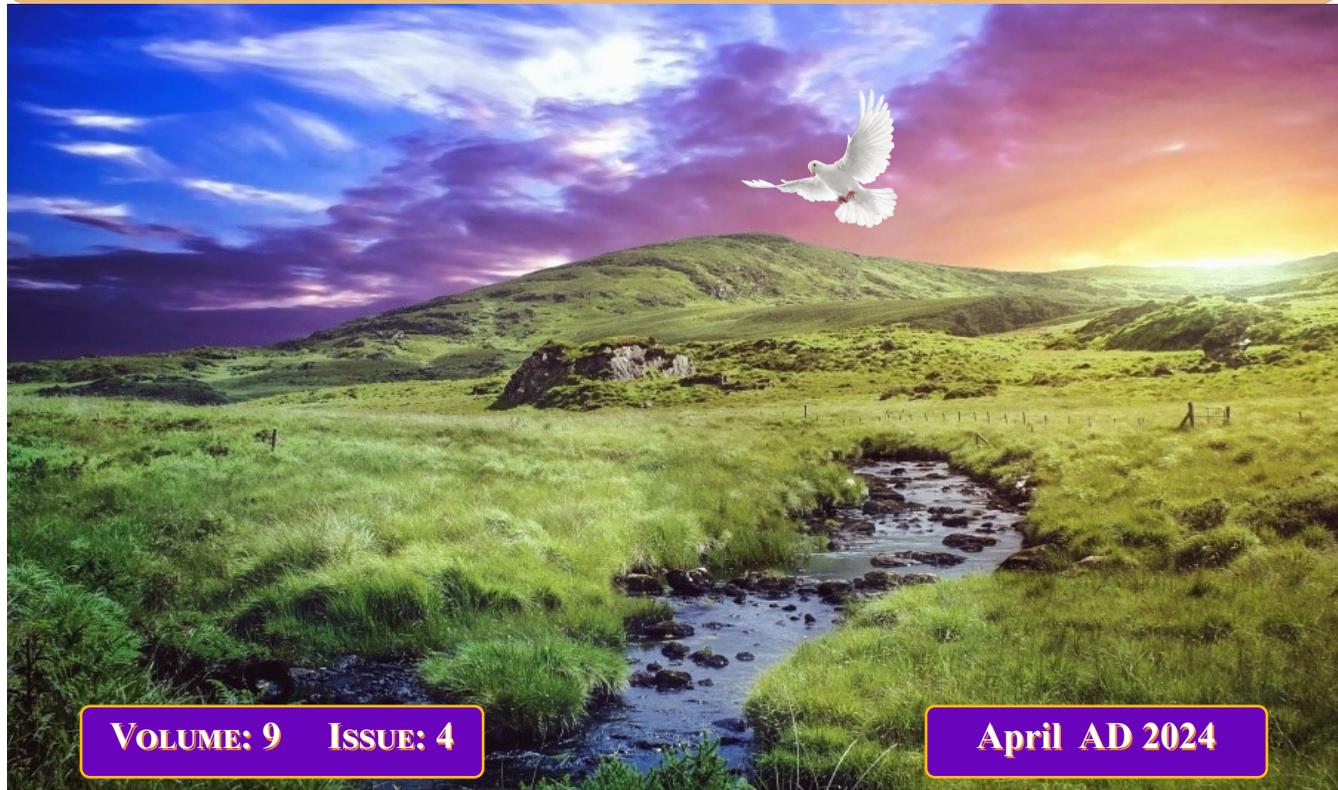




The Arising News



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*"They drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ."
1 Corinthians 10:4*

Worship Times: In-Person ~ Sunday 9:00am
Adult Bible Study - Sunday 10:30am
Sunday Devotionals via Facebook - Every Sunday
Communion is celebrated every Sunday @ 9:00am

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Office hours:

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

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On Mondays

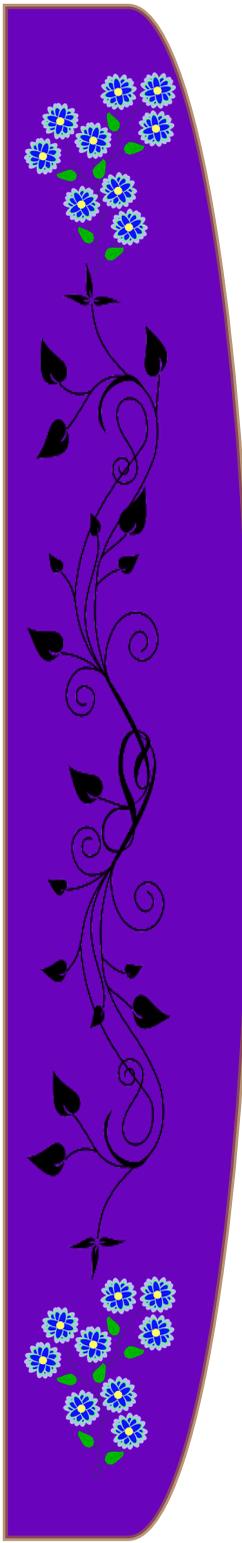


April



April - Dates to Remember

04/03 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
04/04 Thurs..	5:30pm	LWML Board Meeting
	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
04/06 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
04/07 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
04/08 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
04/09 Tues..	6:00pm	Little Blessings Board Meeting
04/10 Weds.	5:15pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30pm	ED Board Meeting
04/11 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council
04/13 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
04/14 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
04/17 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
04/20 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
04/21 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
04/23 Tues	9:30am	Mugs & Muffins
04/24 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
04/25 Thurs.	5:30pm	Christian Care Meal Prep/Serv
04/26 Fri.	12:00pm	Fellowship Friday
04/27 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
04/28 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
Voters MTG	10:30am	Youth Sunday School
04/29 Mon.	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting
05/01 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation
05/02 Thurs.	7:00pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
05/04 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
05/05 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
05/08 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30pm	ED Board Meeting





April 7th John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears To the Disciples

¹⁹ "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side, Then the disciples were glad when they saw the lord."

April 14th Luke 24: 36-49

Jesus Appears To the Disciples

³⁸ "And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴² and he took it and ate before them."

April 21st John 10:11-18

I Am The Good Shepherd

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord...This charge I have received from my Father."

April 28th John 15:1-8

I Am The True Vine

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and my father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abide in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

John 15: 5-8

I Am the True Vine

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. "

⁷ "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified. That you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."





**Repent! Christ is Risen.
He is Risen Indeed! Repent.**

Is that fair of me to put in the word “repent” where you expect an alleluia? After all, “repent” conjures up images of sackcloth and ashes, sorrow and tears. Whereas “alleluia” is about praise and joy, with smiles and uplifted heads.

That’s all true. However, would you repent if it meant only receiving God’s wrath? Would you dare come before God with your sins if with Him there was no forgiveness? Indeed, “if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (1 Cor 15:17). If Christ has not been raised, we could only fall down like Isaiah and say, “Woe is me! For I am lost.” (Is 6:5) and with Peter, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord” (Lk 1:38). But Christ has been raised for our justification (Rom 4:24). The price has been paid for your sin. His blood now cleanses you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Therefore, repent and rejoice! Confess your sins and sing His praise!

Repent and alleluia belong together because Jesus’ resurrection guarantees your forgiveness. Which is what we sing about in that great Easter hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”:

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
(LSB 457:2)

May the Lord bless you with heartfelt repentance and joy this Easter season as you penitently reflect this month on the Fourth Commandment.

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

Pastor Licht

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Questions for Self-Reflection:

Do I honor my father and mother, and other authorities, such as teachers, employers, supervisors, governmental leaders, and pastors, receiving them as gifts that God has put in authority over me?

Have I been angry, stubborn, or disrespectful toward those in authority over me?

Do I faithfully represent God the Father in disciplining, caring for, and catechizing my children?

Do I exasperate my children, or do I bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord?

Am I threatening, abusive, or overbearing to others in my household or workplace?

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

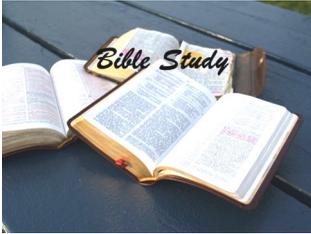
Have you been disobedient or disrespectful towards your father or mother in words, thoughts, or deeds?

Have you been angry with, argumentative, or hateful towards your parents or children, or have you provoked them to anger?

Have you encouraged others to dishonor their parents?

Are you disrespectful or disobedient toward other authorities, such as government officials, employer, pastors, teachers, or husband, or have you encouraged others to be disrespectful or disobedient?

(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

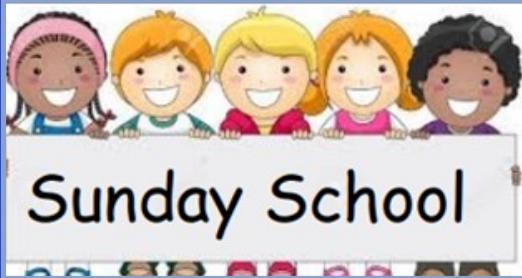
If you or someone you know is interested in joining our church, please contact Pastor Licht or call the church office, 563-386-2342.



Sunday School

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

All Children Are Welcome!



Calling all children aged
3 years—5th grade!!!
Join us upstairs on Sunday
morning at 10:30am. We'll
start by learning some new
(and old) songs then divide
into our classrooms.

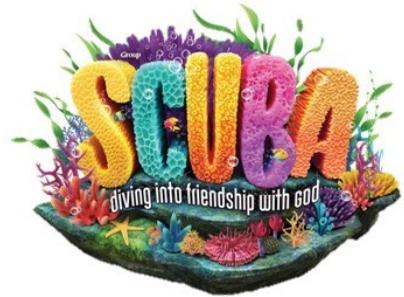
If you have a heart for
showing children the love
of Jesus and would like to
serve in Children's
Ministry, there's a place
for you! Please contact
Leslie McCoy—
leslie@rclqc.org
Call/text (309)230-4860

Dates to Remember:

May 10th—Sunday school children sing
Last day of scheduled Sunday school.

SAVE THE DATES!

**SCUBA VBS—June 10th-14th,
9am-noon**



April 7 Naomi McCloud

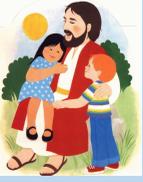
April 14 Leslie McCoy

April 21 Janey Zirpel

April 28 Voter's Meeting

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.”

Wednesday March 27th the Pre-K children will be serving lunch to some of the congregation. After the children served Thanksgiving dinner to the congregation, the children decided they liked serving the lunch. They have also served cookies a couple different times. I’m not sure who had more fun, the congregation or the children. What a learning experience for the children. We do have a couple openings left if anyone else would like to sign up. Just add your name to the bottom of the paper in the fellowship hall.

In January the daycare was able to apply for a stipend from the state. This should be the last one that DHS will be offering. We got word the end of February that we received the stipend. In March we received \$28,000.00. The state has put very tight limits on what this money can be used for.

Safety items is on the list. We will be adding a film to the front doors of the daycare so people walking up to the doors can’t see in, but we will be able to see out. This film will help block someone looking in if we have an emergency and we have to move children from the daycare to the restrooms. We are also adding the film to the toddler and 2’3s room outside doors. When the sun hits the doors in the morning it raises the temp between 4 to 10 degrees. This should help on the electric bill by not making the air conditioner run and work so hard everyday.

A new changing table on the wall in the 2-3s bathroom will be installed. The one we are using is from the old men’s restroom from before we did the remodeling of the church. It’s starting to show a lot of wear and tear and we don’t want it to fall when a child is placed on it. A new shelf was ordered for the toddler room, since the old one had a side that decided to come off. Part of the money will be used for advertising to hire new teachers. A large part of the money will be used for retention and recruitment of new and old staff members.

Retention and recruitment is a big part of what this stipend is to be used for. If anyone has any clever/new ideas for retention and recruitment bonuses, please share with the daycare. New ideas are always welcome. The third use of the stipend is for minor renovations. We don’t have any minor renovations, so we won’t be putting any of the funds toward a project. If anyone has any questions about this stipend, please call the daycare and we can discuss it. The center had seven school age children during spring break. We are now taking names for summer for our school age program. If anyone knows of a family that will need care for the summer, please have them contact the center.

The staff at Little Blessings hope everyone has a blessed Easter

Terrie



4/01 Sara Loerzel
4/03 Margaret Miller
4/04 Diane Burkey
4/04 Charlotte Rodemeyer
4/04 Katie Stout
4/06 August Bauer
4/06 Betty Keppy
4/06 Sharon Webb
4/08 Sudeeksha Mukiri
4/09 Alexandria Avila
4/09 Jack Boley
4/10 Asher Ross
4/11 Dalton Ferris
4/12 Ryland Klingaman
4/14 Dee Barstow
4/15 Lisa Ingraham
4/15 Marge Reimers
4/15 Marvin Reimers

4/17 Alexandra Carlstrom
4/17 Emily Happel
4/17 Mason Happel
4/18 Amber Atkins
4/18 Ashley Atkins
4/18 Naomi McCloud
4/19 Brady Johnson
4/19 Melissa Norin
4/19 Melissa Norin
4/19 Kayla Reller
4/19 Barbara Stichter
4/20 Roger Amhof
4/23 Pam Dittmer
4/25 Colin Weir
4/29 Spencer Wakeland
4/30 Donna Cook

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



4/02 Evan Canarr
 4/02 Shelly Hopp
 4/03 Tammy McKay
 4/04 Nannette Justaman
 4/04 Naomi McCloud
 4/07 Katelyn Bell
 4/08 Anistyn Hay
 4/09 Roger Dodd
 4/10 Lisa Inghram
 4/12 Marge Reimers
 4/13 Keaton Ehrke
 4/15 Sara Loerzel
 4/15 Elisha McCloud
 4/17 Jason Lehman
 4/18 Scott Bosco
 4/19 Janeen Wakeland
 4/20 Gail Otto
 4/22 Jonathan Rasler



4/23 Alexa Hurr
 4/24 Kelly Murphy
 4/24 Scott Sievert
 4/25 Emma McDowell
 4/27 Jacob Harkey
 4/28 Christi Ferris
 4/28 Patty Keltner
 4/30 Dallas Brekke
 4/30 Roger Gordon



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.”

4/06 Richard & Karen Wassmer
 4/08 Missy & Jeremy Klingaman
 4/09 Craig & Brooke Gruenhagen
 4/23 Ronald & Linda Gentz
 4/30 Syam & Sushma Mukiri



"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—Recovering at Home

Elaine Gordon—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Michelle Meador—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Rose Allison—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Dean Enfield—After Surgery Recovery

Laura & Amanda Graap—Bereaved of Holly (Daughter & Sister)

Kelly & Barb Grosskopf—Bereaved of Quinten & Jeanne (Kelly's parents)



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

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

Equipping women through God's Word: Our March study was titled: Living Hope in a Graveyard. We were reminded that the reality is that all face death (unless the Lord returns before our death). Death comes to the righteous and to the wicked. But we have the hope that God's Word gives us as we remember God's promises: Christ will raise me and all the dead and will give eternal life to all believers in Christ. In our baptism, we were buried with Christ into death so we now can walk in newness of life. Check out: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-49. And 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18.

Come join us on April 4 (6:30 p.m.) for a study titled: **Chosen and Treasured**
Another Bible study opportunity: Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Licht

Serving others: In April, we will be meeting to work on quilts on Monday April 8 – 3:30 p.m.

Other opportunities to serve others (and have time for fellowship):

April 23 – Mugs and Muffins will meet and will work on infant kits (or fleece blankets).

Mission support: Our LWML at RCLC provides support for mission projects through our Iowa East District and through National LWML by collecting Mites for Missions. Look for the Large Mite Box on the first Sunday of the month (April 7). Also, check out the page about the highlighted Mission Grant for April. For more information about LWML, check out lwml.org.

ZONE and DISTRICT ACTIVITIES:

The Spring Zone Rally was held on **March 23** – at Immanuel Lutheran.
Iowa East District Convention is in Cedar Rapids on **June 21 & June 22**. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on June 21 and opening worship (after a box lunch) is at 1 p.m.

Convention -- **REGISTRATION FEES:** Full-time Registration (Includes Friday lunch and banquet, Saturday breakfast and lunch)\$170. After May 1: \$180

Friday Only (Includes Friday lunch and banquet)\$95 After May 1: \$105

Saturday Only (Includes Saturday breakfast and lunch)\$85 After May 1: \$95

For more information and for registration form – see table in the fellowship area.

Coming Activities:

April 4 – Executive Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

April 7, - - First Sunday – Mite box collection

April 8 – Quilting at 3:30 p.m.

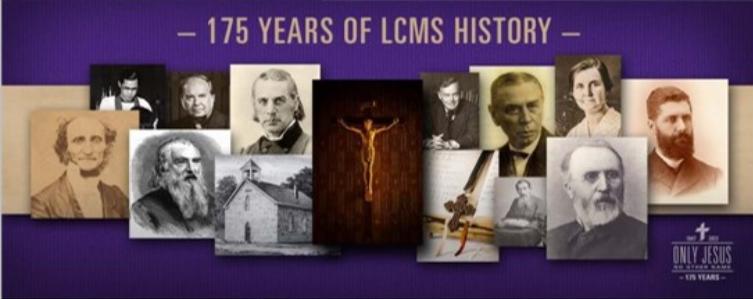
April 23 – Mugs and Muffins at 9:30 a.m.

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Celebrates their 175th Birthday – April 26th, 2024
Founding Members included 12 Pastors representing 14 Congregations
from Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, New York and Ohio.



Roots run deep in the LCMS tracing back to Saxon and other German immigrants establishing a new church body in America. *Seeking freedom to practice and follow confessional Lutheranism.*

Originally named
The German
Evangelical Lutheran
Synod of Missouri, Ohio
and Other States, the
name was shortened to,
The Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod in 1947.



4th Thursday of the month

Sign up at the kiosk to
Prepare and Serve meals in 2024

We Are In Need Of Volunteers for the March Meal

April 25th, at 5:30pm Thank you!

Fellowship Friday

Friday, April 26th at 12:00pm



Everyone Is Welcome to

Join Us

For Fellowship Friday!

Bring a Dish to Share

Stay and Visit with Your

RCLC Friends

Play a Game of Cards!

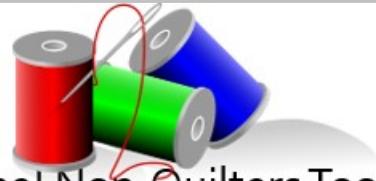
We Look Forward to

Seeing You!

Quilt Assembly Group

Monday, April 8th at 3:30pm

Quilters of All Skill Levels are Welcome! Non-Quilters Too!



If you have any questions, contact Rachel Luebbe at: rachel.luebbe@constellation.com

Council Inputs to Newsletter- April 2024

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.

Christian Care meals continue. Volunteers to prepare and serve the meals are always needed.

Board of Stewardship is compiling popular meals used at Christian Care to aid those whose would want to prepare a meal. Sign up on the kiosk if you can support future months.

Board of Education is planning fundraisers to help with Youth activities. A rummage sale is being planned for 5/25/24 to help with funding for a Higher Things conference in June, so donations will be sought in the future to support that effort.

Congregational Life Committee is encouraging sign-ups to provide treats for Sunday morning fellowship time. Please look for the sign up on the kiosk.

Board of Future Planning continues its efforts to further build & reinforce collaboration between the church and LBDC, as well as looking for ways to support other committees in their assigned tasks and missions.

Board of Evangelism continues to look for ways to provide outreach to members and non-members alike. Additional committee members are being sought to support this mission, if interested.

Board of Trustees continues to maintain the facilities by performing on-going maintenance activities, as needed. If you see any areas needing attention, please make those issues known.

A Spring Work Day is being planned for the near future, so be prepared to help this effort to beautify God's house of worship when the details are finalized.

The Council is always 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, or have questions, please see any Council member.

Your Servant in Christ,
Dave Luebbe

YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 25TH, 8AM-3PM



- DONATE YOUR OLD THINGS & GIVE THEM A NEW LIFE AT OUR YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE!
- BAKED GOODS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED FOR RESALE. PLEASE PACKAGE THEM FOR SALE.
- UNLESS SPECIFIED, ALL LEFTOVER ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN TO DAV, GOODWILL, ETC.
- ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE RCLC YOUTH GROUP.
- ??? CONTACT KALI GRUENHAGEN OR LESLIE MCCOY



The Youth Rummage Sale is Back!

If you have items that you no longer need or want, consider donating them to the Youth Rummage Sale scheduled for;

Saturday, May 25th 8am-3pm.

These items may be left at the church beginning after Easter Sunday, on April 1st. **You are invited to help too!**

If you have any questions, contact the church office,

at 563-386-2342 or Kali Gruenhagen and Leslie McCoy.

All the proceeds support our Risen Christ Lutheran Church Youth Group Events. **Thank you for your Contributions!**

Confirmation Class on Wednesday, April 3rd



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



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That's My Pan Fundraiser

Youth Group Fundraiser ~ To Help Support RCLC Youth who will
be Attending Upcoming Gatherings With Their Peers!

A Variety of items such as: Cake & Pie Pan, Insulated Bottles & Cups,
Cookie Tins, Cutting Boards Pet Products, and many more items that
You can Personalize and just in time for **Mother's Day!**

Check it out on, www.thatsmypan.com/store/

All Products are 100% satisfaction guaranteed.

Find a brochure in the Narthex on the Display Table in April.

Contact Heidi Iltis with your Questions, 940 - 9946





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.

April—OPEN

May—OPEN

June—OPEN

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

2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

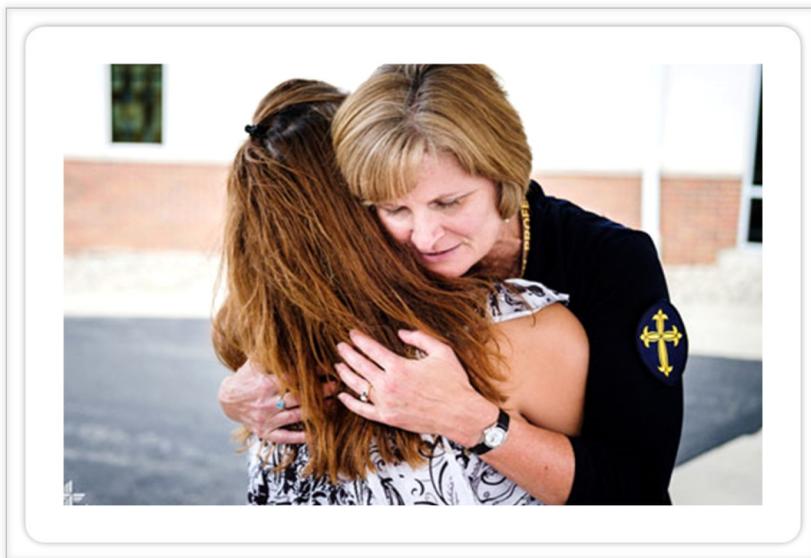
(309) 786-5734

www.christiancareqc.org

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 7**MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND OUTREACH LCMS
LIFE MINISTRY****\$96,500 -- Upheld by God's Hand — Mental Health Outreach**

Millions of people in the United States are suffering with mental illness and disorders. There is a tremendous need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to help these people and their family members cope with mental illnesses.

Research validates that people seeking help for mental disorders might be more likely to consult a pastor than a clinical therapist or psychologist. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders must be prepared to address the mental health and illness issues that members of the congregation and those outside the church may bring to them. The LCMS Task Force for Mental Illness, Health, and Wellness is coordinating with LCMS Life Ministry to develop and publish materials and resources to provide training for church workers and lay leaders related to mental health outreach and spiritual care. This grant will support the development of these materials.



The body of Christ cares for all people, supporting mental wellbeing.

Prayers related to this grant:

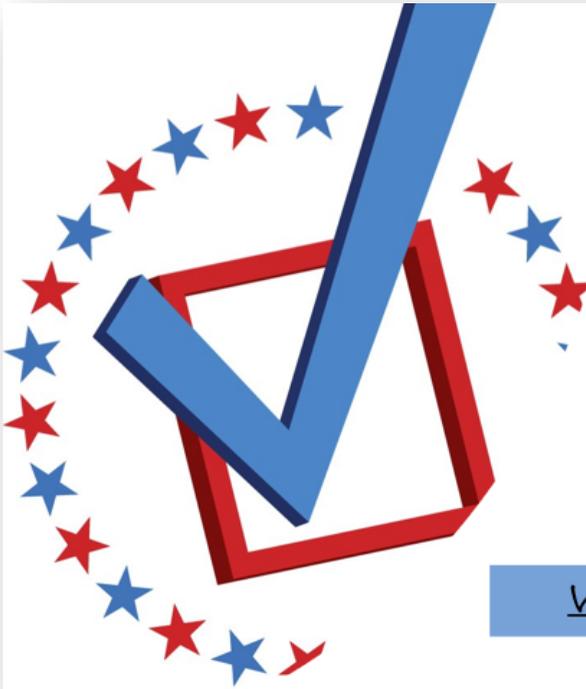
Lord of goodness and grace, we pray for Your special touch on people everywhere who are suffering from mental illness. Help them to not despair, but to trust in Your mighty healing hand. Help them find LCMS pastors, church workers, and congregational leaders who will provide Christ-centered care, compassion, and ministerial support to those in need. Help their families find comfort and support knowing that God loves them and will protect them. In Your name, Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Lord, we give thanks for the LCMS Task Force for Mental Illness, Health, and Wellness. In collaboration with expert LCMS contributors guide them as they develop and publish the materials and resources to train church workers and lay leaders for mental health outreach and spiritual care. We ask Your blessing on the training to better equip church workers to provide the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering from burnout, fatigue, emotional pain, mental anguish, depression, despair, and hopelessness. In Your most holy name, Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**



Christians comfort people experiencing mental illness with Christ's love and mercy.

You whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41: 9-10



In-Person Quarterly Voter's Meeting

Sunday, April 28th
At 10:30 am

We Look forward to seeing YOU!

Collecting Mites Sunday, April 7th



Look for
the
BIG BOX
in
Fellowship
Hall



Mites for Missions IDE
LWML Thanks you!

**Your Contributions Are
Making A Difference!**



If you have any questions, Contact Jessica Welch



“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

*“They glorified God, saying,
“A great prophet has arisen
among us!” and
“God has visited His people!”
Luke 7:16*



Created Male and Female: In His Image Conference – 2024

Hosted by the National Mission together with DOXOLOGY
Held April 15th – 16th 2024

The Conference is Located at the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
International Center in St. Louis, MO



*Space is limited so register soon to reserve your spot. Registration closes April 1st.
The Registration includes lunch and is \$25 Ph. 888 -843-5267*

Register at: <https://calendar.lcms.org/event/created-male-and-female-conference-2024/>

2024 Specialized Spiritual Care Ministry Conference

Held May 6-7th in St. Louis and online

The Conference begins at 1pm on May 6th and concludes at 3:15pm on May 7th

Those currently serving in Specialized Care contexts and those interested in learning more about this ministry are welcome to attend, either in -person or online.

The deadline for in-person registration is April 19th, 2024. \$50

Registration will remain open throughout the event for online participation. \$25

Providing access to view recorded sessions for 90 days after the conference ends.

Register at: <https://calendar.lcms.org/event/2024-specialized-spiritual-care-ministry-conference/>



LUTHERAN ADOPTION CONFERENCE

APR 10-11, 2024 | HOUSTON, TX

Urgently calling to attend: faith leaders, life advocates & ministries, lay leaders, policy makers, adoption experts, and those passionate about increasing Biblically-based adoption



**MARK
SCHULTZ**

Keynote
Musician &
Adoptee



**REV. MICHAEL
SALEMINK**

Executive Director
Lutherans
For Life



**REV. MAX
PHILLIPS**

Executive Director
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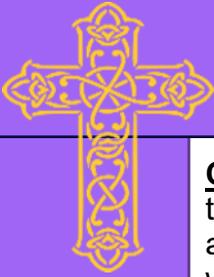
Homebound Members of our Risen Christ Family:



**Donna Cook
Kristi Manley
Sandy McLeod
Gary Stichter
Dan & Trish Speth**

**Paulette Waech
David Perry
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 Myles Zirpel, 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!

Help Wanted!

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



Caring for Children, In the early 20th Century, Lutheran Churches were responding to human needs by building hospitals, schools and orphanages to keep up with Iowa's rapidly growing population. In response to this need, the Lutheran Children's Friends Society was established in 1901 in Fort Dodge. In the 1960s the ministry remained focused on reaching out to children in need of permanent Christian families through adoption. Over the years the needs in our communities have certainly changed but through it all, our Christian compassion and commitment to reach out in love to all that are in need of Christ's care remains unchanged. *Excerpt from www.lutheranfamily service.org/about/history*



Christian Care Quad Cities NEEDS

Christian Care, located in Rock Island Illinois is requesting a list of items for those in need in our community. Please donate these items: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Bottled Water, Bibles for Chapel Services. Also Personal Hygiene Items such as Deodorant, Razors, Shaving Cream Shower Shoes (flip flops) and Women's Monthly Hygiene care. Also, **We are in Need of Volunteers for the Christian Care Meal/Prep/Serve for the upcoming months.** If you are available to help in April, May & June to prepare and serve 50-60 people, please sign up at the Kiosk. **God Bless You and Thank you!**

IN SYMPATHY

We give our Heartfelt Condolences to Kelly & Barb Grosskopf & Family on the passing of Kelly's parents, Jeanne Grosskopf, Kelly's Mother and Quinn Grosskopf, Kelly's Father.

Jeanne Grosskopf entered Heaven Triumphant on Thursday, March 7th and Quinn Grosskopf entered Heaven Triumphant on Saturday, March 9th.

May God give His Comfort and Care to the Family and Friends of Jeanne and Quinn Grosskopf.



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

ALTAR

4/07 OPEN
4/14 MARGARET MILLER
4/21 OPEN
4/28 OPEN

ORGAN



Flower Chart for year 2024 is available on the kiosk in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Risen Christ Lutheran Church

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

4/07 9:00am Tammy McKay
4/14 9:00am Trustee Committee*
4/21 9:00am LWML Committee*
4/28 9:00am Congregational Life*



***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.

Elders

4/07 Stephen Smith

4/14 Mark Iltis

4/21 Ian McCloud

4/28 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

4/07 Terry Warner

4/14 Steve McCoy

4/21 Dave Luebbe

4/28 Sam Ross



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

Joshua 24:15

Altar Guild—April

Lori Smith & Gayla Kelly

Join the Altar Guild!

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



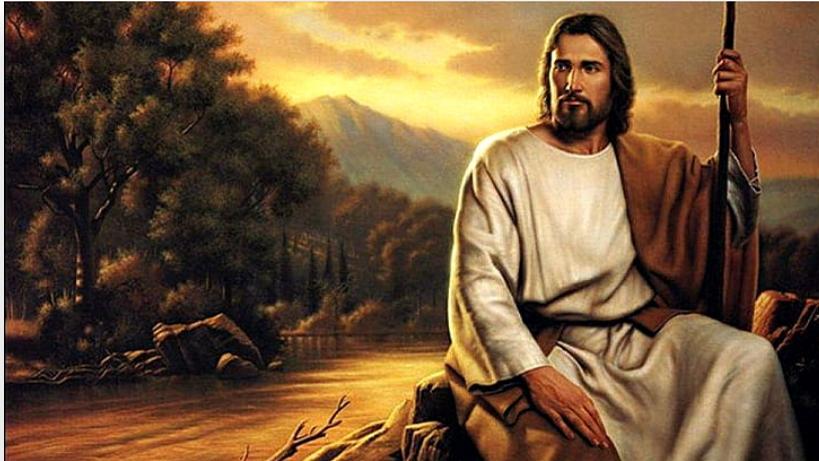
ACOLYTES

4/07 Eden Clark

4/14 Dalton Ferris & Hayley Ferris

4/21 Hayden Rasler

4/28 Asher Ross



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

Psalm 71:5

**4/07: James Luedtke, Rich Emory, Jason Lehman,
Terry Warner, Scott Sievert, Stephen Smith**

Elder: Stephen Smith

**4/14: Bryan Johnson, Myles Zirpel, Sandy Sievert,
Steve McCoy, Scott Sievert, Mark Iltis**

Elder: Mark Iltis

**4/21: Allan Elias, James Luedtke, Rich Emory,
Jason Lehman, Dave Luebbe, Ian McCloud**

Elder: Ian McCloud

**4/28: Bryan Johnson, Myles Zirpel, Sandy Sievert
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GREETERS

9:00AM

4/07 Dick & Grace Schrage

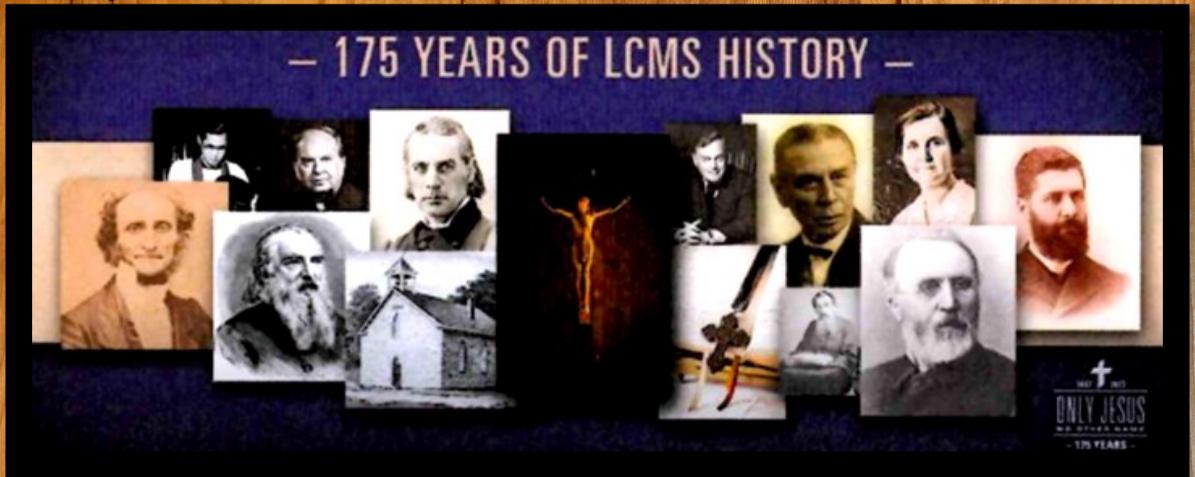
4/14 Carol McAnelly & Sandy McLeod

4/21 Tim & Jessica Welch

4/28 Kay Johnson & Sue Knuth



April 2024



LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison has preached on Acts 4:5-20

... “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” Acts (4:12).

