

This Week at RLCA

OFFICE HOURS: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 11 am – 3 pm
Pastor Doug's office hours are M-W-F 11 am – 3 pm

THURSDAY – December 18 Advent Bible Study Series – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY – December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 5:30 pm

GAME DAY – Every Tuesday is Game Day at RLCA from 2–4 pm unless there is no school in which case Game Day is also canceled.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING:

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13 at 5:30 pm.

FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY

The upcoming pack for RLCA will take place on Monday, January 5, at 5:30 pm at the back of Sunset School. Please contact Jamie at 989-255-0297 or FKM 989-590-4724, or by email at feedingkids@rlca.us to help.

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS – December 1-7: \$ 3,216.30

FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY – December 1-7: \$ 450.00

ATTENDANCE – November 30: Church 58; 12 Streaming

OCTOBER TITHE – Options Pregnancy - \$609.53, Navigators - \$457.15, Friends of Madagascar - \$457.14

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jay Walterreit, Howard Carpenter, Beth Preston, Annette Kindt, Jerome Smigelski, Jeremy Smith, Jamie Treinen, Al Moe and Rodney Lang.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to **Greg LaHaie, Bode Moe & Charlotte Werth!** May God continue to shower you with every blessing from above.

FOR STUDY AT HOME: The scripture readings for next Sunday are Isaiah 7:10-17, Psalm 24, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25.

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. Your prayer requests will be confidential by those in the prayer chain.



Mission Statement

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

Doug Lopez – Pastor

Jay Walterreit – Assisting Minister

Ruby Walterreit – Reader

Larry & Barb Elowsky – Greeters

John & Patti Knapp, Sherry Zomerhuis, Adam Poll – Vocals

Suelyn Bartz, Jeremy Smith – Instrumental

Kevin Prevost, Cameron Treinen – Audio/Visual

Greg & Linda LaHaie – Fellowship

Lopez Family – Turning Brook

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.

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Resurrection Lutheran Church of Alpena

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Welcome



We are pleased to have you worship with us today! All who are baptized and believe in Christ are welcome at the table. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for food and fellowship.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

Sharon Kirby (Church Office) – secretary@rlca.us – 989-354-7522
Council Chair – Rodney Lang – rodlang@yahoo.com – 989-657-1278
Pastor Doug – pastor@rlca.us – 989-590-4682

RLCA November/December Service Activity: The mission of the RLCA is to serve communities local, State, Nation and beyond. We have chosen local for this holiday season. There is such a need in our community right now. We are going to bring our gifts to the Salvation Army. First, non-perishable food; a list will be available in the Narthax. Winter outerwear is needed...both adult and children, and don't forget a toy or two. For questions contact Dalair Dones.

PRAYERS: We remember in prayer Stephen Gallagher, Jeff Kendziorski, Mike Chadkovicz, Lori Muszynski, Marlene Bartz, Tom Lavoie, Larry Kirby, Shirley McDonald, Steven McCourt, Jordan Gallagher, Mike & Bev Kearly, Laura Iseler. Pray for the following: all those who serve in the military, the children who are receiving food from FKM, incarcerated individuals, and those who are dealing with addictions and emotional health problems.

FLOWERS – Celebrate life, recognize a birthday, an anniversary, to 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 secretary@rlca.us to get details on ordering and to reserve your Sunday.

BIBLE STUDY at the Preston's (1320 Joseph Road) is on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Please come and bring your Bible – all are welcome. Any questions, please contact Beth at 830-613-4324.

Third Sunday of Advent

*“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.”*

Prelude: “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”
– George Böhm

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Singing	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Prayer	
Confession & Forgiveness	
Scripture Lessons	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146 James 5:7-11
	“Thanks We Give and Adoration” Matthew 11:2-15
Sermon/Message	Pastor Doug Lopez
Hymn of the Day	“Majesty”
Apostle’s Creed	
Prayers of the Church	
Words of Institution	
Lord’s Prayer	
Communion	“I Come with Joy”
Benediction	
Closing Hymn	“Hark! The Glad Sound”