



The Arising News



*"The Word
became flesh*

and made His dwelling among us."

— John 1:14



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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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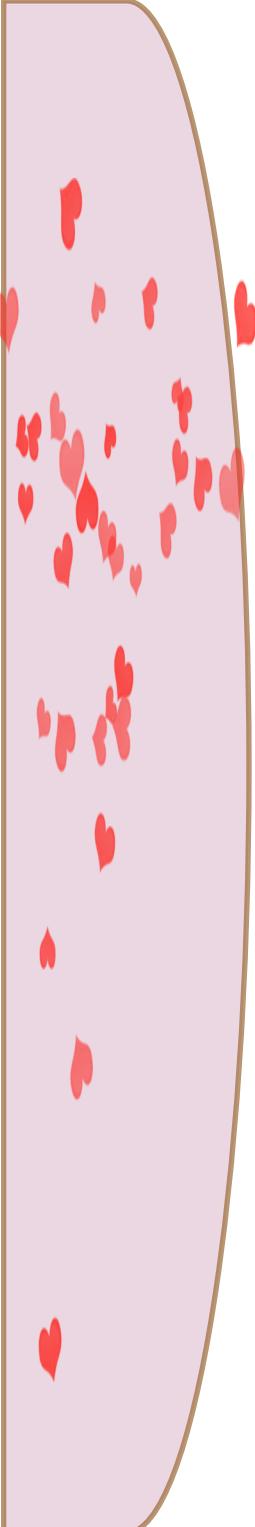
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Pastor Licht is off
On Mondays



February- Dates to Remember



2/01 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
2/02 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
2/05 Weds	9am & 7pm	LifeLight Class
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
2/06 Thurs.	5:30pm	Board Meeting
	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
2/08 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	8:30am	Women's Bible Study
2/09 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
2/10 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
2/11 Tues.	6pm	LBDC Board Meeting
2/12 Weds.	9am & 7pm	LifeLight Class
	5:15pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:15pm	Ed Board Meeting
2/13 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council Meeting
2/15 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
2/16 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
2/19 Weds.	9am & 7pm	LifeLight Class
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
2/21 Fri.	5pm—10pm	Youth Group Lock In
2/22 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	8:30am	Women's Bible Study
2/23 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
2/24 Mon.	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting
2/25 Tues.	9:30am	Mugs & Muffins
2/26 Weds.	9am & 7pm	LifeLight Class
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
2/27 Thurs.	5:30pm	Christian Care Meal/Prep/Serve
2/28 Fri.	12pm	Fellowship Friday
	5pm	Family Game Night

The Gospel for February



February 2nd, Luke 2:22-32

Jesus Presented at the Temple

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

February 9th, Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

17 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

February 16th, Matthew 20:1-16

Laborers in the Vineyard

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ...¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ...

¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?"^[b] ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

February 23rd, Luke 8:4-15

The Parable of the Sower

⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ...⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Jesus Presented at the Temple

Luke 2:25-32

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,...

²⁹ "**Lord, now you are letting your servant^[a] depart in peace, according to your word;**

³⁰ **for my eyes have seen your salvation**

³¹ **that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,**

³² **a light for revelation to the Gentiles,**

and for glory to your people Israel."



I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Sound doctrine is essential to the Church. So, the Apostle Paul gives a young pastor named Timothy his orders: “Preach the word.” He’s to stick to that Word of God no matter what pressure the mob may put on him to do otherwise. Mob mentality is a powerful force that can cause rational people to abandon all reason and join in with the crowd no matter how nonsensical the demands and the actions of the masses.

We fool ourselves if we think we’re not susceptible to these forces. We are constantly being shaped by the mob that is the culture in which we live, and the power of the mob is only multiplied by such things as social media and the videos and the “influencers” to which we listen. There’s no shortage of preachers to scratch our itching ears, who play on the passions of our flesh to lead us off into myths.

Which is why we need the Church. We gather as a little flock to be guarded by the Good Shepherd from the wolves dressed in sheep’s clothing that are seeking to devour us. Under the care of the Good Shepherd we are reprovved, rebuked, and exhorted with the sound teaching of the Word. It’s our only defense and it requires sober-minded endurance.

But that doesn’t mean we’re a dower gathering that lacks joy. Sound doctrine is filled with joy because it leads us to our Savior. The patient teaching of the Word bubbles over into our singing. And as we sing hymns of sound doctrine we reprove, rebuke, and exhort one another, keeping ourselves from wandering off into myths and setting our eyes and our hearts on the joy of our Savior and His kingdom.

So it is that we will gather, 40 days after Christmas (Feb 2) to rejoice in the sound doctrine of Jesus being presented at the Temple as a 40-day old infant.

We’ll sing with joy the truth of this event in Jesus’ life and what it means for us with these words:

*Jesus, by Your presentation,
When they blessed You, weak and poor,
Make us see Your great salvation,
Seal us with Your promise sure;
And present us in Your glory
To Your Father, cleansed and pure.
 (“In His Temple Now Behold Him” LSB 519)*

*May the Lord keep you, “cleansed and pure,” by His sound doctrine,
Pastor Licht*

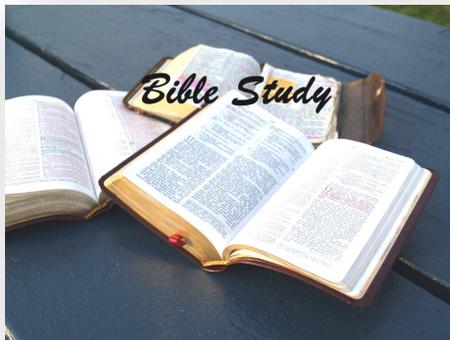


PREPARED WITH A REASON

*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense
to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and respect,
1 Peter 3:15*

Join us as we learn together to

- Think through several modern-day challenges to the Christian faith
- Speak with confidence to these challenges
- Rest in the peace of Christ even when confronted by these challenges



Sunday School

**Every Sunday
At 10:30am**



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.



*"...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 1*

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



Sunday Bible Study

Calling all 6th – 12 grade students!
Grab a cookie and some coffee and join
Mr. Emory in the Library during the
Bible Study hour!
Hope to see you there!

Bring a Friend!

Dates to Remember

- *February 21st—1/2 Lock-in!
Mafia & Nerf Wars!**
- *February 28th @ 5pm—Family Game Night**
- *March 5th— Ash Wednesday
Divine Worship @ 12pm & 7pm.**
- *March 12th— (and for the next 4
Wednesdays) Serve Lenten meals @ 6pm.
Lenten Worship @ 7pm.**
- *April 13th Palm Sunday 10:30am
Stuff Easter Eggs**
- *April 19th — Saturday 7:30am
Hide Easter Eggs**
- *April 20th — Easter Sunday—
Cook Easter Breakfast
Join us and bring your friends!**

Upcoming Youth Events

- March & April—TBD by our High Schoolers**
- May—Rummage Sale Fundraiser**
- June 26—Christian Care
& Huckleberry's Pizza**
- July 29-August 1 –Higher Things
Conference in Grand Rapids, MI**



Calling all 3 year old's - 5th graders!!! Join us upstairs on Sunday mornings to dig into God's Word with fun Bible Stories and crafts. 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, Please contact Leslie McCoy—
leslie@rclqc.org

Dates to Remember:

- *February 16—Sunday school children sing
 - *February 28 @ 5pm—Family Game Night
 - *March 5—Ash Wednesday - Divine Worship @ 12pm & 7pm.
- Lenten Dinners Wednesdays @ 6pm starting March 12th. Lenten Worship @ 7pm. Come join us!

The Sunday school children will be singing in worship on February 16th. Please plan to have your children here to practice at 8:40am in the Library. It is such a blessing to hear their sweet voices lifted in praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Feb. 2 Heidi Iltis
Feb 9 Janey Zirpel
Feb 16 Naomi McCloud
Feb 23 Rachel Luebbe

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

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

January has been a slow month for the daycare. Getting back into the daycare schedule mode after the holidays has been tough with several of the children being sick. Several of the planned activities have had to be rescheduled since some of the children have been missing several days.

Our classrooms have been completely cleaned many times because of all the illnesses. We are so thankful for having a four minute dishwasher and a large size washer and dryer to accommodate all our items.

Cacfp (food nutrition program) 3 year review was done in January. We passed our review with minor changes. Every three years the food nutrition program must do a review on all daycare programs.

Feb. starts off with the Lions organization coming to do eye screening. Every child that is over 6 months old and not already seeing an eye doctor, gets their picture taken of their eyes. The pictures are examined by professionals and results are sent back to the center. In the 20 some years of having the Lions Organization come to perform the testing, the finds have only been wrong for 1 child. If there is anyone in the congregation that has a child over 6 months and would like to have their eyes tested, please let the daycare know and we can schedule them in with our children. They will never turn anyone down.

The center has decided to sell cookies for Valentine’s day. We will be having the older children helping make sugar cookies and kiss cookies. The younger children will be decorating plates for the cookies to be on. Order forms are in the church fellowship table and in the daycare office. Please have orders in by February 9 th and cookies will be available for pickup at the church on Friday the 14 th . The proceeds will help with improvements to the daycare.

February 14th, the children will have their Valentine parties. This is always a time the children love to have fun and do things out of the ordinary. It’s always interesting to see the different Valentine boxes the children make. The staff and families will be decorating hearts for our next contest. Come back into the daycare hallway and vote on your favorites. There will be one group of hearts from the parents and one group from the staff members. Voting will start on February 16 th and will go through the next week. Come back the following week to see who wins.

The center still has openings for infants. This is the first time in 23 years that we have had openings in the infant room for more than a couple weeks. Having telephone issues I think has hurt the center from filling the openings. If anyone knows of a family that needs infant care, please send them our way.

With spring right around the corner, we will be having school age children during spring break.

In Christ,
Terrie





2/01 Anna Esbaum

2/01 Mary Ruhnke

2/04 Reynold Waech

2/06 Meagan Buckley

2/06 Joyce Koenig

2/09 Joy Wayt-Guthmiller

2/10 Elise Johnson

2/10 Alyssa Martens

2/15 Sherri Johnson

2/15 Addison Rasler

2/16 Alexa Wakeland

2/18 Heidi Iltis

2/20 Kari Atkins

2/20 Lucy Reller

2/20 Riley Reller

2/22 Richard Schrage

2/27 Angie Franzenburg



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



2/02 *Clay Mason*

2/03 *Glenda Gruenhagen*

2/03 *Molly Ruhnke*

2/04 *Ashley Atkins*

2/05 *Sara Flynn*

2/05 *Kayla Reller*

2/07 *Trevor Miller*

2/07 *Asher Ross*

2/10 *Juli Charley*

2/10 *Sam Hartwig*

2/11 *David Rowland*

2/14 *Blake Ferris*

2/15 *Tim Curtiss*

2/15 *Jimmie Petersen*

2/22 *Isabella York*

2/24 *Liz Johnson*

2/26 *Riggins Repp*

2/27 *Barbara Stichter*

2/29 *John Simons*



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.”



*"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

Kali Gruenhagen—Recovering at Home

Tyson Baumgardner (Gloria Blackledge's nephew) - in a coma since 12/27/23

Paulette Waech—Declining health, multiple medical concerns

Terri Burkey—medical tests and treatment

David Perry—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Alexander Daily—Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Iowa City

Rita Rekemeyer—Upcoming Surgery

Jean Wenndt—Awaiting Medical Tests



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 – LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION
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 monthly Bible Study will look at Mary, the mother of Jesus – and consider Heart Matters – her faithful heart, her devoted heart, and her believing heart.

Come join us on Feb. 6 at 6:30 pm. [There will be a LWML board meeting preceding the Bible study– at 5:30 p.m.]

Other Bible study opportunities: Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Licht
The Women's Bible Study continues – God's Provision in a Wilderness World on selected Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. It is a great time to share God's Word and to study with your sisters in Christ. The last (2) chapters will be on Sat. Feb. 8th & Feb. 22nd. If you have any questions contact Brenda Ross for next date..

Serving others: February 10th at 3:30 p.m., We assemble quilts under the direction of experienced quilters (usually Rachel and Heidi) – some months we pin, some months, we tie. Quilting skills are not required. We work for 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Our new president, Rachel Luebbe, and Chris Rall, Financial Secretary were installed on December 8, 2024. Thank you, Rachel, for your willingness to serve our Lord as President of the RCLC LWML. Thank you also to Chris Rall who has agreed to serve as Financial Secretary to finish Rachel's term.

Coming Activities:

FEBRUARY 2 – First Sunday – Mite box for mites collection and basket for General Fund donations

FEBRUARY 10 – at 3:30 p.m.; - Quilting work

FEBRUARY 25 – Mugs and Muffins -- We will have time with the Pre-K kids at 10 a.m. and activities TBD.

******* Spring ZONE Rally is scheduled for March 29, 2025 – to be held at Trinity.**

Watch for details

– in bulletin insert and the March newsletter.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OR THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, WATCH FOR NEWS ABOUT A TIME TO MEET AND PLAN – HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. FOR RCLC MEMBERS (and friends, family)

National Convention: June 26 – 29, 2025. Omaha, Nebraska

Growing in God's Grace – 2 Peter 3: 18
Registration (on-line) begins March 1, 2025
Hotel reservations can be made via a link after you register.



BLOOD DRIVE

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Winter 2025 Blood Drive

January 20th through February 28th

Davenport Donor Center

5500 Lakeview Parkway

West Davenport Donor Center

1320 W. Kimberly Road Suite 12

Open daily - visit www.bloodcenter.org for hours

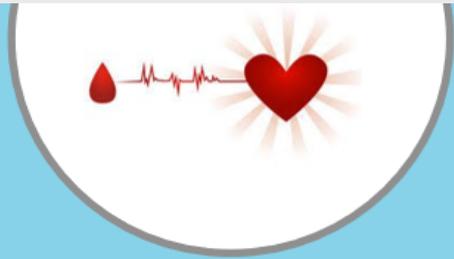
To schedule your appointment, scan the QR code above or call Jessica Welch at 563-528-3969



Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.



Contact Jessica Welch at: 563-528-3969



January 20th-February 28th
Last donation date before this
donation – Nov. 12th



Lutheran
Women
in Mission



Mugs & Muffins



Mugs & Muffins Meeting
See You February 25th, 2025!





MEN'S
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BIBLE BREAKFAST
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SATURDAY

February 1st
Starting @ 7:30am

**Breakfast will
be served!**



**LWML Bible Study
Next Meeting**

**Is Thursday, February 6th
at 6:30pm**

***Board Meeting before the Bible Study
At 5:30pm**

All Women are Welcome!

2023–2025 Mission Grant #24

God's Word for Central and South American
Missions

Lutheran Heritage Foundation — \$100,000

Lutheran evangelism efforts are being intensified in countries like the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Uruguay. The need for Spanish language Bibles, Luther's Small Catechism, children's materials, devotions, and other resources is continuous. New pastors who are being trained to be missionaries and evangelists need to be equipped with materials that help share the Good News. This grant will provide for the translation and printing costs of approximately 25,000 books by Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). LHF will distribute the printed books free of charge to people in Central and South America who live from week to week and have little to no savings. Even though economic or political conditions may force missionaries to come and go in these countries, they leave behind the Lutheran books which continue to teach for generations.



*Over 435 million people in our world speak Spanish, and many of those men, women and children are still waiting to be introduced to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. One good example: These students of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Uruguay are 80 percent unchurched. LCMS missionary Rev. James Sharp has been thrilled to provide free copies of the Spanish-language *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, which they can take home to share with their siblings and parents.*

WE PRAY:

Gracious Lord, thank You for the faithful service of members of the LWML and for their support of the publication and distribution of Christ-centered, printed materials for people in Central and South America. In John 8, Jesus our Savior promised that if we abide in His Word, we will truly be His disciples, and we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free. By the power of the Holy Spirit, create a longing for Your saving Word in the people of Central and South America. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Iowa East District LWML Grants for 2024-2026

At the Convention in June of 2024, one of the mission projects that was selected was: Lutheran Family Service—Preventing Burnout in Lutheran School Teachers with Christ-centered Counseling Resources. A Grant was awarded for \$7500.00.

The money will be used by the Lutheran Family Service Church Worker Wellness counseling team to provide proactive resources as well as crisis response assistance for our teachers and other workers serving in Iowa Lutheran Schools.

Another mission project that received monies through IED LWML Grants is: Eastside Mission, Davenport. The request was related to the vans owned by Eastside Mission – both of which are at least 20 years old. In January, 2023, God blessed Eastside Mission with Pastor Andrew Watkins, so the mission is once again able to provide Word and Sacraments. Worship services are well attended as well as evening ladies' Bible study and confirmation classes. In March, 2023, Pastor Watkins baptized 11 people, two adults and nine children. He is currently meeting with others to lead them to baptism. Having vans in good working condition is not only a safety concern, but also is key to having successful programs at the mission. The grant of \$7500.00 has already been paid by mites given to IED LWML.



No Council Notes were submitted for the February Newsletter

Church Administrator Position Available

Risen Christ Lutheran Church is in need of a
Church Administrator.

This person would be responsible for administrative tasks, including policy and facility management, and various financial duties.

Proposed for 30 hours a week.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 563-386-2342. Thank you





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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 the Sign up Sheets at the kiosk for all months in 2025.

February 27th—Kay Johnson, Angie Franzenburg & Family

March 27th—OPEN

April 24th—OPEN

Thank you to All of the Families that Contribute their Time & Resources to help those in Need in our Community. God Bless You!

2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 786-5734



On a **COLD** Winter Night—Let's spend a Fun Evening Together Inside!
A Soup Supper will be Provided with a Delicious Homemade Soup!

Bring your Favorite Snacks & Games!





*Risen Christ Family, Little Blessings Daycare
has a Treat for You!*

The Staff & Daycare Children are Making Homemade Valentine Cookies as a Fundraiser for the Daycare!

If you are interested in purchasing Valentine Cookies for yourself or for a Special Sweetheart, *Contact Terrie Burkey* or you will find Order Forms on the Ministry Table in the Narthex.

\$15 per Dozen for Frosted Sugar Cookies

\$10 per Dozen for Candy Kiss Cookies

The Deadline to order is Sunday, February 9th.



Beginning Sunday,
January 26th – March 2nd

Baby Bottle....

Boomerang



Fill A Baby Bottle with...
Coins/Cash/Checks
Sunday, January 26th - March 2nd
Thank you RCLC Family!

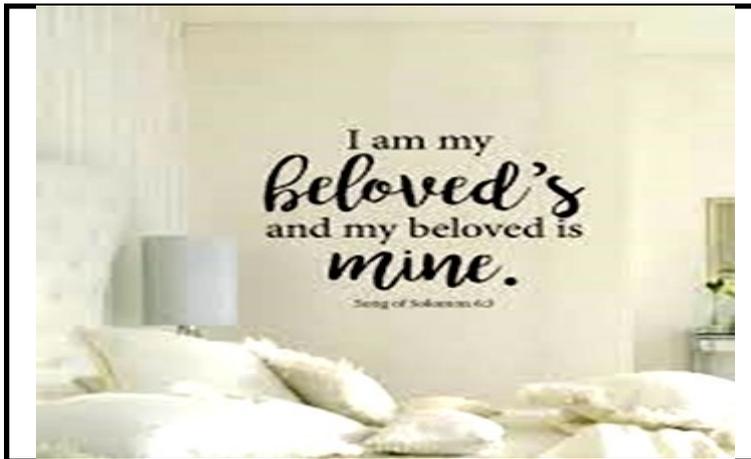


Baby Bottle
Boomerang

**Pregnancy Resources—Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins!
Sunday, January 26th—Sunday, March 2nd**

Risen Christ Lutheran Church is participating in this worthwhile fundraiser for Mothers-to-be in our Community. Find a baby bottle and fill it up with Cash/Checks/Coins and return to the church office by, *Sunday, March 2nd.* *We appreciate your Generosity!* *If you have any questions contact Naomi McCloud.*

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





Fellowship Friday! Friday, February 28th at 12pm



"And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God."

Joshua 3:9



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you..."

John 13:34

Let's Get Together and Share a Lunch with Our Friends at Risen Christ. Please Bring Food to Share, then Stay Afterwards to Visit or Play a Game of Cards. Bring Friends! We Look Forward to Seeing You!

Quilters Assembly Group

Meeting, Monday, February 10th, at 3:30pm

If You Have
Quilting Skills
or If You Have
Never
Quilted,



You Are
Welcome
to Join
Us!



Collecting Mites Sunday, February 2nd



Look for
the
BIG BOX
in
Fellowship
Hall



Mites for Missions IDE
LWML Thanks you!

**Your Contributions Are
Making A Difference!**



Homebound Members of our Risen Christ Family:



**Donna Cook
Kristi Manley
Sandy McLeod
Dan & Trish Speth
Jack Boley**

**Paulette Waech
David Perry
Doralee Rock
Joe Speer
Linda Gentz**

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.

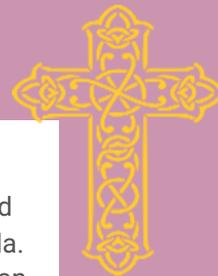
Service Videos: Volunteers are wanted to help with video livestreams and editing for network airings. This is a great opportunity for adults and youth alike! Training is available by request.

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 were in need of someone to mow the Little Blessings playground area. **Update! Help has been found!** Angie Franzenburg has graciously taken on this task! **Thank you Angie!** If you would like to help in any other way, **contact Myles Zirpel.**



**Winter ‘Engage’: Christ’s Light During Trials,
By Megan Mertz, Managing Editor—online Reporter**

“I know that God works His greatest good when everything seems to be falling around us,” said the Rev. Kevin Loughran, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, Fla. Grace’s church and school building suffered significant damage when Hurricane Milton blew through the area on Oct. 9. The very next morning, more than 40 volunteers from the church, school, community and even farther afield arrived to help. The Winter 2025 issue of *Lutherans Engage the World* highlights a few of the ways that God comes to His people even at their lowest point, whether that’s after a natural disaster, while serving time in prison, or while seeking asylum in Germany. So far, hundreds of Persian migrants who are hoping to receive asylum in Germany have found forgiveness and salvation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ thanks to the dedicated efforts of a handful of German pastors and LCMS missionaries. And these migrants can’t help but tell their friends. **Look up—engage.lcms.org**

Family Fun Night—Friday, February 28th at 5pm

Game Night! Including Family Fun & Soup Dinner—Everyone is Welcome!

Game Night February 28th at 5PM. Homemade soup will be served. Bring your favorite game(s) and snacks to share and come out and join your church family in a little friendly competition.

Friends of the family are also welcome!



LBDC VALENTINE COOKIES—DEADLINE TO ORDER FEB. 9TH

Homemade Cookies for yourself or for your Sweetheart!

Little Blessings Daycare is offering as a Fundraiser to Bake Valentine Cookies for the Congregation.

You can find more information and an order form at the Ministry Table in the Narthex.

Frosted Sugar Cookies are \$15 per DZ and

Candy Kiss Cookies are \$10 per DZ

Contact Terrie Burkey with your questions.



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

ALTAR

- 2/02 CHRIS RALL
- 2/09 OPEN
- 2/16 MARK & HEIDI ILTIS
- 2/23 KAY & BRYAN JOHNSON

ORGAN



Flower Chart for year 2025 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

- 2/02 Stewardship Committee*
- 2/09 Elders*
- 2/16 LBDC Board*
- 2/23 Future Planning Committee*



***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

2/02—Ian McCloud

2/09—Jason Franzenburg

2/16—Scott Sievert

2/23—Tim Welch



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

- 2/02 Sam Ross**
- 2/09 Dick Schrage**
- 2/16 Terry Warner**
- 2/23 Steve McCoy**



Altar Guild—February

Leslie McCoy & Gayla Kelly

Join the Altar Guild!

Contact Leslie McCoy & Gayla Kelly or Pastor Licht if interested.



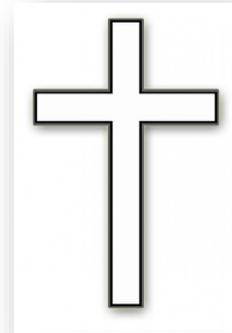
As for me and
my house, we will
serve the *Lord.*
Joshua 24:15

02/02 Hayden Rasler

02/09 Asher Ross

02/16 Hayley Ferris

02/23 Eden Clark



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

Psalm 71:5

**2/02 Jason Lehman, Bryan Johnson, Myles Zirpel,
Dean Enfield, Ian McCloud**

Elder: Ian McCloud

**2/09 Allan Elias, Jason Lehman, Bryan Johnson,
Scott Sievert, Jason Franzenburg**

Elder: Jason Franzenburg

**2/16 Myles Zirpel, Dean Enfield, Terry Warner,
Scott Sievert**

Elder: Scott Sievert

**2/23 Allan Elias, Bryan Johnson, Steve McCoy
Scott Sievert, Tim Welch**

Elder: Tim Welch

GREETERS

9:00AM

2/02 Dick & Grace Schrage

2/09 Lynette Licht

2/16 Bryan & Sherrie Johnson

2/23 Tim & Jessica Welch



February 2025



"I am My Beloveds and
My Beloved is Mine."



Song of Solomon 6:3