<u>WELCOME!</u> We are pleased to have you worship with us today! Please join us for coffee and snacks in the fellowship hall after worship today.

<u>VISITORS:</u> 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.

<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u>: 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.

<u>PRAYER CHAIN</u>: 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 Skaluba at 657-3231. All your prayer requests will be kept in confidence among those in the prayer chain.

Welcome and sharing of the peace

Praise Singing "Refiner's Fire"

"We Will Glorify"
"I Love You, Lord"

Children's Sermon "This Little Light of Mine"

Scripture Lessons Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79 Romans 15:4-13

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Pastor Scott Meier

Hymn of the Day "Indescribable"

Blessing of Feeding Kids Ministry

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering "Mary Did You Know"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion "By Your Side"

"Shout to the Lord"

Benediction

Closing Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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 2015

| Augie Matuzak – Chair | 356-2833 |
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| Sandy Samp – Secretary | 379-4368 |
| Dennis Kindt | 356-0454 |

Term ending 2014

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

Term ending 2013

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

<u>MEMBERSHIP:</u> 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 DECEMBER 2, 2012:

Worship attendance: 114

Offering: \$3239.44

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Ministries – julie@rlca.us phone: (989) 657-6887



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 9, 2012 www.rlca.us

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SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Jeremy Smith, Dick Reed, Kelsey Diamond,
Beth and Emma Strong, Emily Thayer – Worship and music leaders

Rodney Lang – Assisting Minister

Frank McCourt – Reader

Doug and Sandy Horne – Ushers

Scott and Lisa Thayer – Greeters

<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES</u>: If you would like to have copies of approved Congregational Council minutes including financial reports, please send Julie <u>julie@rlca.us</u> an email and she will put you on a list to regularly receive them, or simply stop by the office and pick up a copy.

<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING</u>: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11th, at 5:30 pm.

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers: Ian Alsgard, Erna Kinsel, Roy Bartz, Mike McCourt, John Kowaleski, Pamela Anderson Courtright, Marge Cogswell, Melanie Taylor, Mary Jane Rosenberg, Donna McMasters, J.R. Fugate, Bob Kaszubowski, Andrea Linton, Betty Jones, Sherryl Kelly, Lydia Lang, Bob Gliwa, Rick Carstens, Angela Stevens, Ann Marie Brousseau, Hal Neiman, Nick Kowalsky, Norma Clay, Dale Reynolds, Mark Muszynski, Carol Dotsch, Ivan Johnson, Tim Boyd and Cece Bullen. 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 and Hilary Bovee, Sven "Lars" Johnson, Jonathan Goebel, Justin Madsen, Alex Karsten and Sam Talaske. To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.

DECEMBER SERVICE ACTIVITY – The Salvation Army is collecting hats, scarves and mittens for families this winter. To help with this effort and to end the year of Monthly Service Activities at RLCA...there is a Salvation Army mitten tree in the entryway! When you bring your mittens, scarf, hat, etc. please place it on the tree to help us decorate it! We will end the mitten tree collection around December 16th to give us time to get the gifts to the Salvation Army headquarters. So this will only give us 16 days to do what we usually do in 30/31. For more information please call Kim Meier 340-1037 or Cathy Moe 354-2858.

<u>FLOWERS:</u> Flowers at the altar are in honor of the wedding anniversary of Joanne and Stephen Gallagher – congratulations and God's blessings on your marriage!

BIRTHDAYS: Jean Neiman and Jerry Kindt celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you both! ☺

<u>FOR STUDY AT HOME:</u> The scripture for this coming Sunday are Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Hebrews 1:1-9 and Luke 1:67-79.

THANK YOU: Jim Karsten would like to say thank you for all the prayers, cards and concern for him during his recent surgery and recovery. Thanks be to God for his continued healing!

<u>ADVENT SMALL GROUPS:</u> Advent small groups are in session to study "The Letters of Paul." These groups meet weekly during Advent and the Wednesday night Advent worship services will tie in with the study. This is a great opportunity to dive deeper into God's word and grow in relationship with God and with others. Sign-up now by calling the office at 354-7522.

<u>MEMBERSHIP:</u> We welcome Ewin "Sam" and Linda Sansom as members here at Resurrection Lutheran Church of Alpena. Welcome!

This Week at RLCA

| Sunday, Dec. 99:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and |
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| Sunday School |
| Tuesday, Dec. 111:00 pm – women's B ible study |
| 3:00 pm – Bible study |
| 5:30 pm – council meeting |
| 6:30 pm – Bible study |
| Wednesday, Dec. 128:00 am – men's Bible study |
| 4:15 pm – senior high youth meets |
| 5:30 pm – Advent supper |
| 6:30 pm – Advent worship |
| Sunday, Dec. 169:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and |
| Sunday School |
| 10:30 am – worship at Alpena Village |