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	"What a Beautiful Name" "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Prayer	
	"Prepare Our Hearts"	
Children's Sermon	"Great Stories, Bible Stories"	
Scripture Lessons	Zephaniah 3:14-20 (p. 1471) Psalm 85 (p. 923) Philippians 4:4-7 (p. 1827) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Luke 7:18-28 (p. 1605)	
Sermon	Pastor Phil Phifer	
Hymn of the Day	"Jesus, Name Above All Names"	
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of the Church		
Offering	"Reckless Love"	
Confession and forgiveness		
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		
Communion		
Benediction	"Echo Benediction"	
Closing Hymn	"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"	

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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, December 11th, at 5:30 pm

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

Pastor Phil Phifer – <u>pastorphil@rlca.us</u>, (989) 278-9817 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.

December 16, 2018

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This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 16.....9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School and fellowship 11:00 am – Embrace Grace volunteer meeting 4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth

Monday, December 17.....5:30 pm – Feeding Kids Packing (RLCA team 3)

Tuesday, December 18.....2:00 pm – Tuesday Bible study

Wednesday, December 19......7:30 am – staff meeting 4:30 pm – confirmation class 6:45 pm – Joining Jesus Show Me How

Thursday, December 20......8:00 am – men's Bible study 4:00 pm – worship team rehearsal 5:30 pm – Advent meal 6:30 pm – Advent worship

Sunday, December 23......9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School and fellowship 10:30 am – worship at Medilodge 4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR DECEMBER 3-9, 2018:

Worship attendance: 129 Offering: \$4063.42

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3-9: \$300.00

SERVING TODAY:

Phil Phifer – Pastor
Greg Altman, Don Grabiel, Mark Hamann, Rocky and Ginny Roland, Beth Strong and Julie Wood – Worship and Music Leaders
Rocky Roland – Reader
Scott Thayer – Assisting Minister
Bob and Nancy Coombs – Ushers
Ted and Grace Johnson – Communion Cups
Arlie Prevost and Emilee Manning – Greeters
Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician
Annette Kindt – Worship set-up
Greg and Linda LaHaie, Lori Muszynski – Fellowship

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Robert Lang, Bob Sullivan, Theresa Vrendenburg, Jerry Urlaub, Tom Lavoie, Bob Morgan, Mike Chadkewicz, Carl Pilarski, Sandi Skaluba, Ben Sharpe, Bob McManus, Beverly Attwell, Leonard Kemnitz, Dennis R. Diamond, J.R. Fugate, Mark Kandow 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, 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 or call 354-7522.*

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for next Sunday are Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10 and Luke 1:39-45.

BIRTHDAYS: Body Moe, Greg LaHaie, Ray Johnson, Charlotte Werth, Emily Thayer and Loren Urlaub celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all! **WELCOME:** We welcome Jim and Kathy Johnson into membership at Resurrection Lutheran Church. We look forward to worshipping and serving with you both! Welcome!

ADVENT WORSHIP: We will be holding Advent worship this year on Thursdays. There is one more opportunity for you to come enjoy a meal, an activity if you wish and worship. Our last Advent worship service will be this Thursday, December 20th. We will have a meal at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm. Come join us!

DECEMBER SERVICE PROJECT –SUNRISE MISSION: We will be bringing our offerings this month to folks in need at the Sunrise Mission in Alpena. The Sunrise Mission is a God-centered, God-driven and God-blessed organization, actively and sacrificially carrying out His will. While residents find a way back out of their homelessness, we can show them God's love through our gifts of:

- Queen and single sheets and pillow cases, new pillows
- Kleenex, garbage bags, dish and laundry soap and softener
- Full size shampoo and crème rinse
- Diapers and wipes
- Socks, deodorant, razors, shaving cream and liquid hand soap
- Towels/washcloths
- Meat for the freezer, canned beef, chicken, venison or processed fish

HEALING KITS: In order to complete our healing kits to drop off at the Alpena Cancer Center, we are still in need of several items! This list includes, devotion books, socks, lotion (alcohol free), chap stick, crosses, journals, water. If you would like to assist in the purchase of these items or would like to donate toward these kits, please contact Jolie 657-1335. Thank you!

EMBRACE GRACE VOLUNTEER MEETING: Resurrection Lutheran Church will begin a new ministry here in January. Embrace Grace is a ministry for moms experiencing unplanned pregnancies. If you have agreed to help with this new ministry or if you would like to hear more about it, please see Stacy Bauer. There will be a meeting for all volunteers today, December 16th at 11:00 am in classroom 1. Pizza will be provided.

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?