

WELCOME! We are pleased to have you worship with us today! There will be no Fellowship today. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday January 9, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

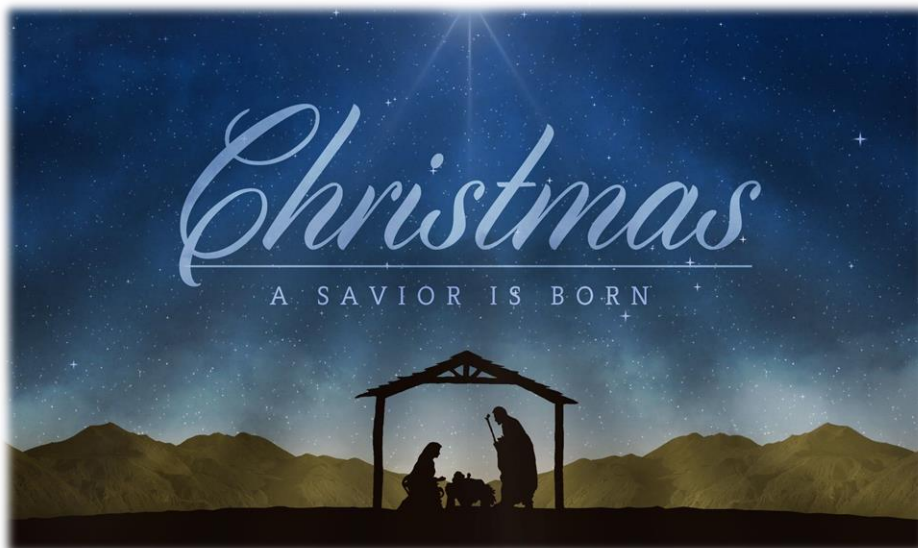
STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

RLCA Secretary - Sherry Anderson – secretary@rlca.us - 989-354-7522

Council Chair–Rodney Lang –rodlang@yahoo.com-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.

Feeding Kids Ministry – 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 feedingkids@rlca.us or Beth Preston at 830-613-4324 or email revbethpreston@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.



Christmas Eve

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude	"Hallelujah"
Praise Singing	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Prayer "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Scripture Lessons	Isaiah 52: 7-10 1 John 4: 7-16 "A Christmas Alleluia" Luke 1: 26-38 John1: 1-5, 9-12
Sermon/Message	Pastor Doug Lopez
Hymn of the Day	"What Child is This"
Apostles Creed	
Prayers of the Church	
Confession and forgiveness	
Words of Institution	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" "Silent Night"
Benediction	"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"
Closing Hymn	"Joy To the World"

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 24.....9:00 am Christmas Eve Worship Service
Monday, December 25.....Christmas Day - Church Office Closed
Tuesday, December 26 11:30 am – 2:30 pm Church Office Open
Wednesday, December 27.....11:30 am – 2:30 pm Church Office Open
Friday, December 29.....11:30 am – 2:30 pm Church Office Open
Sunday, December 31.....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 December 11 – December 17: \$1,365.30

FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY December 11 – December 17: \$3,230.00

ATTENDANCE December 17 - 46 Church – 0 Streaming

Offering Plate – 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 Family of Ken Kindt, Greg and Linda LaHaie, 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.

BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday to you! May God continue to shower you with the blessings you truly deserve Joan Lavoie, Sam Sansom, Helen Johnson, Dona Robb and Mark Diamond!

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah 61: 10—62:3, Psalm 111, Galatians 4: 4-7 and Luke 2: 22-40.

FLOWERS: 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 secretary@rlca.us 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
Al Moe- Assisting Minister
Annette Kindt - Reader
Howard and Cathy Carpenter- Greeters
Howard and Cathy Carpenter - Security
Suelyn Bartz, John Knapp, Jeremy Smith– Music
Kevin Prevost, Jay Walterreit - Audio/Visual
No Fellowship

Vision Statement

Know – where people encounter God in a deep and personal way.

Grow – Where people grow into Christians who reflect Jesus.

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

December 24, 2023

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