

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.

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| Announcements              |   | Augie Matuzak<br>Council, Vice-chair                          |
| Confession and Forgiveness |   | see screen  |
| Praise Singing             | "The First Noel"<br>"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" | see screen  |
| Prayer of the Day          |   | see screen  |
| Children's Sermon          | "Away in a Manger"                              | see screen  |
| Scripture Lessons          |   | Numbers 6:22-27<br>Psalm 8<br>Galatians 4:4-7<br>Luke 2:15-21 |
| Sermon                     |   | Pastor Scott Joy  |
| Hymn of the Day            | "O Little Town of Bethlehem"                    | see screen  |
| Apostles' Creed            |   | see screen  |
| Prayers of the Church      |   | see screen  |
| Offering                   | "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"                     | see screen  |
| Offertory                  | "What Child is This?"                           | see screen  |
| Words of Institution       |   | see screen  |
| Communion                  |   | see screen  |
| Benediction                | "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"               | see screen  |
| Closing Hymn               | "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"               | 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

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

Term ending 2013

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

Term ending 2012

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| 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 SAT., DEC. 24, AND SUN., DEC. 25, 2011:

Worship attendance: 183 and 46  
Offering: \$4281.00 and \$1364.00

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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.**

**January 1, 2011  
[www.rlca.us](http://www.rlca.us)**

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The texts for next weekend are Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7 and Mark 1:4-11.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY PREVIEW: We will have a preview of the Financial Peace University course this Tuesday at 6:45 pm. Come see what this scripture-based program for managing the gifts God has given you is all about. If you decide you want to be a part of the class, the 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.

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](http://www.lwr.org). If you have questions, contact Cathy Moe at 354-2858.

POINSETTIAS: If you purchased a poinsettia for our Christmas season, please feel free to take it home after service today. Thank you for your generosity in making our sanctuary so beautiful for Christmas!

SERVING TODAY:

Scott Joy – Guest Preacher  
Julie Wood – Worship and music leader  
Rodney Lang – Assisting Minister  
Joanne Gallagher – Reader  
Ken and Karen Kindt – Ushers  
Doug and Sandy Horne – 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, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, Mike Bailey, Brenda Rosenberg, Al Moe, Melanie Taylor 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: Ron Zitlau and Bob Padget celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you both! ☺

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
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!