

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.

Announcements		Joanne Gallagher Council, Secretary
Confession and Forgiveness		see screen
Praise Singing	"He is Exalted" "I Love You, Lord"	see screen
Prayer of the Day		see screen
Children's Sermon	"Great Stories, Bible Stories"	see screen
Scripture Lessons		Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11
Sermon		Pastor Scott Meier
Hymn of the Day	"In Christ Alone"	see screen
Apostles' Creed		see screen
Prayers of the Church		see screen
Offering	"Above All"	see screen
Offertory	"Create in Me a Clean Heart"	see screen
Words of Institution		see screen
Communion		see screen
Benediction	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	see screen
Closing Hymn	"All Glory, Laud and Honor"	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. MAR. 21 AND SUN., MAR. 25, 2012:

Worship attendance: Sun: 110
Offering: \$280.50 and \$2165.27

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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.

**April 1, 2012
Palm Sunday
www.rlca.us**

APRIL SERVICE ACTIVITY – LWR LAYETTES: The need is dire for baby layettes. Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty or experiencing a disaster. When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often have little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. These few items make a difference and tell them “we care.” Resurrection Lutheran layettes are sent directly to a LWR warehouse so they can be used where the need is greatest.

Each layette will include:

Two onesies (or similar item)

Two gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)

Two receiving blankets

Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred

One sweater or sweatshirt

Two washcloths

One bath-size bar (4/5 oz.) of gentle soap in its original wrapping

Two diaper pins

Please place one or more items in collection baskets in the entryway, fellowship hall or side entry into the Sanctuary. Separate items are absolutely welcome. Or, if you prefer to make up an entire kit – wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure tightly with the two diaper pins. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Questions: Cathy Moe 354-2858 - ajcmoe@charter.net

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scriptures for this coming Sunday are Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Romans 6:8-14 and Mark 16:1-8.

SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Dick Reed, Don Rosenberg, Liz Meier, Phoebe
and Becca Wojciechowski – Worship and music leaders

Brenda Rosenberg – Assisting Minister

Dawn DesChamps – Reader

Joanne Gallagher and Sandi Johnson – Ushers

Howard and Cathy Carpenter – 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, April 10th, at 5:30 pm.

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Ian Alsgard, Erna Kinsel, Jeff Trelfa, Alice Parker, Roy Bartz, Mike McCourt, John Kowaleski, Sheila Nye, Pamela Anderson Courtright, Betty Jones, Frieda Pinkert, Marge Cogswell, Nicky Miller, Jon Karsten, Todd Timmreck, Bryce Moe, Melanie Taylor, Larry Daoust, Ronald Schroeder, Peggy Krentz, Ron Misiak, Gerry Clay, Jan Ahlgren, Diane Sims and the family and friends of Kay Lahaie Cox. 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, Jonathan Goebel and Sam Talaske. *To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.*

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, April 1.....9:00 am worship followed by Sunday School and fellowship
Monday, April 2..
Tuesday, April 3.....6:45 pm – Financial Peace University
Wednesday, April 4.....8:00 am – Men’s Bible Study
5:30 pm – Meet for prayer over food for Birchwood
Thursday, April 5.....6:30 pm Maundy Thursday worship
Friday, April 6.....5:30 pm Good Friday worship
Sunday, April 8.....9:00 am Easter worship followed by fellowship

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 (6th-12th grades)

Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups are welcome to participate in the Wednesday Lenten worship services with their families.

Sunday Mornings - Sunday School and Small Groups

Pre-School - Kindergarten – Room 4
First-Fifth Grades - Room 3
Sixth-Eighth Grades - Room 6
Ninth-Twelfth Grades - Room 1

For Adults - Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays
8:00 am at Chisholm St. Big Boy

EASTER FOOD DRIVE: As part of our “Go” ministry, we will be taking bags of groceries to our neighbors in Birchwood Meadow apartments on Wednesday, April 4th in place of a Wednesday evening worship service. We are looking for bags filled with groceries that you would use for your Easter dinner – ham, turkey, vegetables, casserole ingredients, salad ingredients, pie mix – whatever you would consider an Easter dinner (maybe even a family recipe with the ingredients included). You may purchase the groceries yourself and bag them up or work with another family or two to come up with a complete meal. If you aren’t able to purchase the groceries, you may come to help deliver the groceries – this is the hard part. ☺ We’ll meet in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. and pray over the food and the people who will receive it as well as insert one of our church’s business cards in each bag. Then we’ll walk together over to Birchwood Meadows and knock on doors until we are able to give our groceries away. Random acts of kindness are one of our ways to “go” into our community. Many of these people may not need the food but some will and all can see the face of Jesus as we deliver the groceries. Come share some Resurrection Joy with folks and join us at church on April 4th. Contact Julie in the office if you have any questions 354-7522.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR: Today, the flowers are given in honor of Tom and Joan Lavoie's "56th" Wedding Anniversary and their granddaughter, Alicia DesOrmeau's, "15th" birthday – all on April 7th – from their family.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Please come join us for the special worship services planned for Holy Week. We will worship Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm, Good Friday at 5:30 pm and then our regular 9:00 am worship for Easter Sunday. Invite your friends and family to come and see!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY: There will be no Sunday School following worship next Sunday, April 8th. We invite you to share the fellowship time together and then celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with your families.

HELP WITH YARDWORK! Junior/Senior high service event will be held on April 7th, Saturday, running from approximately 1pm – 5pm. We are asking any of our members who need a helping hand with Spring yard clean-up to call Jolie at 354-5694 to add your yard to our list. Hurry, we may only have room for a few more!!

BODY & SOUL FITNESS: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE:

Does your *faith* need a growth spurt this summer?
Would you like a boost of *hope* to encourage your heart?
Are you in need of a big dose of friendship and *love*?

Join us as we exercise and stretch our bodies and souls during this Spring session of Body & Soul and you will find all three there. You can join anytime. Try your first two classes for FREE, not just one but 2 classes for free!! Call Kim at 340-1037 if you need financial assistance and/or child care.

Spring 2012 Session- Tue/Thurs 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. @ RLCA Fellowship Hall, beginning April 10th!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT: Our last Family Game Night for this winter is scheduled for Friday, April 13th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. **The food theme is a picnic.** Grilled hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to pass. We will also feature a trivia game this month! **GO** invite your neighbors, friends and relatives. Call JoEllen with questions, 340-0271.

BIRTHDAYS: Mary Zitlau, Brad LaFleche, Frieda Pinkert, Brenda Rosenberg and Betty Gehrke celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday! ☺