00 pm – Sunrise Centre worship 4:30 pm – worship team rehearsal
Friday, March 2	.6:00 pm – Esther study
Sunday, March 4	9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School 4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth

#### ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR FEB. 12-18, 2018:

Worship attendance: 110 Offering: \$3373.25

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 18: \$577.50