



# The Arising News



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**Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, 2023**

**Worship Times: In-Person ~ Sunday 9:00am**

**Adult Bible Study - Sunday 10:20am**

**Live Streaming via Facebook - Sundays 9:00am**

**All services transmitted in parking lot on FM 98.3**

**Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sun. @ 9am**

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# May- Dates to Remember

5/01 Mon.	4:00pm	Congregational Life
5/03 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation
5/04 Thurs.	5:30pm	LWML Board Meeting
	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
5/06 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
5/07 Sun.	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	9:00am	Rite of Confirmation
	10:20am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
5/08 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
5/09 Tues.	6:00pm	Little Blessings Daycare Board MTG
<i><u>District Pastor's Meeting—5/08-5/09</u></i>		
5/10 Weds.	6:30pm	ED Board Meeting
5/11 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council Meeting
5/13 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
5/14 Sun.	9:00am	Worship Service
Mother's Day	10:20am	Adult Bible Study/Last Day of Sunday School
5/20 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
5/21 Sun.	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	10:20am	Adult Bible Study
5/23 Tues.	7:00am	Mugs & Muffins Fieldtrip to OGT
5/25 Thurs.	5:00pm	Christian Care Meal Prepare & Serve
5/26 Fri.	12:00pm	Fellowship Friday
	6:00pm	Youth Group QC Steamwheelers Game
5/27 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
Pentecost Eve		
5/28 Sun.	9:00am	Worship
Pentecost	10:20am	Adult Bible Study/ Youth Summer Sunday School
5/30 Tues.		Pentecost Tuesday
<i><u>June</u></i>		
6/01 Thurs.	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
6/03 Sat.	7:00am	Workout



# The Gospel for May



John 14: 6-14

## May 7th, John 14:1-4

### *Jesus Comforts His Disciples*

**14** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God<sup>[a]</sup>; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going."

## May 14th, John 14: 15-21

### *Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit*

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, keep my commands... <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

## May 18th, Luke 24: 44-53

### *The Ascension of Jesus*

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things... <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven."

## May 21st, John 17:1-11

### *Jesus Prays to Be Glorified*

**17** After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you."

## May 28th, John 7:37-39

### *Jesus said, "And let anyone drink"*

<sup>37</sup> On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Jesus the Way to the Father

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know<sup>[b]</sup> my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say,

'Show us the Father?' <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

**Jesus: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."**

The life of the Christian is one of confession. It is a life that gives witness to the character and nature of God. It is a life of integrity in which one's actions and words match what one confesses to believe about God.

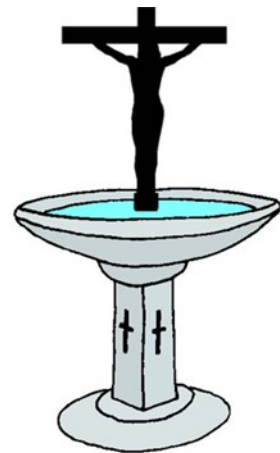
It is the character and nature of God to be merciful and to save sinners through the forgiveness of sins. Christ Jesus took up human flesh so that He might live a life of perfect integrity and true confession of God. In word and in deed He gave witness to God's merciful, saving nature, even to the point of giving His innocent life on the cross to save sinners.

The life of the Christian begins with the confession of one's own sinfulness and need of salvation. It is a life of turning away from sin and toward your Savior who forgives that sin for the sake of His innocent suffering and death. The Christian is then moved by the work of the Holy Spirit to live out this confession by being merciful and loving toward others, and by continually receiving from God more of His merciful forgiveness.

This faith, this life, and this confession are packaged up by God and delivered in one integrated whole through the waters of Holy Baptism. On Sunday, May 7, three of our young members will give confession to what they received on the day of their Baptism. They will give this confession before God and before the congregation in the Rite of Confirmation.

Join with us that day to give thanks to God for His good work in the lives of these three Christians and to be reminded of the life and the confession that were delivered to you also in the life-giving waters of Baptism. Follow along with the Rite of Confirmation and prayerfully consider how your life does or does not align with what you confess to be the character and nature of God. And where you are led to see your failure to live a life of perfect integrity and true confession of God, hear His word of promise to you: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Then rejoice that we are blessed to be a part of God's work, passing this confession and faith on to the next generation!



*God's Blessings to our  
newest Confirmands:*

*Lillian Elizabeth Lochner  
Addison Hazel Rasler  
Asher Thomas Ross*



Join us on Sunday mornings for  
Bible Study @ 10:20am

Each week we walk through the  
Scripture readings to dig deeper into the Word from  
the Sunday sermons!

New Member Class

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our  
church, please contact Pastor Licht  
or call the church office, 563-386-2342.



Summer  
Sunday School

**Beginning, May 21st!**  
**Meets every Sunday**  
**At 10:20am**

**All Children Are Welcome!**

“...with full  
courage now  
as always  
Christ will be  
honored in my  
body, whether by  
life or by death.  
For to me to  
LIVE IS CHRIST,  
and to die  
is gain.”

~St. Paul

Friends are  
Welcome at  
all of our  
events.  
Please  
invite  
them!

Calling all youth entering 4th -12th grade!  
Last official day of Sunday school is May 14th (Mother's Day) , however, join Mr. Emory for Summer Sunday Fun-day during the Bible Study hour! The plan is a fun activity or lesson to continue through the summer months!

### *Calling all Youth!*

Confirmation age through High school.

*We have been meeting every month and are having a great time!*

However, we would have a better time if you joined us too!

*Our next Youth event is Friday, May 26th . Meet here at RCLC at 6pm for pizza and devotions before carpooling to the game! Feel free to invite your friends, but please RSVP to Brenda Ross.*

Activity calendar is available on the bulletin board.

Join us and bring your friends!

### Dates to Remember: Youth Events

- May 14th—Mother's Day
- May 26th—Steamwheeler's game @ 7pm  
Meet at the church @ 6pm
- June 12-16—VBS 9am-noon
- June 23rd—River Bandits game @ 6:30pm  
Meet at the church @ 5:30pm



## Sunday School

Calling all children aged  
3 months - 3rd grade!!!

While our last official day of Sunday school and scheduled Nursery is over on May 14th, we will continue with a fun lesson, activity or video for children 3 months old -3rd grade. 4th graders-12th grade will join Mr Emory for the Summer during the Bible Study hour.

Parents, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to stay in God's Word through the Summer months!

### Dates to Remember:

May 14th—Mother's Day

**Sunday school children sing in worship!**

This is also the last official day of Sunday school lessons.

VBS dates —June 12-16, 9am-noon

Many hands make light work and we need all of you! Lots of work day opportunities coming in the month of June! Anyone interested in helping with VBS please contact Leslie McCoy.



Nursery is available to all children 3 months-3 years old during the Sunday school hour. **It is a blessing to get to know your child!**

**May 7—Janey Zirpel**

**May 14—Heidi Iltis**

Nursery is located upstairs in the Youth room. Thank you all for serving!

If you have a **heart** for showing **children** about the **love** of **Jesus** and would like to serve in Children's Ministry, contact Leslie McCoy -





“Proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to children and their parents through a high quality child care program.”

**Little Blessings** – “Proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to children and their parents through a high quality child care program.”

## **Daycare Learning Schedule for the month of May**

THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS ALMOST OVER FOR THE DAYCARE AGAIN, SUMMER MODE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

IT'S BEEN A TRYING AND LEARNING YEAR ONCE AGAIN. THANKS TO GOD TO HELP US GET THROUGH EACH DAY.

FINDING AND KEEPING GOOD TEACHERS HAS BEEN OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN AND ISSUE. WE HAVE HIRED SOME VERY GOOD TEACHERS THIS LAST FEW MONTHS, AND I THANK YOU FOR BEING SO GOOD WITH THE CHILDREN AND STAYING WITH US AT LITTLE BLESSINGS DAYCARE.

WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE TEACHERS THAT LEFT FOR NEW ADVENTURES IN LIFE AND DECIDED THEY LIKED OUR ADVENTURES BETTER AND HAVE RETURNED TO US. A THOUSAND THANK YOUS TO THEM.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE DAYCARE HAS OPENED, WE HAVE A TEACHER THAT IS RETIRING TO ENJOY HER LIFE WITH HER HUSBAND AND DOGS. BRENDA HAS BEEN WITH THE DAYCARE FOR MORE THAN A DECADE AND DESIRES TO RETIRE AND ENJOY LIFE. BRENDA WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THE STAFF AND CHILDREN.

ON APRIL 23RD, THE DAYCARE HAD THEIR 2023 PRESCHOOL GRADUATION. WE HAD FOUR LITTLE BOYS THAT WILL BE GOING TO KINDERGARTEN THIS FALL. WE TAKE OUR GRADUATION VERY SERIOUS HERE AT THE CENTER. WE ARE SO BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE OUR GRADUATION ON A SUNDAY DURING OUR CHURCH SERVICE WITH THE CONGREGATION. ALONG WITH THE CHILDREN SINGING FOR THE CONGREGATION, EACH CHILD RECEIVES A DIPLOMA STATING THEY HAVE GRADUATED. THE CHURCH GIVES EACH CHILD THEIR VERY OWN FIRST BIBLE, AND THE WOMEN QUILTING GROUP FROM THE CHURCH GIVES EACH CHILD A QUILT. SUCH MEMORIES FOR THE CHILDREN TO HAVE FOR YEARS.

THE CENTER IS WORKING ON OUR SUMMER SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM. WE WILL NEED 15 CHILDREN TO HAVE THE SUMMER PROGRAM. IF YOUR FAMILY OR YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY IN NEED OF SUMMER CARE, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT THE DAYCARE CENTER. THE CENTER WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY ON MAY 29TH AND WILL BE CLOSED. THE CENTER IS WORKING AT HIRING TWO MORE STAFF MEMBERS IF ANYONE KNOWS OF SOMEONE LOOKING TO GET INTO CHILD CARE.

HAVE A GREAT MONTH IN CHRIST, TERRIE BURKEY



5/01 Joel Bender

5/01 Angela Kauffman

5/08 Carrie Reese

5/09 Dana Johnson

5/09 Syam Mukiri

5/10 Corey Eastman

5/12 Elisha McCloud

5/13 Keaton Ehrke

5/13 Gwen Oosting

5/14 Kelly Murphy

5/15 Emily Downing

5/15 James Lewis

5/17 Jason Lehman

5/19 Christi Ferris

5/20 Dallas Brekke

5/22 Hayden Rasler

5/23 Terrie Burkey

5/23 Cody Weih

5/24 Rev. Brian Licht

5/25 Evan Canarr

5/25 Gail Otto

5/26 Natalie Hentze

5/27 Holly Graap

5/27 Tammy McKay

5/28 Raelynn Fuhlman

5/29 Trevor Miller

5/29 Becky Van Nice

5/29 Isabella Wegener

“One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.”

Ephesians 4:5

5/01 *PeeWee Avila*  
 5/01 *Jocelyn Faris*  
 5/01 *Denise Petersen*  
 5/03 *Lindsey Anderson*  
 5/03 *Emerson Ehrke*  
 5/03 *Shirley Lemon*  
 5/03 *Kris Vieger*  
 5/04 *Buddy Bayne*  
 5/04 *Dawn Luedtke*  
 5/04 *Sushma Mukiri*  
 5/05 *Ava Canarr*  
 5/05 *Kyle Dittmer*  
 5/05 *Garrett Duncan*  
 5/06 *April Goers*  
 5/06 *James Lewis*  
 5/07 *Brian Licht*  
 5/07 *Brenda Ross*  
 5/07 *Isabella Wegener*  
 5/08 *Meagan Buckley*  
 5/08 *Elliot Hay*  
 5/08 *Dalton Wittnebel*  
 5/09 *Carol Perry*  
 5/09 *Marissa Terry*

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You; the Lord  
 Make His Face to shine  
 Upon You and be Gracious to You; the Lord  
 lift up his Countenance upon You and give  
 You Peace.”

*Numbers 6:26*



5/10 *Angela Dodd*  
 5/10 *Ila Jean Moeller*  
 5/10 *Scarlett Sievert*  
 5/13 *Karen Lorenzen*  
 5/15 *Lauren Anderson*  
 5/17 *Kaedyln Burkey*  
 5/17 *Peg Nelson*  
 5/19 *Matthew Grosskopf*  
 5/21 *Laura Hammes*  
 5/21 *Jessica Welch*  
 5/22 *Bill Stout*  
 5/24 *Chris Rall*  
 5/24 *Addison Zehringer*  
 5/24 *Alexis Zehringer*  
 5/25 *Ian McCloud*  
 5/26 *Natalie Hentze*  
 5/27 *Tim Buckley*  
 5/27 *Kay Johnson*  
 5/27 *Kailynn McCracken*  
 5/27 *Melissa Wegener*  
 5/27 *Drew Welch*  
 5/28 *Mason Happel*  
 5/30 *James Hergert*

- 5/03 Jimmie & Denise Petersen
- 5/04 Stephen & Rachel Smith
- 5/05 Vince & Kelly Murphy
- 5/06 Allan & Nancy Elias
- 5/10 James & Julie Lewis
- 5/12 Shane & Polly Emmert
- 5/22 Tim & Meagan Buckley
- 5/23 Blair & Kristy Ehlers
- 5/27 Nathan & Abby Repp
- 5/30 Steven & Leslie McCoy



*I am my beloved's  
and my beloved is mine.  
Song of Solomon 6:3*

## Membership Changes

If you have changed address, or know of another member who did but may not have informed us, please either remind that person to get us the new information or supply it yourself. Thank you for helping us keep in touch with our treasured members.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Todd Hafner (brother of Lynette Licht)** - Hospitalized

**David Hentze (brother of Gary Hentze)** - Undergoing Cancer Treatment

**Roy Tinnes (Barb Grosskopf's Dad)**—declining health

**Roger Waech, (Brother of Reynold)**—Entered Heaven Triumphant 4.28.23

**Jack Boley**—Recovering from Surgery

**Cindy Parsons, (Jordann Lehman's Mom)** - Recovering from Surgery

**Rev. Bob Bartel**—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

**Kali Gruenhagen**—Ongoing Treatment at Home

**Vicki Dalton**—Upcoming Medical Procedure



**HOSPITALIZED?** If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital or will be an outpatient at any medical facility and you desire Pastor Licht to visit, please notify the church office at 386-2342. Also, if you are a home-bound member and would like a visit, feel free to request a visit by notifying the church office.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** *submitted by Grace Schrage*

**DAVENPORT ZONE NEWS:** Please add to your calendar, Risen Christ LWML is host for the Fall Zone Rally. We are planning for October 14th, a Saturday, for the morning. Tentative plans include serving brunch at the beginning of the rally. Projects to benefit Phil's Friends are being considered for the program (writing cards of encouragement, fleece blankets, decorating boxes). From National Convention news:

Phil Zielke has battled Stage 4B Hodgkin's Lymphoma twice and has been cancer free since 2005. In 2009 Phil's Friends became an organization that introduces and strengthens relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. Support includes a care package with practical, emotional, and spiritual items, including a Bible, and a card sent monthly for 12 months. Phil will tell us about Phil's Friends 2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #6 — Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients that helped fund a new program "Hope on Call," in which Phil's Friends' trained volunteers meet virtually with the cancer patient to talk and pray.

**LWML Quilting:** Please join us on May 8th at 3:30 pm to tie quilts.

**MUGS AND MUFFINS:** **Surprise!** For our May 23rd meeting: We are planning a trip to Clemons, IA to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse for May 23rd. Volunteers work weekly on Tuesdays from 8 - Noon. Those who are interested in the daytrip - we would leave Davenport around 7 a.m. More details are in the making!

**MITES:** We will have our Large Mite Box available on May 7th. Thank you for your gifts and continue to pray for those who are receiving mission grants. All of the national 2021-2023 Mission Grants have been PAID in full. The Mission Grant Proposals for 2023-2025 are listed in the Spring 2023 LWML Quarterly. We are encouraged to pray for them and the process - for those who will be voting.

**Monthly Thursday Night Bible Study:** The Bible study for May is "Job's Journey of Joy." (May 4th at 6:30 p.m.) Our LWML board will meet at 5:30 p.m. just before the Bible Study.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, May 4th - 5:30 pm Board Meeting; 6:30 pm Bible Study  
Tuesday, May 23rd: Tentative plans: Trip to Clemons, IA, Orphan Grain Train  
June 21st - 25th, 2023 LWML National Convention in Milwaukee



**From Orphan Grain Train's Clemons, IA website,** activity in April, 2023 - Central Iowa Branch volunteers in Clemons delivered a semi load of medical equipment, tools, student chairs, school kits, hygiene items, Bibles and other aid for Kentucky. Manna from Heaven was grateful for the gifts to share with many families living in poverty and still dealing with last year's flood damages. Thank you for helping many families in need in Kentucky. [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org)



## Mugs & Muffins Daytrip

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Daytrip to the  
Orphan Grain Train Facility in Clemons Iowa  
Departing Davenport at 7:00am

For More Information Contact, Grace Schrage [gotoski.g.a@gmail.com](mailto:gotoski.g.a@gmail.com) or  
Heidi Iltis [hmiltis@yahoo.com](mailto:hmiltis@yahoo.com)



**Orphan Grain Train** In Clemons Iowa  
A Recognized Service Organization Of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

### Orphan Grain Train

**Orphan Grain Train (OGT)** is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). In 1992, Rev. Ray S. Wilke, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Neb., volunteered with a group of Lutherans who traveled to Latvia and Russia to help with a church mission. There they met people with “no hope” in desperate need of spiritual, emotional, and humanitarian aid after the breakup of the former Soviet Union. This need led to the formation of the Orphan Grain Train.

**Today: it is a hands-on mission project with 27 regional locations.**

“More than 3,728 semi-trailer truckloads of food, clothing, medical supplies, and religious materials have been sent to 69 countries and several disaster areas in the U.S. since 1992. All of this is done by volunteers and individual contributors – people who are thankful for their blessings and want to provide a blessing to someone they will probably never see this side of heaven.” Rev. Ray S. Wilke, President of Orphan Grain Train. – [ogt.org/our-story/](http://ogt.org/our-story/)

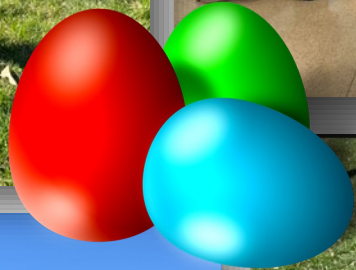
Some of the projects during the past thirty years:

- **More than 45 million fortified-rice meals and 4,230 shipments of humanitarian aid to needy people in several states and 69 countries on 5 continents**
- **A mobile chapel was built with help from a grant funded by LCMS Disaster Relief to assist St. John’s Lutheran Church in Pilger, NE after their church was demolished by a F4 tornado**
- **Assistance was given to people in Texas after Hurricane Michael in October 2017 left behind death and destruction of businesses and homes**
- **Since 1992, more than 4 million hours have been volunteered**

One of the regional locations is in Clemons, IA. This site operates on Tuesdays, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. For more information about Orphan Grain Train – go to their website – [ogt.org](http://ogt.org)



Fun Easter Time at RCLC!





## Little Blessings Daycare Graduates

Sunday, April 23rd 2023 at the 9:00am Worship Service

*The Graduates for this year, King , Wesley , Malachai and Zaiden.*  
Graduates sang; “ABC Rock” & “Number Rock” during the Worship Service.

The Congregation was Invited to a piece of Graduation Cake after the Service. **Congratulations Graduates!**



### Fellowship Friday May 19th at 12:00pm

All are Welcome to Join in the Fellowship!



We ask that you bring a Dish to Share.

After we Enjoy a Delicious Meal, let's Play Cards and Visit with Friends!

We look Forward to Seeing You!




**CHRISTIAN CARE**  
By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

**4th Thursday of every month**  
**Meal Make & Serve May 25th**  
 Look for the Sign-up Sheet at the Kiosk  
 Your Group or Family is Encouraged to Participate!

*God Bless & Thank you to All who Give & Serve.*

## PENTECOST

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>



"When The day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." Acts 2:1





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## **Men's Shelter Meal Service**

**Where:** 2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL

**When:** The fourth Thursday night of each month. Arrive at the shelter between 5:00- 5:30 pm, depending on meal prep time required.

**What:** We provide a meal for 50-60 people.

**Details:** Meal items can be prepared ahead of time and heated up at the shelter. They have 2 big ovens that we can use. They provide serving dishes, utensils, plates, drinks and clean-up. We provide a tasty nourishing meal (main dish, side dishes, dessert.).

**Thrivent members can apply for Thrivent Action Team dollars for each date they help in order to defray the costs.**

**In a nutshell: sign up for a date, plan a meal, prepare it and serve it with love.**

**Contact Bryan Johnson or Sandy Sievert or sign up at the kiosk in the narthex if interested in helping prepare a meal.**

**This is a great family or small group activity!**

**Sign up is available at the kiosk for all months in 2023.**

**May 25th—**Angie, Jackson & Jordan Franzenburg, Sue Knuth  
Sandy Sievert

**June 22nd—Open**

**July 27th—Open**

2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

(309) 786-5734

[www.christiancareqc.org](http://www.christiancareqc.org)

**Council Notes for May 2023 Newsletter***Submitted by Scott Sievert, Council President*

*The Risen Christ Church Council is elected as representatives of the congregation as the church follows its purpose in preaching the word of God, caring for its members, and serving in God's Kingdom.*

**Council met on April 13th, 2023** and discussed issues and items as described below.

**Pastors Report - Pastor Licht** reported on the Joyce Miller funeral. There were transfer requests approved by the **Elder Board**: David Fletcher to Parkview and Cheryl Ehrler's et al. to Our Savior. 3 students are in confirmation class and will be confirmed on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Church just finished with Holy Week and Easter consisting of multiple services. New Member class is on-going. Pastor continues to work with the Lutheran Home coordinating worship services with other circuit pastors. Pastor Licht is being listed as a referral for anyone who may request pastoral care at Eagle View Behavioral Health.

**Church Administrator – Stephen** is working on the Personnel Manual and is going to make both RCLC and LBDC Personnel Manuals consistent. Stephen is also reviewing financial policies. The Council/Congregation and ad hoc committee concerning LBDC mission charter met and Stephen reported on that meeting. Work continues on the LBDC mission charter. Stephen is working on a hail damage assessment and will contact the insurance company. Stephen continues to work with Barb on payroll while Barb is out of the office. Stephen is working with the Elder Board on the membership records for the church.

**Treasurer – Michelle** provided the report for March RCLC finances. There was a \$3288.00 shortfall for March, bringing the first quarter deficit to \$12,267.00. LBDC finances were positive for March with a 5,799.00 surplus bringing the first quarter surplus number to \$2,488.00. Notable is that overtime for LBDC teachers is being paid from the Stabilization grant. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made and approved.

**Education and Children's Ministry – Heidi** reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was successful. The youth participated in the Lenten Suppers and Easter Breakfast. There will be a Burger and Bond Fire for the youth on April 28<sup>th</sup>. A Steam Wheeler game is being planned for the youth on May 12<sup>th</sup>. VBS will be June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Discussions are ongoing regarding the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2025

**Congregation Life/Fellowship Committee** – This committee has been formed to generate fellowship within the congregation. They will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 4:00 PM at Church. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

- 5 stackable highchairs were purchased through the Memorial Funds.
- There will be a Sunday Pot Luck on April 30<sup>th</sup> after Bible Study/Sunday School.
- Heidi reported on some kitchen subjects and suggested that the Congregation Life Committee be designated as an overseer for the kitchen to ensure that the refrigerator and cabinets on the church side were maintained and supplies coordinated. A motion was made and approved to this affect.

**Elders – Tim** reported that the membership list work is on-going. A new list of individuals listed as members, but not having attended for two years was generated and reviewed. A letter will be out-going to those individuals and regular procedures are being established for this type of review to happen on an annual basis. A training pouring chalice has been obtained to allow Elders to practice with the pouring chalice. Special Music is being coordinated for around the time of Pentecost. Pastor will institute a return of the Passing of the Peace and the meaning behind it on April 16th. Pastor has provided information on what to do in the event that no ordained pastor was available for Sunday worship. The Elder Board will be working with the Stewardship Board on developing time and talent information for the congregation. The Elder Board will be working with the Congregation Life Committee on the assimilation of new members.

**Future Planning – Dave** reported on Future planning and brought forth two motions from the Future Planning committee.

The first motion was a result of the church receiving a letter of recommendation from Iowa District East to engage with Alliance Defending Freedom in a ministry alliance regarding legal matters

### **Alliance Defending Freedom Motion**

- Whereas, culture has created a liability risk for faith-based religious organizations,
- Whereas the LCMS and Iowa District East has entered a ministry alliance with Alliance Defending Freedom,
- Whereas Alliance Defending Freedom will provide the first line of defense in the event our ministry faces legal threat,
- Whereas, Risen Christ Lutheran Church with Little Blessings Daycare, has an available first line of legal defense through Alliance Defending Freedom at a cost of approximately \$600 annually,
- Therefore, be it resolved that Risen Christ Lutheran Church enter into an alliance with Alliance Defending Freedom as soon as possible with funding source to be approved by council.

**-This motion was seconded and approved with funding from the Major Savings Fund.**

-The second motion was the result of LCMS funding the training of staff and volunteers in Ministry Safe; a training for ministry workers who engage with children.

### **Ministry Safe Motion**

- Recommend that a policy be added to all employee handbooks, and the volunteer handbook stating that all people who routinely interact with children at RCLC complete the Ministry Safe training
- Funded by: LCMS office of School Ministries. Enrolling sooner is better to ensure the cost is covered.
- Timeline:
  - RCLC Staff and Daycare -- ASAP
  - Volunteers -- starting with Rally Day, 2023
- **This motion received a second and there was discussion on whether the Day Care Staff already received training like this as a DHS requirement, and possibly exceeded this training. Stephen will investigate. The motion was approved.**

**Little Blessings Day Care** – Patty reported that Graduation for Day Care will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She requested extra large print bulletins for the families that will attend. There are two openings for kids in the Day Care. One teacher is still needed to fill out the staff. The State has increased their reimbursement amount. The reading program, where members of the church are volunteering to read to the kids, is going well.

**Stewardship** – Bryan, Men’s Shelter has volunteers for the next two months. The food in the food pantry will be transported over to Men’s Shelter. Stewardship is going to work with Elders and the Congregational Life Committee on projects.

**Trustees** – Dave reported that there will be a Spring clean-up day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Light ballasts have been replaced where needed. Dave is working on a LED replacement plan and all the options that could be utilized to switch to LED’s and the costs and practicality of each one.

### **Unfinished business**

**LBDC Mission** Charter Ad-hoc Committee Report. – That report was received during the Church Administrators report.

### **New Business**

The two new motions were discussed under Future Planning above.

The Voters Meeting Agenda for April 23<sup>rd</sup> was set.

*The Council is looking for help in the many and various ways that Risen Christ supports the Pastor, Church Administrator, Staff, Members, and the Community. If you would like to get involved, have ideas, or have questions, please see any Council member.*

**Respectfully submitted by your brother in Christ.**

**Scott Sievert**

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 7th at 9:00am

Risen Christ Lutheran Church is Celebrating the Rite of Confirmation  
with the Newly Confirmed;

Lillian Elizabeth Lochner Addison Hazel Rasler  
Asher Thomas Ross

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed  
me to proclaim good news to the poor.”

*Isaiah 61:1*



**Financials for April 2023**

**Submitted by Barb Grosskopf**



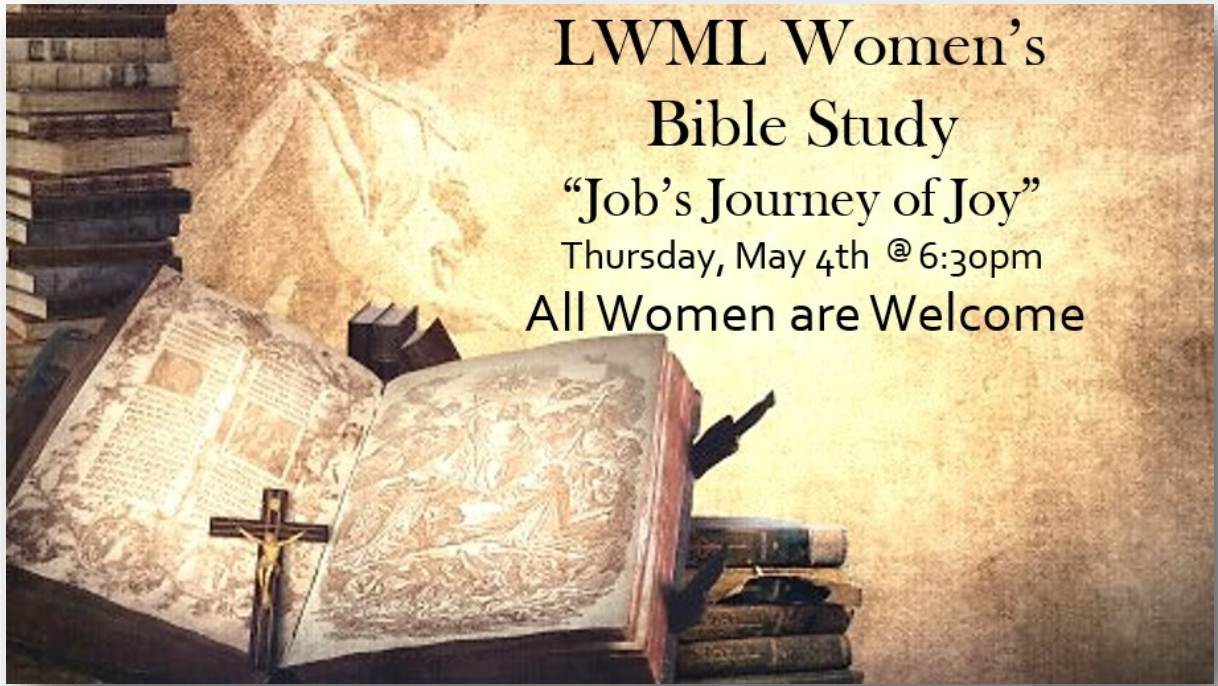
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Leviticus

27: 30







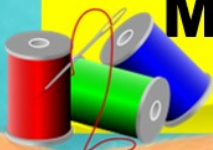
# LWML Women's Bible Study

“Job’s Journey of Joy”

Thursday, May 4th @ 6:30pm

All Women are Welcome

**RCLC Ladies’ The Quilter’s  
Assembly Group Meets,  
Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm  
You are Welcome!**



All Quilting Skill Levels are Welcome!  
If You Have NEVER Quilted Join Us!  
Enjoy the Fellowship & Time with Friends



## Risen Christ Lutheran Church

We Celebrate Our Mother's!

*God Bless All Mothers!*

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**May 14th**

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

*Proverbs 31:25*

### Homebound Members of our Risen Christ Family:



Dorothy Bargmann  
Donna Cook  
Kristi Manley  
David Perry  
Gary Stichter

Dan and Trish Speth  
Paulette Waech  
Dale Otto

Keep these members in your prayers and don't forget to reach out to them as you are able (e.g.: cards, phone calls, text messages) and remind them that although they are not able to regularly gather together with us, they remain part of our family. Thank you.



**CHRIST'S HANDS IN ACTION** - Do you have tasks or small jobs around the house with which you need help? Risen Christ is looking to establish a "Service Group" at the church to assist church members (and others) with tasks/small jobs around the house. These small jobs could range from changing light bulbs to raking leaves, to small landscaping projects. As such, we are looking for inputs on service/assistance needs of members. After we formulate a list of projects, we will be seeking participation of members to assist with performance of these service tasks. **Please submit ideas/requests to Dave Luebbe, or write them on the sheet in the Narthex**, with sufficient contact information to allow follow-up on your suggestions. Thanks in advance for your inputs to jump start this new service opportunity.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**

Are you looking for ways to serve your neighbor? Consider taking part in one of our service options:

**Christ's Hands In Action** is a service group created to meet the needs of members of our church and community with small jobs or household tasks which they may not be able to do on their own. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex.

**Service Videos:** Volunteers are wanted to help with video livestreams and editing for network airings. This is a great opportunity for adults and youth alike! Training is available by request.

**Board of Trustees** is always looking for new members! If hands-on skills are more your area of expertise, consider joining the Board of Trustees. Trustees help maintain the church building and grounds.

Members of all skill levels are needed, so if you have any interest in serving with one of these areas then please contact Dave Luebbe to take part!

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## **Help Wanted!**

We are in need of someone to mow the Little Blessings playground area starting this spring. Please **contact Dave Luebbe** if you are interested in serving in this way!





## Lutherans march for life in Illinois, from, *The Reporter*

By Sarah Reinsel, Sarah Reinsel is a staff editor and writer for LCMS Communications

On Tuesday, March 21st, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) groups from across Illinois gathered at Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Springfield for the Illinois March for Life, which was sponsored in part by the LCMS Office of National Mission. Located across the street from the Illinois Capitol, Trinity was perfectly situated to host those attending the march, which started less than a block away. Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison spoke at the Rally saying, “Be of good cheer, The cause is just.” “Protect the child and her mother. This is the task set before us as neighbor and citizen, in God’s holy Word, (on) this and everyday,” said the Rev. Michael Mohr, president of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID), preaching for Trinity’s Matins service before the march.

### *Christian Care*

*Christian Care is hosting a “Trivia Night,” on Friday, May 19th.*

This will be held at the Holiday Inn, Rock Island, Illinois. The doors open at 5:15pm with Trivia at 6:00pm.

The Cost is \$10 per person and \$80 for a table. There will be Raffles and a 50/50 and Best Theme Table will Win a Prize!

If you Plan on Attending, you may contact Christian Care QC at: 309-786-5734 for more information.

Sounds like a Fun Evening and will Help Benefit Christian Care.

### **PENTECOST**

#### **The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost**

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.”

*Acts 2:1-4*

Beautify our Altar with flowers. Sign up at the kiosk bulletin board.

## ALTAR

05/07 CONFIRMATION BOUQUET  
05/14 ALAN & CATHERINE MONEYSMITH  
05/21 OPEN  
05/28 STEVE & LESLIE MCCOY

## ORGAN



Flower Chart for year 2023 is available on the kiosk in the narthex.

When you have signed up to provide flowers for a certain date, please fill out the pink Altar Flower instruction sheet and turn it in to the office by the prior Sunday. The cost for a bouquet is \$43 (slightly more if you wish to add special flowers).

Please make checks payable to RCLC Altar Guild.

## Sunday Cookies

05/07 9:00am Board of Education/Jon & Sarah Rasler  
05/14 9:00am Trustees Comm.\*  
05/21 9:00am LWML Comm.\*  
05/28 9:00am Congregational Life Comm.\*



**\*Committee responsible when member's haven't signed-up.**

Please sign up at the kiosk to provide or serve cookies or both.

There are opportunity's for everyone to serve.

Everyone enjoys treats & community building after Sunday morning services. Call the church office with any questions.

# May Worship Servants

## Elders

- 05/07 **Stephen Smith**  
05/14 **Mark Iltis**  
05/21 **Scott Sievert**  
05/28 **Ian McCloud**



## Current Elder Assignments

**Families with last names starting with:**

- A-B** - Ian McCloud  
**C-F** Stephen Smith  
**G-J** Mark Iltis  
**K-L** Scott Sievert  
**M-N** Tim Welch  
**O-R** Jim Wegener  
**S** Jason Franzenburg  
**T-V** Jim Wegener  
**W-Z** Jason Franzenburg

## Sound & Video

- 05/07 **Terry Warner**  
05/14 **Steven McCoy**  
05/21 **Dave Luebbe**  
05/28 **Sam Ross**



## Altar Guild—May

**Barb Grosskopf**

### **Join the Altar Guild!**

Contact Margaret Miller, Dawn Curtiss or Pastor Licht if interested.



*As* for me and  
my house, we will  
serve the *Lord.*  
Joshua 24:15



## ACOLYTES

**05/07 9:00am Addison & Hayden Rasler**

**05/14 9:00am Dalton & Hayley Ferris**

**05/21 9:00am Cameron Miller**

**05/28 9:00am Nathan & Maddie McCoy**



*"For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord,  
from my youth."*

Psalm 71:5

**5/07 9:00am**

Allan Elias, Rich Emory, Bryan Johnson  
James Luedtke, Terry Warner

**5/14 9:00am**

Jason Lehman, Dean Enfield, Scott Sievert  
Steve McCoy, Mark Iltis

**5/21 9:00am**

Rich Emory, Bryan Johnson, James Luedtke  
Sandy Sievert, Dave Luebbe

**5/28 9:00am**

Allan Elias, Jason Lehman, Dean Enfield  
Scott Sivert, Ian McCloud

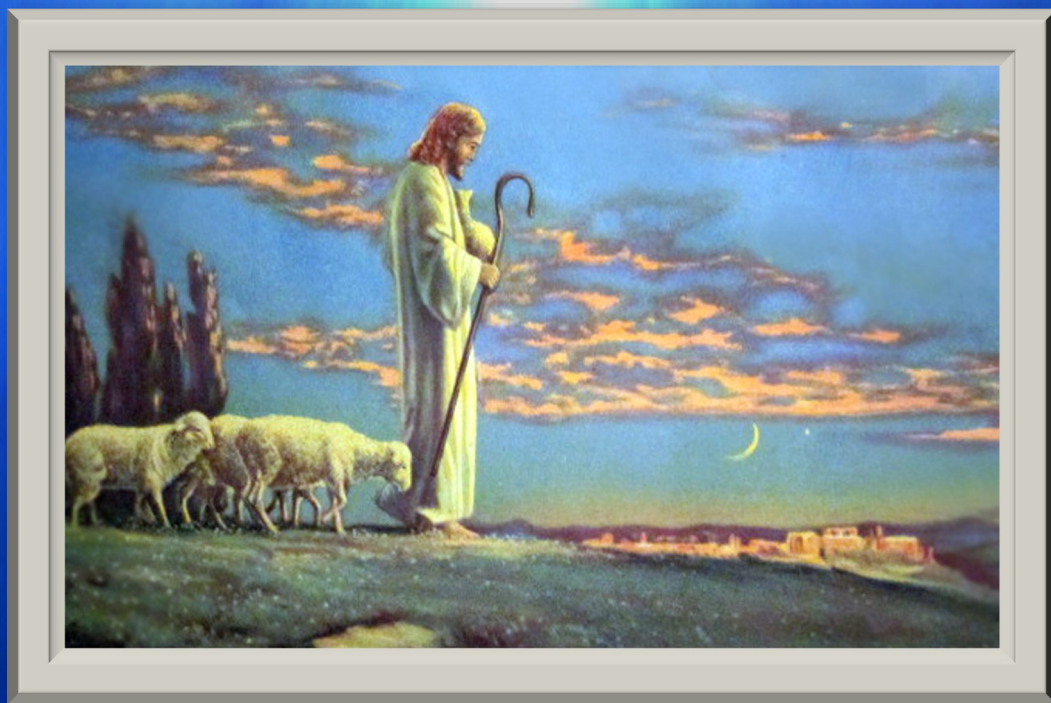


## GREETERS

**9:00AM**

**05/07**      **Leslie McCoy**  
**05/14**      **Dick & Grace Schrage**  
**05/21**      **Allan & Nancy Elias**  
**05/28**      **Jean Wenndt & Jack Boley**





And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" Acts 2: 12

Lord God, Your Word is packed with meaning from start to finish. Let us keep asking, "What does this mean?" to discover all that you want to reveal to us through the power of the Holy Spirit, who was given to God's people at Pentecost. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*From April—June Portals of Prayer*

*May*