<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	"Jesus Messiah" "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever "Prepare Our Hearts"	,II	
Children's Sermon	"Jesus Loves Me"		
Scripture Lessons	Ps	ephaniah 3:14-20 alm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27	
	"Halle, Halle, Halle"		
		John 1:14-18	
Sermon	Р	astor Scott Meier	
Hymn of the Day	"How Deep the Father's Love for U	s"	
Apostles' Creed			
Prayers of the Church			
Offering	"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"		
Confession and forgiveness			
Words of Institution			
Lord's Prayer			
Communion			
Donadiation	"Comu Children With my Dissis"		
Benediction	"Go my Children With my Blessing"		
Closing Hymn	"Prepare the Royal Highway"		

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>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. 10 AND SUN. DEC. 14, 2014: Worship attendance (Sunday): 131 Offering: \$3512.58 FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8-14, 2014: \$1393.55

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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, Phoebe Wojciechowski, Liz and Karisa Meier – Worship and music leaders Nancy Coombs – Assisting Minister Doug Horne – Reader Dennis and Annette Kindt – Ushers Dick and Phoebe Rang – Greeters Brenda Rosenberg and Annette Kindt – Worship set-up Josh Wesaw – Audio/Visual Technician Augie and Peggy Matuzak – Fellowship

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Angela Stevens and the family and friends of Frances Schmidt, mother of Jean Neiman. 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, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP</u>: Please come worship with us on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

<u>THANK YOU:</u> Tom Lavoie would like to thank all who sent cards, their prayers, and for expressing concern during his recovery from heart surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Scott for his visits and prayers. "Joan and I are truly blessed with our caring church family. May God bless all of you."

<u>BIRTHDAYS:</u> Carrlyssa Whittington, Nathaniel Muszynski, Joan Lavoie, Sam Sansom, David Hamann, Helen Johnson, Dona Robb and Mark Diamond celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all!

<u>FOR STUDY AT HOME:</u> The scripture readings for this coming Sunday are Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:22-40.

## This Week at RLCA

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

Wednesday, December 24.....5:30 pm – Christmas Eve worship

Thursday, December 25.....Merry Christmas!