<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!

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 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 "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

"Jesus, Name Above all Names"

"Sanctuary"

Children's Sermon "Away in a Manger"

Scripture Lessons Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

John 1:10-18

Sermon Pastor Scott Meier

Hymn of the Day "Jesus Messiah"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Benediction "The Lord Bless You"

Closing Hymn "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

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	2017
------	--------	------

Joanne Gallagher - Chair	joanne@rlca.us	727-1014
Phoebe Rang - Secretary	rangd@charter.net	379-2617
Joe Spigelmyre	joespig@frontier.com	657-4442

Term ending 2016

John Diamond	jdiamond@speednetllc.com	727-9971
Greg LaHaie	win71@charter.net	657-0870
Cathy Moe	ajcjmoe@charter.net	354-2858

Term ending 2015

Augie Matuzak – Vice chai	r <u>augiematuzak@gmail.c</u>	<u>om</u> 356-2833
Sandy Samp	sandydees@core.com	379-4368
Dennis Kindt	dnakindt@charter.net	356-0454

<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. 24 AND SUN. DEC. 28, 2014:

Worship attendance (Sunday): 85

Offering: \$5181.00

FEEDING KIDS GIVING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22-28, 2014: \$2705.00

Resurrection Lutheran Church of Alpena (RLCA)

PO Box 151 Alpena, MI 49707

(989) 354-7522, <u>www.rlca.us</u>

Scott Meier, Director of Pastoral Ministries and Faith Development – scott@rlca.us phone: (989) 590-8146

Julie Wood, Director of Music/Worship, RLC School of Music and Go Ministries – julie@rlca.us phone: (989) 657-6887



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.

January 4, 2015 www.rlca.us

Affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

SERVING TODAY:

Scott Meier – Pastor

Julie Wood, Greg Altman, Don Grabiel, Dick Reed, Kelsey Diamond, Beth Strong Phoebe Wojciechowski, Liz and Karisa Meier – Worship and music leaders

Bonnie Urlaub – Assisting Minister

Dawn DesChamps – Reader

Joanne Gallagher and Jolie Danielson – Ushers

Stacy Bauer and Jen Spigelmyre – Worship set-up

Al Dziesinski – Audio/Visual Technician

Jan Kaier, Jolie Danielson, Tim and Barb Smith – Fellowship

PRAYERS: We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Roy Bartz. We also remember Helen Reed, Linda Woodruff, Paul Rang, Greg LaHaie, Misty Kihn McDonald, Donald E. Duggar, 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 <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 13th, at 5:30 pm.

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT: Resurrection Lutheran will begin the year of giving gifts by collecting bars of soap. Some soap may stay in the States, some will go overseas. A little bar of soap gives the gift of health and dignity. One simple bar of soap is one of the building blocks to success.

Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are preferred. Bars should be in their original wrapping and please do not put the soap in plastic bags.

The little white basket will be in the Church entryway to receive your gifts. A visit to the LWR website to track items is very interesting. LWR projects are collected and our boxes delivered to the pick-up point at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Any questions please contact Dawn DesChamps 354-4241 or Cathy Moe 354-2858.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: Next book club meeting is not until January 28, 2015 at 6 pm at Cabin Creek Coffee. We're continuing to read and review "The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew - Three Women Search for Understanding" by Suzanne Oliver, Ranya Idilby and Priscilla Warner. We had such a great discussion about the book in November we decided to carry it forward to give everyone time to catch up and read and/or finish it. Discussion will be led by Joanne Gallagher. We welcome anyone interested to join us for great conversation and thoughtful discussions about faith.

<u>FOR STUDY AT HOME:</u> The scripture readings for this coming Sunday are Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7 and Mark 1:4-11.

<u>BIRTHDAYS:</u> Leandra Dziesinski, Ronald Zitlau, Bob Padget and Bette Lough celebrate a birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all!

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, January 4	9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School
	and fellowship

Monday, January	/ 5	-mq 00:6.	Feeding	Kids	packing

4:15 pm - H2H

5:30 pm – supper for ACES

Thursday, January 8.....8:00 am – men's Bible study

3:30 pm - worship at Sunrise Centre

5:30 pm – supper for ACES

Sunday, January 11...... 9:00 am – worship followed by Sunday School and fellowship