

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 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 "Mighty to Save"
 "I Love You, Lord"

Baptism of Ruby Linden Walterreit

Scripture Lessons Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Hebrews 1:1-9

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Luke 1:67-79

Sermon Pastor Scott Meier

Hymn of the Day "Blessed be Your Name"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering "Prepare Our Hearts"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Sending Blessing of Rodney and
JoEllen Lang

Benediction

Closing Hymn "Rejoice Rejoice Believers"

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
Sandy Samp – Secretary	379-4368
Dennis Kindt	356-0454

Term ending 2014

Doug Horne- Treasurer	595-3202
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

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. 5 AND SUN. DEC. 9, 2012:

Worship attendance: 52 and 114

Offering: \$335.00 and \$3987.05

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2-9, 2012: \$170.00

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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.

December 16, 2012

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Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor

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

Bonnie Urlaub – Assisting Minister

Linda Bjella – Reader

Bob and Nancy Coombs – Ushers

Tom and Joan Lavoie – 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 and pick up a copy.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th, 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, Sharon Thayer, Ken Ilsley, Norma Hanna, Cece Bullen and the friends and family of Stacey Heath. 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.*

COOKIES NEEDED: The Junior and Senior High youth will be packaging and delivering cookies to local nursing homes on Wednesday, December 19th. If you would like to donate, we ask that any cookie donations arrive by 3:30 pm. on the 19th. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Come worship with us at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 24th! Bring your family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

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.

BIRTHDAYS: Carley Hoeksema, Greg LaHaie, Ray Johnson, Emily Thayer and Loren Urlaub celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all! 😊

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture for this coming Sunday are Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7, Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 1:39-55.

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS: 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.

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, Dec. 16.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and
Sunday School
10:30 am – worship at Alpena Village
Tuesday, Dec. 18.....1:00 pm – women’s Bible study
3:00 pm – Bible study
5:30 pm – Bible study
Wednesday, Dec. 19.....8:00 am – men’s Bible study
4:15 pm – senior high youth meets
5:30 pm – Advent supper
6:30 pm – Advent worship
Sunday, Dec. 23.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and
Sunday School
10:30 am – worship at Tendercare Greenvue
Monday, Dec. 24.....5:30 pm -- Christmas Eve worship