<u>WELCOME!</u> We are pleased to have you worship with us today! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and snacks immediately following the service. In Need of volunteers for weekly Sunday Fellowship and Monthly Funday Sunday (typically last Sunday of the month). Please contact Jamie Treinen at 989-255-0297 to volunteer or to get more information.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday December 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Council approved October tithing to Alpena Baby Pantry- \$423.80, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries-\$317.85, Wycliffe Associates-\$317.85 and LCMC-250.00.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

RLCA Secretary - Sherry Anderson - <u>secretary@rlca.us</u> - 989-354-7522 Council Chair-Rodney Lang -<u>rodlang@yahoo.com</u>-989-657-1278

RLCA –November/December Service Activity – Salvation Army - To end the year of RLCA Monthly Service Activities we will be collecting gifts of warm clothing and toys for our neighbors. The Salvation Army is always in need of these items. For outerwear and toys, any size and age are welcome. Although emergency shelter and 24-hour crisis intervention service remain a major focus of the Salvation Army they provide much more - and we can help! Please place your donated items in the basket in the Church Narthex. We will be collecting items until mid-December. For additional information contact Dalair Dones or Cathy Moe.

<u>Feeding Kids Ministry</u> – Volunteers needed for the RLCA pack the first Monday of each month. Volunteers are also needed for unloading food trucks (dates to be determined). We are also looking for a grant writer. Do you have a few keyboard skills and ability and time to research? Do you know someone who does? We are looking for you. Please contact Jamie Treinen at 989-590-4724 or email <u>feedingkids@rlca.us</u> or Beth Preston at 830-613-4324 or email <u>revbethpreston@gmail.com</u> to volunteer or for more information.



Second Sunday of Advent

⁴ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Singing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Prayer

"Prepare Our Hearts"

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 40: 1-11

Psalm 85

2 Peter 3: 8-14

"Thanks We Give and Adoration"

Mark 1: 1-8

Sermon/Message Pastor Doug Lopez

Hymn of the Day "On Jordan's Banks"

Apostles Creed

Prayers of the Church

Confession and forgiveness

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion "One Bread, One Body"

Benediction "Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Closing Hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway"

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 10	9:00 am Sunday Worship Service
Monday, December 11	11:30 am – 3:30 pm Church Office Open
	5:30 Feeding Kids Packing
Wednesday, December 13	11:30 am – 2:30 pm Church Office Open
Friday, December 15	11:30 am – 2:30 pm Church Office Open
Sunday, December 17	9:00 am Sunday Worship Service

PASTORAL MESSAGES: Pastor Doug's weekly message can be found on the RLCA website under "Pastoral Messages".

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS November 27 – December 3: \$2,970.30
FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY November 27 – December 3: \$1,390.00
ATTENDANCE December 3 - 49 Church – 5 Streaming

<u>Offering Plate</u> – For your convenience the Offering Plate is located in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for all you give.

PRAYERS: We remember in prayer Bette Lough, Stephen Gallagher, Steve and Penny Abend, Arlie Prevost, Bill Sansom, Brian Neiman, Carol Smart, Cathy Moe, Helen Johnson, Jeff Kendziorski, Jenny Spigelmyer, Lori Muszynski, Marlene Bartz, Mary Erickson, Rachael Sansom Rick Demarr, Ron Zitlau, Sandi Skaluba, Steve Benedict, Tom and Joan Lavoie. Pray for the following: all those who serve in the military, the children who are receiving food from FKM, incarcerated individuals, and individuals who are dealing with addictions and emotional health problems. May our Lord Jesus Christ be with all these people today and always.

PRAYER CHAIN: 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 Linda Sansom at 989-657-5060 or email at Linda199698@yahoo.com. All your prayer requests will be kept in confidence among those in the prayer chain.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u> Happy Birthday to you! May God continue to shower you with the blessings you truly deserve!!

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah 61:1-4, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 and John1: 6-8, 19-28.

<u>FLOWERS</u>: Celebrate life, recognize a birthday or anniversary, memorialize a loved one or give to the glory of God with a bouquet for the altar on Sunday. Contact the Church Secretary at 989-354-7522 or email <u>secretary@rlca.us</u> to get details on ordering and to reserve your Sunday.



Mission Statement

Help people discover God, grow faith, and find their purpose to make a difference.

Doug Lopez – Pastor
Jay Walterreit - Assisting Minister
Gail Kline - Reader
Jim Frary and Gail Kline- Greeters
Jim Frary and Gail Kline - Security
Suelyn Bartz, John Knapp, Jeremy Smith— Music
Kevin Prevost, Jay Walterreit - Audio/Visual
Cathy Moe - Fellowship

Vision Statement

<u>Know</u> – where people encounter God in a deep and personal way.

<u>Grow</u> – Where people grow into Christians who reflect Jesus.

<u>Go</u> – where we reach out beyond our walls to connect people with Jesus Christ locally and beyond.

December 10, 2023

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