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"Be patient, there, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

James 5:7

WORSHIP TIMES: IN-PERSON ~ SUNDAY 9:00AM
ADULT & YOUTH BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAY 10:30AM
SUNDAY DEVOTIONALS VIA FACEBOOK - EVERY SUNDAY
COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED EVERY SUNDAY @ 9:00AM

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The Gospel for October

October 4, Matt. 21:33-46

The Parable of the Tenants

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:
“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?
43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. *Matt. 21:42-43*

October 11, Matt. 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

“And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.” *Matt. 22:1-10*

October 18, Matt. 22:15-22

Paying Taxes to Caesar

18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” 21 They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God’s.” *Matt. 22: 18-21*

October 25, Matt. 11:12-19

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear. *Matt. 11: 12-15*

A Word from Pastor Licht

The Creator of the universe loves to hear our prayers. In fact, He loves so much to hear our prayers that He commands us to pray! So, consider the precious jewel found in the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

> ***Thy will be done***
> ***on earth as it is in heaven.***

Life is tough. And then, when you least expect it, it gets harder. Here's why: it's the unholy trinity of devil, world, and our own sinful flesh. They team up against us to weaken our trust in our heavenly Father. Then suddenly some adversity comes our way and all we can do is ask, "Why? Why did this happen? What was God thinking? How could this possibly be good?" Our faith gets knocked out from under us and we're left with nothing but questions.

We want a God we can tell what to do. But what we *need* is a God whose desire is to love and care for us. He longs for us to come to Him with utter trust in His will to bless us and not to harm us. The Lord's Prayer includes this petition not to break our faith but to make our faith. And the only way for our faith to be made in our Heavenly Father's will to save us, is for our faith in ourselves to be crushed

Sometimes that requires real hardships and heartaches. Then more than ever we need to pray, "Thy will be done," because this petition zeros in on our heavenly Father's will for us that is nothing other than good and gracious. We think we know what's best for us, but how much better to trust the omnipotent, omniscient creator of the universe to do what's *truly* best for us.

Devil, world, and sinful flesh are not to be taken lightly. We don't stand a chance against these enemies. Our heavenly Father knows this. That's why He leads us to pray for Him to carry out His will to break and hinder every evil plan and purpose of these enemies.

Letting go of our will doesn't come easy. It can seem as though we're left helpless. But instead of leaving us with nothing, this petition gives us everything. It is God's will to strengthen us and keep us firm in our faith. And the faith that saves is the faith that trusts our heavenly Father who sent His only Son to save us. He's the Son who prayed, "Nevertheless, not my will but your will be done," before heading to the cross to lay down His life for us. Because He didn't faulter in trusting His Father to work the greatest good (salvation of the world) from the greatest evil (the cross), we know that we too can trust the Father's will.

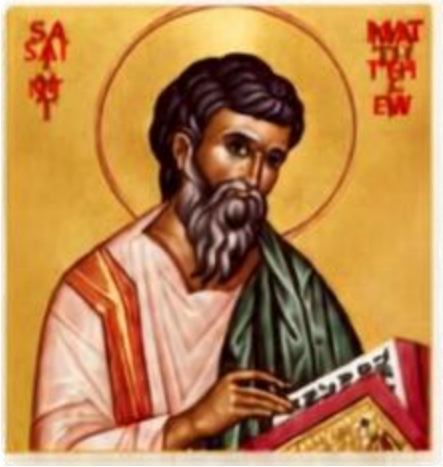
Take time, daily, to meditate on Jesus' command to pray, saying, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Ruminate on those words with wonder and awe. Let them sink deeply into your heart and the recesses of your brain, so that you will boldly and confidently pray this petition as a shout of victory over the devil, the world and your own sinful flesh.

Pastor Licht

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.
How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.
This is His good and gracious will

Luther's Small Catechism, The Lord's Prayer, Second Petition

Bible Studies



SUNDAY MORNINGS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO ST. MATTHEW

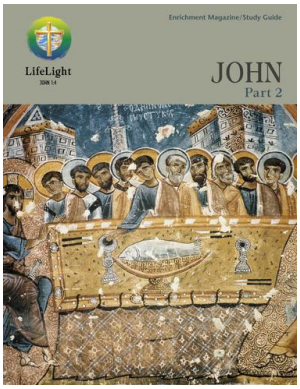
SUNDAYS @ 10:30 AM

Join us for an in-depth study
of the Book of Matthew

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM

Our Sunday school year is off to
a great start!



LIFELIGHT

LifeLight Classes are taking place on Wednesday mornings at 9am and evenings at 7 pm.

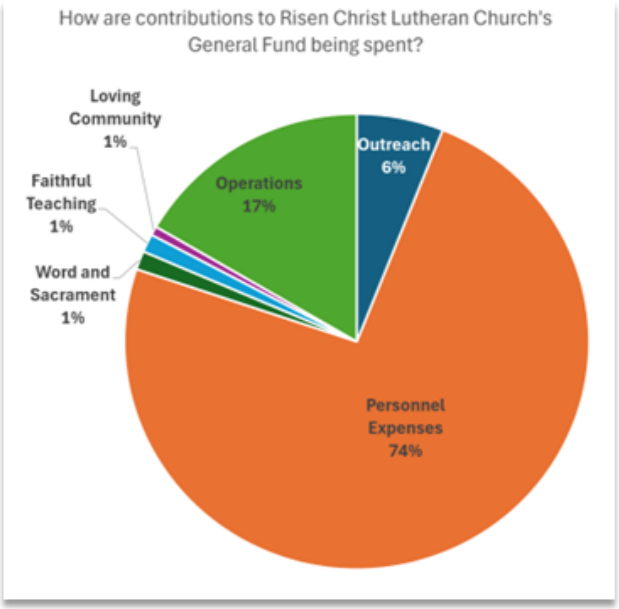
We are studying John Part 2.

Stewardship Update

Risen Christ Lutheran Church

2026 Annual Budget Summary

	Annual Budget 2026	
Budgeted Income		
Contributions	$290,000.00	
Budgeted Expenses		
Outreach	$17,915.00	6%
Personnel Expenses	220,175.00	74%
Word and Sacrament	3,915.00	1%
Faithful Teaching	3,850.00	1%
Loving Community	1,900.00	1%
Operations	49,290.00	17%
Total Budgeted Expenses	297,045.00	100%
Budgeted Deficit	(7,045.00)	



Little Blessings Daycare extends the mission of Risen Christ Lutheran Church into the community by proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to children and their parents through a high quality child care program. Little Blessings Daycare Center provides care to approximately 40 daycare children and 30 school-age children annually and employees an average of 20 staff. The daycare operates primarily through tuition revenue received from enrolled families and tuition assistance programs sponsored by the government and non-profit organizations. The congregation supports the Little Blessings Daycare ministry by providing operation space within the church facility and by providing spiritual and operational guidance from Pastor, the Church Administrator and the Little Blessings Daycare Board. The primary additional cost to the church is utilities, historically estimated to be about $12,000 per year (approximately 4% of the church budget included in building operations expenses).

If you have any questions, contact Kevin Martens.

Little Blessings Daycare

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

The Mum fundraiser went great. Thanks to all the church members that helped the center out. We raised $300. Daycare is also selling coupon books for $25, if anyone is interested. The books can be found on the table under the TV.

We are getting ready for our open house; we are having the Scholastic Book fair again this year. Plus, we are getting ready to join in the fun for Fall Fest. Daycare, along with the Board, are excited to have our classrooms open as another candy stop. Hopefully everyone will stop by and see the classrooms.

Daycare is trying for the Growing Iowa Grant again. This grant can help the daycare purchase items that are recommended by the state that need fixed or updated to meet state compliance. We did receive this grant last year. If granted again, we can receive up to $5,000.

Our goal for the next few months is to get our playground updated a but. We've already received some new items. The children are absolutely enjoying all of it.

Our Bible themes/stories we will be working on this month will be: Oct. 3-8 Noah's Ark (elephants): Genesis 6:22; Oct. 11-15 Noah (rainbows): Genesis 9:17; Oct. 18-22 Jacob's dream (nighttime); Oct. 25-29 Jacob and Esau (opposites).

We hope to see everyone at the Fall Fest, and you can meet some of our families!

In Christ,

Angie

KIDS CONNECTION

Calling all 3 year olds-5th graders! Join us upstairs Sunday mornings to dig into God's Word with fun Bible Stories and crafts. Start each Sunday learning some great music. Invite a friend to join us!

If you have a heart for showing the love of Jesus and would like to serve in Children's Ministry, please contact Leslie McCoy at **leslie@rclcqc.org**

Dates to Remember:

Month of October	Pastor Appreciation Month! Be sure to tell Pastor Licht how wonderful he is!
October 4	3rd Grade Bible Presentation
November 1	Children sing @ 9am Worship Service

3 yr-3rd grade: Mrs. Brenda Ross
2nd classroom on the left

4th-5th grade: Mrs. Leslie McCoy
1st classroom on the left

"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

Middle School & High School Youth

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Calling all 4th grade-high school students! Grab a cookie and some coffee! **4th-5th graders** will join **Mrs. Leslie McCoy upstairs; all high schoolers** will join **Mrs. Kali Gruenhagen** in the Youth Room. Hope to see you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER

"Bond-fire Night"
Friday, October 9 7-9pm

Yes - we know how to spell bonfire - the spelling is intentional! The evening is all about strengthening the bonds within our youth group, building friendships, enjoying time together, and growing closer as a group. And of course...S'mores! Youth should **bring their own outdoor chair** and come ready for a relaxed evening around the fire filled with fellowship, laughter, and plenty of marshmallows.

Youth Events

Youth Group Trivia Night

Thank you!

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who supported our Youth Group Trivia Night! Whether you joined us for the evening, purchased dinner or desserts, donated, volunteered, helped behind the scenes, or simply encouraged our youth, we are so grateful for you.

Trivia Night was about much more than answering questions and keeping score. It was an opportunity for our church family to come together for an evening of fellowship, laughter, and fun while supporting the young people of Risen Christ.

The money raised will help us continue working toward improvements to our youth room and providing a space where our teens can feel comfortable, welcomed, and loved. Our hope is that this room becomes more than just a place where they meet—it becomes a place where friendships grow, faith is strengthened, questions can be asked, and our youth know that they belong.

Thank you for investing in them. When you support our youth ministry, you are helping us remind these young people that **they are an important part of the Church right now**, not simply the Church of the future.

As our youth ministry continues to grow, we would also love to see more members of our congregation become involved in whatever way they are able. Sometimes that may mean helping with food, lending a hand at an activity, encouraging one of our teens, or simply showing up to support them. It truly does take a church family to help our young people feel connected, valued, and at home here at Risen Christ.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
— 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

Kids Against Hunger

November will be time for Kids Against Hunger. Our Youth will fund the first table as always. If anyone is interested in helping to fund and participate in a second table, please reach out to Kali Gruenhagen. We will reserve our day and time soon.

Lutheran Women in Mission

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

All ladies of Risen Christ are members of LWML - and all are welcome to any or all our activities.

Bible Study Opportunities

Join us for Bible Study on October 1st @ 6:30 pm.

Adult Bible Class with Pastor Licht - every Sunday @ 10:30 am.

Oct. 1, 6:30 pm	Bible Study
Oct. 4	First Sunday Mites & Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday
Oct. 12, 3:30 pm	Quilt Assembly Group
Oct. 27, 9:30am	Mugs & Muffins We plan to tie fleece blankets for Phil's Friends since Sept. meeting was cancelled.

Davenport Zone News

- Fall Zone Rally was held September **26th @ Holy Cross**
- In-gathering was money collected to be sent to the food banks at our two seminaries.

Pin & Tie Day

There were 8 ladies enjoying time for fellowship and service. Eight quilts were tied. A short business meeting followed our light breakfast. Rachel Luebbe was elected to be president for 2027-2029. We continue to have a need for a vice-president.

Future Events

- **Mark Dec. 3 (Thurs) @ 5:30 pm. We will meet on our usual Bible Study night but an hour earlier for a Preparing for Advent event. More details next month!**
- July 8-11, 2027 - National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK
- 2028 - District Convention to be hosted by Davenport & Clinton Zones

News submitted by Grace Schrage

Lutheran Women in Mission

MISSION GRANT HIGHLIGHT

Mobilizing After School Care for Teens:

Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, NE

2025–2027 LWML Mission Grant 17 — $69,500

Our Place is a caring, Christian community for special needs students between the ages of thirteen and twenty who are not safe when home alone and have aged out of the Hastings, Nebraska, daycares. Grounded in a Christ-like love for their neighbors, Our Place provides programming designed to promote academic, social, and life skills and opportunities to grow spiritually through community service and enrichment activities.

Parents and caregivers of the children are supported. The after-school program allows them to maintain full-time employment to meet their families' needs. Our Place needs a 12-passenger accessible van to transport program participants to the facility after school and to educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities. By serving these students and their families, Our Place fulfills Jesus' call to compassion by being a community for and with our neighbors.

This grant will fund the purchase of a special needs accessible van for the after-school program.

Jocelyn always smiles and jokes as her teacher, Karen, helps her write.

Heidi is taking some quiet time to read.

Lutheran Women in Mission

MISSION GRANT HIGHLIGHT

Mobilizing After School Care for Teens

PRAYER #1

Lord, we thank You for the invention of wheelchair accessible vans. Without these vehicles, we know that the quality of life for people with disabilities would be much lower. It is a blessing that we often take for granted, but on this day, we realize that You gave us this innovation and we thank You for it. May this mission grant be a blessing for the teenagers and the staff at Our Place. Your blessings to us overflow, and we thank You for vans with wheelchair lifts. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Father in heaven, we ask You to bless the staff of Our Place After School Care in Hastings, Nebraska. We know that they are doing Your work with the special teens in their after-school program. Bless them with love and patience on the easy days and on the hard days. May they always remember that they are tending to Your lambs, as You have asked all of us to do. May this mission grant for a new van with a wheelchair lift help their ministry. Thank You for loving us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Father in heaven, we ask You to bless the students at Our Place After School Care. Let them grow in faith and in love toward You. May the fellowship and comfort that they receive from the staff be a blessing. We know that each of us is made in Your image. Help the teenagers to know that they are made in Your image, too. May they always remember that they are Your children. Bless the generous monetary gifts to support the mission grant for a new handicapped accessible van. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Lutheran Women in Mission

An official auxiliary of the LCMS

2025-2027 Mission Grant 101

HOW ARE MITE MONIES USED?

Eight (8) mission grants, totaling more than $660,000, will directly support the LCMS

An additional $100,000 grant is for our partner auxiliary, Lutheran Hour Ministries

The remaining grants (approximately $2 million) will support the mission and ministry of our Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs), churches, camps, and schools. This is only what is being accomplished by God's grace and provision, on the national level.

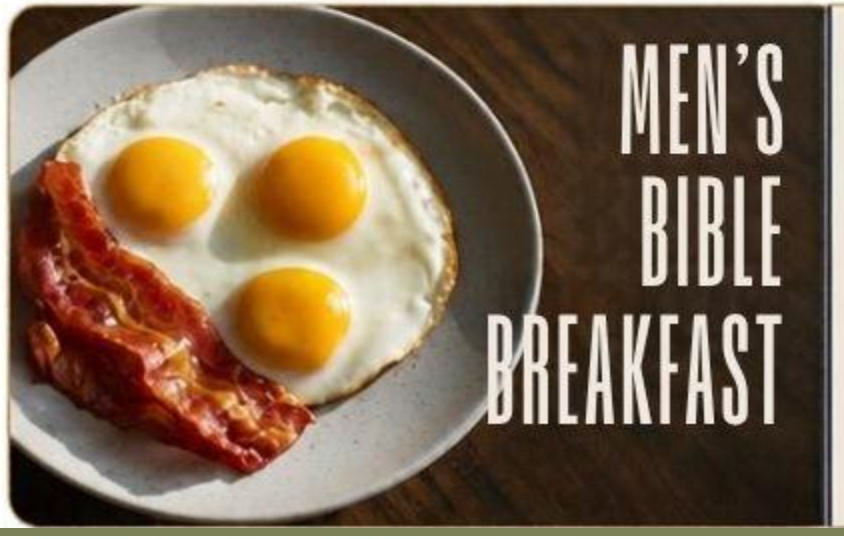
Additional mission grants adopted by the 40 LWML Districts support missions over the next biennium with approximately an additional $6.2 million.

TOTAL MISSION GRANT GOAL FOR 2025-2027:
$2,622,270.00

LWML

Information from Eden Keefe, President, Lutheran Women in Mission in the Summer Edition/2026 of Gracious Giver

Fellowship Opportunities



Saturday
Oct. 3rd
@ 7:30am

Fellowship Opportunities *Continued*

FALL FAMILY FEST

Friday, October 23 5-8pm

Fun for the whole family!
Many activities and volunteer opportunities!

Quilt Assembly Group

Monday, October 12th @ 3:30pm

All skill levels welcome. No sewing experience needed!

CHRISTIAN CARE

By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

Men's Shelter Meal Service

Where: 2209 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL

When: The 4th Thursday night of each month. Arrive at the shelter between 5-5:30 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 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 as a way to defray the cost. In a nutshell: sign up for a date, plan a meal, prepare it, and serve it with love.

Contact Sandy Sievert or sign up at the kiosk in the narthex if interested in providing a Thrivent card or preparing a meal.

October 22: Amy Koenig; Angie Franzenburg (prep & serve)

This is a great family or small group activity!

2209 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL
61201
(309) 786-5734
www.christiancareqc.org

Baptism Anniversaries

10/01 Megan Dippel
10/02 Blake Cornett
10/02 Carter Cornett
10/02 Sushma Mukiri
10/05 Pam Osborn
10/06 Esther McCloud
10/08 Matthew Luebbe
10/08 Holly Meyer
10/13 Derek Gruenhagen
10/13 Grace Schirm
10/14 Jocelyn Ferris
10/14 Sam Ross
10/18 Kailynn McCracken
10/20 Sienna Repp
10/20 Pam Yocum
10/21 Teresa Kaszinski
10/21 Nathan Repp
10/23 Ed Kelly
10/23 Melody Reimers
10/24 Morgan Ferris

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"
Ephesians 4:5

Wedding Anniversaries

10/15 Tim & Dawn Curtiss
10/17 Ron & Lori Van Sant
10/26 Roger & Angela Dodd
10/26 Kurt & Becky Van Nice
10/28 James & Laura Hergert
10/30 Bill & Carol McAnelly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/02	Jarrett Holshouser Susan Knuth
10/04	Judy Harford
10/05	Robbin Eastman Pam Yocum
10/07	Sarah Rasler Nathan Repp
10/08	Eden Clark Sydney Happel Brody Welch
10/09	Kevin Martens
10/12	Larry Niebuhr Gus Ruhnke
10/14	Dave Luebbe
10/17	Allan Elias Rachel Smith
10/18	Kristy Ehlers
10/21	Marcia Bortleson Sudeeksha Mukiri Matt Trickey
10/23	Kerry Gruenhagen
10/24	Mark Iltis
10/28	Stacy Thomas
10/29	Emil Petersen Mary Reisner
10/30	Cody Harkey
10/31	Jayne Holshouser

"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."

NUMBERS 6:26

RCLC Family Updates

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Welcome to our newest member, Brittany Woods. Brittany was confirmed and received into membership on September 27, 2026.

PRAYER REQESTS

Kali Gruenhagen—Ongoing treatment at home

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

Doralee Rock—recovering at home

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Donna Cook
Doralee Rock
Joe Speer
Linda Gentz
Marv & Marge Reimers
Kristi Manley
Sandy McLeod
Dan & Trish Speth
Robert Milota

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 with us, they remain part of our family. Thank you.

October Worship Servants

	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25
Elder	Ian McCloud	Jason Franzenburg	Scott Sievert	Tim Welch
Ushers	Bryan Johnson Gary Hentze Allan Elias Scott Sievert	Amber Heppner Myles Zirpel Nathan McCoy Scott Sievert	Jason Lehman Dean Enfield Ron Smith Dave Luebbe	Gary Hentze Allan Elias Ian McCloud Scott Sievert
Acolytes	Maddie McCoy	Elsie Lehman Hannah Segelhorst	Brett & Elaina Martens	Hayley Ferris
Greeters	Dick & Grace Schrage	Bryan & Sherri Johnson	Lynette Licht	Tim & Jessica Welch
Video	Dick Schrage	Steve McCoy	Dave Luebbe	Sam Ross
Counters	McCloud/ McCoy	Iltis/Rall	Luebbe/ J Welch	McCloud/ T Welch

Current Elder Assignments

Families with last names starting with:

A-B	Ian McCloud	O-R	Dean Enfield
C-F	Stephen Smith	S	Jason Franzenburg
G-J	Mark Iltis	T-V	Dean Enfield
K-L	Scott Sievert	W-Z	Jason Franzenburg
M-N	Tim Welch		

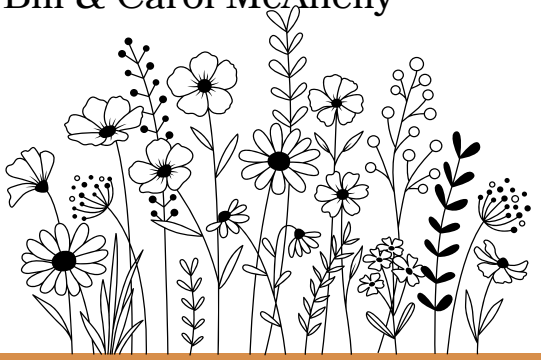
ALTAR FLOWERS

10/4 Linda Anderson

10/11 Available

10/18 Matt & Carrie Trickey

10/25 Bill & Carol McAnelly



When you have signed up to provide flowers for a certain date, please fill out the white Altar Flower Instruction Sheet and turn it into the office by the prior Sunday. The cost for the bouquets are listed on the instruction sheet. Please make checks payable to Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

Altar Guild:
Scott & Sandy Sievert

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

10/4 Congregational Life

10/11 LWML

10/18 Stewardship

10/25 RCLC Youth

Please sign up at the kiosk to provide or serve cookies (or both!). There are opportunities for everyone to serve. Call the church office with any questions.

**Committee is responsible when members have not signed up.

October DATES

10/01 Thurs	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	LWML Bible Study Elder Meeting
10/03 Sat	7:00 am 7:30 am	*Workout Men's Bible Breakfast
10/04 Sun LWML Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	*Divine Service *Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School
10/07 Wed	9:00 am, 7:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	LifeLight Class Congregational Life Mtg Confirmation Class ED Board Mtg
10/08 Thurs	6:15 pm	Council Mtg
10/9 Fri.	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Craft Night Youth "Bond-Fire"
10/11 Sun	9:00 am 10:30 am	*Divine Service *Adult Bible Study & Youth Sunday School
10/12 Mon	3:30 pm	Quilt Assembly Group
10/13 Tues	5:30 pm	LBDC Board Mtg
10/14 Wed	9:00 am, 7:00 pm 5:30 pm	LifeLight Class Confirmation Class
10/18 Sun	9:00 am 10:30 am	*Divine Service *Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School
10/21 Wed	9:00 am, 7:00 pm 5:30 pm	LifeLight Class Confirmation Class
10/22 Thurs	5:30 pm	Christian Care
10/23 Fri	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Fellowship Friday Fall Family Fest
10/25 Sun	9:00 am 10:30 am	*Divine Service *Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School
10/26 Mon	6:30 pm	Future Planning Mtg
10/27 Tues	9:30 am	Mugs & Muffins
10/28 Wed	9:00 am, 7:00 pm 5:30 pm	LifeLight Class Confirmation Class

10 Ways to Show Appreciation for Your Pastor

1. Pray regularly for your pastor and family. Tell them you are doing so, ask them for specific prayer requests, and follow up on requests as appropriate.

2. Write a thank you, send a card or draw a picture to express appreciation for specific ways your church worker impacts the congregation and you personally.

3. Take your pastor out for coffee or a meal. Ask about his family and life.

4. Remember the birthdays of your pastor and his spouse. Recognize them with a small gift on that day.

5. Offer free babysitting for your pastor's family and/or give a restaurant gift card for a nice night out.

6. Take up a collection for Christmas gifts for your church worker and family (consider cash or gift cards).

7. Provide meals for your pastor's family once a month, during busy church seasons such as Advent and Lent, or at other times when life is particularly demanding.

8. Host a reception on your pastor's ordination, installation or service anniversary, recognizing not only the pastor but his family for their support and sacrifice.

9. Put together a slideshow or video collage of different members and groups sharing what they love and appreciate about your pastor.

10. Offer up a vacation property (a member's timeshare, cottage, beach condo) for a week at no expense to your pastor and his family.