<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 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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

Children's Sermon "This Little Light of Mine"

Scripture Lessons Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm 80:1-7

Philippians 2:5-11

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Luke 1:39-55

Sermon Pastor Scott Meier

Hymn of the Day "Your Great Name"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering "Great is the Lord"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion "Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"

"All Hail King Jesus"
"I Exalt Thee"

Benediction "Echo Benediction"

Closing Hymn "People Look East"

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!

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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

<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 WED. DEC. 12 AND SUN. DEC. 16, 2012:

Worship attendance: 45 and 130 Offering: \$225.25 and \$4978.60

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10-16, 2012: \$1224.94

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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 23, 2012 www.rlca.us

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SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier - Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Dick Reed, Kelsey Diamond, Emily and Hannah

Thayer, Phoebe and Becca Wojciechoski and Liz Meier – Worship

and music leaders

Nancy Coombs – Assisting Minister

Doug Horne – Reader

Augie Matuzak and Joanne Gallagher – Ushers

Jim and Geri Karsten – 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, 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, Nick Kowalsky, Norma Clay, Dale Reynolds, Mark Muszynski, Carol Dotsch, Ivan Johnson, Tim Boyd, Sharon Thayer 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, J. Reed Greenwood, Jason Michael Duggar, Lance and Hilary Bovee, Sven "Lars" Johnson, Jonathan Goebel, Justin Madsen, Alex Karsten and Jon Sanchez. To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us or call 354-7522.

BIRTHDAYS: Carrlyssa Whittington, Nathaniel Muszynski, Joan Lavoie, Helen Johnson, Dona Robb and Mark Diamond all celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all!

<u>FOR STUDY AT HOME:</u> The scripture for this coming Sunday are 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17 and Galatians 4:1-7.

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:</u> Please join us tomorrow evening for Christmas Eve worship. Preludes will begin about 5:15 with worship starting at 5:30. Come worship our newborn King!

NOTE OF THANKS: I was told my pelvis injury would require a long and painful recovery. (It's great that doctors know what they are talking about.) But with the pain came a lot of realization and appreciation. I realized 'Resurrection' offers both community and connection. The cards, visits, words of encouragement and the hugs from so many of you; along with the value of your prayers has given me true appreciation of what our church is becoming. If I learn any lesson from the many acts of kindness that came my way, it's how important it is to return the care and kindness to others in my life when they need support. Thanks to all at Resurrection and in the greater Alpena community. I know it is important to be on a bike, not under it, but I also know support from friends and family is critical to recovery.

Thank You, Hal Neiman

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, Dec. 23	9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship and
	Sunday School
	10:30 am – worship at Tendercare Greenview
Monday, Dec. 24	5:30 pm – Christmas Eve worship
Sunday, Dec. 30	9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship