<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, a member of our Congregational Council, or the folks at the welcome center in the entryway of the church. 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 alcohol-free wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available. 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!

<u>BRING THE CHILDREN TO ME</u>: 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 Bonnie Urlaub at 464-6366. 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" "Jesus Messiah" "I Love You, Lord"	
Children's Sermon	"Books of the New Testament"	,
Scripture Lessons		Isaiah 9:2-7
		Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
	"Halle, Halle, Halle"	Colossians 1:9-14
		John 1:1-5
Sermon		Pastor Scott Meier
Hymn of the Day	"Here I Am, Lord"	
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of the Chur	ch	
Offering	"Open the Eyes of my Heart"	
Confession and for	giveness	
Words of Institutio	n	
Lord's Prayer		
Communion		
Benediction	"Go my Children With my Blessin	g"
Closing Hymn	"Lord, You Give the Great Commiss	ion"

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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<u>Term ending 2017</u>		
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<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 entryway of the church at the welcome center or in the racks in the entryway or fellowship hall.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR WED. NOV. 26 AND SUN., NOV. 30, 2014: Worship attendance (Sunday): 99 Offering: \$213.00 AND \$3275.00 FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 24-30, 2014: \$135.00

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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 7, 2014 www.rlca.us

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<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES</u>: 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.

<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING</u>: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9th, at 5:30 pm.

<u>PRAYERS</u>: We remember in our prayers: Paul Rang, Gary Marceau, Tom Lavoie, Greg LaHaie, Misty Kihn McDonald, Donald E. Duggar, Roy Bartz, John Kowaleski, J.R. Fugate, Ann Marie Brousseau, Adam Suszek, William Dones, Bob Smart, Bill Dones, Angela Stevens, Mark Kandow, Ella Enderby and the men and women working to unlock the chains of addiction. For those in the armed services, may God guard and protect them as they guard and protect us: Leland Swift, Roy C. Johnson, David Kloft, Mandy Killingbeck, Jason Michael Duggar, Lance and Hilary Bovee, Sven "Lars" Johnson, Alex Karsten, Justin Besgrove, Josh Kinney, Wyatt Boboltz, Brad LaFleche and Aaron Jarvi. *To add a name, please send an email to julie@rlca.us* or call 354-7522.

<u>FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR</u>: The flowers at the altar today are in memory of Ilabelle Precord from Terry, Kim and Rachel Marzean.

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for this coming Sunday are Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, Colossians 1:15-20 and John 1:6-8, 19-28.

DECEMBER SERVICE ACTIVITY - SALVATION ARMY: To end the year of monthly service activities at RLCA, we will be collecting mittens, hats and scarves for our gift to take to the Salvation Army. We will only be collecting until the middle of the month to enable the items to be included with the Christmas efforts of the Salvation Army. So, there will only be two Sundays that we will need your help.....the 7th and the 14th. For more information please contact Dawn DesChamps at 354-4241, or Kim Meier at 340-1037.

<u>YOUTH EVENT:</u> Junior and senior high youth are invited on December 10th to play Bingo with the residents of Luther Manor from 6 – 8 pm. Please bring bingo prizes! Ideas include, paper products, cleaning supplies, snacks, Christmas decorations, etc. Any questions, please contact Jolie at 657-1335.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Elizabeth Kindt, Jean Neiman and Jerry Kindt celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all!

<u>ADVENT WORSHIP</u>: We will have an opportunity to worship on Wednesday, December 10th and 17th at 6:30 pm. Pastor will be preaching about discipleship. Come early for a light supper at 5:30 pm. We will see you then!

<u>TRIPOINT CHURCH OF GOD'S LIVING NATIVITY</u>: The members of the First Church of God in Alpena, now TriPoint Church of God, have been hosting "The Living Nativity" since 1953. The church started this to share the story of the birth of Christ with the community as their way of celebrating this great gift from God. From 1978 until 2012 it was presented each year. Approximately 20 - 25 cast members are in the play. After the Living Nativity play, guests are invited inside the church to enjoy refreshments (cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, cider) and enjoy local musicians. Children are invited to make a Christmas ornament and there will be a drawing for a Christmas gift basket. This is our gift to the community. Please join them on December 12th or 13th at one of their two shows – 6:30 pm or 7:30 pm.

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 79:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School and fellowship		
Monday, December 86:00 pm – Feeding Kids packing (RLCA team 1)		
Tuesday, December 92:00 pm – Bible study		
5:30 pm – supper for ACES		
5:30 pm – council meeting		
Wednesday, December 107:30 am – staff meeting		
4:15 pm – H2H		
5:30 pm – supper for ACES		
5:30 pm – light supper in fellowship hall		
6:00 pm – youth at Luther Manor		
6:30 pm – Advent worship		
7:15 pm – small group		
Thursday, December 118:00 am – men's Bible study		
3:30 pm – worship at Sunrise Centre		
5:30 pm – supper for ACES		
Sunday, December 14		

10:45 am – worship at Turning Brook