<u>WELCOME!</u> 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.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: 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.

<u>PRAYER CHAIN:</u> 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 "Here I Am to Worship"

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Prayer

"Change my Heart, O God"

Children's Sermon "Great Stories, Bible Stories"

Scripture Lessons Numbers 21:4-9 (p. 242)

Psalm 107:1-9 (p. 946) Ephesians 2:1-10 (p. 1815)

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

John 3:14-21 (p. 1651)

Sermon Pastor Phil Phifer

Hymn of the Day "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

"Abide With Me"

Benediction "The Lord Bless You"

Closing Hymn "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

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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 <u>julie@rlca.us</u> 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, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

#### **STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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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.

March 11, 2018

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### **SERVING TODAY:**

Phil Phifer – Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Don Grabiel, Beth Strong, Jolie Danielson and Mark Hamann – Worship and Music Leaders

Dawn DesChamps – Reader

Scott Thayer – Assisting Minister

Dalair Dones and Sandi Skaluba – Ushers

Bryce Moe and Maggie Thayer – Communion Cups

Elly and Matt Diamond– Greeters

Jolie Danielson and Summer Werth – Worship set-up

Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician

Laura Kolar and Angie 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, Al Nadeau, Betty Horne, Beverly Attwell, Shawn Manning, Leonard Kemnitz, Dennis R. Diamond, J.R. Fugate, 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5: 1-10 and Mark 10:35-45.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jaiden Hamann, Mark Hamann and Sandi Skaluba celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you!

MARCH SERVICE PROJECT: Resurrection Lutheran Church will present our food gifts to the Spruce Food Pantry. The pantry is housed in the Hubbard Lake Bible Church. This organization does a good job of assisting area families in great need of the basics – food for their family. Non-perishable items may include cans of fruit and vegetables, family-sized mac 'n cheese or complete meal boxes, cereals, paper products...be creative. What are you having for meals today? Questions, please call Joanne Gallagher or Dalair Dones.

**RESURRECTION YOUTH:** The junior and senior high students are again invited to join Resurrection Youth that meets at church at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. Today they have "mystery movie night." For more information, contact Pastor Phil or just stop in at 4:00!

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Phil has started 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 are currently. You are invited to grab some coffee and snacks and join Pastor Phil in the Fellowship Hall – north end classroom.

**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!

**FLOWERS:** If you'd like to give the flowers that are in front of the altar in memory of someone or to honor a special occasion, just call Julie in the office at 354-7522. We can add an announcement to the bulletin.

## This Week at RLCA

Sunday, March 119:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School 10:45 am – Turning Brook worship 4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth
Monday, March 126:00 pm – Feeding Kids Packing (RLCA team 2) 7:00 pm – Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, March 132:00 pm – Tuesday Bible Study 5:30 pm – council meeting
Wednesday, March 147:30 am – staff meeting 5:30 pm – Lenten supper 6:00 pm – Lenten worship 7:00 pm – Joining Jesus small groups
Thursday, March 158:00 am – Men's text study 3:00 pm – Sunrise Centre worship 4:30 pm – worship team rehearsal
Friday, March 166:00 pm – Esther study
Sunday, March 189:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and Sunday School 4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth

# **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR FEB. 26-MAR. 4, 2018:**

Worship attendance: 35 and 89

Offering: \$4984.72

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 26-MAR. 4: \$175.00