

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.

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		Doug Horne Council, Treasurer
Confession and Forgiveness		see screen
Praise Singing	"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" "Prepare Our Hearts"	see screen
Prayer of the Day		see screen
Children's Sermon	"Away in a Manger"	see screen
Scripture Lessons		Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 John 1:14-18
Sermon		Pastor Scott Meier
Hymn of the Day	"Mighty to Save"	see screen
Apostles' Creed		see screen
Prayers of the Church		see screen
Offering	"Salvation Belongs to Our God"	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	"I Will Call Upon the Lord"	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 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011:

Worship attendance: 121

Offering: \$ 2389.26

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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 18, 2011
Fourth Sunday of Advent
www.rlca.us**

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES: We will have two services to celebrate the birth of Jesus – one on Saturday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m. and one on Sunday, December 25th at our regular 9:00 a.m. worship time. This is a wonderful time to invite family and friends to “come and see!”

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 Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-20 and for Christmas Day, Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-12 and John 1:1-14.

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, January 10th, at 5:30 pm.

BIRTHDAYS: Ray Johnson, Emily Thayer, Loren Urlaub, Carrlyssa Whittington, Nathaniel Muszynski and Joan Lavoie celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all! ☺

SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor

Linda Jones, Greg Altman, Dick Reed, Liz Meier, Carley Hoeksema, Emma Strong, Phoebe Wojciechowski, Kelsey Diamond and Ashley

Timmreck – Music leaders

Rodney Lang – Assisting Minister

Frank McCourt – Reader

Ken and Karen Kindt – Ushers

Doug and Sandy Horne – Greeters

CONGREGATIONAL TITHE: Each month 10% of all regular giving is sent out beyond our congregation. For the month of November, the Congregational Council has designated these three ministries: Journey's Edge Ministries- Pastor Scott Joy (\$660), Salvation Army (\$495), and Mazahua Valley Ministries (\$495). Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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 or call 354-7522.*

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

Faith Development Opportunities

We, 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 will resume their Wednesday evening activities on January 4th at 6:30 p.m.
A light dinner is served at 5:30.

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. 21st
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!