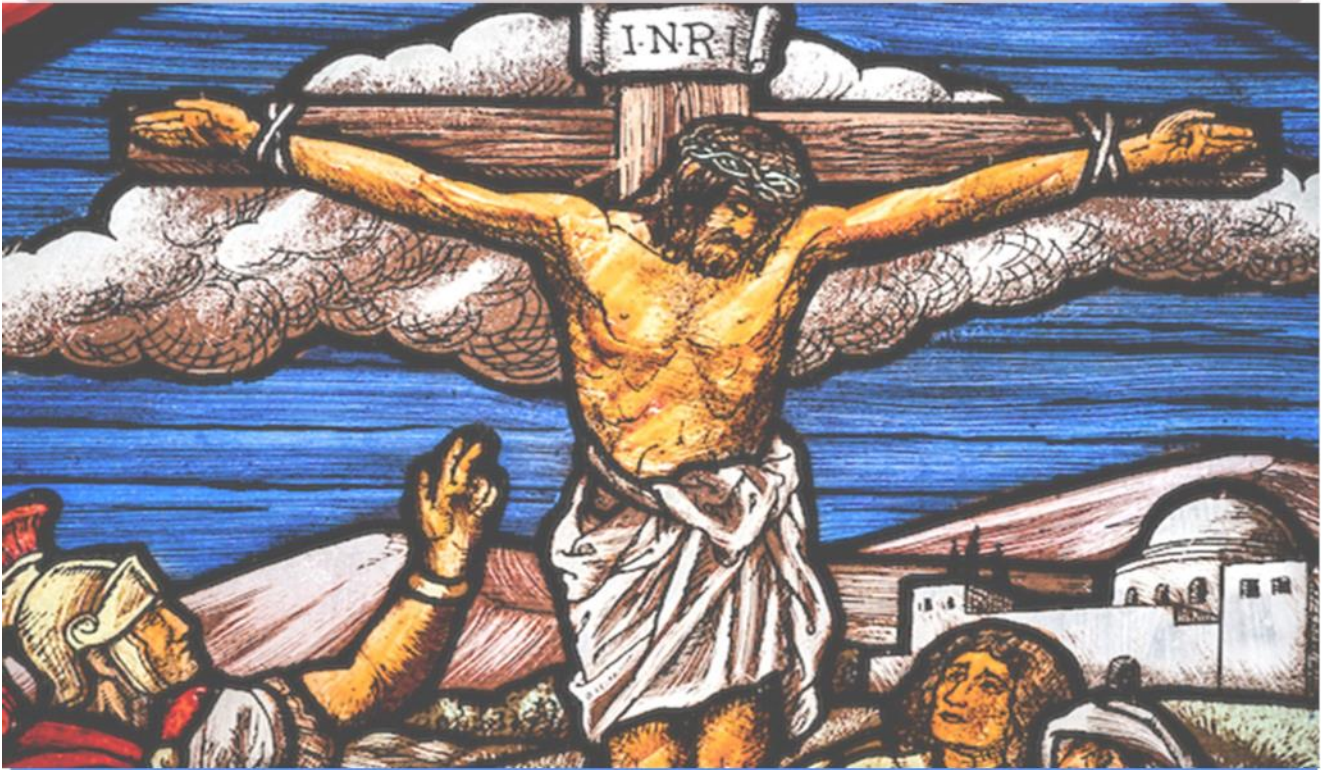




The Arising News



Artwork, from Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS in Mobile, Alabama

"they divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."
Psalm 22:18

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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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Pastor Licht is off
On Mondays



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April- Dates to Remember

4/01 Tues.	5:00pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	6:00pm	ED Board Meeting
4/02 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6pm	Lenten Supper
	7pm	Vespers
4/03 Thurs.	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
4/05 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
	8:30am	Quilt—Pin & Tie Day
4/06 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
5th Sun. in Lent	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
4/08 Tues.	5:30pm	LBDC Board Meeting
4/09 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6pm	Lenten Supper
	7pm	Vespers
4/10 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council Meeting
4/11 Fri.	11:30am	Easter Luncheon LBDC
4/12 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
4/13 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
Palm Sunday	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
Holy Week	10:30am	Fill East Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt
4/14 Monday	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
4/17 Thurs.	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
4/18 Good Friday	12pm & 7pm	Tenebrae Services
4/19 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	9:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
4/20 Sun.	7:00am	Easter Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday	8:00am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00am	Easter Service
4/22 Tues.	9:30am	Mugs & Muffins
4/24 Thurs.	5:30pm	Christian Care Meal Prep
4/25 Fri.	12pm	Fellowship Friday
4/26 Sat.	7am	Workout
4/27 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Voters Meeting
		Youth Sunday School
4/28 Mon.	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting



The Gospel for April



April 6th, John 8:46-59

Before Abraham Was, I Am

⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

April 13th, Matthew 26:1-27

Institution of the Lord's Supper

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,"

April 20th, Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection

² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him."

April 27th, 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, ^[a] 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. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Matthew 26:17-25

The Passover with the Disciples

¹⁷ Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ^[b] ²¹ And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me." ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

Mark 16:1-4

Soon our Lenten journey will come to an end. In Holy Week we'll arrive at the foot of the cross and our Savior's lifeless body will be laid in the grave. We know where this journey takes us, we've been this way before. But the women who went to the tomb that first Easter morning didn't yet know.

They had seen the dead body of their beloved rabbi put in that tomb and the stone rolled over the entrance, sealing Him in. That stone represented an obstacle imprisoning the dead body of Christ. And if that stone could keep Him imprisoned in death, then it imprisons us all. For if Christ is dead and cannot escape the prison of death, then we are all dead in our trespasses and sins and we will be eternally imprisoned in death and hell.

But you know what the women find and why we joyfully gather on Easter morning to celebrate. The stone had been rolled away when the women arrived so that they might see the empty prison cell of our Savior's grave. That stone could not keep Him a prisoner and neither could the icy grip of death hold on to Him. Death and the grave couldn't hold Him, and neither will they be able to hold us. By our baptism into Christ, we too have been freed from the prison of death and hell. His resurrection is our resurrection, guaranteeing the emptying of our own grave on the great eternal Easter Day of His return.

So we gather to celebrate the end of our Lenten journey and the empty tomb. And just as that tomb couldn't contain our Savior, neither can a single day contain our celebration. Easter is more than a day. The season itself is 50 days—celebrated from Easter morning until the Day of Pentecost. But even 50 days isn't enough. Easter is life—the life of our Savior, who is our life. So now, every day we roll out of bed we're just rehearsing for the day when we'll roll out of the bed of our grave, waking up to the Eternal Day when the sun will not set on our celebration.

May your Lenten journey find you lifting up your voice with us to joyfully sing:

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
(LSB 633:6)

Pastor Licht



THE RHYTHM OF WORSHIP

“The rhythm of our worship is from [God] to us,
and then from us back to him.”

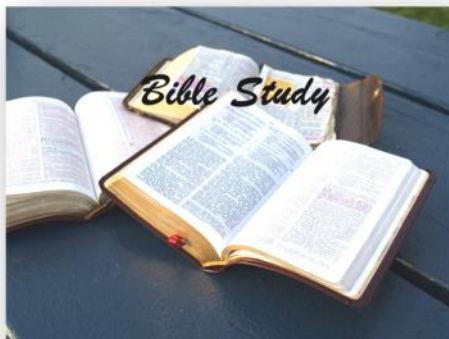
(Introduction to Lutheran Worship, p. 6)



Join us Sunday mornings during our Bible

Class hour to:

- ☐ Explore the rhythm of our worship life.
- ☐ Grow in appreciation of God's presence.
- ☐ Learn to better recognize the gifts God pours out on us.



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

***April 2 & 9—** Serve Lenten Suppers @
 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 6:30am—
 Cook Easter Breakfast

Join us and bring your friends!

No April event planned, as we get geared up for
 our Rummage Sale in May. We'll begin taking
 donations after Easter, so tell your family and
 friends looking to clean out their spaces! Look
 for more info in next month's Newsletter and
 for ways that you can help!

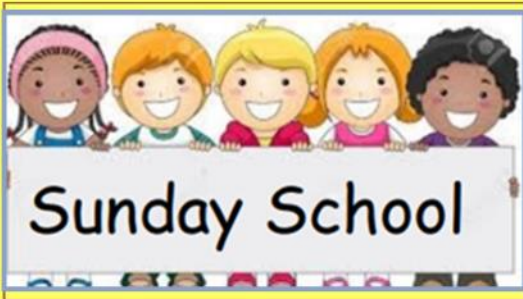
Upcoming Youth Events

May 24th—Rummage Sale Fundraiser

June 26—Christian Care

& Dinner Afterwards

**July 29-August 1 –Higher Things
 Conference in Grand Rapids, MI**



Calling all children aged
3years—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



Risen Christ's annual Egg Hunt
will be held on

Saturday, April 19th @ 9am

Besides hunting eggs, we will
have refreshments, a telling of
the Easter story and other activi-
ties. For children up through 5th
grade. Bring a basket
and a friend!

Dates to Remember:

***April 2 & 9—Lenten Suppers @
6pm.**

Lenten Worship @ 7pm.

***April 17—Maundy Thursday -
7pm.**

***April 18—Good Friday—12pm &
7pm**

***April 19—Easter Egg Hunt—9am**

***April 20—Easter Pancake
Breakfast—8am, following the
Sunrise Service**

**No Sunday school on Easter
Sunday**

***May 11—Mother's Day**

***June 9-13—VBS**



April 6 Rachel Luebbe

April 13 Rachel Smith

April 20 No Coverage—

Happy Easter!

**April 27 Leslie McCoy—Voter's
Meeting**

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



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

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

March started off pretty slow in the daycare center. Quiet times are always nice. We had our CACFP audit. Small changes to our program, but everything went well.

Our upright freezer that Betty Belter donated years ago has decided to stop working. We are in need of a new upright freezer. This freezer would be used to store cookies and food for the church and also food for the daycare. If anyone has an upright freezer they would like to donate, please contact the daycare or the church. Thanks.

The leprechaun came to the center and left evidence that he had visited on St. Patrick's Day. Always fun to watch the excitement in the children.

The Pre-K children are excited to serve everyone for our Easter dinner. Our **Easter dinner will be held on April 11 th at 11:30 am**. Look for sign up list in the fellowship hall. If you haven't been to one of our meals, you must come and experience the children serving you. It's a great time for all.

May 9 th will be my official last day at the daycare center. I have decided to retire from the center after almost 23 years. Miss Angie will be taking over until final decisions are made on a new director.

We still have openings in our Infant room. If anyone knows of a family looking for infant care, please have them call the center—**Cellphone 563-351-1007**

The center will close at noon on April 18 th for Good Friday.
Pre-K graduation will be held on April 27 th during the Church Service.
The children have already been practicing for their important day.

Have a great month in Christ
Terrie

**Little Blessings Daycare is Serving the
Members of our Congregation a
Delicious Easter Dinner on Friday, April 11th at 11:30am**

Call
Terrie
Burkey
of LBDC
to
Sign up!
563-386-1738
Or
Sign up on the
Sheet in the
Narthex

Happy Easter!



Enjoy
Fellowship
& Time with
Friends at
Risen Christ
Lutheran
Church
& a Great
Easter
Meal!



4/03 Margaret Miller

4/04 Diane Burkey

4/04 Charlotte Rodemeyer

4/04 Katie Stout

4/06 August Bauer

4/06 Sharon Webb

4/08 Sudeeksha Mukiri

4/09 Jack Boley

4/10 Asher Ross

4/11 Dalton Ferris

4/14 Dee Barstow

4/15 Marge Reimers

4/15 Marvin Reimers

4/17 Alexandra Carlstrom

4/17 Emily Happel

4/17 Mason Happel

4/18 Ashley Atkins

4/18 Naomi McCloud

4/19 Brady Johnson

4/19 Kayla Reller

4/19 Barbara Stichter

4/20 Roger Amhof

4/29 Spencer Wakeland

4/30 Donna Cook



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



4/02 Evan Canarr

4/03 Tammy McKay

4/04 Nannette Justman

4/04 Naomi McCloud

4/09 Roger Dodd

4/12 Marge Reimers

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

4/30 Dallas Amhof

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

4/23 Ronald & Linda Gentz

4/30 Syam & Sushma Mukin



*"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—Ongoing Treatment 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

Marsha Ashby (Dean Enfield's friend)—Recovering from brain surgery (cancer)

David Perry—Rehabilitation at Harmony on Utica Ridge

Alexander Daily—Home & Growing!

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.

We have a new president: Rachel Luebbe. Her contact information is luebberachel@gmail.com. Thank you, Rachel, for being willing to serve Our Awesome God in this way.

Equipping women through God's Word: Join us for Bible Study on April 3 at 6:30 p.m. The Bible study will be "Chosen, Treasured, Redeemed" – come and hear – be reminded how precious we are to God. We will review some of God's Word where we are reminded of the many benefits we receive as God's chosen and treasured possessions.

Other Bible study opportunities: Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Licht.

Serving others: PIN AND TIE DAY: APRIL 5TH from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., we will begin with a light breakfast and then tie quilts! Come and enjoy some fellowship with your sisters in Christ – and help prepare quilts for those in need.

Coming Activities:

April 3 – at 6:30 p.m. LWML Bible Study

April 6 -- First Sunday – Mite box for mites collection and basket for General Fund donations

April 14 – at 3:30 p.m.; - Quilting work

April 22 – Mugs and Muffins -- Opening devotion with Pastor Licht; Story and singing time with the **Pre-K kids at 10 a.m. and assemble baby kits for Lutheran World Relief** - ** see list of needs below!

May 1 – National Convention registration fee increases for those registering after this date.

June 26 – 29 – National Convention – Growing in God's Grace (2 Peter 3: 18) in Omaha, Nebraska

July 18 – 19 -- Iowa East District LWML Summer Retreat (notice – not a Fall retreat this year) at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca: Just imagine, no cooking, no cleaning, no dishes, just time to sit and be filled with God's Word, sing, pray, eat, laugh, be inspired by our speakers, and participate in a Servant Event. Retreat Co-Chairs are Tammi Christensen and Tammy Van Haaften from Marshalltown Zone.

*****Items needed for assembling Baby Kits:j *inventory was done 3/25/25:**

Our goal will be to assemble 25 kits at our April Mugs and Muffins. To do this we are in need of

39 lightweight cotton t-shirts (not Onesies)

7 long or short-sleeve gowns or sleepers (without feet)

9 receiving blankets – med. weight cotton or flannel or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn (between 36-52 " square)

9 pairs of socks

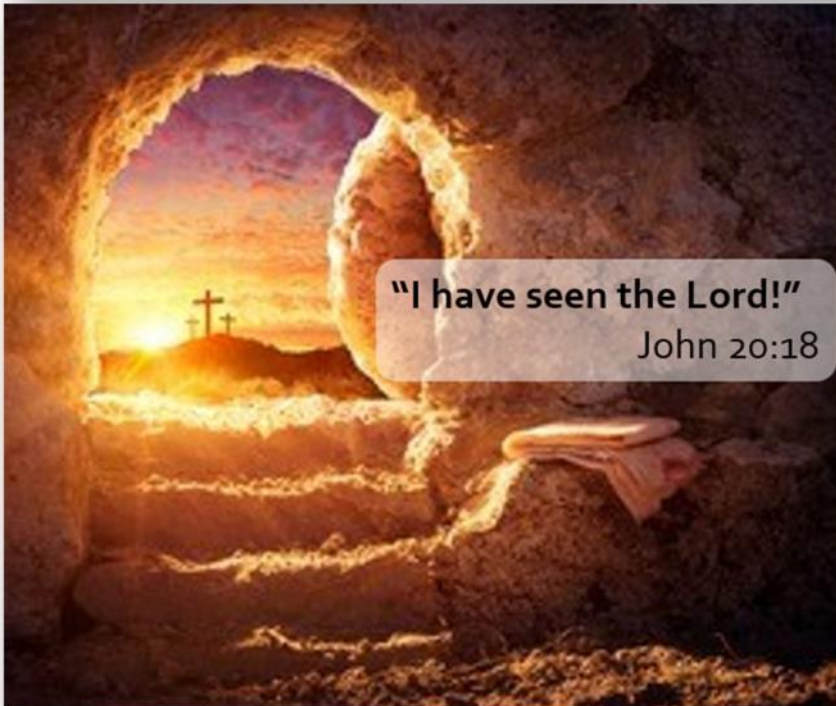
4 hand towels, dark color recommended

16 sets of 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 – 9 oz (e.g. 2 bars, 4.5 oz each)

If you are able to help, thank you!

If you have questions, you may contact Grace Schrage or Heidi Iltis.

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13th
9:00am Divine Service



"I have seen the Lord!"
John 20:18

**EASTER
SERVICE
APRIL 20TH
7:00 AM
&
9:00 AM**

**He is Risen! Hallelujah
He is Risen Indeed!
Hallelujah!**

**Enjoy The Easter
Pancake Breakfast
With your Family After the
7:00am Sunrise Service.**



Holy Week Schedule 2025 At Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday – April 13th 9:00am Service

Maundy Thursday – April 17th 7:00pm Service
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday – April 18th 12:00pm & 7:00pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 19th at 9:00am at the Church

Easter Sunday – April 20th

Sunrise Service at 7:00am

Easter Pancake Breakfast at 8:00am

Easter Service at 9:00am

Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Thursday, April 17th at 7:00pm



GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE
12:00PM & 7:00PM
APRIL 18TH





Delicious Easter Pancake Breakfast You, and your Family & Friends are Invited!



Sunday, April 20th at 8:00am – A Fun, Family Tradition at RCLC

Please Sign-up at the Ministry Table to Donate Food Items, Thank you!



**Good
Morning!**

**Little Blessings Daycare is Serving the
Members of our Congregation a
Delicious Easter Dinner on Friday, April 11th at 11:30am**

Call
Terrie
Burkey
of LBDC
to
Sign up!
563- 386-1738
Or
Sign up on the
Sheet in the
Narthex

Happy Easter!



Enjoy
Fellowship
& Time with
Friends at
Risen Christ
Lutheran
Church
& a Great
Easter
Meal!

All Members Are Invited to Help Fill Easter Eggs!

Sunday, April 13th at 10:30am

The Filled Eggs are For the "Easter Egg Hunt" on Saturday, April 19th @9am



**The Congregation May Donate Candy to
Fill the Eggs – that Would be Helpful! Thank you!**

*With Thanks to The Education Committee for
Sponsoring this Fun Event!*



Risen Christ Lutheran Church Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 19th at 9:00am

**All Children are Welcome to Attend!
Bring Your Family & Friends!**

Let's Find All the Easter Eggs on the Church Grounds!

*Remember to, Bring Your Own Basket or
Bag To Carry the Easter Eggs, You Find!
Let's Have Fun Together!*





LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

BABY CARE KITS



SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.
- Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
- Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts. Download a Diaper Tip Sheet from our website.
- If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility.
- Onesies can be cut and hemmed or serged to make a simple t-shirt.
- Gowns, rompers or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers.
- Gently used, clean clothing and blankets (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. It is especially important that the items be in excellent condition, as used clothing is increasingly difficult to get through customs in many countries. Even one item that looks worn or stained to local officials can jeopardize the status of a whole shipment. All other items (diapers, towel, soap) in the Kit must be new.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

- ☐ **TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- ☐ **TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- ☐ **TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- ☐ **FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ☐ **ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- ☐ **TWO** pairs of socks
- ☐ **ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- ☐ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- ☐ **TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins

HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in **LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS** on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents



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

April 24th—OPEN

May 22nd—OPEN

June 26th—RCLC Youth Group

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

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

2023–2025 Mission Grant No. 28**GROWING OUR PLACE: CARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**

Our Place After School Care, Inc. Nebraska | \$20,000

Our Place After School Care (Our Place) is a caring Christian community for special needs students between the ages of 13 and 20 years old, who are unable to be safe when home alone and have aged-out of the Hastings area daycare facilities. Our Place benefited from the generosity of Faith Lutheran Church which provided space in its existing facilities for their operations.

Our Place is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. Our Place provides programming designed to promote academic, social, and life skills appropriate to each student's needs. It also provides opportunities to grow spiritually through community service and enrichment activities.

To expand the outreach and activities of Our Place, the Advisory Board recommended locating a new space to rent. A space has been located which will require little or no modification.

This grant will serve as a funding bridge to cover the monthly rent, allow them to purchase software to open a store, and allow for scholarship aid to students.

Providing Dignity to Teenagers with Special Needs:

PRAYER #1 Father in heaven, You have embraced us in Your arms, and we became Your children when we were baptized. You bless us with Your Word, loving parents, a home, food, and clothing. We ask Your special blessing for parents of children with special needs. They face challenges that we may not always appreciate. The care their children need is different. We are thankful for the vision and mission of Our Place, which offers an after-school program for teenagers with special needs. They offer a safe space, and they show Your love. In Your Son's name we pray. *Amen.*



Terri Siebrass (left) and Heidi (right) measure ingredients during activity time at Our Place After School Care, Inc.



‘Set Apart to Serve’ 2025 Congregation Survey

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

[Set Apart to Serve](#) (SAS) is building a culture of forming and recruiting pastors and commissioned church workers in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). SAS is asking for your help again this year as we strive to continually improve our Synodwide efforts. Your responses are vitally important toward this effort as we supply our LCMS congregations, schools and entities with church workers for generations to come.

We would appreciate input from you and the members of your congregation through a short online survey. We ask that you please use the following text in your bulletin, newsletter or electronic communication:

Will you please take a brief online survey at

lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how we can

make *SAS* more beneficial to your congregation? We want to hear what you have to say.

We would appreciate **receiving responses by April 12**. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Thank you so much for your time and support.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck
Executive Director
LCMS Office of Pastoral Education
james.baneck@lcms.org

Calling all Painters! We Need You!

Saturday, April 12th at 9:00am—

Until the Job is Done!

**We Need a Crew to Paint the Hallways & Bathrooms
in the Daycare Area**

- **Contact Myles Zirpel if you have the Time to Help 605-770-2564**
- **Wear Appropriate Clothing for Painting**
- **If you have Brushes Bring them or other Paint Supplies to Help would be Appreciated!**

Thank you RCLC Family!



Myles Zirpel the Chair of our Trustee Committee

**Is asking for Volunteers to help
Paint the Little Blessing Daycare
Hallways & Bathroom areas.**

On Saturday, April 12th at 9am - Until Completed
If you have a few hours to spare or can stay until the job is
done we need you!

**Thank you Risen Christ Church Family for Helping out with this
much needed project.**

If you have any questions, Contact Jessica Welch



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the land
or of the
fruit of
the trees,
it is the
Lord’s; it
is holy to
the Lord.”
Leviticus

27:30





MEN'S

BIBLE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY

April 5th

Starting @ 7:30am

Breakfast will
be served!



LWML Bible Study Next Meeting

Is Thursday, April 3rd
at 6:30pm

All Women are Welcome!

Quilt Pin & Tie Day

Meeting on Saturday, April 5th at 8:30am

Contact Rachel Luebbe



Quilters Assembly Group

Meeting, Monday, April 14th, at 3:30pm

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

You Are
Welcome
to Join
Us!



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.**



**Palm Sunday is April 13th, our
*Palm Sunday Service is at 9:00am***
**Maundy Thursday is April 17th, our *Stripping of the
Altar Service is at 7pm***
**Good Friday is April 18th, we have a
*12pm & 7pm Tenebrae Service***
**Easter Sunday is April 20th
Sunrise Service at 7:00am
Easter Pancake Breakfast at 8:00am
*Easter Service at 9:00am***



Easter Sunday, 4/20/2025 Pancake Breakfast at 8:00am

*You and Your Family are Invited to Join the Risen Christ Family for
a **Delicious Homemade Breakfast on Sunday, April 20th at 8:00am.**
This is following the 7:00am Sunrise Service and just before the
9:00am Easter Service.*

*If you would bring a Dish to Share—Locate the Sign-up sheet at the
Ministry Table. This is a Fun, Family Tradition at Risen Christ
Church. We hope to see you!*

For your questions contact, Leslie McCoy. Happy Easter!



EASTER EGG FILL 4/13 @10:30AM /EASTER EGG HUNT 4/19 @ 9AM

*Palm Sunday April 13th after the 9:00am service. At 10:30am we will fill
plastic Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th.*

You and Everyone is invited to join in the Fun of Filling the Easter Eggs!

If you would donate Candy to fill the Eggs that would be appreciated!

Thank you! Contact Leslie McCoy with your Questions.

*Saturday, April 19th at 9:00am, the Children of Risen Christ Lutheran
Church along with their families are invited to Hunt for Easter Eggs on the
Church Grounds. Remember to Invite your Friends and Family. **Don't
forget to bring a Basket to fill with your Easter finds! Have Fun!***



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

ALTAR

- 4/06 KAY JOHNSON
- 4/13 MARGARET MILLER
- 4/20 EASTER FLOWERS
- 4/27 IAN & NAOMI MCCLOUD & FAMILY

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

- 4/06 Tammy McKay & Grace Schrage
- 4/13 Elders*
- 4/20 Easter Sunday
- 4/27 Little Blessings Daycare*



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

Please sign up at the kiosk to provide or serve cookies or both. There are opportunities for everyone to serve.

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

Elders

4/02 Mark Iltis—Vespers

4/06 Tim Welch

4/09 Ian McCloud—Vespers

4/13 Scott Sievert—Palm Sunday

Holy Week

4/17 TBD—Maundy Thurs.

4/18 Tim Welch—Good Fri. 12pm

4/18 Jason Franzenburg - Good Fri. 7pm

Easter Morning

4/20 Stephen Smith—Easter 7am

4/20 Mark Iltis—Easter 9am

4/27 Ian McCloud



Current Elder Assignments

Families with last names starting with:

A-B - Ian McCloud

C-F Stephen Smith

G-J Mark Iltis

K-L Scott Sievert

M-N Tim Welch

O-R OPEN

S Jason Franzenburg

T-V OPEN

W-Z Jason Franzenburg

Sound & Video

4/06 Dave Luebbe

4/13 Sam Ross

4/20 Dick Schrage

4/27 Terry Warner



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



ACOLYTES

4/02 Hayden Rasler—Vespers

4/06 Asher Ross

4/09 Eden Clark—Vespers

4/13 Maddie McCoy

4/18 Hayden Rasler—Good Fri. 7pm

4/20 Easter Sunday—

7am OPEN

Hayley Ferris—9am

4/27 Asher Ross



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

Psalms 71:5

4/02 TBD Vespers
Elder: Mark Iltis

4/06 Dean Enfield, Allan Elias, Bryan Johnson, Dave Luebbe
Elder: Tim Welch

4/09 Ian McCloud, TBD Vespers

Palm Sunday

4/13 Jason Lehman, Myles Zirpel, Sandy Sievert, Dean Enfield

Elder: Scott Sievert

Holy Week

4/17 TBD, TBD Maundy Thursday

Elder: TBD

4/18 Scott Sievert, TBD Good Friday

Elder 12pm, Tim Welch

Elder 7pm, Jason Franzenburg

Easter

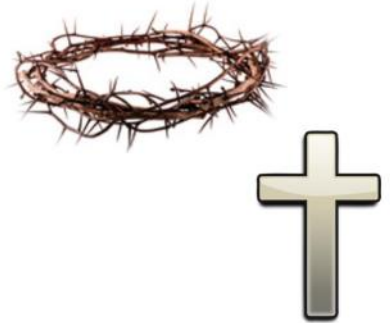
4/20 Scott Sievert, TBD Easter Services

Elder 7am: Stephen Smith

Elder 9am: Mark Iltis

4/27 Jason Lehman, Myles Zirpel, Scott Sievert, Terry Warner

Elder: Ian McCloud



GREETERS FOR APRIL

9:00AM

4/06 Tim & Jessica Welch

4/13 Kay Johnson & Sue Knuth

4/20 Carol McAnelly

4/27 Allan & Nancy Elias



April 2025 “He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”

