

**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 "As With Gladness Men of Old"  
"The First Noel"  
Prayer  
"Sanctuary"

Children's Sermon "Great Stories, Bible Stories"

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 1157)  
Psalm 72:1-11 (p. 907)  
Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 1817)  
"Away in a Manger"  
Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 1501)

Sermon Pastor Phil Phifer

Hymn of the Day "We Three Kings"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering "Born in Bethlehem"  
*Addison Wesaw – RLCA School of Music*

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Benediction "The Lord Bless You"

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World"

**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, January 8<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.**

**January 6, 2019**

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

### **This Week at RLCA**

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

Monday, January 7.....8:00 am – Three Days of Prayer stations  
10:00 am – food truck unloading  
5:30 pm – Feeding Kids Packing (RLCA team 1)

Tuesday, January 8.....8:00 am – Three Days of Prayer stations  
12:30 pm – Prayer Chain meeting  
2:00 pm – Tuesday Bible study  
5:30 pm – council meeting

Wednesday, January 9.....7:30 am – staff meeting  
4:30 pm -- confirmation  
6:30 pm – Three Days of Prayer worship

Thursday, January 10.....8:00 am – men’s Bible study  
4:00 pm – worship team rehearsal

Saturday, January 12.....1:00 pm – Embrace Grace Volunteer training

Sunday, January 13.....9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School  
and fellowship  
10:45 am – worship at Turning Brook  
4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth

### **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR DECEMBER 24-30, 2018:**

Worship attendance: 96

Offering: \$8392.95

**FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24-30:** \$790.00

### **SERVING TODAY:**

Phil Phifer – Pastor

Greg Altman, Sydney Dodson, Don Grabiell, Mark Hamann and Julie Wood –  
Worship and Music Leaders

Annette Kindt – Reader

Stacy Bauer – Assisting Minister

Augie Matuzak and Joe Spigelmyre – Ushers

Ted and Grace Johnson – Communion Cups

Howard and Cathy Carpenter – Greeters

John Diamond – Audio/Visual Technician

Stacy Bauer and Jenny Spigelmyre – Worship set-up

Jolie Danielson and Jan Kaiser – Fellowship

**PRAYERS:** We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Jerome LeNart and the family and friends of Ben Sharpe. We also remember in our prayers Kriste Kihn Poel, Robert Lang, Bob Sullivan, Theresa Vrendenburg, Jerry Urlaub, Tom Lavoie, Mike Chadkewicz, Carl Pilarski, Sandi Skaluba, 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](mailto:julie@rlca.us) or call 354-7522.*

**FOR STUDY AT HOME:** The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Romans 6:1-11 and Luke 3:15-22.

## Mission Notes

**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!

**BURNING OF THE GREENS:** You are welcome to attend the burning of the greens at Pastor Phil and Jennifer's house (4023 S. Partridge Point Road) on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Bring your Christmas tree (if you want) and a plate of cookies or your favorite Christmas dessert to share. Hot chocolate will be provided. Come celebrate Epiphany and share in some fellowship.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Ron Zitlau, Bette Lough, Hal Neiman, Becca Wojciechowski and Noretta Schwartz celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you all!

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

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

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