



The Arising News



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*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those
with whom he is pleased!" Luke 2:14*

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

Adult Bible Study - Sunday 10:30am

Live Streaming via Facebook - Sundays 9:00am

All services transmitted in parking lot on FM 98.3

Communion is celebrated every Sunday @ 9:00am

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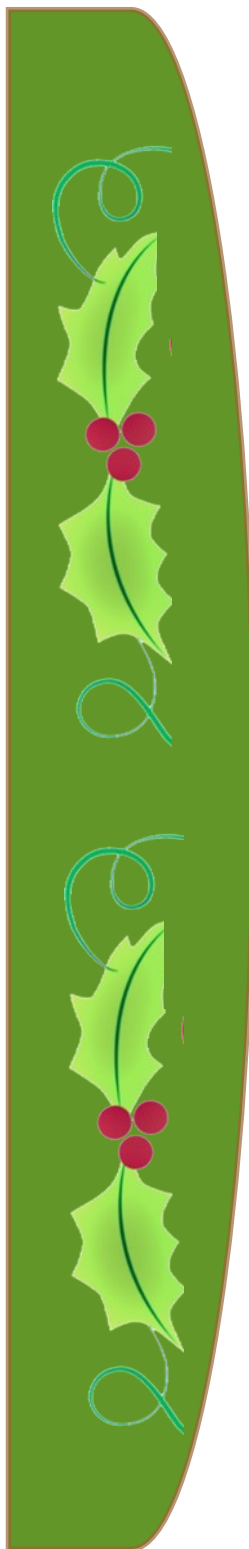
Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm

Pastor Licht is off Mondays



December - Dates to Remember

12/01 Fri	12pm	Fellowship Friday Holiday Feast!
12/02 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
	8:30am	Women's Bible Study
12/03 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Special VOTER'S Meeting
	10:30am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
	2:00pm	LWML Advent Program
12/05 Tues.	6:30pm	LBDC Christmas Program/Refreshments
12/06 Weds.	12pm	Advent Vespers Service
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Advent Vespers Service
12/07 Thurs..	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
12/08 Fri.	5:30pm	Cookie Baking/Exchange/Pizza Meal
12/09 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	9:00am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
12/10 Sun.	8:00am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Children's Christmas Program
12/11 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting
12/12 Tues.	6:00pm	LBDC Board Meeting
12/13 Weds.	12pm	Advent Vespers Service
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Advent Vespers Service
12/14	6:30pm	Council
12/15 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
12/17 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
12/20 Weds.	12pm & 7pm	Advent Vespers Service
	6:00pm	Advent Soup Supper
12/22 Fri.	6:00pm	Youth Group Christmas Party
12/24 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	3 & 5pm	Christmas Eve Service
12/25 Mon.	9:00am	Christmas Day Service/Church Office Closed



The Gospel for December



December 3rd

Mark 11:1-10

The Triumphal Entry

⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

December 10th

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

² "As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my Messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the Voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight.'"

December 17th

John 1:6-8,19-28

The Testimony of John the Baptist

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ...²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, "

December 24th

Luke 1:26-38

Birth of Jesus Foretold

³⁰ " And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ...³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?...³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born^[d] will be called holy—the Son of God. "

December 31st

Luke 2:22-40—The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ "And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee."

Luke 2: 8-16

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation” (Zech 9:9), so begins the Introit for the First Sunday in Advent. It’s a season of preparation. Mostly, we tend to think of it as a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. And while it does help prepare us for that celebration, we miss the most important part of these preparations if we overlook Advent also as a season to set our focus on the Second Coming of Christ.

Looking ahead to the promised Second Coming of our King properly sets our focus to celebrate His First Coming. If Jesus is not going to come again with “righteousness and having salvation,” then a celebration of His birth is little more than an observance of some historical event. We need Him to come again with His righteousness and His salvation, otherwise we are without hope because “none is righteous, no, not one” (Rom 3:9).

That’s why Advent properly begins at the end so we can rightly understand and celebrate the beginning. If the end doesn’t end with us having salvation, then the beginning isn’t worth celebrating. If the end doesn’t end with someone who has righteousness to give us, then we’ll have no salvation because we are all unrighteous and the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:9).

We need a Savior who is not just a cute baby lying in a manger. We need something more than a Hallmark card Nativity Scene and a Norman Rockwell setting for our Christmas family gathering. We need a real, righteous Savior who comes to deal with real, unrighteous sinners. We need a Savior who comes not to excuse, or overlook, or redefine our sin, but one that comes to call sin sin and do something about it. Only a righteous Savior could do that. Only a righteous Savior could be the substitute for all sinners—the righteous for the unrighteous.

If this baby is to bring “peace on earth, good will toward men,” (Lk 2:14) then He would need to be one who would cry from the cross, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Lk 23:34).

This very same Savior now comes to you, “righteous and having salvation.” Where? Altar. Font. Pulpit. Lectern. Book. Pastor. Bread. Wine. Water. In these gifts He comes delivering righteousness and salvation. Because of these gifts we can say with confidence, “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).

Because we have a Savior who comes into our midst now to forgive us and make us righteous, we can look ahead with joy to the day when He has promised to return in glory. On that day all those who are righteous, that is, all who trust in Him and Him alone for their salvation, will be gathered into His eternal kingdom. Knowing that joyous end that awaits us, we sing with confidence as we celebrate the joy His birth brought to the world:

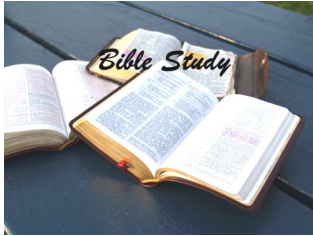


*No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found.
(LSB 387:3)*

May this Advent season point you ahead to the Coming One so you can look back with joy as you celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Pastor Licht





Bible Study Sunday mornings @ 10:30am

ENDURING FAITH

A lifetime of spiritual growth is what we've been called into from the day of our baptism.

Join us on Sunday mornings for that purpose as we study the same Bible lessons as our youth so that we might grow together with them and model for them a lifetime of growing in God's Word.

Our present unit is titled, "Jesus Teaches His Church." The lessons highlight much of Jesus' earthly ministry as well as His ongoing work through the Church in the book of Acts and conclude with a look at the promised new heaven and new earth on the day of His return.



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.



Sunday School

**Meets every Sunday
At 10:30am**

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
Philippians*

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



- Calling all Middle school and High School students!
- Middle schoolers will join Mr. Rich Emory in the library & High Schoolers will join Mr. Stephen Smith in his office for Bible class every Sunday at 10:30am.
- Journey through the early church of the New Testament.
- You won't want to miss it!!
- Bring a friend!

Dates to Remember:

Fri, December 8th @ 5:30pm. Join us as we bake cookies to trade. Sign up at the Fellowship table

Friday, December 22 @ 6pm will be our Youth Christmas party. Stay tuned for more information!

**Join us in
January to serve
at the Men's
Christian Care
shelter in
Rock Island, IL**





Sunday School

Calling all 3 year old's - 5th graders!!!

Join us upstairs on Sunday mornings to dig into God's word and learn about the early church of the New Testament. Invite a friend to join us!

If you have a heart for showing children the love of Jesus and would like to serve in Children's Ministry, there's a place for you! Please contact Leslie McCoy—leslie@rclqc.org Call/text (309)230-4860



Dates to Remember:

Dec 03 @ 10:30am —Christmas Program Practice

Dec 9 @ 9am—Christmas Program Practice

Dec. 10 @ 8am—Christmas Program practice

Dec 10 @ 10:30 - Christmas Program
~Join us for Pizza & Birthday cake & ice cream directly following the program

***No Sunday school:**

Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st

We spend the first part of our Sunday school hour looking at our Christmas Program parts and songs. I encourage you to make Sunday school attendance a priority as we will be practicing as we can until the Program date of December 10th. Invite your family and friends to come hear the story of our Savior's birth told as only children can. Stay afterward for pizza, cake and ice cream to celebrate Jesus' birthday.



December 03 Naomi McCloud

December 10 Sandy Sievert

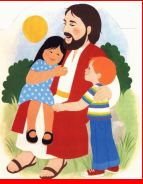
December 17 Heidi Iltis

December 24 NO COVERAGE

December 31 NO COVERAGE

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

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



“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.”

The daycare staff prays that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday this year. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing time with family and friends.

The daycare invited the Fellowship Friday crew to the first Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21st. We tried to involve all the children in this event except the infants.

The Toddler Room (1-year olds) colored the invitations that were sent to the Fellowship Friday crew.

The 2-3's Room (2-year-olds) colored placemats so everyone had a colorful turkey in front of them.

Then the PreK class (3 – 5-year-olds) served the Fellowship Friday crew. The children did a wonderful job taking care of their guests. The children served their food to them without any mishaps.

The children were even excited about cleaning up afterwards. Amazing group of children we have. The children were so thrilled serving that they couldn't wait to tell their parents and everyone that would listen to them. They can't wait until the next time.

Look for pictures in the newsletter and on the daycare bulletin board in the hallway. During the month of December, the children will be learning about the true meaning of Christmas and will have several Christmas activities throughout the month.

Terrie

Little Blessings Daycare Christmas Program
Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm



Everyone is Welcome! To Enjoy Cookies & Refreshments after the Program!



12/01 *Brad Bauer*

12/01 *Brianna Zeimet*

12/01 *Ryan Zeimet*

12/02 *Byron Otto*

12/03 *Myles Zirpel*

12/04 *Jackson Franzenburg*

12/06 *Aja Hentze*

12/06 *Nathaniel McCoy*

12/08 *Michelle Warner*

12/14 *Jean Wenndt*

12/16 *Jeff Burkey*

12/17 *Cody Harkey*

12/17 *Paulette Waech*

12/18 *Madelaine McCoy*

12/18 *Patty Thomas*

12/20 *Abigail Luedtke*

12/20 *Kay Petersen*

12/23 *Larry Niebuhr*

12/23 *Marilyn Sorensen*

12/24 *Dawn Curtiss*

12/24 *Tim Curtiss*

12/24 *Kasadie Jergens*

12/25 *Nicholas Emory*

12/27 *Robert Milota*

12/28 *Cheryl Amhof*



“One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.”
Ephesians 4:5



12/01 Kasadie Jergens

12/03 Sherri Johnson

12/03 Carrie Reese

12/04 Robin Bell

12/04 Mindy Wayt

12/05 Katie Gruenhagen

12/07 Teresa Azure

12/08 Alyssa Martens

12/10 Addison Rasler

12/14 Brent Goers

12/14 Alexa Wakeland

12/15 Charlotte Bauer

12/17 Karter Dittmer

12/17 Marvin Reimers

12/19 Pam Speer

12/19 Andrew Van Nice

12/19 Nolan Wittnebel

12/20 Chelsea Roehm

12/23 Mark Neubauer

12/25 Heidi Iltis

12/26 Margaret Brodale

12/26 Gary Stichter

12/26 Colin Weih

12/27 Molly Emmert

12/28 Gwen Oosting

12/28 Jeff Roehm

12/30 David Ehlers

12/31 Carol McAnelly

Numbers 6:26

“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.”

12/11 Rich & Dawn Emory
 12/19 Ron & Glenda Gruenhagen
 12/23 George & Pam Osborn
 12/27 Rev. Brian & Lynette Licht



"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:

Rev. Bob Bartel—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Jeremy Luden (Co-worker of Leslie McCoy)—Recovering from a Stroke

Kali Gruenhagen—Ongoing Treatment at Home

Paulette Waech—Recovering at Davenport Lutheran Home

Elaine Gordon—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Dave Duncan—Recovering from Surgery Following an Accident

Rose Allison—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Holly Meyer—Medical Treatment

Jeri Van Blaricome—Hospitalized



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

ADVENT EVENT: DECEMBER 3rd: All ladies of Risen Christ are invited for an afternoon of fellowship and for time to prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of our Savior. We encourage our ladies to invite nieces, granddaughters, neighbors, mothers - 6th graders and older to join us. The program: ADVENT/CHRISTMAS Hymns will include learning the history of some of our Advent and Christmas hymns. We will also be singing some of our favorites. After the program and singing, we will meet in the fellowship area for dessert and time to visit. LWML Members (and anyone else who wants to volunteer) can sign up to help with set up, decorating, providing dessert, and clean up. A sign up sheet is on the table in the fellowship area.

Mites for missions: Thank you for your continued support of LWML Mites for Missions. When we give our mites, we are also encouraged to pray for the mission. A prayer from national LWML for the highlighted mission grant: **Heavenly Father, You know the plans You have for the ministry of Journeys Lutheran School and the children it serves. We pray that the mite offerings given to provide vans to transport the children will be blessed and accomplish the purpose for which they were given. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Monthly Thursday Night Bible Study: In December, instead of our Thursday evening Bible study - we will gather for fellowship and for a time to prepare our hearts and minds for remembering Jesus came as a baby - took on human flesh, lived a perfect life, suffered and died to pay for our sins, and was raised from the dead. AND to remember He has promised to return to take us to our eternal home. December 3rd at **2:00 p.m.**

MUGS AND MUFFINS: We will not meet during December. Enjoy time with family and friends as we prepare to celebrate the many blessings we have - especially that God has sent His Son to be our Savior, and has made us His own through Holy Baptism. Our next gathering will be January 23, 2024.

Mark Your Calendars: December 3: Advent Program: 2 - 4 p.m.
December 11: Quilting as usual at 3:30 p.m.
JANUARY 4, 2024: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study





LWML Advent Program

Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm



A Time for Preparation for
Advent & Christmas!

*Join your Fellow Sister's in Christ for an
Afternoon of Fellowship, Refreshments and a
Program on the History of our Advent and
Christmas Hymns, Singing our Favorites.*

We Encourage You to Bring Family, Mothers,
Daughters, Sisters and Friends that may be
interested to Join in the Festivities.

If you have questions: Contact Grace Schrage
at: gotoski.g.a@gmail.com

Collecting Mites Sunday, December 3rd

Look for
the
BIG BOX
in
Fellowship
Hall



Mites for Missions IDE
LWML Thanks you!

**Your Contributions Are
Making A Difference!**



2023 – 2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 3
 SERVING GOD’S CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
 JOURNEYS LUTHERAN SCHOOL: \$100,000



*Transportation for Special Needs Students at
 Journeys Lutheran School*

We are all children of God, despite our differences, challenges, and life experiences. The mission of Journeys Lutheran School is to serve God’s children age eight to 21 with special needs such as attention deficit disorder, learning disabilities, autism, anxiety, trauma, emotional behavior disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorder. For 60 years the school, located in the Milwaukee area, has prepared students to maximize their spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, and social potential to become successful Christian members of society. Students are able to earn a high school diploma and participate in meaningful cultural, historical, and spiritual events. The enrollment in the high school program is growing. This grant will help purchase two vans to transport high school students enrolled in the School-to-Work Internship Program and students taking elective classes at nearby Martin Luther High School.



Council Notes for December 2023 Newsletter

Submitted by Scott Sievert

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.

- **The Spending Plans for RCLC and LBDC will be presented at a special Voter's Meeting called for December 3rd at 10:30 AM**
- **Little Blessing's Christmas program will be December 5th at 6:30 PM.**
We would encourage everyone to come out to support the Day Care children, families, and staff as they celebrate our Savior's birth.
- **The Children's Christmas program will be December 10th at 10:30 AM.** We would encourage everyone to come out to support the Sunday School children as they celebrate our Savior's birth with a program written by Linda Anderson.
- **Wednesday Advent Services will begin December 6th** and an additional 12:00 PM service will be added this year along with the regular 7:00 PM service. Please come out and enjoy a soup supper at 6:00 PM prior to the 7:00 PM service.
- **Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year and there will be services at 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM, and 5:00 PM.**
- **Christmas Day service will be at 9:00 AM, December 25th.**
- The Council wishes everyone a blessed Christmas season and encourage you to take advantage of the Advent devotionals and the opportunities to worship with your fellow congregants during this month.

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





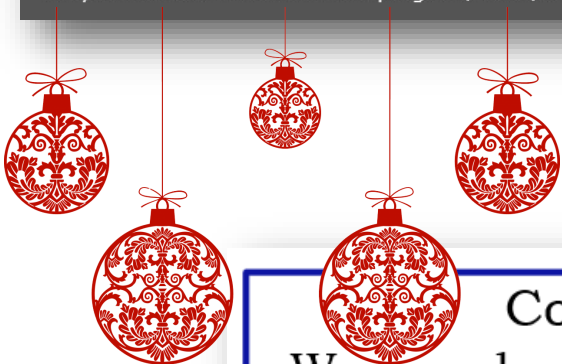
Thank You, LORD!



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 10th at 10:30am



Everyone is Welcome to attend!
Stay for Refreshments after the program, Pizza, Cake & Ice Cream.



Confirmation Class
Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30pm



2023-2024 Confirmation Class
Welcome All Students to
Confirmation Instruction
with Pastor Licht
If you Have questions,
Contact Pastor Licht at:
pastorlicht@rclcqc.org





CHRISTIANCAREQC.ORG

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!

Look for Sign up at the kiosk for all months in 2024.

Thank you to All of the Families that Contributed their time & resources to Help Feed Those in Need in Our Community. God Bless You!

2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

(309) 786-5734

www.christiancareqc.org

Our Youth Group along with Several Volunteer Members of the Congregation Participated in Packaging 1500 meals! For Kids Against Hunger Quad Cities. On Saturday, November 18th, We Appreciate those who helped to Accomplish this Goal for those in Need in our Community and beyond. Pictures of this Fun Event!







We are Thankful once again to Place our Angel Tree in the Church Narthex. Please find an Angel Ornament on the Tree and kindly purchase a requested gift. Leave these Under the Angel Tree wrapped and ready for Giving. **Gift Items are Needed by December 15th. Thank you!**

Thank you Risen Christ Lutheran Church family for your Generosity, as We Celebrate the Coming of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.
If You Have any questions contact, Bryan Johnson, Chair of the Stewardship Committee

If you have any questions, Contact Michelle Warner



*Merry
Christmas*

“Every
tittle of
the land,
whether
of the
seed of
the land
or of the
fruit of
the trees,
it is the
Lord’s; it
is holy to
the Lord.”
Leviticus

27:30





Decorating
The Church
for
Christmas
Saturday
December 2nd
At 9:00am

*Everyone is
Welcome to Help
Decorate the
Church for
Christmas.
If You Enjoy
Decorating,
Join Us!
Saturday,
December 2nd at
9am - 11:30am
Thank you!*

**New Years Eve
Sunday, December 31st, Service at 9:00am**



**NO New
Years Eve
Evening
Service**

Christmas at Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 24th and Monday, December 25th

Christmas Eve Service

3:00pm & 5:00pm Divine Service

Divine Service Filled with Favorite
 Christmas Hymns for Our
 Risen Christ Lutheran Family & Friends
 Everyone is Welcome!



Christmas Day Service

9:00am Divine Service

*Merry
 Christmas*

Homebound Members of our Risen Christ Family:

*Merry
 Christmas*

Dorothy Bargmann
Donna Cook
Kristi Manley
David Perry
Gary Stichter

Dan and Trish Speth
Paulette Waech
Dale Otto
Doralee Rock
Joe Speer

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!

Help Wanted!

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



Excerpt, Written By: Rev. Roy Askins is the managing editor of The Lutheran Witness.

“What is truth?” Pilate asked Jesus, who stood accused of sins not His own (John 18:38). The question still stands: “What is truth?” it’s been asked in a variety of ways since the life, death and resurrection of Christ. It’s been answered in almost as many ways. The modern world tends to look toward the emotions of the heart. What makes you feel good? What feels right in your heart? If that’s what you feel is right, it must be your truth. When we disagree with others rather than digging for the truth, we might dismiss them with, “Well, that’s just your perspective.” and, to be sure, in some cases it might simply be a matter of perspective...”

‘Seek the truth,’ indeed,” writes the Rev. Christopher Esget in his article. “But have no doubt about where to find it—in the Word of God—or what it cost—the life of Christ.”

Advent Letter

It’s Coming in the Mail! All Members of the Congregation will receive a Letter from their Elder including an Advent Season Schedule on the Back. As written in the letter; “The message of Advent and Christmas is that our Lord comes to bring us together with Him and one another through His Word and Sacrament.”

We at Risen Christ Lutheran Church are blessed to Join together and Give Thanks to our Lord for one Another and for the Gift of Jesus! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is Born!

ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS & ADVENT VESPERS SERVICES AT RCLC

Everyone is Welcome to Join us for the Advent Soup Suppers, these **begin on Wednesday, November 29th at 6pm. No Advent Vespers Service for the November 29th gathering, just a meal.** Please sign-up at the bulletin board for meals or a dessert on the following dates: December 6th, December 13th & December 20th. **Contact Leslie McCoy with your questions, Leslie@rclcqc.org**

Advent Vespers Service begin December 6th at 12pm and 7pm, Also, December 13th at 12pm & 7pm and on December 20th at 12pm & 7pm.

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

ALTAR

12/03 CHRIS RALL

12/10 OPEN

12/17 JAMES & DAWN LUEDTKE

12/24 OPEN

12/31 OPEN

ORGAN

DICK & GRACE SCHRAGE



Flower Chart for year 2023 is available on the kiosk in the narthex. Look for the 2024 Flower Chart at the Kiosk—Coming Soon!

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).

Sunday Cookies

12/03 9:00am LWML Committee*

12/10 9:00am Congregational Life Committee*

12/17 9:00am Altar Guild*

12/24 9:00am Voluntary Committee*

12/31 9:00am Voluntary Committee* (5th Sunday)



***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.

December Worship Servants

Elders

12/03 Ian McCloud

12/06 12pm Scott Sievert

Vespers 7pm Tim Welch

12/10 Scott Sievert

12/13 12pm Stephen Smith

Vespers 7pm Mark Iltis

12/17 Stephen Smith

12/20 12pm Rich Emory

Vespers 7pm Tim Welch

12/24 Jason Franzenburg

Christmas 3pm Stephen Smith

Eve 5pm TBD

12/25 9am Ian McCloud

12/31 9am Rich Emory

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 Rich Emory

S Jason Franzenburg

T-V Rich Emory

W-Z Jason Franzenburg

Sound & Video

12/03 Terry Warner

12/10 Steve McCoy

12/17 Dave Luebbe

12/24 Sam Ross

12/31 TBD

Altar Guild—December

Margaret Miller & Dawn Curtis

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

12/03 Asher Ross

12/10 Dalton Ferris & Hayley Ferris

12/17 Jacob Luedtke

12/24 Asher Ross & Hayden Rasler

12/31 Nathan & Maddie McCoy

Advent Services

12/06 Nathan McCoy & Maddie McCoy

12/13 Asher Ross

12/20 Eden Clark

Christmas Eve Services

3pm—Jacob Luedtke

5pm—TBD

Christmas Day Service

9am—TBD



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

Psalm 71:5

**12/03 Ron Smith, James Luedtke, Dean Enfield,
Terry Warner, Scott Sievert, Ian McCloud**

Elder: Ian McCloud

12/06 TBD

Elder: Scott Sievert

**12/10 Rich Emory, Sandy Sievert, Bryan Johnson,
Steve McCoy, Scott Sievert, Jason Franzenburg**

Elder: Jason Franzenburg

12/13 TBD

Elder: Stephen Smith

**12/17 Myles Zirpel, Jason Lehman, Allan Elias,
James Luedtke, Dave Luebbe, Ian McCloud**

Elder: Ian McCloud

12/20 TBD

Elder: Rich Emory

Christmas Eve Service

**12/24 Ron Smith, Dean Enfield, Bryan Johnson, Rich Emory,
Scott Sievert, Jason Franzenburg**

Elder: Jason Franzenburg

12/25 TBD

Elder: Ian McCloud

**12/31 Myles Zirpel, Sandy Sievert, Allan Elias, Jason Lehman
Scott Sievert, Rich Emory Elder: Rich Emory**

GREETERS

9:00AM

12/03 Allan & Nancy Elias

12/10 Jean Wenndt & Jack Boley

12/17 Dick & Grace Schrage

12/24 Carol McAnelly & Sandy McLeod

12/31 Tim & Jessica Welch

**Chrismons—“Christ Monograms,”
Christian symbols that signify Christ.**

Developed by Frances Kipps Spencer in 1957 at Ascension Lutheran Church,
Danville, Virginia

Merry Christmas

December