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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an amazing beginning we have experienced together at Resurrection Lutheran Church in the past three months! We only started this journey in mid-September and already there is so much to be grateful for as a congregation. Within a matter of weeks, we found a worship space and began worshipping together on Reformation Sunday. A website was launched, entitled "Resurrection: Where New Life Begins," inviting newcomers to "Renew Your Faith, Restart Your Journey, and Rediscover Hope." These words seem almost prophetic now, as they truly characterize what this community of faith is about: renewal, restarting, and rediscovering.

Since our first worship service, Resurrection has welcomed twenty-nine members and counting (at the time of this writing, there are at least two more members awaiting letters of transfer)! We have confirmed two young people, and catechism begins in February for a third confirmand. Our constitution was ratified and officers have been elected. And time and again, you have offered your time, talent and treasures for the good of all. At Resurrection, there is a "spirituality of giving" that is a reflection of your love for God and one another.

What do we hope for in 2012? Where might God lead Resurrection Lutheran Church in its mission and ministry in the coming year? What gifts might we continue to bring our King? Those are the questions we will consider and pray about in the coming weeks and months. And on January 29, 2012, Resurrection will hold its first Consecration Sunday. At that time, we will affirm our hopes and dreams for the wondrous and amazing things that God has done and will continue to do in, with, and through His children in this place.

With this letter, you will find a time, talent, and treasure/estimate of giving sheet for the year 2012. Prayerfully consider how you might continue to affirm and support the ministry of this mission congregation and on Consecration Sunday, place your completed sheet in the offering plate. After worship, we will celebrate with our very first potluck dinner, in the classroom down the hall. Be sure and sign up for the dish you will contribute and stay after worship for food, fellowship, and fun!

In the coming year, I have faith that Resurrection will continue to grow, bring people to faith in Jesus Christ, and reach those in need of a church home where the age-old truths of the Bible are taught. There will be challenges, no doubt, but we have faith and hope in the One Who leads us. "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Rom. 5:8).

With faith in Jesus Christ and love for you all,

Pastor Marilyn Larsen