



The Arising News



*The
Lord
is with you,
wherever you go.*

-Joshua 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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Office hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 10am-3pm
563-386-2342

Pastor Licht is off
On Mondays



July - Dates to Remember



7/03 Thurs.

6:30pm

Elder Meeting

7/04 Fri.

Happy 4th of July—LBDC/Office Closed

7/05 Sat.

7:00am

Workout

7/06 Sun.

9:00am

Divine Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study/Youth Summer Sunday

7/07 Mon.

5:00pm

Congregational Life Meeting

3:30pm

Quilters Assembly Group

7/08 Tues.

5:30pm

LBDC Board Meeting

7/09 Weds.

6:15pm

ED Board Meeting

7/10 Thurs.

6:30pm

Council Meeting

7/12 Sat.

7:00am

Workout

7/13 Sun.

9:00am

Divine Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School

7/14 Mon.

3:30pm

Quilt Assembly Group

7/19 Sat.

7am

Workout

7/20 Sun.

9:00am

Divine Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School

7/22 Tues.

9:30am

Mugs & Muffins

7/24 Thurs.

5:30pm

Christian Care Meal Prep/Serve

7/25 Fri.

12pm

Fellowship Friday

7/26 Sat.

7am

Workout

7/27 Sun.

9:00am

Divine Service

10:30am

Adult Bible Study

Youth Summer Sunday School

7/28 Mon.

6:30pm

Future Planning Meeting



The Gospel for July



July 6th, Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

July 13th, Luke 6:36-42

Judging Others

⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. "

July 20th, Luke 5:11

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him."

July 27th, Matthew 5:20-26

Anger

²² "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother^[a] will be liable to judgment; whoever insults^[b] his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell^[c] of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Luke 5:1-10

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."^[a]



*Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help
and rely on horses,
who trust in chariots because they are many
and in horsemen because they are very strong,
but do not look to the Holy One of Israel
or consult the Lord!
Isaiah 31:1*

As I write this article, the news headlines are filled with stories of fighting in the Middle East. Recent news has also delivered reports of violent protests within our own country. And in a few days our nation will be celebrating Independence Day and the independence our forefathers achieved through war and bloodshed.

It's an interesting juxtaposition. War and violence are never things to be celebrated. And yet war and violence do sometimes result in commendable, even celebratory things. Freedom from tyranny and the resulting freedom to practice our faith, along with the many other freedoms we enjoy in this nation, are worth celebrating. A stop being put to the acquisition of nuclear weapons by a nation under the control of an evil regime that has repeatedly sought to harm our nation and our national interests is certainly commendable.

Could such goals have been achieved without violence and bloodshed? Such debates are worth having and they will keep historians and commentators in business until the day Jesus returns.

In the meantime, where do we turn for our safety and security? That's a question as old as debates over so-called "just wars." But although there may never be a definitive answer to the justification for any one war, we have been given the answer of where to look for our ultimate safety and security—we look to the Lord.

The Old Testament people of Judah had forgotten this and instead decided the war machine of Egypt brought them more security than God. Isaiah and the other prophets repeatedly warned them and called them to turn again to the God who delivers true security by the forgiveness of sins. Sadly, they ignored the warnings and "woe" came down on them through the nation of Babylon, just as Isaiah had said, "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help."

It's a lesson that's still relevant for us today. Our true safety and security are found in the Lord, not in the strength of our nation's military or the wisdom of our leaders. Even if we were to lose our cherished freedoms or if nuclear weapons were unleashed upon us, we would remain in the security of God's eternal kingdom because the war against sin, death, and the devil was won when "woe" came down upon God's only Son as He hung on the cross. For us, in our place, Jesus stepped into the battle to absorb God's wrath against us because of our sins. In Christ, the victory has been won, and we are secure unto life everlasting.

So, no matter the news headlines, we can celebrate our Lord's Easter triumph and sing:

**The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.**

**Alleluia!
(LSB 464:2)**

**The Peace of the Lord be with you always,
Pastor Licht**

THE RHYTHM OF WORSHIP

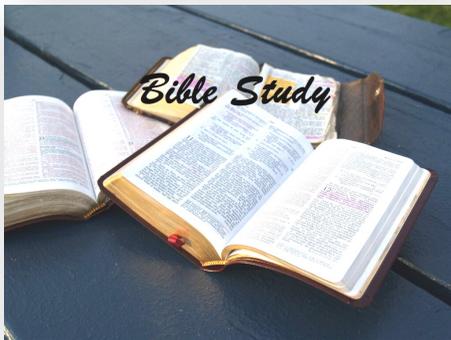
“The rhythm of our worship is from [God] to us,
and then from us back to him.”
(Introduction to Lutheran Worship, p. 6)



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.



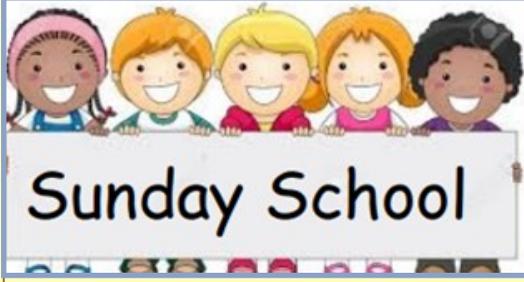
Sunday School

**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.



Calling all children 3 months
-3rd grade!!!

This month continues our
summer Sunday school with a
fun lesson, activity or video
for children 3 months old-
3rd grade. Contact
Heidi Iltis or Leslie McCoy
with any questions.

4th-12th grade will join Mr.
Emory in the Library for the
Summer during the Bible
Study hour.

Parents, we encourage you to
take advantage of this op-
portunity to stay in God's
Word through the Summer
months!

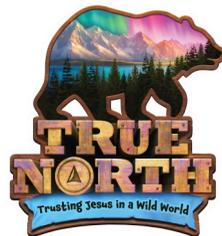
If you have a **heart** for showing **children** about the love of **Jesus** and
would like to serve in Children's Ministry, contact Leslie McCoy.
Thank you!

Dates to Remember:
July 4th—Independence Day
August 9th—Family, Fish &
Fellowship
Sept. 7th—Rally Day

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!
VBS was a success with around 60
children and 30 volunteers. We had
such a fun week learning about how
we can Trust Jesus in all of life's
circumstances!

We enjoyed fun songs, crafts, and
snacks, not to mention fun with
friends! Thank you to all of our
amazing volunteers! We couldn't
have done it without you!

Thank you for your generosity!
Because you gave in Vacation Bible
School, we will be able to send \$84
to Operation Kid 2 Kid to provide
warm clothing and blankets for
children in North America.
Together we can make a
difference!





“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.”

The daycare has had a lot of changes in the past month, some of us are adjusting to new rooms. The summer staff and children are here getting used to new routines. The Infant room has gotten a couple of new babies, we have 1 spot open still, and at the end of September we will need to fill 3 spots so if anyone knows any families needing care, please fill free to send them our way. The toddler room has been busy, they're getting ready for water play this summer, and as always keeping the teachers on their toes.

2-3's Room- Our classroom has had a lot of changes this past month. It has been bittersweet and exciting at the same time. Some of our kids have welcomed siblings and are adjusting to becoming a “Big brother or Sister”. Some have moved rooms and are now “Big Kids”, we also have gotten kids from the toddler room. We are all settling into our new routines. We're learning shapes, colors, names, numbers, and our bible stories. As the month is going on we're starting to recognize our names and our friends' names. This upcoming month we are focused on learning more and having fun in the sun! Ms. Jada, Ms. Sativa, Ms. Kylee

Pre-K Room- Last month we said good-bye to our friends that graduated and moved up to the Summer program. We now are transitioning the younger kids that have moved up. They're learning all the new things that come with being in the “Big Kid Room”. We got the new kids settled in with their new learning materials ready to start learning how to write and trace their names. We have continued going to Jesus time with Pastor every week, we've finished VBS with Ms. Leslie, Being in Pre-K we also have joined in for sing with mug and muffins. The children really enjoy Library time with Ms. Lori Smith on Tuesdays and can't wait for her return. Ms. Cassie, Ms. Rosalyn, Ms. Kristy

School-Age- In July, we are learning Act 3:8 and Exodus 5:1 during a week of sports, games, and celebrating America's freedom. During Luke 1:37 week, we will be completing STEM challenges during Proverbs 17:17, we will have “you have a friend in me” Disney week. During Psalms 27:6, we will have a music & dance filled week. The last week of July, we will all become royalty with Acts 13:22. As we continue to enjoy Jesus time with pastor and continue to enjoy the songs from VBS. Ms. Jessica, Mr. Craig, Ms. Stephanie.

In Christ,
Angie



7/01 Angela Dodd	7/20 Jonathan Rasler
7/01 Patricia Speth	7/21 Janeen Wakeland
7/02 Ian McCloud	7/23 Ava Canarr
7/03 Bert Oosting	7/23 Dalton Wittnebel
7/04 Konrad Mann	7/24 Elsie Lehman
7/06 Abby Repp	7/24 Marilyn Luebbe
7/07 Rosemarie Allison	7/27 Juli Charley
7/09 Lauren Anderson	7/27 Kali Gruenhagen
7/13 Kurt Van Nice	7/27 Jacob Harkey
7/14 Lori Van Sant	7/27 Lillian Lochner
7/16 Debra Pollitz	7/29 Kelly Grosskopf
7/18 Hunter Wright	7/30 Emma McDowell
7/19 Allison Harkey	7/30 Emily Morrison
7/20 Evelyn Bauer	7/31 Isabella York
7/20 Jimmie Petersen	

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





7/01 Bekki Bloch

7/01 Gene Reisner

7/02 Rachel Luebbe

7/03 Joy Wayt-Guthmiller

7/05 Emily Happel

7/05 Dorothy Holst

7/05 Debra Pollitz

7/07 Doralee Rock

7/07 Violet Sievert

7/08 Ronald Gentz

7/09 David Atkins

7/10 Marilyn Luebbe

7/13 Roland Siebel

7/14 Dean Enfield

7/15 Brett Martens

7/15 Elaine Martens

7/19 Paige Canarr

7/19 Don McLaughlin

7/20 Carter Cornett

7/21 Derek Gruenhagen

7/24 Lucas Granados

7/24 Troy Larkin

7/29 Dennis Harford

7/30 Chase Crull

7/30 Hayley Ferris

7/30 Emily Morrison

7/30 Marlene Negus

7/31 Jeff Burkey

7/31 George Osborn



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.”

7/06 Jeff & Linda Anderson
7/20 Jason & Angela Franzenburg
7/21 Jason & Brenda Ross
7/24 Gary & Aja Hentze
7/26 Jason & Jordann Lehman
7/26 Matt & Carrie Trickey
7/26 Michael & Kris Vieger



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

Terrie Burkey—medical tests and treatment

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

Heidi Iltis—Recovering from Surgery

HOSPITALIZED? If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital or will be an outpatient at any medical facility and you desire Pastor Licht to visit, please notify the church office at 386-2342. Also, if you are a home-bound member and would like a visit, feel free to request a visit by notifying the church office.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE – 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: There will not be an LWML Bible Study on Thursday, July 3. We are planning to resume with a Bible study on August 7.

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

Serving others: Mugs and Muffins will meet July 22. Activities for July are yet to be determined. At our May meeting, we helped with making props for our Vacation Bible School. For our June meeting, after an opening devotion with Pastor Licht, Joyce Koenig led the children in singing and shared a story (Clifford, the Big Red Dog shared and showed kindness). We had over 30 LBDC pre-Kindergarten children and school age children who are attending for the summer. Then, an Inventory was made of the supplies we have for school kits. We are planning to assemble school kits in August.

Coming Activities:

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

July 14 at 3:30 p.m; Quilting work

July 18 -19 Iowa East District LWML Summer Retreat (notice – not a Fall retreat this year) at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca:

July 22 Mugs and Muffins -- at 9:30 a.m.

NEEDED: School supplies – our plan is to put together 50 School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. To do this we do need some additional supplies. What we need:

19 blunt scissors	33 – 30 cm rulers	18 – 2 ½ “ erasers
171 - 70 page spiral notebooks	39 boxes of 16 or 24 crayons	
170 black or blue ballpoint pens	160 unsharpened No 2 pencils with erasers	
50 pencil sharpeners		

Quilting needs: We are in need of spools of thread – to be used to finish the edges of the quilts we assemble

Mark your calendars: PIN and TIE Day – **September 27** AND LWML Sunday- **October 5th**

PRE-K GAMES



PRE-K GAMES



PRE-K CRAFTS

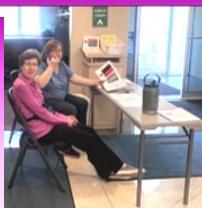


PRE-K STORYTELLING





SNACKS



STICKY SCRIPTURES







Council Inputs to Newsletter- July 2025

The Risen Christ Church Council is elected as representatives of the congregation as the church follows its purpose in preaching the word of God, caring for its members, and serving in God's Kingdom.

Board of Stewardship - continues to compile popular meals used at Christian Care to aid those who would want to prepare a meal. Please consider your participation in 2025 and sign up on the kiosk if you would like to support this needed and much appreciated outreach.

Board of Education – VBS was an incredible success. Thanks to all that helped with prep and execution.

Congregational Life Committee – By now, the game night on 2/28/25 was a huge success. A 5th Sunday Potluck is set for 6/29/25. The Annual Fish Fry is set for 8/9/25. Please join us for both fellowship opportunities.

Little Blessings Daycare Board- continues to work to improve performance of the daycare and the benefits it provides for the children entrusted to its care. A search is still continuing for a permanent new Daycare Director. Contact Patty Thomas if you're interested in supporting the efforts of this board.

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

Board of Evangelism continues to look for ways to provide outreach to members and non-members alike. They plan to send a mailing to local neighbors for Fall Family Fest and Christmas. Please contact Scott Sievert if you would like to be a part of those efforts.

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

Other Items of Note:

- 1) **Church Administrator Position:** A person has been hired, and has started on a part-time basis to start the learning on key tasks. She will start full time starting 9/1/25.
- 2) **Church Secretary Position:** We are currently seeking applicants for this position. THANK YOU to Catherine Moneysmith for her work in this position, as she will be retiring. Congratulate Catherine and thank her for her work if you get a chance.
Her last day is 6/30/25.
- 3) **Church Financial Review.** This effort was completed. Follow-up actions were recommended and will be pursued. Volunteers may be requested to help support some of this actions.

Your Servant in Christ,
Dave Luebbe



CHRISTIANCARE.QC.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.

August 28th—OPEN

September 25th—OPEN

October 23rd—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

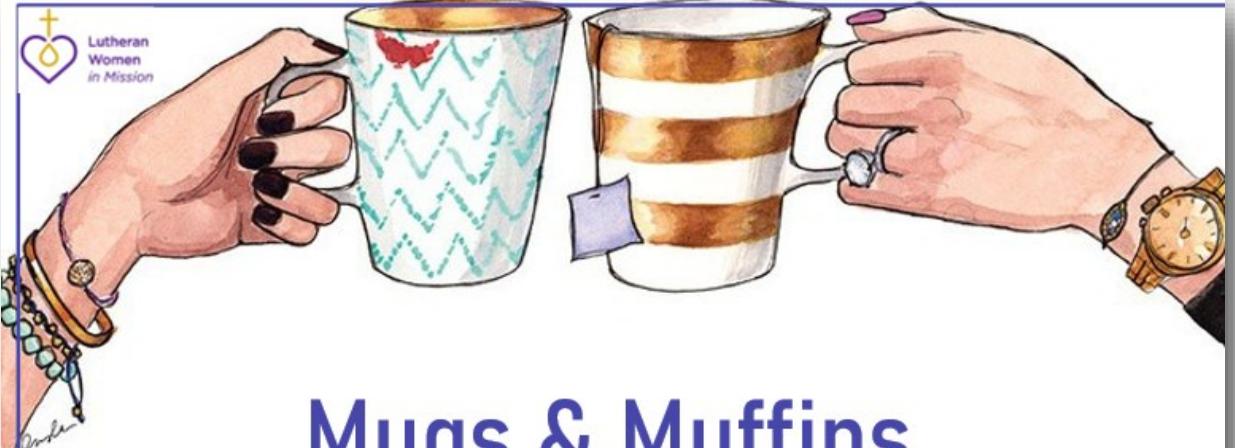
**Risen Christ Lutheran Church Office - Will be Closed for Friday, July 4th
Happy Independence Day!**

The Church Office
will
re-open on Monday,
July 7th at 10:00am.
If you Have any
Questions, contact
the Church Office at;
563-386-2342



**Little Blessings Daycare will be Closed
for the 4th of July, Friday, July 4th
and will re-open on
Monday, July 7th at 6:30am
Have a blessed Independence Day!**





Lutheran Women in Mission

Mugs & Muffins

Mugs & Muffins Meeting
See You July 22nd, at 9:30am



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.



Collecting Mites Sunday, July 6th



Look for
the
BIG BOX
in
Fellowship
Hall



Mites for Missions IDE
LWML Thanks you!

**Your Contributions Are
Making A Difference!**



Fellowship Friday! Friday, July 25th at 12:15pm



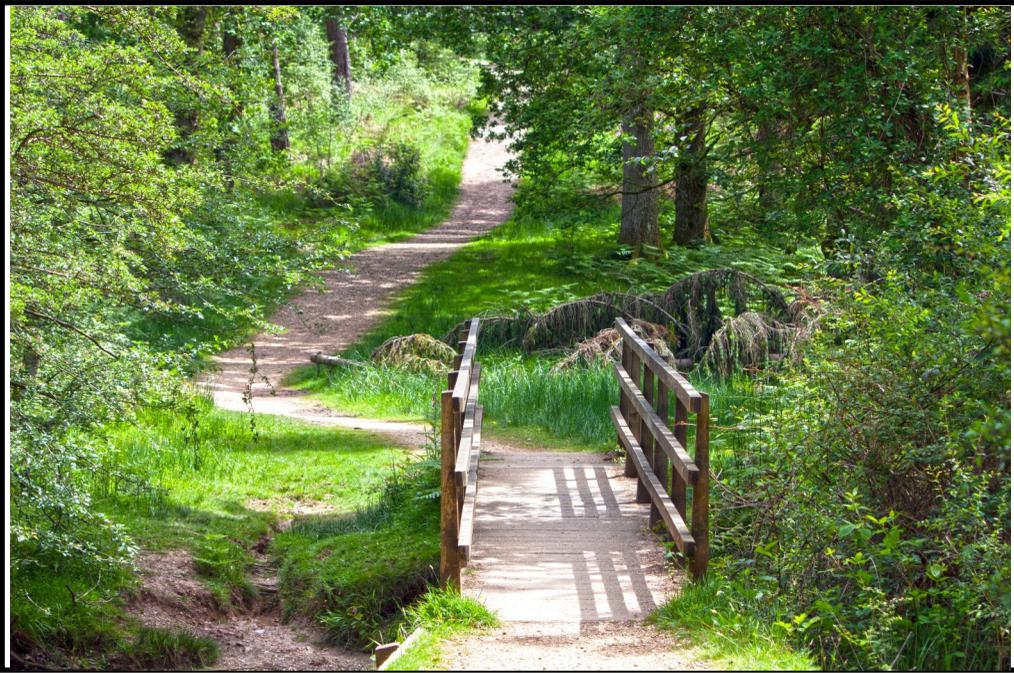
Come
Join the
Fun!



"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!

If you have any questions, Contact Jessica Welch



AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD
SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO
WILL GO FOR US?"
THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."

ISAIAH 6:8

"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



Growing in God's Grace

2 Peter 3:18

Lutheran Women in Mission

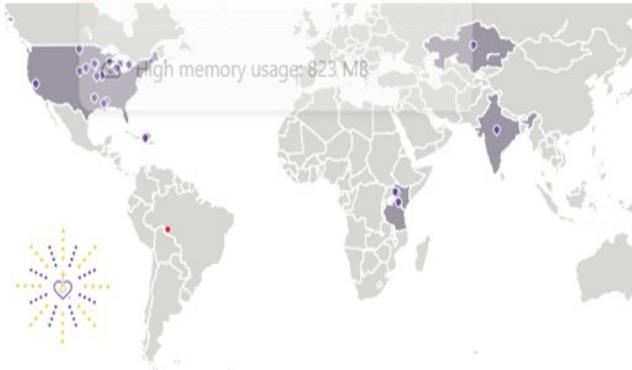


Pictured are the Risen Christ LWML attendees for this event; Heidi Iltis, Patty Thomas, Chris Rall, Judy Harford, Rachel Luebbe & Tammy McKay. Check out the lwml.org/convention for a livestream of the convention!

Goal Statement: “Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory.”

April 2025 Information

2023-2025 MISSION GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS



NO.	MISSION GRANT	DISBURSED	STILL NEEDED
1	Orphan Grain Train Servant Center Orphan Grain Train	\$100,000	\$0.00
2	A Healing Space for At-Risk Children Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, ND	\$100,000	\$0.00
3	Serving God's Children with Special Needs Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI	\$100,000	\$0.00
4	Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment Lutheran Braille Workers	\$100,000	\$0.00
5	Disaster Response Team Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, TX	\$50,000	\$0.00
6	Mobile Kitchen Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S.	\$85,000	\$0.00
7	Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach LCMS Life Ministry	\$96,500	\$0.00
8	Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO	\$100,000	\$0.00
9	Equipping Young Leaders LCMS Youth Ministry	\$50,000	\$0.00
10	Set Apart To Serve LCMS Office of Pastoral Education	\$100,000	\$0.00
11	Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job Ministry in Mission, Haiti	\$85,000	\$0.00
12	Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, LA	\$35,000	\$0.00
13	Water and the Word Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya	\$80,000	\$0.00
14	Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society	\$47,000	\$0.00
15	Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals Trinity HOPE	\$58,082	\$0.00
16	Care for Street Children of Western Kenya Capetone Ministries	\$50,000	\$0.00
17	Nurturing Faith for the Aging Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Annex)	\$50,000	\$50,000
18	Zoe's Home Support Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, MO	\$75,000	\$0.00
19	Tanzania Children's Homes Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Africa	\$74,500	\$0.00
20	Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$100,000	\$0.00
21	Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church Lutheran Family Services, U.S.	\$106,000	\$0.00
22	Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in U.S. Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$100,000	\$0.00
23	A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children Lutheran Special Education Ministries, U.S.	\$100,000	\$0.00
24	God's Word for Central and South American Missions Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$100,000	\$0.00
25	Bringing God's Word to India India Bible Translation Project	\$100,000	\$0.00
26	Life Connection Events and Kits Lutherans for Life	\$70,000	\$0.00
27	SiouxFland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, NE	\$50,000	\$0.00
28	Growing Our Place: Care for Special Needs Students Our Place After School Care, Inc., NE	\$20,000	\$0.00
29	Repairs for St. Paul's Lutheran School St. Paul Lutheran School, Cullman, AL	\$50,000	\$0.00
30	Showering Love on the Least of These Mercy Holistic Ministry, CA	\$100,000	\$0.00
31	Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit *** Camp Restore Detroit, MI	\$58,988.62 (-\$30,72750)	\$0.00

All Grants Funded!

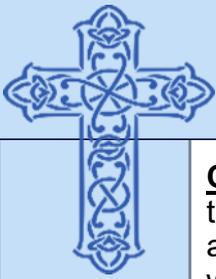
Praise God! Through His grace and your faithful support, we will have disbursed funds to all 31 LWML Mission Grants for the 2023-2025 biennium by May 31!

What's next?

Your delegates for the 41st Biennial Convention have already voted electronically on the proposed mission grants on the ballot. The mission grants your offerings will support for the next biennium will be announced at the convention!

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

Give all thanks and praise to God! **TOTAL DISBURSED: \$2,742,337.04**



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.**



Hello RCLC Family,

I give bittersweet news of my leaving Risen Christ Lutheran Church. I have had a few health issues and need to have hip replacement surgery in both hips. So, I am hobbling around right now. I will be home before my surgery dates. & I will keep in touch.

My time at Risen Christ has been a gift, God gave me an opportunity to make friends in this wonderful church community, and the opportunity to be creative in the field of my studies as a graduate of St Ambrose University 2013 Art/Graphic Design/Art History major. God has truly been good to me.

The staff here has been so helpful and welcomed me. I enjoyed working with Pastor Licht, Stephen Smith, Barb Grosskopf, Terrie Burkey & Tammy McKay & others.

Psalm 69:30 "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving!" *Thank you All & God Bless You! Catherine*

New Church Administrator—Welcome Liz Harper

Welcome Liz Harper!

Liz Harper has accepted the Church Administrator position at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. Liz comes to us from a position at the Rock Island Arsenal. Liz is working part-time until September her hours will increase.

Liz will be responsible for working with Church Staff, also with Daycare Staff.

Liz has (3) children with (1) attending Little Blessings Daycare.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST FOR JULY

Men of Risen Christ Lutheran Church—There will be **No Men's Bible Breakfast in July.**

The Men's Bible Breakfast will resume in August for **Saturday, August 2nd at 7:30am**

Bring a Friend for Fellowship and a Hearty Homemade Breakfast!

See you in August!



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

ALTAR

- 7/06 SCOTT & SANDY SIEVERT-DOROTHY HOLST 95TH BIRTHDAY
- 7/13 CHRIS RALL
- 7/20 MATT & CARRIE TRICKEY
- 7/27 OPEN



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

- 7/06 Future Planning Committee*
- 7/13 Trustees*
- 7/20 LWML*
- 7/27 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

7/06 Tim Welch

7/13 Stephen Smith

7/20 Mark Iltis

7/27 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

7/06 Terry Warner

7/13 Steve McCoy

7/20 Dave Luebbe

7/27 Sam Ross

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

Joshua 24:15

Altar Guild—July

Leslie & Maddie McCoy

Join the Altar Guild!

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



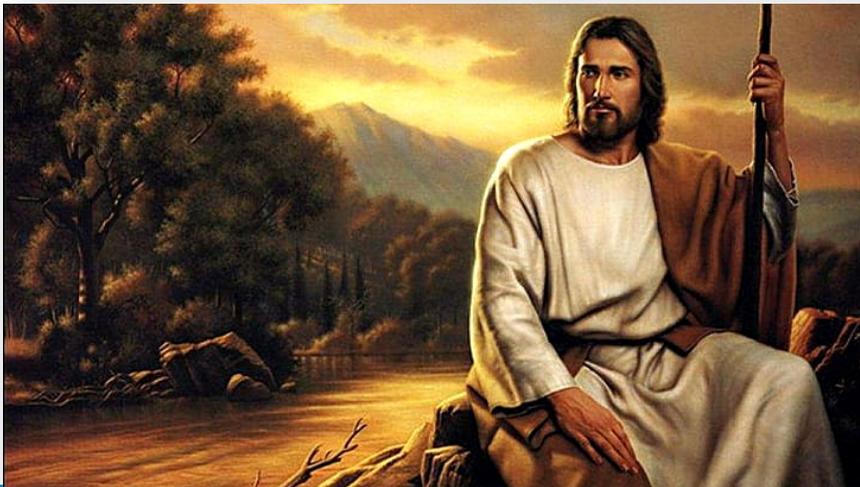
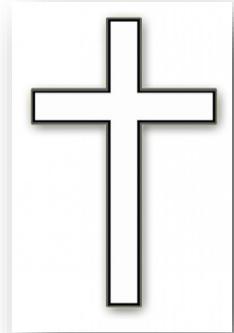
ACOLYTES

7/06 Hayley Ferris

7/13 Asher Ross

7/20 Hayden Rasler

7/27 Hayden Rasler



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

Psalm 71:5

7/06 **Bryan Johnson, Jason Lehman, Scott Sievert,
Terry Warner**

Elder: Tim Welch

7/13 **Myles Zirpel, Ron Smith, Scott Sievert,
Steve McCoy**

Elder: Stephen Smith

7/20 **Dean Enfield, Allan Elias, Scott Sievert,
Dave Luebbe**

Elder: Mark Iltis

7/27 **Bryan Johnson, Jason Lehman, Myles Zirpel,
Scott Sievert**

Elder: Ian McCloud

GREETERS

9:00AM

7/06 **Lynette Licht**

7/13 **Tim & Jessica Welch**

7/20 **Kay Johnson & Sue Knuth**

7/27 **Allan & Nancy Elias**



July 2025



“He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.”

Psalm 147:4