




Worship Assistants

	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
January 4	Brad Matthes Kevin Leffel	Jim & Carolyn Lambert	Jim Lambert	Pat & Karen McGregor	Ron & Sue Brooks
January 11	Dave & Rebecca Blum	Don Peterson	Mike Youngerberg		
January 18	Ron & Sue Brooks	Doug & Sue Mayer	Eric Litynski	Mike & Vicki Youngerberg	Tony & Becky Miller
January 25	Daryl & Rita Schoemaker	Jerry & Joyce Roust	Oliver Olstrom		

Read Galatians 5:1-25. Find and circle the words below.

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

LOVE

JOY

PATIENCE

FAITHFULNESS

SOUND JUDGMENT

HOLY SPIRIT

GENTLENESS

RIGHTEOUSNESS

KINDNESS

SELF CONTROL

PEACE

GOODNESS

DECEMBER 21, 2025 COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Jerry Roust, Clark Diel, Reinhard Riessen, Marilyn Anderson, Rebecca Blum, Meridel Kellogg, Donna Krahmer and Pastor Aaron Deutsch.

President Marilyn Anderson **called the meeting to order** at 10:40 AM.

Devotions: Jerry Roust gave devotions from *Day by Day with Martin Luther*, citing Luke 2:17.

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

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

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

- In light of strong giving in November and December, and in an effort to maintain a sound financial position, a motion was made to retain a minimum balance of \$11,500 in the savings account for undesignated expenses. Any additional income beyond that amount will be applied toward reducing the mortgage principal. **M/S/P**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Aaron attended a house of worship safety workshop sponsored by the Mankato Police Department. He expressed gratitude for the strong attendance and positive reception of the Advent events. Regularly scheduled programming will gradually return to the calendar in January, and a new Adult Forum series will begin in February, prior to Lent.

Committee Reports:

- Benevolence/Stewardship:** No meeting.
- Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** The Christmas banquet was well attended and appreciated by the congregation. No action items.
- Personnel:** No meeting.
- Property/Facility:** A special thank-you was extended to Mike Youngerberg for his insightful presentation on the congregation's facility needs on December 7th. Based on the general consensus of the members present at that meeting, a motion was made to authorize the Property Committee to sign any bids received for repairs to the church flat roof, carport roof, sacristy window, and indoor handrails leading to the basement. **M/S/P**
- Worship:** The Sanctuary Christmas poinsettias are beautiful and being well cared for. No action items.

There was no **old or new business** to discuss.

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:10 AM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 10:30 AM.

FINANCES

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of November 30, 2025

Checking Account	\$27,692.62
Savings Account	\$16,008.65
Edward Jones CD	\$36,750.97
Building Loan	(\$102,709.65)

NOVEMBER 2025

Income	\$35,824.87
Expenses	(\$21,795.67)



January 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30am: Worship	5 10:00am: Morning Prayer	6	7 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Worship Committee	8 11:00am: EEO Committee	9	10
11 9:30am: Worship	12 10:00am: Morning Prayer	13	14 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Church Council 3:00pm: Madagascar Water Presentation	19 10:00am: Morning Prayer	20	21 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study	22 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	23	24
25 9:30am: Worship	26 10:00am: Morning Prayer	27	28 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 6:00pm: Movie Night	29 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	30	31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st - Sharon Litynski
6th - Matt Wills
7th - Ruth Deutsch
9th - Bob Spiegler
13th - Donna Krahmer
14th - Pat McGregor
18th - Sandy Leffel
22nd - Darrell Eastvold
29th - Joe Olstrom

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

16th - Harvard and Karen Jaeck

THE RLC Messenger

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MADAGASCAR HEALTH & WATER PROJECT

"Water Is Life." That phrase serves as the mission statement of Madagascar Health and Water, a clean-water initiative coordinated by Resurrection Lutheran Church member Andry Ranaivoson. With persistent famine causing widespread malnutrition and death throughout much of Madagascar, this ministry works to locate clean water deep beneath the surface and provide remote villages with safe drinking water, sanitation, and agricultural tools. Resurrection Lutheran raised over \$1,800 for this mission last month. To help us learn more about this life-saving ministry, Andry will offer a presentation on **Sunday, January 18th** at 3:00pm in the fellowship hall. Pie and coffee will be served.

BIBLE DONATIONS

Do you have Bibles at home that you're hesitant to donate, can't bring yourself to discard, but would love to see read and cherished? Throughout the month of January, we invite you to bring those Bibles to church for donation to Love Packages, a nonprofit that ships Bibles to missionaries around the world.

January Gospel Texts

January 4: Matthew 2:1-12
January 11: Matthew 3:13-17
January 18: John 1:29-42a
January 25: Matthew 4:12-25



MOVIE NIGHT

The Education, Evangelism and Outreach Committee invites you to join us for a movie night in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, January 28th at 6:00pm! Popcorn will be served. Bring your own beverages, or water will be available. The featured film will be *I Can Only Imagine*. *I Can Only Imagine* tells the powerful true story behind the beloved song written by the Christian band MercyMe. The film follows lead singer Bart Millard's journey from a painful childhood marked by abuse and brokenness to an unexpected path of faith, forgiveness, and redemption. Along the way, music becomes the means through which healing takes shape—and a song is born that would go on to inspire millions. It's a moving story of grace, hope, and the power of imagining what awaits beyond our present struggles.

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER SUPPLY DRIVE

Each year, 4.2 million young people experience homelessness in the United States. That reality is especially troubling during Minnesota's cold winter months. Last year alone, the Youth Resource Center in Mankato served 470 unhoused youth from our community. Throughout the month of January, Resurrection Lutheran will host a supply drive to support the Youth Resource Center and the young people who rely on its care. You are invited to bring any of the following items during the month: granola or protein bars, scarves/hats/gloves, personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, lotion), kleenex or baby wipes.