



The Messenger

January 2012

Our Language, Patterns of Thought and More

There is a kind of misunderstanding sometimes expressed in the Christian community whenever you and I speak of: going to church, getting something out of church, or becoming a member of a church. Such talk suggests that church is a location or place, rather than a community of people. According to scripture we don't go to church; we are the church—daughters and sons of God, disciples of Jesus, baptized to make a difference. Linda Andrade said it well: maybe to some the idea of going to church on Sunday is similar to going to buy groceries; it's another task to get done. Being the church is so much more.

Scripture holds before us that as disciples/followers of Jesus, we gather on the Sabbath to give God thanks for the week past and the new week that God is bringing into being. We gather also to "ask for the grace to remember that we are the presence of Christ for others." Recently the council and others have talked about a "new member class." I think rather than "having a class," a more biblical approach would be to: invite people to become part of this faith community; then gather with them to become acquainted, answer questions and share how we might together in the coming months give ourselves to God's hopes and dreams on our mutual journey as disciples. If you know someone who is drawn to become part of Resurrection as part of your journey as a follower of Christ, invite them to let me know.

Pastor Paul



COUNCIL UPDATE

From the December Meeting

Pastor Paul led devotions by reading Sunday's Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28, and asked Council members to reflect on the Gospel message. Members responded that nothing is impossible, old age is a matter of the mind, expect the unexpected, and things don't necessarily go according to plan. These are some thoughts to consider as RLC moves forward in developing a proposal in partnership with ISJ. A team of three or four people will be picked to develop and help implement a structure under which this partnership will operate. Further details will be provided at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

The 2012 budget presented by the Finance Committee was reviewed and approved for inclusion in the Annual Report to the congregation. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 29, 2012 following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The Annual Report should be available to the congregation on January 22, 2012. The property committee reported that the second furnace servicing the Friendship Hall needs replacing. A motion was passed giving the committee permission to replace the furnace after obtaining three estimates. The 2011 Church Maintenance account should have sufficient budgeted funds to cover the cost of a new furnace; however, this added expense may cause the yearend deficit to exceed the \$25,000 approved at the previous Annual Congregational Meeting. The current year-to-date deficit at the end of November is \$20,273.

A new member discipleship orientation class is being planned. If you know of someone interested in joining RLC, please have them contact the church office for information. The search continues for candidates to run for Council next year. Interested church members should contact the church office or a current council member for information. The next Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2012.

Faithfully,
Alan Miralgio
Council Secretary



Please have your articles including calendar items either in the office, e-mailed or faxed by **JANUARY 16.** Thank you.



Alex Cole	Walter Johnson
Gloria Davis	Russell Kraemer
Martha Drogemuller	Marvin Kruse
June Draeger	Jason Miller
Bill & Delores Gorr	June Nelson
Emily Haukland	Arlene Von Schwedler
Mike Jacklin	Jill Winters
Helen Johnson	Alice Young

Friends, family and members serving in the military:

Evan Hansmire, Ryan Marzec, Luke Bialczak, Brian Hernandez, John Miller, Mike Ignoffo,
Robert Dilks, Joshua Kerber and Damian Espinoza.

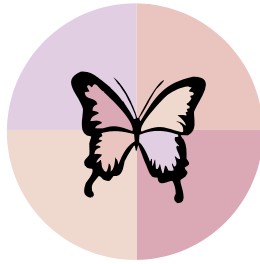
Friends and family of RLC members: Don & Barb Brunk's niece Pamela Smith-Bergsrud, Karen Shumaker's husband Mark, Katherine Pilz's son-in-law John Gaast, Amy Fatigato, James Maroney, Judi Ditowski, Judi Ferrari's mother-in-law Virginia, Bill Fritz's sister Beverly Jacob, Frank Bonk, Marion Ricker, Nick Zehlin, Rick Trost, Joyce DeWinter's uncle Harold, Rosemary Panzer's daughter Nancy Bianchi, Betsy Schmeiser, Samuel John, Nick & Judy Bauler, Jason and Patty Miller's Uncle Scott, Ping Lazzarini, Dean Jacobsen, Carol Kovach, Briana, Yvonne Thompson, Melanie, Tina's mother Alice Hansen, Iglesia San Jose, Jose Rivera's family, Barbara Nielson, Bonnie Magnifici, daughter of Lillian Vandeburg, JoAnn Biondo's Aunt Marybelle and her brother-in-law Rob, Stan, Joan Vogt, Mr. Anderson

We need to keep **Pastor Carlos** in our prayers to keep him safe. His job as a Chicago police officer brings with it a certain amount of danger.

Thank You

Thanks to you, the people of Iglesia San Jose and Puerta del Cielo for your gifts to Christ's work.

The Miralgio family would like to thank everyone for prayers and cards as well as the friendship shown to Frank during his illness.



*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

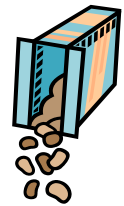
Sincere condolences to family and friends
of the following members
who recently passed away

Lois Johnson

Frank Miralgio

How Your Generous Giving Tree Donations Were Used

The \$350.00 in monetary donations bought Scrip cards (which as a side note then benefited RLC). Our very own Val Ignoffo then shopped mainly CVS and Jewel with them ~ targeting name brands for the vast majority of items. Here is what she purchased:



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| 12 boxes of Stove Top | 20 boxes of Jiffy Corn Bread |
| 2 ~ 12ct Schick Razors | 15 jars of Peter Pan Peanut Butter |
| 10 bottles of Aussie Shampoo | 20 SnakPak Puddings 4ct |
| 10 bottles of Palmolive/Ajax Dish Soap | 12 boxes of Kleenex |
| 10 boxes of Hamburger Helper | 20 cans of Chef Boyardee |
| 12 packages of Instant Potatoes | 20 boxes of Swiss Miss |
| 6 boxes of Ritz Crackers | 24 cans of Progresso Soup |
| 36 boxes of General Mills Cereal | |
| MultiPak of Paper Towels | |
| 2 large bags of M&M's (had coupons~only 1.50 per bag) | |
| Huge pack of Candy Canes ~ 60 individually wrapped that they can separate | |
| 10 GALLONS of double strength Laundry Detergent (CVS brand) ~ very good value!! | |

A bonus is that the cereal, Progresso & maybe a few others, have boxtops (some doubles) on them ~ so Val will be cutting out in excess of 65 boxtop symbols for her grandkid's school ~ netting them a tidy little sum!

Val used the tax-free letter and some coupons ~ **Retail w/tax would have been about \$645.00** for everything ~ **we paid just the \$350.00**. She did receive a few \$10 CVS rebates too, that she used on some of these items ~ the balance will be used towards items for our own food pantry. **ALMOST 1/2 OFF across the board.**

All in all, RLC is providing quite a help to our Leyden families in need!!!!

To Summarize: Thanks to all who donated and to Val's Super Savvy Shopping Skills, many will be helped this season. RLC's Scrip program benefited, countless Leyden families will receive food and household goods, a School has been helped along the way and our own Food Pantry will benefit as well.

***Thank You for ALWAYS coming through for others
RLC!!***



~ The Social Ministry Team

What Goes Up Must Come Down

On the morning of Saturday, January 7, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. we will be taking down all of the Christmas decorations. While it comes down easier and faster, we still need a group of individuals to help. A big thanks to those who helped decorate.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2012 immediately following the service in the sanctuary. All active members are encouraged to attend and to vote. Active members are considered to be those who have communed or contributed at least once in 2011. On the agenda will be the election of new council members, adoption of the 2012 budget and reports from all of our church committees.

Altar Flower Chart



The 2012 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the narthex. Sign up to commemorate your special event or a loved one with flowers on the altar. Please try to choose a date not already chosen. Flowers are limited to no more than three (3) per date. Envelopes, specifically for altar flowers, may be found below the chart. Be sure to fill out one of these envelopes with your name, the date you have chosen, and your intention. Place your donation of \$15 in the envelope and turn it into the office or the offering plate at least 7 days in advance.

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 9:00 a.m. Take down decorations
8 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class at RLC	9 7:00 p.m. Church Council	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Messenger Deadline	17	18 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. LifeLine Screening in Friendship Hall	19	20	21
22 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class at RLC	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Annual Congregational Meeting	30	31				





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Our Mission

Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world, through Prayer, Love and Action