

**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                      "Shout to the Lord"  
   "He Is Exalted"  
   Prayer  
   "Nearer my God to Thee"

Children's Sermon                      "Great Stories, Bible Stories"

Scripture Lessons                      Isaiah 12:1-6 (p. 1079)  
   Psalm 32 (p. 867)  
   2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p. 1797)  
   "Create in Me a Clean Heart"  
   Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (p. 1625)  
Sermon                                      Pastor Phil Phiifer

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

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering                                      "How Can It Be"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion                              "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"  
   "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Benediction                              "Echo Benediction"

Closing Hymn                              "Jesus Messiah"

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL:

### Term ending 2021

Dalair Dones	<a href="mailto:dalair49@live.com">dalair49@live.com</a>	727-3450
Greg LaHaie	<a href="mailto:win71@charter.net">win71@charter.net</a>	657-0870
Linda Sansom	<a href="mailto:linda199698@yahoo.com">linda199698@yahoo.com</a>	379-2672

### Term ending 2020

Howard Carpenter	<a href="mailto:hecarpenter@charter.net">hecarpenter@charter.net</a>	356-2359
John Diamond-Vice-Chair	<a href="mailto:john.d.diamond@outlook.com">john.d.diamond@outlook.com</a>	464-8822
Bryan Strong	<a href="mailto:bryan.strong@edwardjones.com">bryan.strong@edwardjones.com</a>	595-6412

### Term ending 2019

Jolie Douglas-Danielson-Secretary	<a href="mailto:pjs4rr@charter.net">pjs4rr@charter.net</a>	657-1335
Joe Spigelmyre	<a href="mailto:josephspig@gmail.com">josephspig@gmail.com</a>	657-4442
Jay Walterreit-Chair	<a href="mailto:jaywalterreit@gmail.com">jaywalterreit@gmail.com</a>	464-5566

Doug Horne – Treasurer	<a href="mailto:dchorne@wmcrkfc.com">dchorne@wmcrkfc.com</a>	595-3202
------------------------	--	----------

**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, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm

## **STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Pastor Phil Phifer – [pastorphil@rlca.us](mailto:pastorphil@rlca.us), (989) 278-9817  
Director – Faith Development  
Director – Pastoral Ministries

Julie Wood – [julie@rlca.us](mailto:julie@rlca.us), (989) 657-6887  
Director – GO Ministries  
Director – RLCA School of Music  
Director – Worship and Music



*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.**

**March 31, 2019**

Resurrection Lutheran Church of Alpena  
PO Box 151 Alpena, MI 49707  
(989) 354-7522  
[www.rlca.us](http://www.rlca.us)

*Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)*

### **This Week at RLCA**

Sunday, March 31.....9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School  
and fellowship  
11:00 am – Sunday School meeting  
4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth

Monday, April 1.....10:00 am – food truck unpacking  
5:30 pm – Feeding Kids packing (RLCA team 1)

Tuesday, April 2.....12:30 pm – prayer chain Bible study  
2:00 pm – Tuesday Bible study  
5:30 pm – Embrace Grace

Wednesday, April 3.....7:30 am – staff meeting  
4:30 pm – confirmation  
5:15 pm – meager meal and food delivery  
6:00 pm – midweek Lenten worship

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

Friday, April 5.....6:00 pm – Art in the Loft performance  
6:00 pm – Daniel study

Sunday, April 7.....9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School  
and fellowship  
4:00 pm – Resurrection Youth

### **ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR MAR. 18-24, 2019:**

Worship attendance: 28 and 109

Offering: \$3520.00

### **FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF MAR. 18-24:** \$110.00

### **SERVING TODAY:**

Phil Phifer - Pastor

Greg Altman, Jolie Danielson, Don Grabiell, Mark Hamann, Jennifer Phifer  
and Julie Wood – Worship and Music Leaders

Annette Kindt – Reader

Stacy Bauer – Assisting Minister

Judy Langerfeld and Sandy Samp – Ushers

Gunner and Gauge Moe – Communion cups

Chris and Trish DesChamps family – Greeters

John Diamond – Audio/Visual Technician

Annette Kindt – Worship set-up

Laura Kolar and Angie Smith – Fellowship

**PRAYERS:** We remember in our prayers: Cheryl Gauthier, Guy Sork, LeeAnn Wooster, Kriste Kihn Poel, Robert Lang, Bob Sullivan, Theresa Vrendenburg, Jerry Urlaub, Tom Lavoie, Mike Chadkewicz, Carl Pilarski, Sandi Skaluba, Bob McManus, Beverly Attwell, 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.*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Connor Olsen, Mary Zitlau, Bradley LaFleche, Frieda Pinkert and Betty Gehrke celebrate a birthday this coming week. Happy Birthday to you both!

**FOR STUDY AT HOME:** The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:8-14 and Luke 20:9-20.

**FELLOWSHIP AND FUNERAL LUNCHEONS:** Have a favorite salad or dessert that you like to prepare? Wanting to join in helping out at church? We are always looking for more people to engage in many ways. If you’d be willing to help out in fellowship or funeral luncheons, please contact Jolie Danielson at 657-1335.

## Mission Notes

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING:** Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, all Sunday School teachers and volunteers are invited to attend a meeting with Pastor Phil after Sunday School in the fellowship hall. For more information, contact Pastor Phil.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP:** On the Wednesdays during Lent, we will meet for a meager meal at 5:15 pm and worship at 6:00 pm. Also, the food that was packed on Ash Wednesday will be distributed to our neighbors on those Wednesday evenings. If you would like to help deliver, please contact Julie or Pastor Phil.

**APRIL SERVICE PROJECT – ST. VINCENT FOOD PANTRY:** Resurrection Lutheran Church presents our food gifts for April to St. Vincent's Food Pantry. This organization does a brilliant job of assisting area families in need of basics...food for their families. We are blessed to be part of this solution. Non-perishable items will be collected...canned goods, boxed goods, hygiene paper products and all paper products, canned fruits, vegetables, family-sized mac 'n cheese, complete meal boxes, spaghetti meals, cereals...be creative. What are you having for meals today? Please call Cathy Moe for questions at 354-2858.

**SCHOOL OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE:** On April 5<sup>th</sup>, several of our RLCA School of Music students will be performing up at Art in the Loft between 6:00-8:00 pm. This is an annual event we've participated in for quite a few years where we provide background music for the Young Artists' Exhibit open house. Feel free to stop up and enjoy artwork by our area school students, refreshments and great music by our School of Music students as well as Music4You!

**DISCOVER RESURRECTION:** Pastor Phil will be leading another Discover Resurrection class beginning Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to learn more about our Lutheran faith or what we believe here at Resurrection, come and join Pastor Phil in the fellowship hall after worship.

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

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

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