

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.

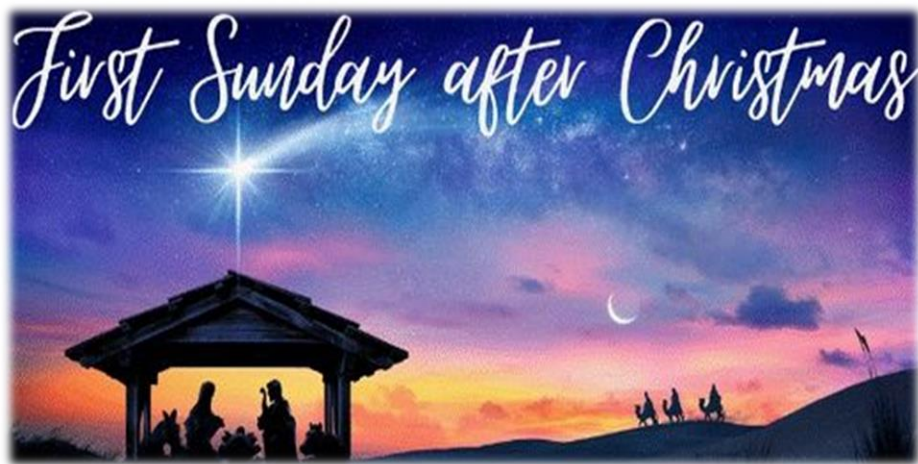
STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

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.



First Sunday After Christmas

“ I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Singing	“O Come All Ye Faithful” Prayer “Once in Royal David’s City”
Scripture Lessons	Isaiah 61: 10, 62:3 Psalm 111 Galatians 4:4-7 “A Christmas Alleluia” Luke 2: 22-40
Sermon/Message	Pastor Doug Lopez
Hymn of the Day	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
Apostles Creed	
Prayers of the Church	
Confession and forgiveness	
Words of Institution	
Lord’s Prayer	
Communion	“Away in a Manger”
Benediction	“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”
Closing Hymn	“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

This Week at RLCA

Sunday, December 31.....9:00 am Sunday Worship Service
Monday, January 1..... **New Years Day Church Office Closed**
Tuesday, January 2.....11:30 am – 2:30 pm Church Office Open
Wednesday, January 3.....11:30 am – 2:30 pm Church Office Open
Friday, January 5.....11:30 am – 2:30 pm Church Office Open
Sunday, January 7.....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 18 – December 24: \$11,685.30

FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY December 18 – December 24: \$100.00

GOOD SAMARITAN FUNDS December 18-December 24: \$100.00

ATTENDANCE December 24 - 64 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 Greg LaHaie, Stephen Gallagher, Arlie Prevost, Brian Neiman, Carol Smart, Jeff Kendziorski, Jessica Kendziorski, JD Miller, Mike Chadkowicz, Jenny Spigelmyer, Lori Muszynski, Marlene Bartz, Rachael Sansom, Rick Demarr, 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 Ruth Hamann!

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah Genesis 1: 1-5, Psalm 29, Romans 6: 1-11 and Mark 1:4-11.

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
Annette Kindt- Assisting Minister
Dalair Dones - Reader
Greg and Linda LaHaie- Greeters
Greg and Linda LaHaie - Security
Sueilyn Bartz, John Knapp, Jeremy Smith– Music
Kevin Prevost, Jay Walterreit - Audio/Visual
Cathy and Howard Carpenter - 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 31, 2023

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