

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		John Diamond Council, Chair
Confession and Forgiveness		see screen
Praise Singing	"Give Me Jesus" "Open my Eyes, Lord"	see screen
Prayer of the Day		see screen
Children's Sermon	"Books of the Old Testament"	see screen
Scripture Lessons		Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:17-21 John 15:1-8
Sermon		Pastor Scott Meier
Hymn of the Day	"Revelation Song"	see screen
Rite of Confirmation		see screen
Prayers of the Church		see screen
Offering	"Mighty to Save"	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	"Lead on, O King Eternal"	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, APRIL 29, 2012:

Worship attendance:87

Offering: \$3050.50



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.

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SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor

Julie Wood, Dick Reed, Greg Altman, Kelsey Diamond, Emily and Hannah
Thayer, Phoebe and Becca Wojciechowski, Gerard Ahlgren and Liz
Meier – Worship and music leaders

Bonnie Urlaub – Assisting Minister

Justine LaFleche – Reader

Doug and Sandy Horne – Ushers

Dennis and Annette Kindt – 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, May 8th, at 5:30 pm.

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Ian Alsgard, Erna Kinsel, Jeff Trelfa, Alice Parker, Roy Bartz, Mike McCourt, John Kowaleski, Pamela Anderson Courtright, Betty Jones, Frieda Pinkert, Marge Cogswell, Jon Karsten, Todd Timmreck, Melanie Taylor, Ronald Schroeder, Ron Misiak, Gerry Clay, Jan Ahlgren, Diane Sims, Vic Gehrke, Mary Jane Rosenberg, JoAnn Gansen and Bob Kaszubowski. 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, Justin Madsen and Sam Talaske. *To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.*

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scriptures for this coming Sunday are Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17.

BIRTHDAYS: Clay Bauer and Mindy Czinder celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday! ☺

Statement of Faith - Rebecca (Becca) Wojciechowski

I am a Christian because I believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ who died for our sins. So that we may be forgiven. I believe God will take us as we are; he is a God that forgives even when we have done wrong. I believe that because of God sending his son to die for us we have a freedom. He is all knowing and powerful. His love is never ending and his mercy always flowing. He is the one that will love forever, the one who has been here all along. He gives strength when we are weak and holds us together when things seem to be falling apart. Our God is greater than any other.

Statement of Faith - Hannah Thayer

I believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that the Holy Trinity has been there since the beginning of creation. I trust that the Triune God will be with me every second of every day, through my daily struggles, failures, and disappointments as well as my accomplishments and successes.

I believe that God sent Jesus to die on the cross while carrying my sins. Jesus willingly gave his life to pay for the sins I have committed, and the sins I will commit in the future. I know that if I confess my sins to Him, He will grant me absolution, I will be forgiven, and my wrongs will be made right.

I believe that God created everything in the universe. He created light and separated it from the dark, made all the creatures in the sea and on the land, and created Adam and Eve from dust. He has blessed me with amazing gifts, and has performed daily miracles that I take for granted. Everything I do is only possible through God's grace.

I love and fear God the Father above all.

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, May 6.....9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School and a reception for the newly confirmed
Tuesday, May 8.....5:30 pm – Body and Soul Fitness
5:30 pm – Council meeting
Wednesday, May 9.....8:00 am – Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm – Disciples in the Making
Thursday, May 10.....5:30 pm – Body and Soul Fitness
Sunday, May 13.....9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School and 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 meet for a meal and worship time, learning, service and fellowship. A light dinner is served at 5:30 pm, worship songs begin at 6:00 and the evening concludes at 8:00 pm.

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

Body and Soul Fitness: Faith, Hope and Love

Tues/Thurs. 5:30-6:30 pm
Kim 340-1037 for more info

of the wrongful things I've done in my life, I was still forgiven. It might not have been the people that I did the specific thing to, but it was my Lord, Jesus.

Knowing that, I decided to do better things, even though I was being forgiven for all my sins. Just because you'll be forgiven, doesn't mean that you should take that route in life. So when I decided to do better things in life, I started immediately. At Christmas time, I went caroling at local nursing homes. I helped cut and tie blankets for the cancer-fighting patients at the hospital. And most recently, I helped deliver free Easter dinners to the families in the apartments across the street. Seeing the smiles on their faces almost made me cry. Having faith in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit has given me the courage to help others, giving them faith in God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and also the faith in humanity. Coming from a family who hasn't taught me all of the true importance of church, a family who practically never goes to church, and a family who never talks about the Lord, I have come a long ways. Knowing nothing of anything church related to being confirmed as a true believer of the Lord. I am extremely proud to say that I believe in God. I am extremely proud to say that I believe in the Lord, Jesus, the man who died on the cross for my sins. And finally, I am extremely proud to say that I believe in the Holy Spirit.

When I was younger, I never thought that when I was older that I would ever say that I have a church of my own, that I would go to every Sunday service, that I would have a bible of my own, which I do now, or that I would even honestly say out in public that I believe in all these things. Thanks to my faith in them, I can, and I will. I am Angelica Connon, and I believe in God, the Lord, my Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Statement of Faith - Kathleen (Katie) Muszynski

I believe that Jesus died on the cross for us and take all of our sins. Everyone that thinks Jesus is like any other religious leader they are wrong because they didn't die on the cross to save us then three days later come back to life. God has changed my life by me knowing that I'll always be forgiven from anything I do and that he is always looking down on me. I believe that all our sins are forgiven because Jesus died on the cross and when we forgive someone we forgive someone else Jesus also forgives them. We all pray for forgiveness and for him to take away our sins. Most people believe that earth just appeared and not that Jesus made all the plants and animals and Adam and Eve. If that didn't happen then we would never be alive because it would be like all the other planets dry no water of any life. He made us and everything on earth. I go to church not just because I'm made to go or because it's Sunday I go to hear the word and know about how he died for us. God didn't make us so we would be always right or never make mistakes because then we wouldn't have any sins and he made it so we would go through tough things and have to ask for forgiveness. He made the world how it is and by his dying he knew we could all be saved and go to heaven. When he died all our sins were taken with him. Some people ask why I go to church and I'll say that I go to hear the word of the Lord and to learn everything I can to know about him. Then I say that the earth didn't just appear and animals weren't made from rocks or anything else I say that God made us and had a plan for us so when we die we go to heaven.

I used to go to St. Paul's Church where we didn't go every Sunday or go to Sunday school after service. Then we ended up making a new church (people from St. Paul's) and we started going there and we went every Sunday with a different pastor every week then Angelica started coming with us and then it was just as a visitor every Wednesday then she came on Sundays and maybe a month ago she got her own "box in the attendance folder" quoted by Angelica. She was so excited and that she was coming with us to church since her family only goes on holidays. I've changed the way she thinks of God and how she feels about church and that makes me feel great inside. I feel that she will be going to church with me for a while until we go off in our own directions but still then I'll be going to church and praising God and praying for his forgiveness. I'm Katie (Kathleen) Muszynski and this is what I believe and what I think.

Statement of Faith - Benjamin (Ben) Strong

I know that I am going to Heaven when I die, because I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. He died on the cross for me and everyone. He paid for my sins so I could be free. He is my Savior. I name my sins to Him and then I am forgiven. I have a clean slate and it's a fresh start. He did that for me.

The Lord Jesus Christ is my shepherd. He guides me in all that I do. When I pray, He hears me. He is always with me and He helps me. I am never alone with Jesus with me. He helps me solve my problems. When I live by the Ten Commandments, it helps me to live a moral life and make good choices. When I feel angry, I remember to forgive and forget.

I have believed in Jesus Christ since I was very small. I am very grateful for all that He has given me. He always provides what I need. He helps me when I am in my down times and He helps me in the good times.

Statement of Faith - Angelica (Jelly) Connon

I believe in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Believing in those things means to me that I'll have eternal life, and that I for the sins that I have committed, I will be forgiven. People sin every day, every minute, even every second. But their sins are only forgiven if they believe in the Lord, in which I do. Ever since I was little, the only actual time that I would go to church was Christmas Eve, and Easter Sunday services. I had never really understood what church was actually about, what you learned in Sunday school, or even what the songs were talking about. Then in the summer of '11, I began hanging out very frequently with Katie (Kathleen) Muszynski. School eventually started, and Katie and I still hung out very often. In November '11 I came to my very first Wednesday service with Katie at Resurrection Lutheran Church. The following Saturday I was asked if I would want to come with the Muszynski family to church the next day. Thinking that it would be the last time I went to church, I said that I would. Boy was I wrong. Every Wednesday and Sunday after that I went to church with them. From the first service I had come to, I had been confused about my religion. Coming in as a stranger, the happy family at this church helped me very quickly realize all of the simple things that I didn't understand. Coming to this church has helped me realize also that for all