



# The Arising News



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**January AD 2024**

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone”*

*Isaiah 9:2*

**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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Office hours:

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

Pastor Licht is off Mondays



January

# January – Dates to Remember

|               |         |  |
|---------------|---------|--|
| 01/03 Weds.   | 9:00am  | LifeLight Class                        |
|               | 5:30pm  | Confirmation Class                     |
|               | 7:00pm  | LifeLight Class                        |
| 01/04 Thurs.. | 6:30pm  | LWML Bible Study                       |
|               | 6:30pm  | Elder Meeting                          |
| 01/06 Sat.    | 7:00am  | Workout                                |
|               | 7:30am  | Men's Bible Breakfast                  |
|               | 8:30am  | Women's Bible Study                    |
| 01/07 Sun.    | 9:00am  | Divine Service                         |
|               | 10:30am | Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School  |
| 01/08 Mon.    | 3:30pm  | Quilt Assembly Group                   |
|               | 6:30pm  | Future Planning Meeting                |
| 01/09 Tues.   | 6:00pm  | LBDC Board Meeting                     |
| 01/10 Weds.   | 9:00am  | LifeLight Class                        |
|               | 5:30pm  | Congregational Life                    |
|               | 5:30pm  | Confirmation Class                     |
|               | 6:30pm  | Ed Board Meeting                       |
|               | 7:00pm  | LifeLight Class                        |
| 01/11 Thurs.  | 6:30pm  | Council                                |
| 01/13 Sat.    | 7:00am  | Workout                                |
|               | 8:30am  | Women's Bible Study                    |
| 01/14 Sun.    | 9:00am  | Divine Service                         |
|               | 10:30am | Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School  |
| 01/17 Weds.   | 9:00am  | LifeLight Class                        |
|               | 5:30pm  | Confirmation Class                     |
|               | 7:00pm  | LifeLight Class                        |
| 01/20 Sat.    | 7:00am  | Workout                                |
|               | 8:30am  | Women's Bible Study                    |
| 01/21 Sun.    | 9:00am  | Divine Service                         |
|               | 10:30am | Adult Bible Study/ Youth Sunday School |
| 01/23 Tues.   | 9:30am  | Mugs & Muffins                         |
| 01/24 Weds.   | 9:00am  | LifeLight Class                        |
|               | 5:30pm  | Confirmation Class                     |
|               | 7:00pm  | LifeLight Class                        |
| 01/25 Thurs.  | 5:30pm  | Christian Care Meal Prep/Serve         |
| 01/26 Fri.    | 12pm    | Fellowship Friday                      |
| 01/27 Sat.    | 7:00am  | Workout                                |
|               | 8:30am  | Women's Bible Study                    |

# The Gospel for January



**January 7th Mark 1:4-11**

**The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; <sup>[a]</sup> with you I am well pleased."

**January 14th John 1: 43-51**

**Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael**

<sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, <sup>[a]</sup> you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**January 21st Mark 1:14-20**

**Jesus Begins His Ministry**

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; <sup>[a]</sup> repent and believe in the gospel."

**January 28th Mark 1: 21-28**

**Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit**

<sup>21</sup> And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

<sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Jesus Calls the First  
Disciples  
Mark 1:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. "

## New Year, New You. If Only...

The New Year signals a fresh new start. But there are many things we take with us from one year to the next. The old sinner in us is never left behind. And neither can we completely ditch our past failures and sins. We can resolve to do better; indeed, we should resolve to do better, not just at the beginning of a new year, but at the beginning of every day. But the resolve of our will is no match for the sinner in each of us. Thankfully, God has not left us to our own devices.

Something else that follows you from one year to the next, and from one day to the next is your baptism. You can't leave behind your new identity as a child of God, and you can't dodge the power of those cleansing waters. Reflect on Luther's words from the Small Catechism:

### **What does such baptizing with water indicate?**

*It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*

The Christian lives in the waters of baptism. We are like fish drawing our life from those waters. As fish gills eliminate carbon dioxide and take in oxygen, so the Christian, through contrition and repentance, is cleansed of sin while taking in God's forgiveness. We will be exercising our "gills" in AD 2024 by taking one commandment a month as a guide to our contrition and repentance. We'll reflect on the Catechism explanation for the commandment and a series of questions designed to lead our meditation. I encourage you to make a daily habit of reviewing the words of the Catechism and the questions for self-reflection, while remembering these words: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9). Let your meditation prepare you for the Divine Service each week in which God pours out His forgiveness and consider setting an appointment with me for private confession and absolution that you might soak in more of God's superabundant, and always faith-strengthening forgiveness.

God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.  
Amen.



Pastor Licht

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### **The First Commandment**

#### **You shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

#### **Questions for Self-Reflection:**

In what or whom do I trust above all else?

In what or whom do I trust most for financial security, physical safety, or emotional support?

Do I fear God's wrath, avoiding every sin?

Is my love for and trust in God evident in my daily living?

Do I expect only good from God in every situation, or do I worry, doubt, complain, or feel unfairly treated when things go wrong?

Do I withhold from God what is rightfully His?

(From *Lutheran Service Book, Pastoral Care Companion*, CPH, 2007)

Do you think God doesn't see what you do or care about your sins?

Do you take God's grace for granted?

Do you feel secure because of your life, health, or possessions?

Are you anxious about anything?

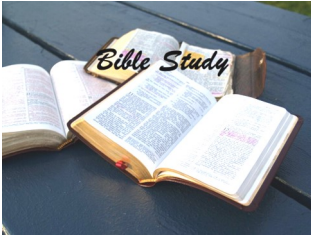
Are you afraid of anything or anyone but God?

Do you boast in anything other than the Crucified Lord?

Do you doubt God's Word or the Christian creeds?

Do you fail to confess the Lord with your mouth or in your actions?

(From *Preparation through Reflective and Introspective Examination*, Emmanuelpress.us)



## 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.

Look for "Read through the Bible" plans for the coming year on the fellowship table.

Journey through the early church of the New Testament.

You won't want to miss it!!

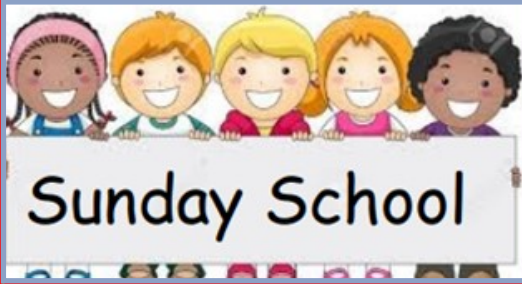
Bring a friend!

**Dates to Remember:**  
Bible Class resumes Jan. 7th  
Voter's meeting—Jan. 28th

**Join us on Saturday, January 27th  
for a half Lock-in from 5pm-10pm.  
Pizza, Mafia, Nerf Wars & lots of  
fun!**

**Stay tuned for info for a trip to the  
Tubing Hill at Snow Star in February!**





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!

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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:

Sunday school resumes: Jan. 7th  
Voter's Meeting Jan. 28th

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Children's Christmas Program! The birth of Jesus was told in such a special way and celebrated in style with pizza, birthday cake and ice cream. Thank you to the many parents and teachers who jumped in to help with costumes and shepherding the children. Thank you to Linda Anderson for writing such a special program and leading us in music, Brenda Ross for picking up the pizzas, Josh York & Melissa Meador for serving cake & ice cream and to Terrie Burkey for baking such a terrific birthday cake!



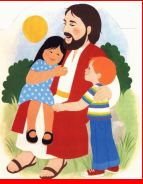
**Nursery**

January 07 Dawn Luedtke  
January 14 Rachel Luebbe  
January 21 Sandy Sievert  
January 28 Voter's Meeting

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

When the parents brought the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."  
Luke 2:27-32





“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.”

Looking back into 2023, the center has had full enrollment most of the year. Our center is one of a few centers that will hold a spot open when there is a new infant coming into the family. Most centers if there is not an opening when their infant is to start, they have to find another center until that center gets an opening. We are fortunate and blessed enough to be able to hold that spot for the family.

Our school age program for the summer was full. It was nice to see a more normal summer than we have had the last couple years. We didn't have the school age kids on most school out days like the past years.

In November the PreK children fed the fellowship group Thanksgiving dinner. The children loved serving the people. The Pre-k children also took the time to serve cookies and coffee after the noon Advent service on December 20th. The children were so glad the congregation stayed for cookies so they could have a late nap. Kids are always thinking.

In December the center had their annual immunization audit. We passed with 100%. This is an audit that the state requires all daycares to have every year. Also in December we had our annual DHS visit and evaluation. We passed with flying colors. Heidi had nothing but good to say about how the center is running, staying full and meeting all of DHS requirements. Heidi did have a few good suggestions for us. One suggestion is to put child locks (dog collars) on the handles in the kitchen where chemicals are stored. Even so the daycare children are not to be in the kitchen, she knew there would be church children in the kitchen from time to time and this would prevent any little child to get into the cupboard with chemicals.

During the month of December, the center has been working on getting our IQ4K (Iowa quality for kids) quality improvement plan finished.

We are planning on having everything turned into the state in January. Some of the teachers have decorated Christmas ornaments for our month December contest. They are hanging on the cubbies in the hallway. Please come check out our ornaments and vote on your favorite one. The staff members would like to thank everyone that took the time to read to our children throughout 2023. The children really love being read to by new people.

We would like to thank Pastor Licht for taking the time out of his busy schedule to have Jesus Time every week with the children.

The children and staff at Little Blessings pray that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ  
Terrie



1/01 *Lauren Anderson*

1/01 *David Atkins*

1/01 *Carolyn Bauer*

1/01 *Margaret Brodale*

1/01 *Linda Gentz*

1/01 *Judy Harford*

1/01 *Steven Koenig*

1/05 *Sara Flynn*

1/07 *Patricia Meier*

1/08 *Charlotte Bauer*

1/15 *Teresa Azure*

1/15 *Tom Barker*

1/15 *David Ehlers*

1/15 *Brent Goers*

1/15 *Ron Gruenhagen*

1/15 *Dennis Harford*

1/15 *Lori Lakey*

1/15 *Andrew Van Nice*

1/19 *Vicki Dalton*

1/20 *Carlyn Lesch*

1/20 *Pam Speer*

1/22 *Chelsea Roehm*

1/24 *Allison Johnson*

1/26 *Macy Reller*

1/31 *Michael Vieger*



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



1/01 Cooper Krager

1/03 Joyce Koenig

1/03 Waverly Repp

1/05 Tom Barker

1/05 Donna Cook

1/05 Kitra Terry

1/07 Elise Johnson

1/08 Carlyn Lesch

1/08 Michael Vieger

1/09 Shane Emmert

1/10 Mary Ruhnke

1/11 Kari Bender

1/12 Gloria Blackledge

1/12 Craig Gruenhagen

1/13 Lisa Barker

1/13 Robb Kauffman

1/13 Reynold Waech

1/13 Jean Wenndt

1/14 Natalie Bosco

1/15 Bristol Gruenhagen

1/16 Angie Franzenburg

1/17 Patricia Speth

1/18 Lillian McDowell

1/18 Kelly Roehm

1/18 Carrie Trickey

1/19 Richard Schrage

1/19 Alex Reyna

1/20 Lori Lakey

1/21 Kari Atkins

1/22 Harmony Reimers

1/24 Bert Oosting

1/25 Debra Rowland

1/26 Linda Anderson

1/26 Brianna Bosco

1/27 Julie Lewis

1/28 Alexandria Avila

1/29 Edven Carr

1/29 Abbie Hopp

1/30 Kristi Manley

#### 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.”

1/15 Phillip & Cindy Cramer

1/24 Ron & Lori Smith



*"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 Home

**Elaine Gordon**—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

**Dave Duncan**—Recovering from Surgery Following an Accident

**Rose Allison**—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

**Holly Meyer**—Medical Treatment

**Ken Kruse**—Heart Procedure

**Kay Johnson**—Hip Surgery



**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

THANK YOU – As we begin a new year, I would like to say thank you to the LWML ladies who have helped to keep us:

Sharing through donations and assembly of kits, pinning and tying quilts, assisting in activities for Phil's Friends, and more  
Supporting various mission projects nationally and internationally - through our MITES FOR MISSIONS

Taking time to fellowship with each other – to help each of us grow in our walks with our LORD

Encouraging women of our congregation to be involved with Lutheran Women in Mission (e.g. those who attended the Milwaukee Convention included some first-time convention attendees)

Focused on JESUS – with time set apart to prepare for celebrating Christ's coming and for anticipating His return on Judgement Day

All women of Risen Christ are members of LWML – perhaps, during the coming year, we can take a closer look at what LWML – Lutheran Women in Mission involves here at Risen Christ.

If you have questions about LWML activities,

Feel free to contact one of the officers:

2024 officers:      President: Grace Schrage      Vice-President: Patty Thomas  
                         Secretary: Heidi Iltis      Treasurer: Tammy McKay  
                         Financial Secretary: Rachel Luebbe

### Coming Activities:

**January 4, 2024** – 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**January 7** -      Sunday Morning Mites collection

**January 8** -      3:30 p.m. Quilting

**January 23**      - 9:30 a.m. – Mugs and Muffins





Church Worker and professional musician Brooke Pernice reading a devotional in Braille alongside her guitar. Having been Blind since birth, growing up in the church, and having earned her Master's Degree in church music, Brooke knows firsthand the challenges in finding rich, theologically sound, and Scripturally-based Christian resources in Braille and Large Print. Brooke's face reflects her experience of feeling God's love directly in her heart by reading the Scriptures with her fingertips!

#### **2023–2025 Mission Grant No. 4**

### **FORTIFYING FAITH IN THOSE WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT**

#### **Lutheran Braille Workers | \$100,000**

Lutheran Braille Workers freely supplies large print and braille materials for blind and visually impaired people around the world. The \$100,000 LWML grant, Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment, will help in developing, formatting, producing, and distributing fifty to one hundred new Scripture-based and theologically related materials to people in need around the world. To learn more, visit [lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-4](http://lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-4)

One of the suggested prayers for this mission grant:

Dear heavenly Father, You brought forth light out of the darkness at creation and came to a world lost in the darkness of sin with Your Son's incarnation. We ask that You bless the work of Lutheran Braille Workers as they reach out to people who have visual impairments and are seeking to find You. Help them find your guiding light in this world of spiritual darkness, show them the way to You and Your love for them, accomplished in the atoning work of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

2023-2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 4

**FORTIFYING FAITH IN THOSE WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT**

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS | \$100,000

## *The Light of Christ for the Blind and Visually Impaired*

There are millions of people throughout the world who are blind or visually impaired and are seeking to strengthen their faith while coping with isolation and dealing with physical, mental, and spiritual struggles. They have the desire to read the words of our Lord themselves, so that they can feel and learn about the love of God and the salvation of Jesus for them. Even with advancements in technology, they still have difficulties accessing Scripture-based and theologically-related reading materials.

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been freely supplying materials in specialized large print and braille to people who are visually impaired for over eighty years. This grant will help with the formatting, producing, and distributing fifty to one hundred new Scripture-based materials, adding to the LBW collection of resources to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of recipients with vision impairments around the world.

Currently there are approximately 253 million people in the world with moderate to severe visual impairment. It is estimated that approximately 95% of this population is unchurched, yet when it comes to ministering to this community, there are less than a handful of Christian organizations reaching out to share Christ's love. Lutheran Braille Workers will send free Bibles and Christian materials to anyone who requests them, regardless of denomination affiliation. This is an incredible opportunity to share the Gospel and Lutheran resources with the visually impaired and blind throughout the world.

## Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

## Our Treasure

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).*

... is Christ; our heart is with Him and is shown in service to others through the LWML.



**We are the Heart of the LWML because we are HIS:**

Held by His Word;

Inspired to share His Gospel; and

Surrounded by His grace.



*LifeLight*

**Bible Study  
“Book of Hebrews”**

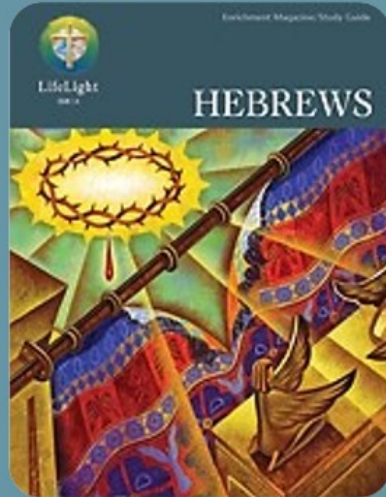
Beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

At

9:00am & 7:00pm

Sign-up is at the Ministry Table

If you have questions regarding this study,  
contact Pastor Licht at: 56386-2342



All Members are Welcome to Study  
The Book of Hebrews with  
Pastor Licht as the facilitator.

Wednesday mornings at 9:00am—Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

This is an 8 week study

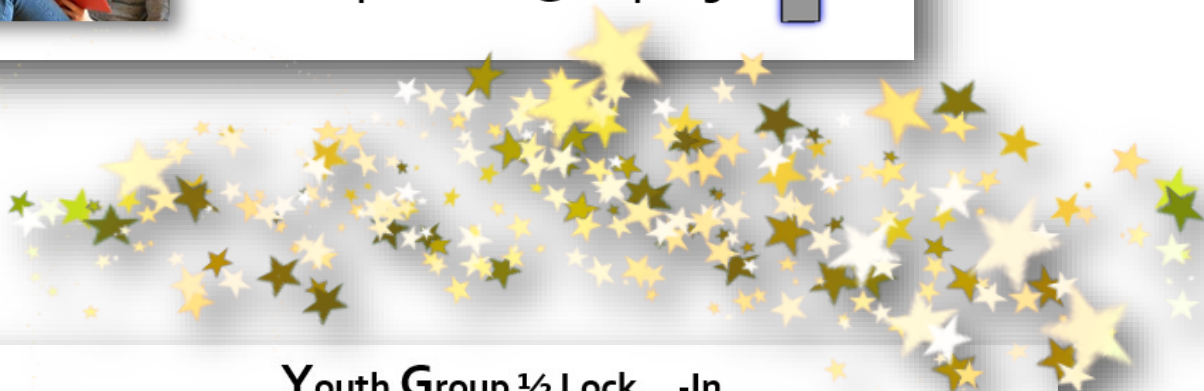
If you have questions contact Pastor Licht at: [pastolicht@rclqc.org](mailto:pastolicht@rclqc.org)  
Or call the office: 563-386-2342



# Confirmation Class Resumes on Wednesday, January 10th



2023-2024 Confirmation Class  
Welcome All Students to  
Confirmation Instruction  
with Pastor Licht  
If you have questions,  
Contact Pastor Licht at:  
[pastorlicht@rclcqc.org](mailto:pastorlicht@rclcqc.org)



## Youth Group 1/2 Lock -In Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 10:00pm

At the Church  
There will be Food, Games and Fun with your Friends



Invite Friends!  
Let's Have Fun!  
Together 😊



Games

Nerf Wars! & Mafia





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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!**

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



# Baby Bottle....

# Boomerang



Fill A Baby Bottle with...  
Coins/Cash/Checks  
*In the Month of January.*  
More Information Coming...



Baby Bottle  
*Boomerang*

Save the Date!



# RCLC

January 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>  
Last donation date before this  
donation – Nov. 12th

Contact Jessica Welch at: 563-528-3969

All Members are Encouraged to Attend the  
Upcoming Quarterly Voters Meeting

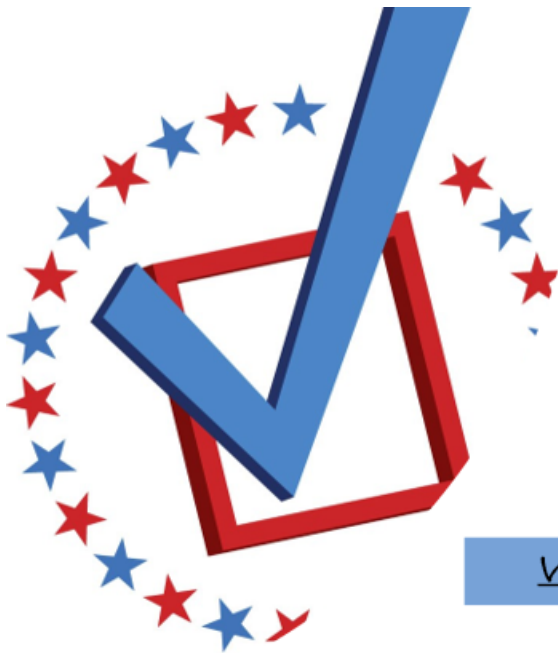
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**Sunday, January 28th at 10:30am**

There will be no Adult Bible Study on this Day.

We Look Forward to Seeing

**You!**



In-Person  
Quarterly  
Voter's Meeting

Sunday, January 28th  
10:30 am

We Look forward to seeing YOU!



Thank you Risen Christ Lutheran Church family for your Generosity and giving to those in need in our community.

The True Meaning of Christmas—  
Celebrating The Birth of Our Lord & Savior  
Jesus Christ.

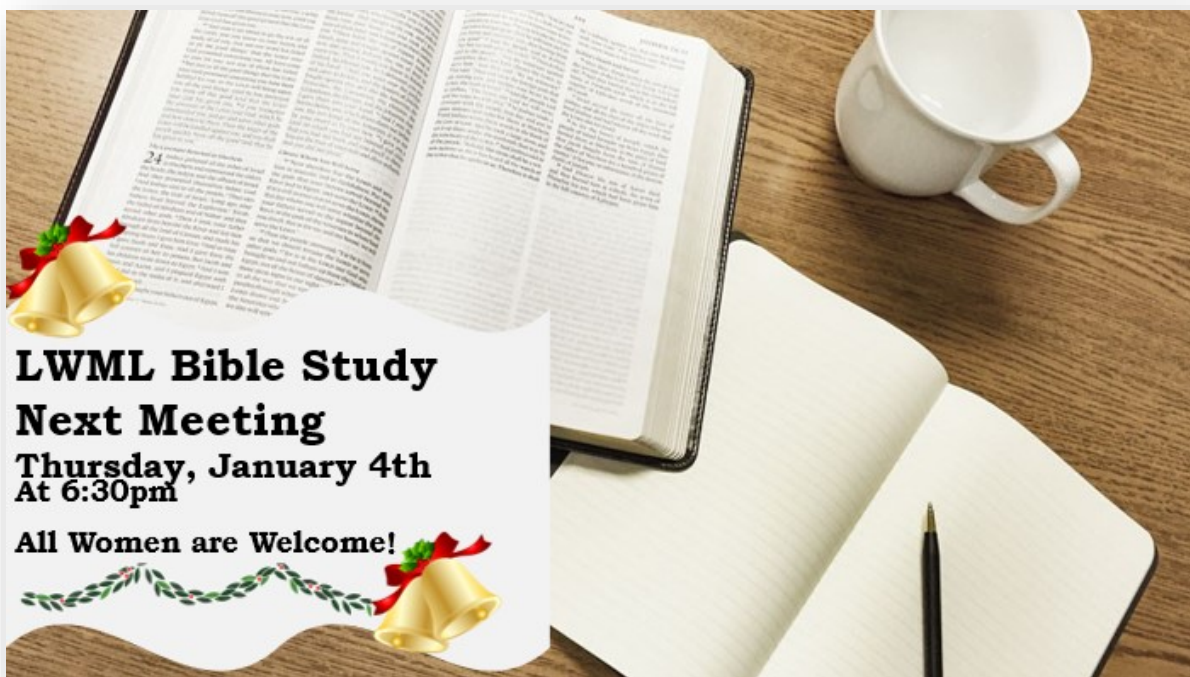
*If you have any questions, Contact Michelle Warner*



“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





**LWML Bible Study**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 4th**  
**At 6:30pm**  
**All Women are Welcome!**



**Quilters Assembly Group**  
*Meets on*  
Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm  
*Everyone is Welcome!*





Lutheran Women in Mission

# Mugs & Muffins



Mugs & Muffins Meeting  
See You January 23rd, 2024!



serve  
Being God's hands and feet

## 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**  
**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 Myles Zirpel to take part!

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**News!**

**Myles Zirpel is the Chair of the Trustees**—If you have any questions, Contact Myles at: [myles\\_zirpel@hotmail.com](mailto:myles_zirpel@hotmail.com)



***Lutheran Adoption Conference April 10-11 2024 in Houston, Texas***

Christian adoption is in jeopardy, and the souls of thousands of children are at stake. We must ensure the future of Lutheran/biblically-based, Christian adoption in the U.S. Folks are **URGENTLY CALLED** to attend the Lutheran Adoption Conference. At this conference, faith leaders, pro-life leaders, policy makers, adoption experts, life advocates and those passionate about life and adoption will collaborate and explore ways to impact the national adoption crisis through the increasing of Lutheran/Biblically-based, Christian adoptions. **Register today!**  
**Learn more at: [lutheransadopt.org](http://lutheransadopt.org)**

***Baby Bottle Boomerang***

Pregnancy Resources in the Quad Cities will ask our Risen Christ Family to Participate in "Baby Bottle Boomerang 2024!"

Find your Bottle in the Narthex at the Ministry Table and Fill with Coins/Cash/ Checks for Quad City Babies in need. When you Have Filled your Bottle, Bring it to the Church Office.

Thank you for Helping Babies and their Mothers in our Community!

**BLOOD DRIVE IN JANUARY**

**ImpactLife**

Risen Christ Lutheran Church Annual Blood Drive is January 1st through January 31st.

**You may visit these locations: Davenport Donor Center, 5500 Lakeview Parkway or Davenport Donor Center, 1320 W. Kimberly Road, STE 12.**

**Schedule your appointment by calling  
Jessica Welch, 563-528-3969  
Thank you!**

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

## ALTAR

01/07 OPEN  
01/14 OPEN  
01/21 OPEN  
01/28 OPEN

## ORGAN

Find The 2024 Flower Chart at the Kiosk, Find Your Celebration Dates! They Go Fast! 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

01/07 9:00am ED Committee\*  
01/14 9:00am Stewardship Committee\*  
01/21 9:00am Elders Committee\*  
01/28 9:00am Dick & Grace Schrage

**\*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.

# January Worship Servants

## Elders

**01/07 Scott Sievert**

**01/14 Tim Welch**

**01/21 Jason Franzenburg**

**01/28 Stephen Smith**



## 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

**01/07 Dave Luebbe**

**01/14 Sam Ross**

**01/21 Dick Schrage**

**01/28 Terry Warner**

*As* for me and  
my house, we will  
serve the *Lord.*

Joshua 24:15

## Altar Guild—January

**OPEN**

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

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



**01/07 Hayden Rasler**

**01/14 Dalton Ferris & Hayley Ferris**

**01/21 Asher Ross**

**01/28 Jacob Luedtke**



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

Psalm 71:5

**01/07 Ron Smith, James Luedtke, Dean Enfield,  
Rich Emory, Terry Warner**

**Elder: Scott Sievert**

**01/14 Bryan Johnson, Myles Zirpel, Allan Elias,  
Jason Lehman, Steve McCoy**

**Elder: Tim Welch**

**01/21 Ron Smith, James Luedtke, Dean Enfield,  
Rich Emory, Dave Luebbe**

**Elder: Jason Franzenburg**

**01/28 Bryan Johnson, Myles Zirpel, Sandy Sievert  
Allan Elias, Scott Sievert**

**Elder: Stephen Smith**



GREETERS

**9:00AM**

**01/07 Kay Johnson & Sue Knuth**

**01/14 Bryan & Sherri Johnson**

**01/21 Lynette Licht**

**01/28 Allan & Nancy Elias**



January 2024



*By Rev. William Weedon, LCMS Director of Worship, International Center Chaplain  
Excerpt from: <https://resources.lcms.org/worship-planning/a-meditation-for-epiphany/>*

**“In the darkness, a light shines, Isaiah says that the light is the Lord and that it is His glory that arises and beckons nations and kings to its rising. And the picture is truly beautiful”...Epiphany light—the light that is for all—the Christ who is Savior of all men.”**

