



The Christmas Story



V B K R A C W U J Z A L P G I W T
M L B E T H L E H E M N P H M C F
T C O N V S O V Y E Y V T L M W Y
E Q R H S V C F P I W E Y P A C M
U N G L T M S F C E N S U S N D B
Y I C L A A F R S A C P Y O U C B
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G C I Y X S U V C R D S U S Y D B

Myrrh
Bethlehem
star
Mary
Immanuel
Frankincense
manger
angel
Jesus
census
shepherd
Joseph
baby
gold
stable
prophet
Magi

December 2024 Worship Assistants

	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
December 1	Ron and Sue Brooks	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Karen Jaeck	Pat and Karen McGregor	Ron and Sue Brooks
December 8	Brad Matthes Kevin Leffel	Pat and Karen McGregor	Karen McGregor		
December 15	Dave and Rebecca Blum	Myrna Chamberlain Karen Junker	Pat McGregor	Mike and Vicki Youngerberg	Victor and Helen Kurth
December 22	Daryl and Rita Schoemaker	Jim Lambert and Carolyn Rewitzer	Jim Lambert		
December 29	Brad Matthes Ron Brooks	Don Peterson	Mike Youngerberg		

November 12, 2024 Church Council Minutes

Members Present: Sue Mayer, Harvard Jaeck, Ruth Heilman, Rebecca Blum, Jerry Roust, Reinhard Riessen, Marilyn Anderson, and Pastor Aaron Deutsch.

President Jerry Roust **called the meeting to order** at 6:30PM.

Devotions: Reinhard Riessen provided a devotion on John 15:1-5 from *Lutheran Hour Ministries* entitled *Grapevines*.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda. **M/S/P**

Minutes: October regular meeting minutes were approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Treasurer's Report: Report was approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Pastor's Report: Written report was provided and filed. Pastor commented that he has, so far, been able to balance the Augustana District job well with his commitments to RLC and is pleased with all that is taking place in the district. The Election Eve Worship Service was well received, and something that he may consider doing again. Pastor noted Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30PM. Pastor Sarah will assist with liturgy and her congregation, Epiphany Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake, is invited to join us. The RLC merchandise is coming in and will be distributed soon. Discussion took place on the continuation of midweek Advent soup suppers, and it was decided that the free will donations from these suppers will be given to the WOW group for expenses incurred.

Committee Reports:

- Benevolence/Stewardship:** No action items presented. Resurrection Lutheran sponsored a day of radio on KJLY on October 31st. Our donation to KJLY was large enough that it would cover another day of sponsorship, which will take place on Easter Sunday this coming year.
- Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** No action items.
- Property/Facility:** A snow removal contract with Caretakers, Inc. was signed for this winter. A contract was also signed with Ballman roofing for a bi-yearly roof inspection. Ballman's will come out in the Spring and Fall to check on the roof, and make necessary repairs as needed.
- Worship:** No action items.

Old Business:

- No old business to discuss.

New Business:

- Installation of the 2024-2025 Church Council will take place during worship on Sunday, November 24, 2024.
- Christmas gifts for the staff were decided upon. **M/S/P**
- After discussing our regular meeting time, it was decided that council meetings will move to the 3rd Sunday of every month following worship.

The meeting **adjourned** at 7:00PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, December 15th, 2024, at 10:30AM.

Finances

October Income	\$22,807.92
October Expenses	(\$28,798.11)*

**This includes \$7,956.76 paid out in quarterly benevolence gifts.*

Account Balances (as of October 31, 2024)	
Checking Account	\$23,904.05
Savings Account	\$9,599.41
Edward Jones CD	\$34,716.85
Building Loan	(\$154,134.17)

December 2024 RLC Church Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am: Worship	2 10:00am: Morning Prayer	3	4 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 2:00pm: Worship Committee 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm: Soup Supper 7:00pm: Advent Worship	5 8:00am: Men's Bible Study	6	7
8 9:30am: Worship 6:00pm: Young Adults Group	9 10:00am: Morning Prayer	10	11 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 2:00pm: WOW Gift Bag Packing 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm: Soup Supper 7:00pm: Advent Worship	12 8:00am: Men's Bible Study 10:00am: EEO Committee	13 5:30pm: Christmas Banquet	14
15 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Church Council	16 10:00am: Morning Prayer	17	18 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 6:15pm: Soup Supper 7:00pm: Advent Worship	19 8:00am: Men's Bible Study	20	21
22 9:30am: Worship	23 10:00am: Morning Prayer	24 5:30pm: Christmas Eve Worship	25	26	27	28
29 9:30am: Worship	30	31				

December Birthdays	December Anniversaries
9 th – Nancy Heinze 22 nd – Bruce Krahmer 27 th – Michal Clobes	7 th – Bob and Meridel Kellogg 18 th – Ross and Ruth Heilman

Read the Bible in 2 Years Daily Reading Plan							
	SUN <i>(Epistles)</i>	MON <i>(The Law)</i>	TUES <i>(History)</i>	WED <i>(Psalms)</i>	THURS <i>(Poetry)</i>	FRI <i>(Prophecy)</i>	SAT <i>(Gospels)</i>
Nov. 24-30	1 John 1-3	Deuteronomy 20-22	Nehemiah 1-4	Psalms 137-139	Ecclesiastes 11-12	Malachi	Acts 19-20
Dec. 1-7	1 John 4-5	Deuteronomy 23-25	Nehemiah 5-9	Psalms 140-142	Song of Solomon 1-2	Revelation 1-6	Acts 21-22
Dec. 8-14	2 John	Deuteronomy 26-28	Nehemiah 10-13	Psalms 143-145	Song of Solomon 3-4	Revelation 7-11	Acts 23-24
Dec. 15-21	3 John	Deuteronomy 29-31	Esther 1-5	Psalms 146-148	Song of Solomon 5-6	Revelation 12-17	Acts 25-26
Dec. 22-28	Jude	Deuteronomy 32-34	Esther 6-10	Psalms 149-150	Song of Solomon 7-8	Revelation 18-22	Acts 27-28

The RLC Messenger

December 2024



MIDWEEK ADVENT
The holy season of Advent begins Sunday, December 1st. Join us **Wednesdays December 4, 11 and 18** for our midweek Advent worship services. A soup supper will be served in the fellowship hall at 6:15pm, followed by a brief worship service at 7:00pm. Pastor Aaron will be preaching a sermon series entitled “We Three Kings” featuring not the wise men, but the three ancient monarchs whose reigns directly impacted the coming of Christ: David, Augustus, and Herod. Chefs and bakers are needed to provide soup, bread and dessert for our meals. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

DECEMBER GOSPEL TEXTS

- December 1: Luke 19:28-40
- December 8: Luke 3:1-14
- December 15: Luke 7:18-28
- December 22: Luke 1:39-56
- December 29: Luke 2:22-40

WOW ANNOUNCEMENT

The WOW women will be packing 5 Christmas bags for our homebound members on Wednesday, December 11th at 2:00pm. Gift ideas are posted on the WOW bulletin board. Donations can be placed by the WOW basket in the narthex. With questions, you can contact Karen Jaeck at 507-995-9153.



CHRISTMAS BANQUET

RLC will be hosting our annual Christmas Banquet on **Friday, December 13, 2024**. Social hour will begin at 5:30pm with a banquet meal being served at 6:00pm. JD Truffles will cater. Sign-up in the narthex and indicate how many seats you would like reserved. A free-will donation will be taken the night of the event. Following the meal, Pastor Aaron, as well as his mother-in-law and sister-in-law will present a Christmas program.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service on Tuesday, December 24th at 5:30pm. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated as we draw near to friends and family to welcome the Christ child, who was born to die and save us from our sins.