



Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation! *Psalm 95:1*

# RESURRECTION RAMBLER

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## A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A JOY-FILLED NEW YEAR!

The sights and sounds of Christmas! Few things capture the true meaning of Christmas like worshipping the Christ-Child at a children's Christmas service.

It was such a wonderful opportunity for our teachers and students to share the message of Jesus birth this past Sunday. The students did an awesome job with song and narration. We pray that this Christmas message will focus families on the One Thing most needful and that you all dwell on the great *JOY* that comes with Christmas.

Teachers and classroom volunteers are also making plans for tomorrow. There will be ice skating, bowling, caroling, crafts, games and movies planned throughout the day; gift exchanges, treats and sugary drinks will most likely make an appearance, too. The encouraging thing is this is not simply to celebrate a winter break, but rather to recognize all that God has done for us this *Christmas*.

Christmas rolls into New Year's and this is a natural time to reflect on the blessings God has given us the past year. We thank God for the many blessings He gave us in 2016 and ask Him to continue to provide and keep us in 2017.

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*  
*2Corinthians 13:14*

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**From the Faculty and Staff of RLS**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thur, Dec 22: Classroom Celebrations
- Dec 23-Jan 2: Christmas vacation
- Tue, Jan 3: Classes resume!
- Fri, Jan 6: Camping Event registration deadline
- Mon, Jan 16: No School
- Fri, Jan 27: No School
- Tue, Jan 31 & Thurs, Feb 2: P-T Conferences
- Wed, Feb 1: Early Release Day
- Thur, Feb 9: Living History Fair

**(ATHLETIC EVENTS ON PAGE 2)**

### SNOW SHOVELING CREWS

Thanks to all crews so far—great job on keeping the walks safe for our students, staff members and visitors.

**Jan 3 - 6** ~ Christensen, Hughes, O'Byrne,  
Padilla-Lopez, Zabel

**Jan 9 - 13** ~ Cornwell, Joswiak, Luepke,  
Schleicher, Schneider-Loberg

## OUR CHRISTIAN CORNERSTONE

### Bible Lessons For This Week:

This week's theme, **God in his mercy spares his "holy people" when they sin**, begins with the lesson **God Gives the Ten Commandments** followed by **The Golden Calf**. The students learn how God chose Israel to be His special people and gave them His holy law. We are God's New Testament chosen people, "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a nation belong to God." He chose us as His own from eternity, redeemed us through the death of His Son and brought us to faith through the power of the gospel.

In the next lesson, the students learn how the Israelites sinned against God almost immediately after He had given them His holy law and made them His special people. They made a golden calf, sacrificed to it, and held a sinful celebration. Yet God forgave them (and likewise erases our sins, blots out sin, covers up our wrongs).



### Hymn for This Week:

**Just As I Am**  
*Christian Worship #397*  
 (due 12/22)  
 K ~ v. 1  
 Grade 1-2: v. 1-2  
 Grade 3-4: v. 1, 2, 6  
 Grade 5-6: v. 1-4, 6  
 Grade 7-8: v. 1-6

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our area WELS churches look forward to Christ's coming with special services and invite your family to join us!

### Christmas Eve, Sat, 12/24

4:00 - L; 6:00 - A, C, O, R; 7:00 - G

### Christmas Day, Sun, 12/25

9:00 - G, O, R; 9:15 - A; 9:30 - C, L

### New Year's Day, Sun, 1/1

9:00 - O, R; 9:15 - A; 9:30 - C, L; 10:00 - G

A = Ascension, 2207 - 11th Ave SE, Rochester  
 C = Christ our Rock, 3040 Stonehenge Dr NE, Rochester  
 G = Grace, 140 Minnesota Ave, Oronoco  
 L = Life, 4500 - 60th Ave NW, Rochester  
 O = Our Savior, 600 - 8th Ave NW, Kasson  
 R = Resurrection, 4520 - 19th Ave NW, Rochester

## NEW ULM BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT— RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM!

It's time to plan for the New Ulm basketball tournament in mid-February!  
 We have about 20 rooms blocked at the Best Wester in Mankato for Friday and Saturday (Feb 17 & 18). Call 507-625-9333 to make your reservation under *Resurrection Basketball*. Each room has two beds, a microwave, fridge and coffeemaker, plus high-speed internet and complimentary breakfast. There is an indoor pool and exercise room in the motel, too. Check-in is 3pm and check-out is 11am. There are poolside rooms, too—just ask if they're still available.

Questions? Contact the Sahlins

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## UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS:

- Wed, Dec 21: Cheer squad pictures
- Fri, Jan 6—Home BB vs Plainview
- Mon, Jan 9—BB at Lake City
- Fri, Jan 13—BB at Silo/Lewiston
- Sat, Jan 14—Mankato Tournament (A Teams)
- Tues, Jan 17—Home BB vs Red Wing
- Thurs, Jan 19—Home BB vs RCLS
- Tues, Jan 24—Home BB vs Goodhue
- Sat, Jan 21—Goodhue Tournament (A Teams)

Practice and game details can be found on the:  
[Rams Athletics Page.](#)

## ATHLETIC PAYMENTS

Basketball registration fees will be assessed through TADS billing system the first week of January, and you will see it as an added item on your payment receipt. You will have 10 days until the bill processes in the event you prefer to drop off payment in the school office.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Sun—Dec 25 ~ Mrs. Grove  
 Mon—Dec 26 ~ Stevie B  
 Tues—Dec 27 ~ Wyatt H  
 Fri—Dec 30 ~ Anna R, Mrs. Schleicher  
 Sat—Dec 31 ~ Pastor Bitter



## SAVE THE DATE (BUT REGISTER NOW!)

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend with other RLS families at the **FACE Family Camping Weekend**, Fri, June 16 - Sun, June 18 at Chester Woods. Join us for a weekend of fishing, canoeing, swimming, hiking, games, and campfire fellowship.

Chester Woods takes campground reservations in early January and they fill up fast! If you'd like to join us, complete the registration form sent via an email attachment last week and a green sheet that went home earlier this week with your youngest child. **Return the registration form and payment to the school office by Friday, January 6.**

More details will be sent in the spring to families who register by January 6. Questions? Contact Jason Berg ([bergbergi@yahoo.com](mailto:bergbergi@yahoo.com) / [507-280-8872](tel:507-280-8872)).

## BOOKMOBILE BOOKS TO RETURN

Mrs. Hardinger has offered to return any bookmobile books afterschool on Thursday.