

**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 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                      “Mighty to Save”  
   “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”  
   Prayer  
   “I Exalt Thee”

Children’s                              “This Little Light of Mine”  
Sermon

Scripture                              Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (p. 279)  
Lessons                                      Psalm 119:129-136 (p. 963)  
   Ephesians 6:10-20 (p. 1821)  
   “10,000 Reasons”

   Mark 7:14-23 (p. 1568)  
Sermon                                      Pastor Phil Phiifer

Hymn of the                      “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”  
Day

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering                              “As the Deer”

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution              “Remember Me”

Lord’s Prayer

Communion                              *Feeding Kids Ministry Volunteers’ Blessing*

Benediction                      “Go, my Children, with my Blessing”

Closing Hymn                      “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL:

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**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES:** If you would like to have copies of approved Congregational Council minutes including financial reports, please send Julie [julie@rlca.us](mailto: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, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm

#### STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

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*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.**

**September 2, 2018**

Resurrection Lutheran Church of Alpena  
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*Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)*

### **This Week at RLCA**

Sunday, September 2.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship

Monday, September 3.....6:00 pm – Discipleship group with Pastor

Tuesday, September 4.....12:30 pm – Prayer Chain Bible Study

Wednesday, September 5.....7:30 am – staff meeting  
6:00 pm – Joining Jesus Show Me How

Thursday, September 6.....8:00 am – Men’s text study  
11:30 am – Friendly Visitors meeting  
4:00 pm – worship team rehearsal  
6:00 pm – A Woman’s Heart study  
6:00 pm – Discover Resurrection class

Sunday, September 9.....9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School  
and fellowship  
10:45 am – Turning Brook worship  
3:00 pm – End of Summer Celebration

### **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR AUGUST 20-26, 2018:**

Worship attendance: 155

Offering: \$3991.64

**FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20-26:** \$150.00

**FOR STUDY AT HOME:** The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2:1-10, 14-18 and Mark 7:31-37.

### **SERVING TODAY:**

Phil Phifer – Pastor

Greg Altman, Jolie Danielson, Sydney Dodson, Don Grabel, Mark Hamann,  
Rocky and Ginny Roland, Beth Strong and Julie Wood – Worship and  
Music Leaders

Annette Kindt – Reader

Stacy Bauer – Assisting Minister

Judy Langerfeld and Sandy Samp – Ushers

Ava Kolar and Addison Wesaw – Communion Cups

Elly and Matt Diamond – Greeters

John Diamond – Audio/Visual Technician

Dick and Phoebe Rang – Worship set-up

Duane and Sharon Anderson – Fellowship

**PRAYERS:** We remember in our prayers: Jerry Urlaub, Tom Lavoie, Bob and Kenna Morgan, Mike Chadkewicz, Carl Pilarski, Sandi Skaluba, Ben Sharpe, Bob McManus, Al Nadeau, Beverly Attwell, Leonard Kemnitz, Dennis R. Diamond, J.R. Fugate, Mark Kadow 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: Lauren Hoeksema, Todd Horne, Jake Strong, Josh Root, Brandon Brewington, Leland Swift, Roy C. Johnson, David Kloft, Mandy Killingbeck, Jason Michael Duggar, Lance and Hilary Bovee, Justin Besgrove and Aaron Jarvi. *To add a name, please send an email to [julie@rlca.us](mailto:julie@rlca.us) or call 354-7522.*

**DISCOVER RESURRECTION:** Beginning on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Pastor Phil will be leading a Discover Resurrection class in the fellowship hall. This is open to anyone who may want to learn more about what we believe and profess here at Resurrection as well as for anyone who may be looking for a refresher. Come join Pastor Phil and “Discover Resurrection.”

**BIRTHDAYS:** Emilee Manning, Christine Spencer, Kelsey (Diamond) Hanson, Howard Carpenter, Jere Stein and Rob Olsen celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all!

**SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT: CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES:** Operation Christmas Child is a project of the international relief Samaritan's Purse. Resurrection Lutheran has the opportunity to touch the lives of suffering children in over 100 countries. Over 8.6 million hurting children experienced the joy of Christmas in 2011 because of these shoe boxes. You can do three things. 1.) Fill shoe boxes, 2.) pray for the children who will receive the gifts and 3.) pray for their families, countries and for the national partners in each distribution country. Our job of filling boxes is easy...delivery is not an easy job. Shoe boxes will be available with complete directions inside. If you would like to purchase some individual items for a box....take a 'gift list' and place your chosen items in the basket in the entry. For more information call Lisa Thayer, 356-0515 or Cathy Moe, 354-2858.

**END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION:** Come join us at the Starlite Pavilion on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm. Our worship team will be playing praise music, food will be provided and we're praying for good weather. Bring your swimsuits, kayaks, sandcastle making equipment or just come and sit at a picnic table and enjoy the music. We look forward to a time of fellowship together. Please RSVP to Julie at 354-7522 if you plan to attend. Thank you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** At Resurrection Lutheran, it is our intention to partner with parents to help cultivate the faith lives of their children. We will do this by reinforcing the faith basics they have been taught at home, encouraging them to grow spiritually and providing a place for them to develop important personal relationships to support their faith foundations. Sunday School for all ages begins on September 9, 2018. It will run from 10:20am until approximately 10:50am each Sunday in the following rooms:

Preschool ages 2-4 – room #5

Kindergarten through 2nd grade – room #3

Grades 3-5 – room #1

Grades 6-8 – room #6

Grades 9-12 – Offsite, Cabin Creek Coffee at 10:30

For more information contact Stacy Bauer or Pastor Phil.

## **Mission Notes**

**What did God's Word or the message say today?**

**Where is God leading me to act?**

**Where does this lead me in prayer?**

## **GROW IN YOUR FAITH THIS FALL**

At Resurrection, our mission is "working to be the hands, feet, and face of Jesus to our community and beyond." Part of fulfilling this mission is seeking to know more of God's Word and being in a gathering of believers who are encouraging each other and lifting one another up in prayer. There are numerous opportunities to join in a study and small group here at Resurrection. Below you will find a list of Bible studies and small groups.

**Sunday - 10:20 Adult Bible Study:** This class meets in the Fellowship Hall following worship. The class will be going through the Bible in two years and will be starting this fall with the book of Deuteronomy. It is a great way to study God's word and get connected with fellow believers. For more information, contact Pastor Phil at 989-278-9817.

**Sunday - 4:00pm - Resurrection Youth:** Starting Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the youth at Resurrection will begin meeting in the fellowship hall for some time of fellowship, food, fun and time in God's Word. It is open to all youth in Middle School and High School. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Pastor Phil at 989-278-9817.

**Tuesday - 12:30pm Prayer Chain Bible Study:** The Prayer Chain at Resurrection meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the fellowship hall. At this group, they pray for those on the prayer list and study the book "Praying with Power." Anyone is welcome to be a part of this group. Contact Pastor Phil at 989-278-9817 for more information.

**Tuesday - 2:00pm - Tuesday Bible Study:** The Tuesday Bible Study meets in the fellowship hall. The group will be studying the "The Great Commissions: God's Call to Make Known The Gospel." The Bible Study will be led by Linda Kitzman and you can contact her at 989-727-8126.

**Wednesday - 6:00pm - Joining Jesus - Show Me How:** This group will be meeting at various restaurants in Alpena. The Joining Jesus small group is studying the book "Joining Jesus - Show Me How." The group is seeking to Join Jesus in making disciples and learning how they can join Jesus in what He is doing in the lives of those around each of them. Contact Pastor Phil at 989-278-9817 to learn more.

**Wednesday - 6:30pm - Ambidextrous Christianity:** This small group meets at various restaurants in Alpena and is open to all. If you would like to join this group or know more about what is being studied, contact Julie Wood at 989-354-7522.

**Thursday - 8:00am - Men's Bible Breakfast:** This men's group meets at the C.I.A restaurant. They are currently going through the study, "Men and Leisure." All men are welcome to come and be a part of this group. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Phil at 989-278-9817.

**Thursday - 6:00pm - A Woman's Heart:** This small group is studying the Beth Moore Bible study "A Woman's Heart." The study is nearing completion, but a new study will begin soon. Contact Julie Wood at 989-354-7522 for more information.

**Thursday - 6:00pm - Discover Resurrection Lutheran Church:** Discover Resurrection Lutheran Church is a class for those who are wanting to know more about Resurrection and what we believe, teach and confess. It is for those who are new to the Lutheran Church or for those who desire to get a refresher about what they learned in the past. The class is open to all. Please contact Pastor Phil at 989-278-9817 for more information.

**Friday - 6:00pm - A Woman's Heart:** This small group is studying the Beth Moore Bible study "A Woman's Heart." If you would like to know more about this study or would like to join this group contact Stacy Bauer at 989-657-3643.