

Resurrection Lutheran Church



Called together by God's Love

We **Welcome** Joyfully

Grow Faithfully

and **Serve** Gratefully

in Jesus' Name

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:15 a.m. Worship

9:25 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:15 p.m. WoW! Wednesday Meal

6:30 p.m. WoW! Wednesday Worship



Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m.—noon

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The Luck of Roaring Camp

The Luck of Roaring Camp is a short story by American author Bret Harte. It was first published in the August 1868 issue of the *Overland Monthly* and helped push Harte to international prominence. Roaring Camp was a real place. It was a goldmining settlement on the Mokelumne River in Amador County, California. It was home to forty-niners seeking gold in and around the river; it is now a privately owned tourist attraction. I'll outline the story here, but it reminds me of Christmas, read it and see if you agree...

Roaring Camp was supposed to be, according to the story, the meanest, toughest mining town in the entire West. More murders, more thefts—it was a terrible place inhabited entirely by men, and one woman who tried to serve them all. Her name was Cherokee Sal. She died while giving birth to a baby.

Well, the men took the baby, and they put her in a box with some old rags under her. When they looked at her, they decided that didn't look right, so they sent one of the men eighty miles to buy a rosewood cradle. He brought it back, and they put the rags and the baby in the rosewood cradle. And the rags didn't look right there. So they sent another of their number to Sacramento, and he came back with some beautiful silk and lace blankets. And they put the baby, wrapped around with those blankets, in the rosewood cradle.

It looked fine until someone happened to notice that the floor was so filthy. So these hardened, tough men got down on their hands and knees, and with their hardened and horny hands they scrubbed that floor until it was very clean. Of course, what that did was to make the walls and the ceiling and the dirty windows without curtains look absolutely terrible. So they washed down the walls and the ceiling, and they put curtains at the windows. And now things were beginning to look as they thought they should look. But of course, they had to give up a lot of their fighting, because the baby slept a lot, and babies can't sleep during a brawl.

So the whole temperature of Roaring Camp seemed to go down. They used to take her out and set her by the entrance to the mine in her rosewood cradle so they could see her when they came up. Then somebody noticed what a dirty place that was, so they planted flowers, and they made a very nice garden there. It looked quite beautiful. And they would bring her, shiny little stones and things that they would find in the mine, but, when they would put their hands down next to hers, their hands looked dirty. Pretty soon the general store was all sold out of soap, shaving gear, perfume and things of that nature...the baby changed everything.

That's the way it is on Christmas. The baby enters into our lives, and he slips into every crevice of our experience, changing the way we see ourselves, our lives and the world around us. Who would guess that this tiny, vulnerable baby would be the salvation of the whole world?

Transition Update

The Call Process is the church's search process for clergy. Resurrection follows a model outlined by the ELCA involving 7 steps:

1. Current Pastor resigns – Pastor Dwaine retired in May, 2016
2. Begin an interim phase – Pastor Tim will serve as interim pastor until a permanent pastor is called
3. Complete the **Ministry Site Profile** (MSP) – began this process with the Missional Assessment Profile and will continue through conversations with you about Resurrection's ministry focus. **WE NEED YOUR HELP**, so please participate in events, surveys, conversations that will help us explore how God is at work through this congregation. Please share your email address so we can send regular updates.
4. Form the Call Committee
5. Consider candidates – Synod will present candidates for consideration
6. Extending the Call – the Call Committee will recommend a candidate to council who will present the name to the congregation for a vote.
7. Welcome our new Pastor!

The process is underway and requires three things from all of us: **prayer** to discern God's plan for Resurrection, **patience** with the process and each other, and **communication**.

This is an exciting time for us all – we have the opportunity to dream big about the future of our congregation. Watch for opportunities to share your hopes for the ministry at Resurrection.

RLC Christmas Community Meal

Our annual Christmas Community Meal is Saturday, December 17th from 11:30 - 1:30pm. Plan to be a part of this wonderful tradition. Volunteers are needed! How can you help?

Donate your turkey stamp cards. Make calls for meal deliveries. Help distribute informational flyers. Help prepare food. Help decorate and prep the dining room. Help deliver meals. Be a part of the serving crew or be a part of the clean up crew.

Sign up sheets will be available at the Welcome Center.

For more information contact:

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Bread for the World Christmas Cards

Bread for the World is a "collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad."

You can raise your voice by purchasing Christmas cards - \$15.00 for 10 cards. Two samples will be on the Church in Society bulletin board in the hallway. Or you can look online at www.bread.org/store for more examples and to order.

Help end hunger – buy Bread for the World Christmas cards.

BLOOD MOBILE COMING TO RESURRECTION ON DECEMBER 29, 2016, NOON-6:00 P.M.

2016 Christmas Is . . . Jesus

This month begins the church season of Advent. In these four weeks we wait for the coming of Christ, the one who comes as the child of Bethlehem, the one who comes to us in each day, and the one who will come at the end of the age. In this season we will explore what “Christmas is.” We will be God’s people who are waiting for Jesus, watching for Jesus, welcoming Jesus, & worshipping Jesus. “Christmas is... Jesus.”

Nov 27th – Christmas Is . . . Waiting for Jesus!

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 & Matthew 24:36-44

All around us people are waiting for lots of things. For what are you waiting? We are waiting for the coming of Christ. Today, do you wait for Christ with the same excitement, passion, and commitment that you might wait for your own baby?

Nov 30th & Dec 4th – Christmas Is . . . Watching for Jesus!

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 & Matthew 3:1-12

In Jesus’ day, they didn’t have glossy ads proclaiming the coming of Christ, they had John the Baptist who was telling everyone to watch and be ready. Today let God’s promise catch your eye and get caught up in watching for the coming Christ.

Dec 7th & 11th – Christmas Is . . . Welcoming Jesus!

Readings Isaiah 35:1-10 & Matthew 11:2-11

Are you having guests at your house during Christmas? To be welcoming, you have to be prepared to receive guests. Today, we consider what it means to welcome the coming Christ who acts so that “the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.”

Dec 14th & 18th – Christmas Is . . . Worshipping Jesus!

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16 & Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas is about celebrating the wonder of God. This season allow Christmas to come back to something not found in stores, catch a true glimpse of who God is, and when you do, you will want to worship and bring gifts. Today, you will consider what it means to worship the coming Christ and you’ll be taught by a child.

Dec 24th – 3:00, 4:30, & 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 2:1-20

Welcome the Christ child with a traditional service of carols in a beautifully decorated sanctuary. Tonight you will rediscover the love of God for you incarnate in the baby Jesus. Bring your friends to any one of these beautiful candlelight worship services! Each service will have special music and a message everyone needs to hear!

Dec 25th – ONLY 10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols Christmas Worship

Often music speaks louder than words. Today you are invited to sing your favorite Christmas carols and enjoy a sung liturgy as we listen again to the joyful story of Jesus told in the traditional and contemporary songs of Christmas.

Jan 1st - ONLY 10:30 a.m. Christ Is.... Our Epiphany, Our Light!

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12

Today we celebrate the Light of Christ that guides us in darkness. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. So, we go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

Share the Spirit

Christmas may seem to be a long way away, but the Church in Society Committee is already planning for our annual "Share the Spirit" campaign. Beginning November 27 and ending December 11, we will be collecting items and gift cards for People's Church in Bemidji and Hands Across the World (HAW) in St. Cloud.

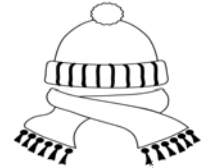
HAW has asked for hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves for all ages, but especially for children. These may be hand knit, purchased, or gently used. There will be a box to put them into in the narthex, beginning on November 27.

We are also asking for gift cards for People's Church in Bemidji and HAW. People's Church can use cards from Walmart, Target, and Holiday gas stations. HAW would like grocery gift cards from Walmart or Cashwise. These may be purchased at the Scrip counter in the narthex anytime. Connie Dullinger will take your money and hold on to the cards so that they can be divided between HAW and People's Church. Gift cards are \$25.00 each. You may buy part of a gift card or more than one. Just let Connie know that you are purchasing cards for "Share the Spirit".

Both People's Church and HAW are appreciative of your partnership with them. HAW provides ESL classes and job training for new immigrants, as well as helping them adapt to their first Minnesota winter! Our hope is to fill the box with knit items and supply both HAW and People's Church with many gift cards so that they can buy needed items for their families.

The deadline for bringing gifts and buying gift certificates is December 11.

Thank you for helping to make the Christmas season brighter for so many.



L.I.F.T - LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

December 6, 2016 @ 7 pm . We will be decorating the Christmas tree.! It will take many hands to put up lights and ornaments. Please join us!

People's Church Foot Ministry

People's Church is looking for some assistance with their "Foot Ministry". They want to reach out to those in their community who suffer from diabetes or other foot health issues with offerings of white cotton socks, baby or talcum powder, and anti-fungal creams.

A box will be in the narthex for the next few weeks for those of you who wish to donate these much needed items. As always, thank you for your kindness.



Adult Educational Forum Sunday Mornings 9:30-10:15 a.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Topic/Title</u>
12-04-16	Ben Durheim	<i>Absurd Faith, and Rational Doubt</i> This week we'll engage Soren Kierkegaard as he explores what it means to live faith, to doubt well, and to encounter the great silence of God's presence.
12-11-16	Joe Eichorn	<i>Worshiping Together as a Community through Music</i> Today, we'll discuss how music influences our experience of worship and touch on the messages that music communicates.
12-18-16	Steve Streng	

October 2016 Financial Stewardship Report

General Fund Mission Spending Plan for January Thru October 2016	\$230,183.31
Actual General Fund Income for January Thru October 2016	\$222,742.01

We have achieved 96.7% of our 2016 YTD stewardship plan.

Fare for All Holiday Packs are coming!!

The November Fare for All sold 696 packages of food this year, which included 325 holiday packs. We also served 324 households. Although this is a lot more than we usually do at our normal monthly distributions, we were a little disappointed in the customer turn out, and were hoping to serve many more households. In comparison, in November of 2015, 980 packages of food were served, including 418 holiday packages, and 486 households were served.

What does that mean going forward? We are asking for your help in promoting Fare for All in our community for the December Holiday sale. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, hang up a poster a work, any promotion helps! In December of 2015, we had our largest distribution EVER! The St. Joseph Fare for All site broke the all-time record by selling 1,066 packs in two hours. We would like to get close to selling 1,000 pack in December, similar to last year, but we will not be able to do it without your help!

So what can you tell people about Fare for All? Let people know that Fare for All is a non-profit food distribution that takes place monthly in St. Joseph. They sell packages of fresh produce and frozen meats and have prices that range from \$10-30, which is typically 40% off of typical grocery store prices. The frozen meats are typically easily prepared at home and 4 recipes are provided each month to help with meal preparation ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend this distribution, there are no income guidelines or pre-registration require. It is open to everyone who wants to save money.

****The December Holiday Package will include: Spiral cut Ham (6-8 lbs), Whole Chicken (5 lbs), chicken strips, ground beef (2), Mixed veggies (2), and an Apple Pie.**

Please help us spread the word about our December 12th Distribution!

A HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers that helped at the distribution! We had a seamless distributions and customers didn't even have to wait in line! We had an abundance of volunteers, which included groups from Resurrection Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Catholic Parish, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Apollo NHS, Apollo Swim Team, and Holdingford NHS. The Fare for All staff continues to complement our volunteers on their efficiency and customer service! Thank you for all you do!

If you are interested in volunteering at the December 12th distribution, please contact Amanda at rolesamanda@gmail.com. Volunteers will be eligible to enter into a drawing to win a free Holiday pack, and hot dogs, cookies, coffee, and hot cocoa will be provided to volunteers.



2016 Christmas Program

We are excited to announce that a **2016 Christmas Program** has been planned to include all children ages 3 through 6th grade!! The approximate length of the performance will be 20 minutes during all three worship services. In order for the children to be confident singing the songs, we ask that you try to make as many of the practices as possible.

December 4- 9:25-10:15 -Sunday School Practice

December 7- 5:45-6:25 WOW School Practice

December 11- 9:25-10:15 ALL CHILDREN FROM WOW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PRACTICE TOGETHER

December 14 at 6:30 – **Program Performance** during worship including all participants

December 18 at 8:15 and 10:30 – **Program Performance** during worship services including all participants

Advent Crafts and Snacks between the services

If you know a child in this age group that is not yet enrolled in Christian Education, we welcome them to join us for the scheduled practices and performances.

Please direct any questions to this year's director, Alana Curtis at 320-428-2451 or alana.curtis711@gmail.com
Thank you, Alana!

Resurrection's Staff & Council

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Pastor	Pastor Tim Lindhorst
Worship & Music Coordinator	Joe Eichorn
Church Secretary	Tracey Birr
Custodian	Dale Hasch
Pianists	Karen Bobeldyk Carolyn Finley Kathy Wirth Diana White
Resurrection's Council Members	
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12/01	Kuntz	Daniel
12/01	Nesland	Zachary
12/01	Thralow	Matthew
12/02	Bobeldyk	Angela
12/02	Bobeldyk	Jerry
12/03	Wirth	Kathryn
12/03	Anderson	Lance
12/03	Kulberg	Wambli
12/04	Eggert	Ellie
12/05	Haynes	Angela
12/05	Pfannenstein	Katie
12/06	Marwitz	Amaya
12/07	Baker	Magnus
12/07	Battig	Logan
12/07	Holtz	Dean
12/07	Revier	Sara
12/07	Steffens	Amanda
12/07	Tubbiola	Maureen
12/08	Kompelien	Jessica
12/09	Haaland	Rachel
12/11	Carlson	Ethan
12/11	Dolven-Kolle	Nathaniel
12/12	Michaelson	Patricia
12/12	Persson	Kurtis
12/13	Robinson	Deborah
12/14	Goebel	Matthew
12/14	Hennigs	Mark
12/15	Eggert	Kendall
12/15	Kranz	Gwen
12/15	Parsons	Jim
12/16	Schwegel	Judy
12/17	Bauer	Adam
12/17	Haugen	Jane
12/17	Rhode	Ethan
12/18	Marushin	Patrick
12/19	Birk	Deanna
12/19	Goebel	Brady
12/20	Smith	Mike
12/22	Baggenstoss	Lori
12/22	Dresow	Morgan
12/22	Sabrowsky	Debbie
12/23	Schmotzer	Michael
12/25	Bushkofsky	Heather
12/25	Keen	Evan
12/26	Anderson	Alex
12/27	Schramm	Joan
12/29	Kuebelbeck	Nathaniel
12/31	Anderson	John
12/31	Baggenstoss	Vayda
12/31	Fugleberg	Paul

RLC Discussion Group December 6th

The Lost Sisterhood
by Anne Fortier (CD)

Meetings are at 9:30, 1st Tuesday of the month.
December 6th meeting is our cookie buffet! Bring a
plate of your favorites to share!

If you have any questions, contact Ellen Chovan at
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All are welcome to join us!!



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Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. only