

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.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness		see screen
Praise Singing	"Joy to the World" "Our God Reigns" "Angels from the Realms"	see screen
Prayer of the Day		see screen
Children's Sermon	"Away in a Manger"	see screen
Scripture Lessons		Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14
Sermon		Pastor Scott Meier
Hymn of the Day	"Angels We Have Heard On High"	see screen
Apostles' Creed		see screen
Prayers of the Church		see screen
Offering	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	see screen
Offertory	"What Child is This?"	see screen
Words of Institution		see screen
Communion	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" "Silent Night"	see screen
Benediction	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	see screen
Closing Hymn	"Go Tell it on the Mountain"	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., DEC. 14, AND SUN., DEC. 18, 2011:

Worship attendance: 45 and 132

Offering: \$410.00 and \$5330.32

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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 25, 2011
Merry Christmas!
www.rlca.us**

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The texts for next weekend are Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:15-21.

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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving! Resurrection Lutheran wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

We offer Direct Debit Giving which is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office or in the brochure stands in the entry and fellowship hall.

SALVATION ARMY MITTEN DRIVE: Our congregation collected and delivered 130 mittens/hats/scarves/gloves and \$60. The monetary gifts were used to help purchase a personal DVD player for a chronically ill, wheelchair-bound child. Thank you for your generosity!

JANUARY SERVICE ACTIVITY: For January, we will be collecting soap for Lutheran World Relief. The gift of soap lets someone present him/herself with dignity and stay healthy. Those simple things are some of the building blocks to success. Bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) are preferred. Soap should be in its original wrapping. Please do not put the soap in plastic bags. You may place your offering in the basket in the entryway. If you're interested in learning more, you may check out the Lutheran World Relief's website at www.lwr.org. If you have questions, contact Cathy Moe at 354-2858.

SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Dick Reed, Kelsey Diamond, Kim and Liz Meier and Don Rosenberg – Worship and music leaders

Rodney Lang – Assisting Minister

Justine LaFleche – Reader

Dawn DesChamps and Sandi Johnson – Ushers

Rodney and JoEllen Lang – 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, January 10th, 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, Brenda Rosenberg, J.R. Fugate and the family and friends of Ida Marwede, mother of Caroline Reynolds. 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: Helen Johnson, Mark Diamond and Jenny Spigelmyre celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all! ☺

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 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of the month
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

Devotionals

"Our Daily Bread" and "Portals of Prayer" are now available in the racks in the fellowship hall and entryway of the church. Please feel free to take a copy – maybe take one for a friend as well!

Christmas Poinsettias were purchased by:

Karmon & Linda Bjella in memory of Lowell Bjella
Karmon & Linda Bjella in memory of Ronald Gillespie
Cathy & Howard Carpenter in memory of Cheri Carpenter
Cathy & Howard Carpenter in memory of Bill Hays
Marge Cogswell in memory of Clinton Cogswell
Stephen & Joanne Gallagher in honor of George & Dorothy LaFleche
Stephen & Joanne Gallagher in memory of Bill & Elin Gallagher
Doug & Sandy Horne in memory of Louis Kowaleski
Doug & Sandy Horne in memory of Sally Harris
Doug & Sandy Horne in memory of Andy Horne
Shirley Houston in honor of All My Children, Grandchildren, &
Great-Grandchildren
Shirley Houston in memory of Guy Houston
Sandi Johnson in memory of Ed Skaluba
Jan Kaiser in honor of Kelsey Diamond
Dennis & Annette Kindt in memory of Richard Ulch
Ken & Karen Kindt in memory of Art & Esther Neumann
Ken & Karen Kindt in memory of Glenn & Elsie Hibner
Ken & Karen Kindt in memory of Norm & Ethel Kindt
Bruce & Peggy LaFleche
The Bruce LaFleche Family
George & Dorothy LaFleche in memory of Our Parents
Rodney & JoEllen Lang in honor of David & Lydia Lang
Rodney & JoEllen Lang in memory of Joe & Helen Kluce
Pastor Scott & Kim Meier & Family in memory of Our Grandparents
Lori Muszynski in memory of Ervin & Dolly Kindt
Loren & Bonnie Urlaub in memory of Clarence Kihn
Loren & Bonnie Urlaub in memory of Florence & LeRoy Urlaub
Loren & Bonnie Urlaub in honor of Children & Grandchildren

Please feel free to take your poinsettia home after service on January 1st.