

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 receive the wafer and dip it in 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		Augie Matuzak Council, Vice-chair
Confession and Forgiveness		see screen
Praise Singing	"Rejoice in the Lord Always" "Prepare Our Hearts"	see screen
Prayer of the Day		see screen
Children's Sermon	"Down in my Heart"	see screen
Scripture Lessons		Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:6-8, 19-28
Sermon		Pastor Scott Meier
Hymn of the Day	"On Jordan's Banks"	see screen
Apostles' Creed		see screen
Prayers of the Church		see screen
Offering	"Shout to the Lord"	see screen
Offertory	"Shine Jesus Shine"	see screen
Words of Institution		see screen
Communion	"How Great Thou Art" "I Exalt Thee"	see screen
Benediction	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	see screen
Closing Hymn	"Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"	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. 30 AND SUN. DEC. 4, 2011:

Worship attendance: 53 and 122

Offering: \$ 280.41 and \$5467.72

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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 11, 2011  
Third Sunday of Advent  
[www.rlca.us](http://www.rlca.us)**

ADVENT WORSHIP: We will hold Advent worship for one more Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Worship begins at 6:30 pm with a light dinner served beforehand at 5:30. The service will be based on a study called “John – Old Places, New Faces.” Come 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 Zephaniah 3:14-20, Luke 1:39-49, Romans 16:25-27 and John 1:14-18 .

CAROLING: The Junior and Senior high youth will be Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Turning Brook at 4:45 p.m. and Tendercare at 6 p.m. We are asking people of the congregation to bring cookies to the church by Wednesday, Dec. 21st, by 4pm so the youth can bag the cookies for distribution. If you have any questions contact Jolie 354-5694 or Jan Kaiser.

#### 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. Cost for the 13 week session is \$77.50/family – a reduced rate from the normal \$99.00. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Julie at 354-7522.

#### SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor  
Linda Jones, Greg Altman, Dick Reed, Liz Meier, Kelsey Diamond, Emily and Hannah Thayer, Phoebe Wojciechowski, Carley Hoeksema, Ashley Timmreck and Emma Strong – Music leaders  
Nancy Coombs – Assisting Minister  
Dawn DesChamps – Reader  
Sandy Samp and Joanne Gallagher – Ushers  
Bonnie and Loren Urlaub – 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](mailto: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. Fugate. 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](mailto:julie@rlca.us) or call 354-7522.*

BIRTHDAYS: Jerry Kindt, Carley Hoeksema and Greg LaHaie celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all! ☺

### **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 this week.

#### **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. 14<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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!