

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

"The First Noel"
"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"
Prayer
"Sanctuary"

Children's Sermon

"Great Stories, Bible Stories"

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (p. 105)
Psalm 111 (p. 952)
Colossians 3:12-17 (p. 1831)
"Away in a Manger"
Luke 2:22-40 (p. 1594)

Sermon

Pastor Phil Phifer

Hymn of the Day

"What Child is This?"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering

"Your Name (Christmas version)"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

"How Beautiful"

Benediction

"Go, my Children, with my Blessing"

Closing Hymn

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

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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 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, January 8th, 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.

December 30, 2018

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Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 30.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship

Wednesday, January 2.....7:30 am – staff meeting
6:45 pm – Joining Jesus Show Me How

Thursday, January 3.....8:00 am – men’s Bible study
4:00 pm – worship team rehearsal

Sunday, January 6.....9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School
and fellowship
4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR DECEMBER 17-23, 2018:

Worship attendance: 133
Offering: \$5162.50

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17-23: \$961.41

SERVING TODAY:

Phil Phifer – Pastor
Greg Altman, Don Grabel, Mark Hamann, Rocky and Ginny Roland
Beth Strong and Julie Wood – Worship and Music Leaders
Augie Matuzak – Reader
Stacy Bauer – Assisting Minister
Jolie Danielson and Dalair Dones – Ushers
Kiera Werth and Lily Spigelmyre – Communion Cups
Dick and Nancy Wiitala – Greeters
Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician
Annette Kindt – Worship set-up
Greg and Linda LaHaie, Lori Muszynski – Fellowship

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Kriste Kihn Poel, Robert Lang, Jerome LaNart, Bob Sullivan, Theresa Vrendenburg, Jerry Urlaub, Tom Lavoie, 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, 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 Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-11, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12.

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT – LWR SOAP: To start the year off, we will collect bars of soap. Some bars may stay in the States, some will go overseas. Soap gives health and dignity. One simple bar of soap is one of the building blocks to success. Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred. Bars should be in their original wrapping. Please do not put the soap in plastic bags. Please place soap in the basket in the Church entryway. Go to the Lutheran World Relief website to learn more. We generally collect all LWR kits and items early in the year to ensure that we will be ready in October when they collect at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the shipment. Thanks be to God for your generosity!

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!

THANK YOU: I would just like to thank all the prayer warriors of Resurrection Lutheran Church for their many prayers this past many months. They have been such a comfort to us, lifting us up on the dark days and helping us to praise God through it all. Thank you all! Gene and Joyce Sobeck

BIRTHDAYS: Jenny Spigelmyre, Ruth Hamann, Sandy and Leandra Dziesinski celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all!

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?