

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 Pastor Scott or a member of our Congregational Council -- they are all wearing name tags. 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, given with bread and wine for us to eat and drink. 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. Please kneel at the rail if you are able then receive the wafer and the wine. 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. Also available during Advent are baggies filled with yarn/ribbon/beads to make a cross to give as a gift. See instructions in the bags. If you have any extra material from the plastic canvas crosses left over, please return the baggies with the extra material to the basket. Thank you!

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 Sandi Johnson at 657-3231. All your prayer requests will be kept in confidence among those in the prayer chain.

Welcome and Announcements		John Diamond Council, Chair
Confession and Forgiveness		see screen
Praise Singing	"Here I Am to Worship" "Prepare Our Hearts"	see screen
Prayer of the Day		see screen
Children's Sermon	"This Little Light of Mine"	see screen
Scripture Lessons		Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Colossians 1:9-14 John 1:1-5
Sermon		Pastor Scott Meier
Hymn of the Day	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"	see screen
Apostles' Creed		see screen
Prayers of the Church		see screen
Offering	"Emmanuel"	see screen
Offertory	"Shine Jesus Shine"	see screen
Words of Institution		see screen
Communion		see screen
Benediction	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	see screen
Closing Hymn	"We Are Marching in the Light"	see screen

You have elected the following people to serve you as your Congregational Council. Thanks be to God for the work that He accomplishes through them!

Term ending 2014

Doug Horne- Treasurer	595-3202
Joanne Gallagher – Secretary	727-1014
Terry Curtis	358-0087

Term ending 2013

Linda Bjella	356-6259
John Diamond – Chair	727-9971
Bonnie Urlaub	356-4203

Term ending 2012

Augie Matuzak - Vice Chair	370-3314
Brenda Rosenberg	595-3030
Sandy Samp	379-4368

MEMBERSHIP: If you have interest in becoming a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, please complete a membership application which can be found in the fellowship hall following worship.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR WED. NOV. 23 AND SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 2011:

Worship attendance: 73 and 98

Offering: \$311.90 and \$2144.95

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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 4, 2011
Second Sunday of Advent
www.rlca.us**

SCHOOL OF MUSIC RECITAL: Tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m., many of our students from the School of Music will be giving a recital. You'll hear music from flutes, piano, voice and guitar. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. Come and see what the outreach of your congregation has done!

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS AND WORSHIP: We will hold Advent worship services on two more Wednesdays, December 7th and December 14th. Worship begins at 6:30 pm with a light dinner served before-hand at 5:30. The services will be based on a study called "John – Old Places, New Faces." Small groups are now forming. Sign-up sheets are in the entry and the fellowship hall. Sign up and bring a friend!

DECEMBER SERVICE ACTIVITY: This month for the service activity, we have a Salvation Army mitten tree in the entry of the church. You have several options.

- 1). Take a mitten reminder with you and purchase your own donation.
- 2). Donate on the spot for warm mittens or hats of your choosing.
- 3). Bring in your own choice of mittens or hats.

All donations will go to help Alpena youth stay warm this winter. We will end this service project one week early – on December 18th. For more information, please call Dawn DesChamps at 354-4241 or Kim Meier at 340-1037.

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The texts for next weekend are Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, Colossians 1:15-20 and John 1:6-8, 19-28.

FLOWERS: The flowers at the altar are given in memory of Ilabelle Precord from Terry, Kim and Rachel Marzean.

SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor
Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Dick Reed, Beth Strong, Don Rosenberg and Kim Meier – Worship and music leaders
Rodney Lang – Assisting Minister
Augie Matuzak – Reader
Bob and Nancy Coombs – Ushers
Al and Cathy Moe – Greeters

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 during normal hours (listed on the back of your bulletin) and pick up a copy.

REGULAR CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Congregational Council will meet Tuesday, December 13th, at 5:30 pm.

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Ian Alsgard, Sandy Zastrow, Erna Kinsel, Jeff Trelfa, Alice Parker, Susan Yachcik, Roy Bartz, Erin McCourt, Mike McCourt, Kay Lahaie Cox, John Kowaleski, Sheila Nye, Pamela Anderson Courtright, Betty Jones, Sandi Johnson, Frieda Pinkert, Marge Cogswell, Nicky Miller, Jon Karsten, Phoebe Rang, Todd Timmreck and J.R. Tripp. For those in the armed services, may God guard and protect them as they guard and protect us: Leland Swift, Roy C. Johnson, Lucas Cordes, Steve Lang, David Kloft, Mandy Killingbeck, Mark Trnka, J. Reed Greenwood, Jason Michael Duggar, Lance Bovee, Sven "Lars" Johnson and Sam Talaske. *To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.*

BIRTHDAYS: Jan Kaiser and Rhianna Kaszubowski celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you both! ☺

Faith Development Opportunities

We, as church, the people of God have the responsibility to deepen our relationship with God through both head and heart. Resurrection Lutheran Church offers many ways to help the discipleship work get carried out in our homes.

Wednesday Nights - Disciples in the Making (D.it M)

Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups are invited to attend Advent worship services with their families these next three weeks.

Sunday Mornings - Sunday School and Small Groups

Pre-School - Kindergarten - in the Nursery

First-Fifth Grades - Room 3

Sixth-Eighth Grades - Room 6

Ninth-Twelfth Grades - Room 1

For Adults - Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Meets Dec. 7th, Dec. 14th and Dec. 21st

Studying "John: Old Places, New Faces" during Advent

8:00 am at Chisholm St. Big Boy

Body and Soul Fitness

Winter 2012 session: "I'm All In" starts January 3rd.

Tuesdays/Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm for 11 weeks

Contact Kim Meier 340-1037 for more information

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

The December/January/February copies are now available in the racks in the fellowship hall and gathering area of the church. Please feel free to take a copy – maybe take one for a friend as well!

Coming Soon

Financial Peace University will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning January 3rd. Come and bring a friend and learn how to manage all the gifts God has given you. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Julie at 354-7522.