



# The Arising News



## Jesus Ascension to Heaven

"And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight."

*Acts 1:9*

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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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On Mondays



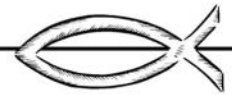
# May – Dates to Remember

5/01 Thurs.	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
5/03 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
5/04 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	9:00am	Rite of Confirmation
	10:30am	Confirmation Celebration Brunch
5/06 Tues.	6:30pm	LBDC Board Meeting
5/07 Weds.	5:15pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	6:15pm	ED Board Meeting
5/08 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council Meeting
5/10 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	9:00am	Lutheran High School Meeting
5/11 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	9:00am	Children Sing in the Service
Mother's Day	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
5/12 Monday	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
5/13 Tues.	Circuit Pastors Meeting	
5/17 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
5/18 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/
	10:30am	Youth Summer Sunday School Begins
5/22 Thurs.	5:30pm	Christian Care Meal Prep/Serve
5/24 Sat.	7am	Workout
	8am—3pm	Youth Rummage Sale
5/25 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study
		Youth Summer Sunday School
5/26 Mon.	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting
5/27 Tues.	9:30am	Mugs & Muffins
5/30 Fri.	12pm	Fellowship Friday
5/31 Sat.	7am	Workout





# The Gospel for May



## May 4th, John 10:11-16

### *Jesus Speaks to the Disciples*

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

## May 11th, John 16:16-22

### *Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy*

<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ... <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

## May 18th, John 16:5-15

### *But now I am going to him who sent me*

<sup>5</sup> "But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'" <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

## May 25th, John 16:23-30

### *I Have Overcome the World*

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

*John 16: 31-33*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone.

Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



## THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

We celebrated the day of our Lord's Resurrection on April 20<sup>th</sup>. But our celebrating is not yet over. Easter is more than a single day on the Church calendar, it is a season of 50 days, sometimes referred to as "The Great Fifty Days."

Mary Magdalene was the first to encounter Jesus after His resurrection. But when she first saw Him, she didn't really see Him. By her way of reckoning things Jesus was still dead because dead people stay dead. She assumed Him instead to be a grave-tampering, body-moving gardener. Then He spoke her name, "Mary!" And she turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" Her beloved Teacher was alive, risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia! (You can read this beautiful account in John 20:1-18, which is the traditional Gospel reading for Easter Sunrise).

With her eyes now open to see her resurrected Lord, everything was changed. Her sorrow was turned to joy. A tomb was now a place of life. A grave-tampering gardener now a resurrection-giving gardener. This wasn't news to keep to herself. This was news to share, and so she went and announced it to the disciples.

The resurrection of our Lord has indeed changed everything. He's not a gardener who tries to spruce up death by planting daisies on your grave and trimming the grass around your tombstone. He's the Gardener who takes the seed of your body planted in your tomb and causes it to sprout again to new, eternal life. Because Jesus went through death and brought life from it, now life comes from things like cancer, sickness, pain, tragedy, and death.

Like Mary, He has called us each by name so that we too can see what type of Gardener He is. He called you forth, by name, on the day of your baptism. That day He called you out of the death of sin into the life of His kingdom. He has opened your eyes to see Him tending to you, nurturing your life, as He waters you from the fount, blows the cooling breeze of His breath over you in Absolution, prunes away your diseased branches with His Law, causes the blossoms of good fruit to sprout with His Gospel, and strengthens you with the good fertilizer of His own Body and Blood in the Supper.



This news is too good to keep to ourselves. That's why the Church gives Easter not just a single day, but a 50-day season. It's a "week of weeks" between Easter and Pentecost that includes the celebration of our Lord's Ascension.

During these weeks the Divine

Service proclaims Easter with its white

vestments, alleluias, and Scripture readings that tell of our risen Lord.

And we don't stop there. Our Lord's resurrection has changed everything, so we proclaim it in all that we do—not just during the season of Easter. If He had not risen from the tomb we would have no hope. But because "on the third day He rose again from the dead," we see everything with new eyes—eyes that see joy, even when they are spilling over with tears of sorrow; eyes that see not a cemetery, but a garden that will burst forth with life on the Last Day; eyes that see our resurrected Gardener tending to us

and using all things to work together for our growth and life in His good and eternal garden.

That's the message we've been given to proclaim. It's the good news of our Savior's triumph over death that resounds throughout heaven and echoes forth in our speech and song here on earth.

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds;

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (LSB 465)

Easter blessings to you throughout the Great Fifty Days and always,

Pastor Licht





### ***THE RHYTHM OF WORSHIP***

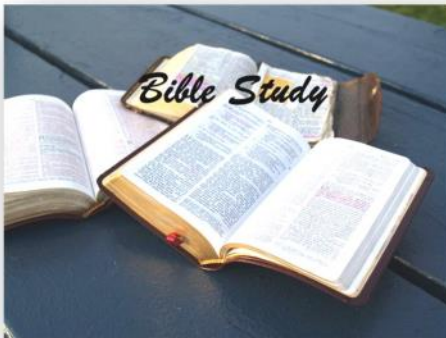
“The rhythm of our worship is from [God] to us,  
and then from us back to him.”

(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 I

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



# Sunday Bible Study

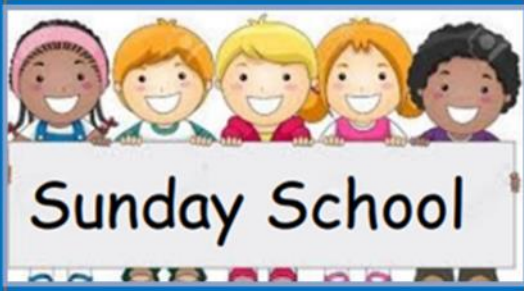
Calling all 6th – 12 grade students!  
Grab a cookie and some coffee and join  
Mr. Emory in the Library during the  
Bible Study hour!  
Hope to see you there!

## Bring a Friend!

**Thank you to all youth and parents for your help with the Easter Egg hunt and the Pancake breakfast! Whew, it was a busy weekend!! Everything was a success and we couldn't do it without you!! :)**

### Dates to Remember:

- May 4th—Celebration Breakfast @ 10:30am  
(No Sunday School)
- Last day of Youth Bible Study is May 11th
- Summer Sunday School starting immediately
  - Rummage Sale—May 24th, 8am-3pmYouth are needed to help with this event.
- VBS—June 9-13th, 9am-noon  
Sign up to be a Crew Leader!
- Higher Things Conference—July 28—Aug 1.



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!

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If you have a heart for  
showing children the love of  
Jesus and would like to serve  
in Children's Ministry, Please  
contact Leslie McCoy—  
leslie@rclqc.org

**Dates to Remember:**

May 4th—Celebration @ 10:30am  
(No Sunday School)

May 11th—Mother's Day

Sunday School Children Sing

May 11th Last Day of Scheduled Sunday  
School.

True North VBS—June 9th—13th,  
9am—noon

Registrations are available in the Fellowship  
Hall. Children 3 years—5th Grade are  
welcome!



May 4th—No Coverage

May 11th—Janey Zirpel

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





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

This is my last newsletter I will be writing for the daycare. Bitter sweet, but ready to pass the torch to this job.

For the people that don't know, I have resigned from the daycare and will no longer be the director. The daycare had their Pre-school Graduation last Sunday. We had five children that will be leaving to go to Kindergarten. Each child was given a quilt from the ladies of the church and a Bible from the church. These children are truly blessed.

I encourage each and every church member, especially the Elders and Council people to visit the center for one full day. If you have never spent a whole day in a classroom with twelve children for several hours, it will be an eye opener. Everyone will have a different outlook and appreciation for the teachers. Just let the daycare know when you would like to visit for the day.

Our Summer school age program will be starting June 2nd. We have several new families signing up for this year. Mr. Craig who has been with us for more than 10 years will be back again this year. Miss Stephanie who came to the center when she was younger will be helping with the school age children. Miss Jessica is new to the center, but her sister Miss Cassie has been with LBDC for many years.

Our phones are temporarily fixed and a cell phone has been bought as a back up to receive phone calls. We are praying that this summer will bring more infants to fill our room along with our newborns that have been born the last month.

When the children move to their new spots, we will only have a couple spots in our one to two year old room. Fall is looking great.

I'd like to put out a special and heartfelt thank you to the board of Little Blessings. They have had to endure a lot since they joined. God sent the best of the board. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Each and everyone of you're very special to me.

This is farewell to my monthly newsletter, passing it on to the new director, whoever that may be. Please be cordial to the new director, and make time to introduce yourself to the new and old staff. They will be waiting for visitors.

God's Blessings,  
Terrie





5/08 Carrie Reese

5/09 Dana Johnson

5/09 Syam Mukiri

5/10 Corey Eastman

5/12 Clay Mason

5/12 Elisha McCloud

5/13 Gwen Oosting

5/14 Kelly Murphy

5/14 Doralee Rock

5/15 Emily Downing

5/17 Jason Lehman

5/19 Christi Ferris

5/20 Dallas Amhof

5/22 Hayden Rasler

5/23 Terrie Burkey

5/24 Rev. Brian Licht

5/25 Evan Canarr

5/25 Gail Otto

5/26 Natalie Hentze

5/27 Tammy McKay

5/28 Raelynn Fuhlman

5/29 Trevor Miller

5/29 Becky Van Nice



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



*5/01 Jocelyn Faris*

*5/01 Denise Petersen*

*5/03 Lindsey Anderson*

*5/03 Kris Vieger*

*5/04 Buddy Bayne*

*5/04 Sushma Mukiri*

*5/05 Ava Canarr*

*5/05 Garrett Duncan*

*5/06 April Goers*

*5/07 Rev. Brian Licht*

*5/07 Brenda Ross*

*5/08 Meagan Buckley*

*5/08 Dalton Wittnebel*

*5/09 Carol Perry*

*5/09 Marissa Terry*

*5/10 Angela Dodd*

*5/10 Illa Jean Moeller*

*5/10 Scarlett Sievert*

*5/13 Karen Lorenzen*

*5/15 Lauren Anderson*

*5/17 Kaedyn Burkey*

*5/21 Jessica Welch*

*5/24 Chris Rall*

*5/24 Addison Zaehringer*

*5/24 Alexis Zaehringer*

*5/25 Ian McCloud*

*5/26 Natalie Hentze*

*5/27 Tim Buckley*

*5/27 Kay Johnson*

*5/27 Kailynn McCracken*

*5/27 Drew Welch*

*5/28 Mason Happel*

*5/30 James Hergert*

*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.”*





5/01 Tammy & Frank McKay  
5/03 Jimmie & Denise Petersen  
5/04 Stephen & Rachel Smith  
5/05 Kelly & Vince Murphy  
5/06 Allan & Nancy Elias  
5/19 Kari & Dave Duncan  
5/22 Tim & Meagan Buckley  
5/22 Kristy & Blair Ehlers

5/23 Ed & Gayla Kelly  
5/25 Marlene & Dale Negus  
5/27 Nathan & Abby Repp  
5/30 Steve & Leslie McCoy



## 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

**Jean Wenndt**—Awaiting Medical Cancer Treatment



**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:** Join us for Bible Study on May 1 at 6:30 p.m. The Bible study will be Life "Out of Control" and includes looking at events in the life of Joseph.

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

**Serving others:** On April 22, several LWML ladies were able to assist as Joyce shared the real reason we celebrate Easter and then helped the LBDC 4's and 5's make a craft that tells the important story of our Savior. We also were blessed to have items for making baby kits – and we made 21! Thank you to all who helped by donating items needed. In May, we will meet on May 27 and again, share time with the LBDC 4'S AND 5'S and spend some time on a service project as yet TBD.

Additional opportunity to serve others and enjoy fellowship with your Sisters in Christ – join us on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday's for quilting – at 3:30 p.m. We pin, we tie, someone may thread the needles for us – quilting skills are not necessary!

Coming Activities:

May 1 – at 6:30 p.m. LWML Bible Study

May 4 – First Sunday – Mite box for mites collection and basket for General Fund donations

May 12 – at 3:30 p.m.; - Quilting work

May 27 – Mugs and Muffins – Opening devotion with Pastor Licht; Story and singing time with the Pre-K kids at 10 a.m. and activity TBD

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 lo-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.

**National news:** Lutheran Women in Mission set a goal of \$2,350,000.00 for the biennium, 2023-2025 and **this goal has been met.** Praise God. The next national convention will soon be here – and new mission grants will be presented, a new goal will be set and delegates will vote to select what mission grants will be the new recipients.

If you are interested in attending the national convention in Omaha, Nebraska – registration fees will increase as of May 1, 2025. If you have questions about the convention, several women are planning to attend – including our President, Rachel Luebke, and would be able to answer questions or help you find the answers.



## Last Day of Sunday School for the Year Is Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to the Teachers for Working With the Children  
Teaching them the Word of God



**Summer Sunday School  
Begins  
Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:30am**

If you are available to  
Teach, Contact Leslie McCoy







*Celebrating Mothers at Risen Christ Lutheran Church on  
Sunday, May 11th—Happy Mother's Day*

*We Welcome All Mothers to Attend Service and Enjoy Listen-  
ing to the Sunday School Children Sing*

*We Appreciate Mother's! We have Carnations for All Mothers  
Attending Service on Sunday, May 11th at 9:00am  
God Bless You All!*

## **YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 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



### **It's Rummage Sale Time at Risen Christ Lutheran Church!**

**This is a fundraiser for our Youth Group to help so they may participate in events for Christian Youth.**

**Please bring your New or Used Items to the Church prior to the Sale so we can organize for the public.**

**Leave your items in the front closet area. If you need help unloading items, contact the Church Office at 563-386-2342, we can Help!**

**Thank you for Donating Items, if you have any Questions, contact Kali Gruenhagen or Leslie McCoy at:  
[risenchristyg@gmail.com](mailto:risenchristyg@gmail.com)**



## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

A celebration of the  
Rite of Confirmation,  
Sunday, May 4th  
at 9:00am

Please join us for the service this  
day to give witness to God's  
good work in the life of our  
Confirmand as, He gives public  
profession of His faith.

**Celebration Breakfast & Cake will be  
served afterwards in the Narthex  
by LWML & volunteers.**

## *It's a Celebration Breakfast!*

### *Join Us*

Sunday, May 4th, directly following  
the worship service.

We're celebrating our Confirmand,  
Hayden Rasler

&

our Children & Youth Ministry workers  
for all their hard work throughout the year.

RSVP at the Ministry table.





## Fellowship Friday! Friday, May 30th at 12pm



Come  
Join the  
Fun!



"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!



## Mugs & Muffins



Mugs & Muffins Meeting  
See You May 26th, at 9:30am





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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.**

**May 22nd—OPEN**

**June 26th—RCLC Youth Group**

**July 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





# MEN'S

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## BIBLE BREAKFAST

# SATURDAY

May 3rd

Starting @ 7:30am

Breakfast will  
be served!



## LWML Bible Study Next Meeting

Is Thursday, May 1st  
at 6:30pm

All Women are Welcome!



**Collecting Mites Sunday, May 4th**



Look for  
the  
**BIG BOX**  
in  
Fellowship  
Hall



Mites for Missions IDE  
LWML Thanks you!

**Your Contributions Are  
Making A Difference!**



### Homebound Members



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

**Paulette Waech  
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.



Pregnancy Resources is celebrating *35 years of life-saving ministry!* As we witness God's faithfulness and look towards the future, *friends like you make that possible.* You are part of a *Legacy of Life* and a lot can happen in 35 years!

### **35 Years ~ 1990 to February 2025**

*With your help and God's blessing, the following has been possible:*

**105,269 Total Center Visits**

*\*all locations\**

**33,278 Total Individuals Served**

**23,307 Pregnancy Tests Given**

**9,623 Ultrasound Appointments Provided**

**3,682 Men Served**

**13,933 Material Services Appointments  
Provided**

*\*Along with 1,962 new car seats, thousands of cans of formula, and hundreds of thousands of diapers*

**67,000+ students learned about  
Abstinence and Biblical Sexual Integrity**

***More than 6,287 Babies have been born  
after their moms received care and  
assistance through Pregnancy Resources!***

***If you have any questions, Contact Jessica Welch***



*"While He blessed them; He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing God."*

***Luke 24:51-53***

**"Every  
tithe 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**





**Lutheran Women in Mission****2023–2025 Mission Grant #31****Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit****Camp Restore Detroit, MI — \$58,988.62 (partial)**

Camp Restore Detroit has been called to be a partner in breaking the cycle of generational poverty in Detroit by working with families and community leaders in a Christ-centered atmosphere, where families can learn and grow with access to education and needed resources.

Camp Restore Detroit fills the Children's Outreach House, Adult Outreach House, and the land surrounding it with programs and ministry aimed at sharing God's love as they work together to restore hope, support health and wellness, raise the educational levels of children and adults, and support vocational skill building in a Christ-centered environment.

This grant will fund furnishings for both houses, tools for learning including Bibles, SMARTboards, and computers. Additionally, a Maker's Space and a Storybook Learning and Reading Garden for community members and their children will be created.



*So many relationships are formed through the work of Camp Restore Detroit. Two little boys, one from the community and the other, a Lutheran from a different city, worshipping together. One is teaching the other about the use of the LCMS hymnal and enthusiastically sharing the love of Jesus with one another.*



*This picture was taken during a community barbeque which Camp Restore Detroit sponsors weekly over the summer. On the left is Grace, the Camp Director who leads volunteers that come to serve the community. In the middle is George, a community leader who works hard as a Block Club President and on the board of Camp Restore. He also coordinates all the projects Camp Restore Detroit volunteers do in the community. On the right is Jackie, another Block Club President and Camp Restore volunteer.*

### *Overcoming Hopelessness with God's Love*

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, guide and direct the church and community leaders in the 9<sup>th</sup> Precinct of Detroit. Help them to understand the ways that they can uplift the community and bring new hope into the lives of the people. Let Your Word offer them comfort as they face overwhelming poverty and are searching for a better life for their families. Bless the plans that are made to better this community and break the cycle of generational poverty. In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

For more information about this mission – go to [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) and select missions and then, select mission grants!



**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!

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## **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.**



Sunday School Children Sing, Sunday, May 11th



Risen Christ Lutheran Church Sunday School Children Sing for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11th at the 9:00am Service.

Listen the Children Sing Favorite Hymns Glorifying our Lord Jesus!  
This is the Last Day of Sunday School for the Regular Season.  
Sunday, May 18th begins the Summer Sunday School.

We Look Forward to Seeing You there!  
If you have any questions contact Leslie McCoy

### *In Memory of Ron Knuth*

Ronald Knuth is the Son of Sue Knuth and Brother to Linda Anderson Members of Risen Christ Lutheran Church.  
**January 16, 1962—April 2, 2025**



Ron was a resident of Rock Island, Illinois. He entered Heaven on Wednesday, April 2nd.

We Give our Heartfelt Condolences on his Passing to Sue and Linda and their Family. God Bless You All.

### **IN MEMORY OF DAVID PERRY**

David Perry, Member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Davenport Iowa Entered Heaven on April 1st 2025 at MercyOne-Genesis in Davenport.



**March 6th 1935-April 1st 2025**

Those left to honor his memory are his wife, Carol and their children, David Jr. Allen, Dawn & Paul Wolejko, Brian, Stephen, Mark & Laura Licht, Scott & Amy Licht and grandchildren.

We Give our Heartfelt Condolences on the Loss of David to Carol & the Family. God Bless You All.

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

## ALTAR

- 5/04 LWML CONFIRMATION
- 5/11 SCOTT & SANDY SIEVERT
- 5/18 OPEN
- 5/25 STEVE & LESLIE MCCOY

## 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

- 5/04 Future Planning\*
- 5/11 Trustees\*
- 5/18 LWML\*
- 5/25 Evangelism\*



**\*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

**5/04 TBD**

**5/11 Scott Sievert**

**5/18 Tim Welch**

**5/25 Jason Franzenburg**



## 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

**5/04 Steve McCoy**

**5/11 Dave Luebbe**

**5/18 Sam Ross**

**5/25 Dick Schrage**



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

Joshua 24:15

## Altar Guild—May

**Leslie McCoy & Gayla Kelly &  
Lori Smith**

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

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





**5/04 Asher Ross**

**5/11 Hayley Ferris**

**5/18 Maddie McCoy**

**5/25 Asher Ross**



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

Psalm 71:5

- 5/04**      **Dean Enfield, Allan Elias, Bryan Johnson,  
Steve McCoy,**  
**Elder:**    **TBD**
- 5/11**      **Jason Lehman, Myles Zirpel, Ron Smith  
Dave Luebbe, Scott Sievert**  
**Elder:**    **Scott Sievert**
- 5/18**      **Dean Enfield, Allan Elias, Bryan Johnson,  
Scott Sievert, Tim Welch**  
**Elder:**    **Tim Welch**
- 5/25**      **Jason Lehman, Myles Zirpel, Ron Smith,  
Scott Sievert, Jason Franzenburg**  
**Elder:**    **Jason Franzenburg**

## GREETERS

**9:00AM**

- 5/04**      **Dick & Grace Schrage**
- 5/11**      **Bryan & Sherri Johnson**
- 5/18**      **Lynette Licht**
- 5/25**      **Tim & Jessica Welch**



# May 2025



<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:31-33