



# The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

## 20 + C M B + 22

A faint outline of these numbers, letters, and symbols is above the church office door. It's the chalked blessing inscribed from a few years back at this time of year, likely on Epiphany. The numbers point to the year, and the letters stand for either the Latin blessing *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (May Christ Bless this House) or for the names traditional ascribed to the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

January 6<sup>th</sup> marks the Feast of the Epiphany when the magi arrived at the home of Mary, Joseph, and "baby" Jesus (scholars think he was about 2 at the time of this visit). Churches (and households!) can break out some chalk (any color) and inscribe 20 + CMB + 22 above their doors, praying for God's blessing upon their home for the coming year. A drawing or print-out can also work in the entry hallway of rental units.

Such blessing seems appropriate, especially this year, as we've spent a lot more time in our homes this past year, these past two years, keeping safe, staying distant, quarantining, or isolating when ill.

When Justin and I moved into our first house last April, one of his cousins visited and brought us three gifts: a pineapple, a bottle of rum, and a big flashlight like the ones used by railroad workers. While two of the gifts have long since been consumed, the flashlight rests in a closet by our backdoor. It casts an amazing light when needed and because my pastor-mind moves in this direction, reminds me of the light of the Christ-child come into the world, and into our homes, and into our lives.

May God bless our homes this year, dear ones. May the light of Christ shine upon us *and* through us.

See you in worship (on Zoom through January 30th!),  
*Pastor Kelly*



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

Mark Your  
Calendars!

January 30,  
2022

Worship  
@ 9:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting  
@ 10:30 a.m.

Annual reports  
are due to the  
office  
by January 10<sup>th</sup>.



Our Confirmation Students joined together as the Body of Christ, sharing their gifts and how we live out our faith each day.

## JANUARY WORSHIP VIA ZOOM

At our December council meeting, we were able to make the proactive decision to move to worship via Zoom during the month of January.

As you set apart time and space to worship in this new year, we invite you to bring certain items or dress in fun ways so that we might make the most of this time together and apart.

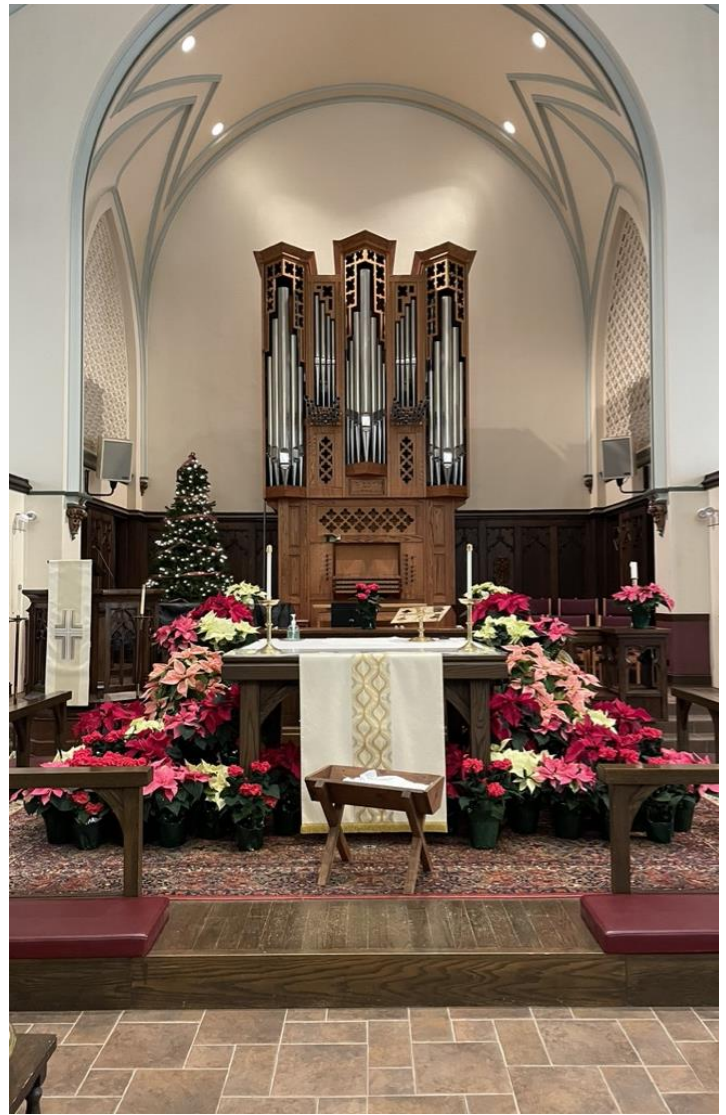
Jan 2 – Communion Sunday  
Bring bread and wine/juice

Jan 9 – Baptism of our Lord  
Bring a bowl of water

Jan 16 – Gospel is the Wedding at Cana  
Fancy Dress/Hat Sunday

Jan 23 – Favorite Mug Sunday  
Show it off as you sip that coffee/oj!

Jan 30 – Congregational Meeting  
Think about your favorite RLC memory or thing we do in the present. You'll be invited to share!



## God's Work, Our Hands



*At Resurrection, we serve our neighbors in need through collections of items, hands-on action, and continued advocacy and education.*



### KEEPING WARM

While we see less requests for lunches these days, we continue to pass on cold weather goodies on our fence. Thanks to Opal Katsma and Anne Roberts for so many great items to help us share with our neighbors!



## Prayers from the RLC Stewardship Team

*These prayers are written or selected by members of our Stewardship Team for use in Sunday worship for the date noted and then for personal prayer in the month after they have been prayed in worship.*



## Happy Birthday!

### December 5

Lord, we thank you for the mission and ministries of Concordia Place in four locations on the northwest side of Chicago. It has been changing lives through growth and opportunity for forty years. You have blessed its programs for children and teens in early learning and preschool and after-school, as well as preparing teens to be tomorrow's leaders. Putting faith into action as a place for all has strengthened our families and their greater neighborhood. Keep guiding our Resurrection members to continue to support Concordia Place which is so grateful for their gifts over the years.

### December 12

Gracious Father, we thank you for all who celebrate holidays this time of year: Advent, Bodhi Day, Hanukkah, Solstice, Christmas and Kwanzaa to name a few. May we respect all who seek God during this season. We may see God differently, but please help us to work together toward peace and justice among all people on earth.

### December 19

Shepherding God, Be present with those who do not feel happy or merry during this season; those who are lonely, grieving or forlorn. Move all to trust that they are loved exactly where they are, and exactly as they are. Surround your beloved with your warm embrace. Teach us to be caring and gentle with one another.

### December 26

We pray for all who travel this week and those who work in fields connected to travel. Grant safety in transit, favorable weather, and peaceful exchanges when frustrations arise.

- 2 Danie Muriello
- 2 Aaron Dirlam
- 4 Christian Youngman
- 5 Gloria Purtell
- 6 Opal Katsma
- 13 David Thoele
- 14 Izaiah Wiegel
- 15 Lorene Kassis
- 26 Lauren Meier
- 28 Charles Milutinovic
- 28 Grady Prickett
- 29 Beth Fulkerson
- 30 Jack Strybis

If we missed anyone or included someone accidentally, please let [the church office](#) know.



	November, Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2021
Offering/Giving	21,629.82	199,620.80	216,562.18
Other Income	10.00	113,885.80	64,284.66
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,639.82</b>	<b>313,506.60</b>	<b>280,846.84</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>26,826.26</b>	<b>267,227.38</b>	<b>301,514.57</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(5,186.44)</b>	<b>46,279.22</b>	<b>(20,667.73)</b>

# JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center"><b>RLC Office Hours</b>  <i>Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</i>  <i>In case of Pastoral Emergency,</i>  <i>please call Pastor Kelly (708) 714-4364</i></p>						1
2 <b>2ND SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship via Zoom <i>Meeting ID: 864 1603 4369</i> <i>Passcode: 58863</i> <i>Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)</i>	3	4	5	6	7  7:00 p.m. Community Group in Fellowship	8  9:00 a.m. Men's Group
9 <b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship via Zoom 10:30 a.m. Youngish Women's Bible Study 10:50 a.m. Confirmation	10  ** Annual Reports due to Office	11	12	13  6:30 p.m. Lakeview Lutheran Parish Planning Team	14  7:00 p.m. Community Group in Fellowship	15
16 <b>2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship via Zoom	17	18  7:00 p.m. Church Council Via Zoom	19	20	21  7:00 p.m. Community Group in Fellowship	22  9:00 a.m. Men's Group
23 <b>3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship via Zoom	24	25	26  **Deadline for January Messenger	27	28  7:00 p.m. Community Group in Fellowship	29
30 <b>4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship via Zoom 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting via Zoom	31	<p><b>Additional Weekly Building Use:</b>                      Weekday mornings – Piano practice                      Monday/Thursday afternoon – Organ practice                      Sunday afternoons – Cello practice/lessons</p>				