<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 receive the wafer and dip it in 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	"Great is the Lord"	
	"Come, Thou Long-Expected	Jesus"
	"Prepare Our Hearts"	
Children's Sermon	"Books of the New Testam	ent"
	Baptisms of Chris, Madison and Co and Aiden DeYoung	
Scripture Lessons		Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
		Psalm 126
		Colossians 1:15-20
	"Halle, Halle, Halle"	
		John 1:6-8, 19-28
Sermon		Pastor Scott Meier
Hymn of the Day	"I Love to Tell the Story"	
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of the Chu	rch	
Offering	"Voice of Truth"	
Confession and for	giveness	
Words of Institutio	n	
Lord's Prayer		
Communion	"Our God Reigns"	
Benediction	"Go my Children With my Blessing	"
Closing Hymn	"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divi	ne″

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!

<u>Term ending 2017</u> Joanne Gallagher - Chair Phoebe Rang - Secretary Joe Spigelmyre		727-1014 379-2617 657-4442
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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. DEC. 3 AND SUN. DEC. 7, 2014: Worship attendance (Sunday): 119 Offering: \$5653.41 FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1-7, 2014: \$2475.00

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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.

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SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Don Grabiel, Dick Reed, Beth Strong, Phoebe Wojciechowski, Karisa Meier – Worship and music leaders Stacy Bauer – Assisting Minister Linda Bjella – Reader Judy Langerfeld and Sandi Skaluba – Ushers Howard and Cathy Carpenter – Greeters Brenda Rosenberg and Annette Kindt – Worship set-up Josh Wesaw – Audio/Visual Technician Augie and Peggy Matuzak – Fellowship

<u>PRAYERS</u>: We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Gary Marceau. We also remember Helen Reed, Linda Woodruff, Paul Rang, 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>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, January 13th, at 5:30 pm.

<u>FOR STUDY AT HOME</u>: The scripture readings for this coming Sunday are Zephaniah 3:14-20, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Romans 16:25-27 and John 1:14-18.

<u>BAPTISMS:</u> Today we celebrate the baptisms of Chris DesChamps, Madison DesChamps, Cole DesChamps and Aiden DeYoung. We welcome them as the newest disciples of Jesus Christ – thanks be to God!

<u>DECEMBER SERVICE ACTIVITY</u> - <u>SALVATION ARMY</u>: 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>BIRTHDAYS:</u> Carley Hoeksema, Greg LaHaie, Bode Moe, Ray Johnson, Emily Thayer, Loren Urlaub and Charlotte Werth celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all!

<u>ADVENT WORSHIP</u>: We will have an opportunity to worship on Wednesday, December 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!

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 14	9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School
	and fellowship
	10:45 am – worship at Turning Brook

Monday, December 15.....6:00 pm – Feeding Kids packing (RLCA team 2)

Tuesday, December 16.....2:00 pm – Bible study 5:30 pm – supper for ACES

Wednesday, December 17......7:30 am – staff meeting 4:15 pm – H2H 5:30 pm – supper for ACES 5:30 pm – light supper in fellowship hall 6:30 pm – Advent worship 7:15 pm – small group

Thursday, December 18......8:00 am – men's Bible study 3:30 pm – worship at Sunrise Centre 5:30 pm – supper for ACES

Sunday, December 21...... 9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School and fellowship