

Closing Hymn                      “This Little Light of Mine”

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 MON. DEC. 24 AND SUN. DEC. 30, 2012:

Worship attendance: 200 and 85  
Offering: \$2658.00 and \$2001.00

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17-23, 2012: \$3857.00

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24-30, 2012: \$1560.00



*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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January 6, 2013  
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SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Dick Reed, Kelsey Diamond, Liz Meier –  
Worship and music leaders

Brenda Rosenberg – Assisting Minister

Joanne Gallagher – Reader

Dennis and Annette Kindt – Ushers

Greg and Linda LaHaie – 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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, Stella Lazarsky 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](mailto:julie@rlca.us) or call 354-7522.*

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture for this coming Sunday are Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

BIRTHDAYS: Ron Zitlau, Bette Lough, Hal Neiman, Phoebe Wojciechowski and Noretta Schwartz celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all! ☺

RECITAL: The Resurrection Lutheran Church School of Music will hold a winter recital on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. All are invited to come and hear the progress these students have made over the past several months. We will hear performances on trumpet, flute, guitar, piano and voice! Please bring a friend and come be part of this great outreach of our congregation.

FIRST FAMILY GAME NIGHT OF 2013: Calling all chili makers! Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> you have an opportunity to show off your best chili recipe! We are having a chili cook-off to start our family game night. We are in need of people to bring chili and/or desserts. Bread, crackers and beverages will be provided. Bring a friend, bring your family, bring your favorite game and come join the chili contest as a participant or just a taster! See you from 6:00 – 8:30 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

THANK YOU! We are so blessed, so fortunate to be part of the RLCA faith family. We are truly grateful for your prayers, gifts of food, prayer blankets, hospital visits, encouraging emails, text messages and outpouring of love and support during Mark's sudden illness and ongoing recovery. We cannot thank you enough for what you have done for us. I pray that the Lord bless you even more as you continue to share His awesome love with others. Mark, Lori, Katie, and Nathaniel Muszynski

### This Week at RLCA

Sunday, Jan. 6.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship  
and Sunday School  
Tuesday, Jan. 8.....5:30 pm – council meeting  
Wednesday, Jan 9.....8:00 am – men's Bible study  
Sunday, Jan. 13.....9:00 am – worship followed by fellowship  
and Sunday School

### THREE DAYS OF PRAYER

For any and all that could come –

- 7:00 pm on Tues, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, Wed, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, and Thurs, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Come together for a prayer time at RLCA - for about 30 minutes each night.
- Meet in the Fellowship Hall – we will sit together in a circle of chairs sharing spoken and silent prayers, personally and all together – with God's Word supporting us.

Prayer is not just an act of desperation -- like a 911 call for the ambulance, but prayer is a gift that God has given to us so that we can approach God like a child comes to a parent to share every part of their life. Prayer is conversation and God has really come to us in our Savior, Jesus.

Topics for our Three Days of Prayer :

January 8 - Day of Confession - the church of Jesus will never rise up until it first spends time on its knees. Personally we have much to confess and as the Body of Christ also we have much to confess. Let's take this time to lay our mistakes, grudges, resentments, anger, shame and failure at the foot of the cross and then hear God's Word of forgiveness and renewal.

January 9 - Day of Petition - to pray for those in the Body of Christ with personal needs, for health needs, for current and future ministries. We are to bring every concern and care to God and pray for those serving in volunteer or paid ministries, for people on the mission field and for those Christians who are persecuted because of Jesus.

January 10 – Day of Invitation - to invite the work of the Holy Spirit to breathe fresh and new life into the church across the world. LCMC is an international association of congregations and we can pray with and for our international partners well at the same time the United States of America is now the greatest mission field with a growing percentage of people with no familiarity with Christianity. There is much spiritual interest, but very little interest in being part of a group of believers. Let us pray for interest in the Savior, Jesus, and for renewal and revival for those who are loosely affiliated with the church. We need to be light in the darkness and salt in a tasteless life and a real and abiding hope for those who live with deep despair.  
Can't make it to church: Pray at home, any time, each of these days.