



# The Arising News

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God  
MADE  
A WAY  
IN A MANGER

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us) Matthew 1:21-23

## ***Worship Times: In-Person***

***Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am***

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9:00-3:00

Wed - 9:00-2:00

Pastor Licht is off on Mondays



# The Gospel for December

## December 5-6

### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

<sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."  
*Mark 1:1-8*

## December 12-13

### The Testimony of John the Baptist

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ... He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."  
*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

## December 19-20

### Birth of Jesus Foretold

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."  
*Luke 1:26-38*

## December 26-27

### Jesus Presented at the Temple

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

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born<sup>[d]</sup> will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant<sup>[e]</sup> of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

*Luke 1:35-38*

## THE JESSE TREE IS THE JESUS TREE!

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.” (Isaiah 11:1)



The New Year has arrived, according to the calendar of the Church anyway. And in the Church the New Year begins with the season of Advent. It's a time to reflect, pray, and worship the Christ who came, who comes, and who will come again. This season also serves an important role in preparing us for the next season, Christmas.

There was no Advent season, though, before the first Christmas. Imagine the world some two thousand years ago in the weeks before the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. People were busy doing whatever it was that defined their lives at that moment. For some, it was struggling against hunger, fear, and desperation. For others, it was enjoying their wealth and ease. For yet others, it was simply dealing with the pressures of their lives. But for all, the weeks we now call "Advent" were just days and nights lived in darkness.

We still endure under that same darkness. It's the darkness that fell on all creation when Adam and Eve chose darkness and death over the light and life given to them by their Creator. The world became dark with Adam and Eve's rebellious fall into sin. Yet a light was breaking into

the world. First there was the promise of One born of woman who would crush the head of the lying serpent whose lie led our first parents into the darkness of sin. Then, centuries later a young girl carried in her virgin womb a Son. This daughter of Eve was about to give birth to the One who would be the light of the world. This infant would reverse forever the horror of humanity's fall into sin and death and darkness. This was the miracle of miracles: our human sister Mary became, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the mother of God, the bearer of the Savior of the world.

No human eye could perceive it that night. All that could be seen was a child. Yet this child would forever destroy the darkness, for He brought life into death, and His light was to be the light of the world.

Every force of Satan would seek to put that light out. Herod would attempt to destroy Him by killing every male infant. Scribes and Pharisees would seek to silence Him as He spoke words of life. Failing to silence Him, they would seek to kill Him. Some thirty-three years after the first Christmas, the Babe of Bethlehem would be nailed to a cross. But this is what He had come to do. The Advent story, including the culminating Christmas story, is about a baby who had been born to die—yet not just to die but to be placed in the utter darkness of a tomb and on Easter morning to burst forth from the tomb. When the child of Mary rose from the grave, the light that began at Bethlehem shone so brightly that no one can put it out.

This Advent, during our Wednesday Vespers services, we will gather in the name of Jesus and consider His great story anew as we look at His family tree—The Jesse Tree. The story of the Bible, Old and New Testaments alike, is the story of Jesus. He is the Seed of Jesse's tree. He is the Root of Jesse's tree. He is the Life of Jesse's tree. And He is the Firstfruit of Jesse's tree.

Advent is our time of preparation that we might be ready to lift up our voices and sing with the angels on Christmas Day, "To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth" (LSB 383).

Advent Blessings!  
Pastor Licht



# CHANGING PATHS



Reformation and  
All Saints' Day

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*left: It was unusual to see an advertisement for a Martin Luther Reformation medallion in the middle of Seoul's busiest train and subway station. center: Three 'solos' of the Reformation. right: Olivia insists she turned 13 this last month, but we still don't believe it.*

Celebrating the Reformation in Seoul was a more quiet affair due to government limitations for church gatherings. However, one highlight was certainly working with the children and youth of the Sunday School to virtually 'perform' a drama about the historical event that brought back to the forefront of the Church the true message grounded in Scriptures. (A link is available in the electronic version of this newsletter, or by typing this shortcut into your web browser: <https://bit.ly/34PPtjy>.)

On Sunday in celebration of All Saints' Day, you may have also sung hymns of the Church Triumphant - of those who have gone before us in the Lord and of the eternal blessings that are now prepared for those called to faith in Jesus. In our worship service at International Lutheran Church in Seoul, we sang a trio of hymns (LSB 671, 676, 677) and one word and its concept stood out in particular: *array*. Used in each of the hymns, this word means 'elaborate or beautiful clothing'; that is, the robes of righteousness bestowed upon us through Christ. Array also can be used to mean 'an impressive display or arrangement' and these hymns also invoke this definition with saints streaming into heaven, joining the angel choirs, and standing before the throne of God. Revelation 7 makes it clear that these saints come from every tribe and nation and people group and language who acknowledge that salvation belongs to the Lamb alone. This beautiful image captures the fruit that is harvested as the Gospel is proclaimed and the name of Jesus is made known throughout the world.

To those individuals and families who remember saints in their families who are now with our Lord, we extend to you our sincere condolences. May our Lord Jesus grant you peace in your loss.



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# CHANGING PATHS

Thanksgiving | Volume 18 Issue 9



*Abiding by local restrictions, our congregation held a brief service of thanksgiving led by Pastor Carl Hanson, followed by distributing takeout meals that were prepared throughout the day as pictured above. Though the celebration was 'muted' compared to years past, we were grateful for the opportunity to share in these blessings with our community.*

**The Psalmist shouts: "Praise the Lord! He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!" (147:1, 3, 7). We are told we can praise the Lord because we know that, even in the midst of trials, He is worthy of this praise and has our eternal salvation in His hands through Jesus.**

**For our Thanksgiving greeting, we wanted to send you a personal thought from each one of us to each one of you:**

**Olivia:** Thank you for your generous support and all your prayers!

**Lily:** **This year has been difficult but your partnership is appreciated more than ever.**

**Dee Dee:** We are reminded daily of our countless blessings in our living Lord. Your faithful support encourages us more than you know.

**Matt:** It is our prayer that more people may learn of Jesus, knowing that He is with us always and is the source of our salvation. This work continues through your partnership.

**We give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever!**



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# CHURCH FINANCIALS AS OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020

Submitted by: Barb Grosskopf

“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

We have been experiencing difficulty with our Online Giving on the website. Sometimes the contribution goes through and other times it does not.

We have since corrected this problem and now all users will be able to make contributions using our “Online Giving” tab.

The LBDC link has also been corrected for the families who want to pay tuition on line.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Fellowship hall. You can also pick up envelopes during the week between the hours of 9am and 3pm at the church. Please feel free to contact me at [Barb@rclqc.org](mailto:Barb@rclqc.org) with any questions.



THE ARISING NEWS

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – December 2020

Christmas is coming. It is a joyous time of feasting. The Church feasts upon the Word of God in sermon, song, and sacrament.

We hear the proclamation of the message of the angels: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11). We mingle our voices with theirs as we sing, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased” (Luke 2:14)! We receive the proclaimed Savior, Christ the Lord, not wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in manger but wrapped in bread and wine placed into our mouths for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We feast in great joy indeed because of this great blessing from our Lord and God.

God’s people in ancient Israel also feasted with great joy. The Lord showered His abundant blessing on His people. And He commanded them to feast upon it (Deuteronomy 16). The people were to go to the place appointed, where the Lord would make His name dwell, and give offerings, each man as he was able, according to the blessing of the Lord that He had given them (Deut. 16:10, 15, 17).

And there the Lord would bless them with joy as they feasted upon what the Lord had provided. They ate of the choice parts of their offerings. They enjoyed the company of all the people of God as they together heard His promises of blessing, sang of His bountiful goodness, and partook of what He gave.

We feast on the Word who became flesh to dwell among us, not just during Christmas but throughout all the year. We feast not just on the salvation He has wrought for us in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, but we feast also on all the temporal blessings that God gives out of His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We enjoy the rich bounty that God provides, not only in Word and Sacrament, but also in house and home, property and income, family and friends.

Let us then, as did our brothers in the faith from ancient Israel, give as we are able, according to the blessing of the Lord our God that He has given us. Let us, like them, give generously of the first fruits of our income, which He gives, so that all may know and enjoy the salvation He gives and the joy we have in the Savior born in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord.



## LITTLE BLESSINGS DAYCARE

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

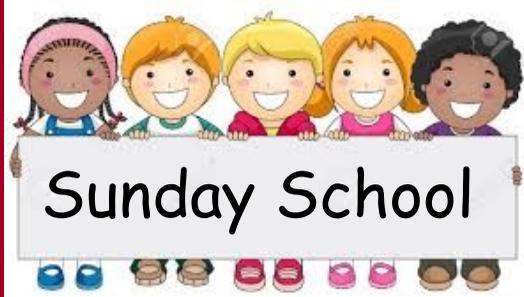
In light of Covid ramping up with more positive cases, DHS has new guidelines for daycares. Here is a note for parents as of November 17th.

### Important Information for Parents

- STARTING MONDAY STAFF MEMBERS WILL BE WEARING MASK FOR MOST OF THE DAY. (STAFF WITH MEDICAL ISSUES WILL NOT BE WEARING MASKS)
- CHILDREN 2 YEARS AND OLDER WILL START WEARING MASK MONDAY. (I WILL HAVE AT LEAST 3 MASKS FOR EACH CHILD. THE MASKS WILL STAY HERE AT THE CENTER. WE WILL PUT NAMES IN THE MASKS. THE MASKS WILL BE SWITCHED OUT SEVERAL TIMES A DAY. ALL MASKS WILL BE WASHED AT THE CENTER EACH DAY.
- MASKS WILL NOT BE WORN OUTSIDE, MEAL AND SNACK TIMES AND NAP TIMES.
- THE PREK ROOM IS GOING TO BE MOVED TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE CHURCH. THERE WILL BE MORE ROOM FOR THE CHILDREN TO BE SPREAD OUT AND HAVE 6 FEET BETWEEN THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
- THE 2-3'S ROOM WILL BE SEPERATED AND HALF OF THE CHILDREN WILL BE IN THE PREK ROOM AND THE OTHER HALF WILL STAY IN THE 2-3'S ROOM. THIS WILL GIVE THE CHILDREN MORE ROOM AND TRY TO KEEP THE CHILDREN 6 FEET APART.
- THE INFANTS AND TODDLER ROOMS WILL STAY THE SAME.
- IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, THEY MUST STAY HOME UNTIL SYMPTOMS ARE GONE, ETC. PLEASE CALL THE CENTER AND LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL AND THE SYMPTOMS. WE WILL DISCUSS TIME FRAME FROM THERE.
- **DHS** IS REQUESTING THAT CHILDREN ARE AT DAYCARE AT A MINIMUM. PLEASE PICK CHILD/CHILDREN UP RIGHT AFTER WORK.
- THE CENTER WILL CONTINUE TO DO EXTRA CLEANING OF ALL ITEMS THE CHILDREN PLAY AND TOUCH.

WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP CHILDREN AND STAFF SAFE FROM COVID-19 AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT PASSES THROUGH.

The Daycare Board is currently looking for and would welcome new board members. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Lyn Bell - [lynbell651@yahoo.com](mailto:lynbell651@yahoo.com) or call 563-285-6152.



Come join us upstairs at 9:15am on Sundays and dig into a deeper study of the Old Testament.

Beginning with the creation of man and woman and leading to the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt.

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If you have a heart for Showing children about the love of Jesus and would like to get involved in Children's Ministry, contact Leslie McCoy [leslie@rclcgq.org](mailto:leslie@rclcgq.org) or text/call (309)230-4860.



### Dates to Remember:

- \* **Sunday, December 6th @ 9:15am** - Program Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- \* **Saturday, December 12 @ 9:00am** - Program Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- \* **Sunday, December 13 @ 9:15am** - Program Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- \* **Sunday, December 13 @ 12:00pm** - Program Performance.

**No Sunday School - December 27 or January 3.**

**Sunday school resumes January 10.**

The Program will be Live Streamed via Facebook, so invite your friends and family to watch it there!



December 06	Jenny Miller
December 13	Heidi Iltis
December 20	Lisa Botz
December 27	No Nursery Coverage
January 03	No Nursery Coverage

Nursery is located upstairs in the Youth room as we are not allowed to share space with the Daycare at this time.

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

**ALL 6TH-8TH GRADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN  
MS. VICKI DONER IN THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
FOR BIBLE STUDY AT 9:15AM.**

**9TH-12TH GRADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN MR.  
BOSCO IN THE LIBRARY.**

**MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED AS WE GATHER TOGETHER.  
DISTANCING WILL BE PRACTICED TO THE BEST OF OUR  
ABILITIES.**

**O God, from my youth  
you have taught me,  
and I still proclaim  
your wondrous deeds.  
(Ps 71:17)**

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEADING OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL  
OR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS,  
PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT BOSCO -  
SCOTTBOSCO92@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



## Seasons Greetings Risen Christ Lutheran!

I pray your Thanksgiving was relaxing, healthy, and fun! We all need a little recharge on the old battery and what better time of year than now to remind us to find rest in the arms of Jesus. We are sooo thankful for you! Can you believe we almost made it to year end? 2020 has really challenged our lives and it's so important for us to remind one another from where our help and strength comes. "The Lord is my strength, of whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" I want you to be surrounded by messages of hope and healing, and one of the best ways I know to do that is through music. In the month of December, we will be incorporating special music from chimes group with a piece called Advent Anthem, the adult choir will be sharing music for advent and Christmas eve services, there will be some instrumental music, and small group Sunday school children will be sharing a live streamed Christmas program on Dec.13th @ noon!

Please join us, recharge your spiritual battery, and be filled with the Joy of Our Savior- who came to earth to break the chains of sin and give us eternal life. Real hope, real answers, real joy. Peace be with you this Christmas!

In His Precious Name,

Maria Klein  
Music Director



Submitted by: Paulette Waech

## **“JESUS, JOY AND DELIGHT”**

***“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bare a son and shall call His name Immanuel, ‘God with us’, for He will save His people from their sin.” Isaiah 7:14 (KJV) “And while they were there, the time came for the baby (Jesus) to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son.” Luke 2:7a (NIV)***

Centuries before our Savior’s birth, the Old Testament prophets proclaimed the coming of Jesus, prophesied His coming, to save His people from their sins, and by faith be with the Lord for eternity in Heaven. The fulfillment of our Lord’s birth is recorded in the New Testament Gospel according to St. Luke. So what is our focus during this time of Advent and Christmas? How do we prepare for the Lord’s birth, to celebrate and give Him praise, especially during this difficult time of a pandemic, with so many changes in our usual holiday routines? Now is the time to focus on our Savior Jesus Christ, be in His Holy Word, searching and meditating on Scripture, looking at the many Advent hymns and taking them to heart, singing His praises...slow down and reflect on Him. Make Jesus your focus...your joy and delight.

## **NATIONAL LWML CONVENTION:**

As of this time plans continue for the LWML National Convention to be held this summer, June 24-27, 2021, in Lexington, KY, under the theme of “Running the Race...Looking to Jesus”, based on the passages from Hebrews 12:1-2.

Based on the theme of running the race many exciting and fun adventures await the participants at the convention, such as the Sixth Biennial “Tee Up 4 Mites” Golf Outing, race to serve the Lord with the “Servant Connections”, in addition there are the “Gifts From the Heart”, featuring baby items for Assurance for Life Ministry, MOST Ministries, and Food Bank Support at the seminaries in Fort Wayne and St. Louis. Also included is the “Photo Finish Mission Walk, and the American Red Cross blood drive, plus outstanding speakers, worship services, renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Worship leaders include Rev. Dr. David R.E. Maier, and the Rev. Dr. Rayan Peterson. The Keynote Speaker is former LWML President Linda Reiser, with the Bible Study Leader Heidi Goehmann. Humorous Interrupters include Jan Struck and Abby Goehring, while the dynamic and outstanding Dr. Dina Vendetti returns as song leader. For Saturday Night Entertainment Billie Renee Johnson will display her God given talent in Bluegrass Music. Mites in Action Speakers include The Rev. Jeff Mueller, The Rev. John Carrier, Mr. Gary Thies (Mission Central-Iowa), plus Ms. Ruth Richert Martin, and Deaconess Kimberly Trombley. As with the conventions, there are the special meals, the Friday and Saturday luncheons and other dinners. Complete information can be found in the Winter Quarterly, now available, on the table in the hallway between the church and daycare center.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, Dec. 3      6:30pm      Ladies Bible Study      Fellowship Hall  
(“Mugs & Muffins” not held in December, resume Jan. 26, 2021, weather permitting)

LWML Bible Study



Thursday, December 3rd @ 6:30pm



# Mail in Mites

Is your mite box overflowing since you are unable to drop them off at church?  
You may convert the mites to a check (made payable to LWML)

and send to:

Heidi Iltis, Financial Secretary  
22010 257th Ave  
LeClaire, IA 52753

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# Saturday Morning Workouts

Join in on  
Saturday mornings  
@ 7:00am



**MEN'S**  
.....  
**BIBLE BREAKFAST**  
.....

**SATURDAY**  
**December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Starting @ 7:30am





## Join us for a new Sunday morning Bible Study!



This Advent, we gather in the name of Jesus and consider His great story anew. We'll be looking at our family tree: *The Jesse Tree*. We'll explore how Jesus is the Seed, Root, Life and Firstfruit of Jesse's tree, and how by Him we've been grafted into this tree for our life and salvation.

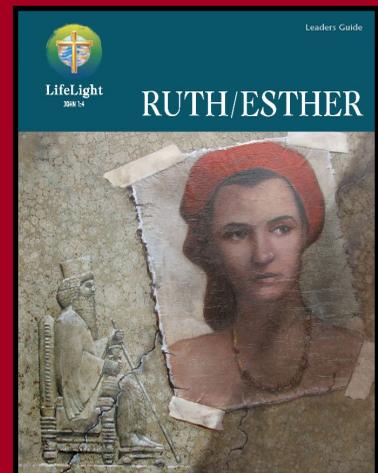
## LifeLight



Wednesdays @

9:00am & 7:00pm

Join Pastor Licht for this new study on Ruth/Esther starting on Jan 6th. Sign up available in the Fellowship hall. Digital sign up will be available soon or call the Church office to sign up.



# Parking Lot Pews

**Parking Lot Pews:** For those who still need to remain extra vigilant during the pandemic, you will be able to listen to our 10:30 Sunday services from the parking lot. The audio of the service will be transmitted on FM frequency 107.1 for you to tune in on your car radio.

For communion distribution (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month) we request that those desiring to receive the sacrament move their cars after the sermon to park in a line along the sidewalk, facing toward Northwest Blvd. (see diagram). The elements of the Lord's Supper will be distributed in individual, prefilled and sealed containers. A seal is peeled back by the communicant to receive Christ's body and another seal is peeled back to receive His blood. The empty packages will be collected for reverent cleaning and disposal.



## Angel Tree

Risen Christ Angel tree is set up in the fellowship Hall. Lutheran Social Services have given us names of families in need and we have three special Veteran families that need help this year. Please return gifts wrapped with the tag attached. Gift cards can be turned in to the office.



# CHRISTIAN CARE

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

Christian Care  
2209 3rd Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
(309) 786-5734  
[www.christiancareqc.org](http://www.christiancareqc.org)

Our Annual Resident Christmas Party will be hosted at our facility this year due to COVID-19 closures. Residents will enjoy a delicious sit down meals along with a few surprises! Help us give residents of Christian Care a memorable Christmas this year by being their Secret Santa. Pick a resident from our "Giving Tree" by emailing Jennifer Hill



**First Virtual Event**



**February 1-14, 2021**



**Links are now live to pledge your support for those experiencing homelessness during our first virtual fundraiser. Stay tuned for more ways to give during February 1-14, 2021 DONATE TODAY!**

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Matthew & Lynette Wilson

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

## ALTAR

12/06 MARK & HEIDI ILTIS  
12/13 JAMES & DAWN LUEDTKE  
12/20 RON & GLENDA GRUENHAGEN  
12/27 OPEN

## ORGAN



Flower Chart for year 2020 is available on the kiosk in the fellowship hall. 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 \$38 (slightly more if you wish to add special flowers).

Please make checks payable to RCLC Altar Guild.

**Poinsettias** - Order yours today! Sign up at the kiosk, or online (see Friday emails) or call Leslie in the office.

It's a wonderful way to honor a loved one and to beautify our sanctuary. Cost is \$9, checks made out to RCLC Altar Guild through December 13th.



## Dining Tour Books

Once again, the Altar Guild is selling the BOGO Restaurant Books. The cost is \$35, cash or check (made payable to "RCLC Altar Guild").

A sign up sheet is located on the kiosk.

You will be contacted when your book is available for pick-up in the church office.

We thank you for supporting The Altar Guild with your purchase.

Proceeds go directly to help beautify our altar.



# December Worship Servants

## Elders

12/02 7:00 Dan Kloppenborg  
12/05 5:30 Tim Welch  
12/06 8:00 Mike Botz  
10:30 Craig Tannahill  
12/09 7:00 Stan Stanfield  
12/12 5:30 John Riedel  
12/13 8:00 Jim Wegener  
10:30 Dan Kloppenborg  
12/16 7:00 John Riedel  
12/19 5:30 Craig Tannahill  
12/20 8:00 John Riedel  
10:30 Jim Wegener  
12/24 3:00 Tim Welch  
12/24 5:00 Jason Franzenburg  
12/24 7:00 Mike Botz  
12/25 9:00 Stan Stanfield  
12/26 5:30 Jim Wegener  
12/27 8:00 Stan Stanfield  
10:30 Dan Kloppenborg  
12/31 7:00 Jason Franzenburg

## Altar Guild

Margaret Miller & Dawn Curtiss

## Current Elder Assignments

**Families with last names starting with:**

**A-Bo** - John Riedel  
**Br-Di** - Stan Stanfield  
**Do-F** - Craig Tannahill  
**G-He** - Rich Emory  
**Hi-La** - Mike Botz  
**Le-Mc** - Tim Welch  
**Me-O** - Justin Mann  
**P-R, T** - Jim Wegener  
**S** - Dan Kloppenborg  
**U-Z** - Jason Franzenburg

## Sound & Video

12/06 Scott Bosco  
12/13 John Riedel  
12/20 Dick Schrage  
12/27 Dave Luebbe

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

Joshua 24:15

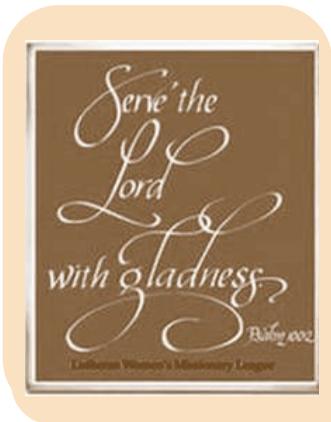
12/02	<b>7:00pm</b>		<b>8:00</b>		<b>10:30</b>
	Sandy Sievert	12/06	Terry Warner	12/06	Allan Elias
	Scott Sievert		Dave Luebbe		Brad Johnson
12/05	<b>5:30pm</b>		Scott Sievert		Scott Sievert
	Sandy Sievert	12/13	Bryan Johnson	12/13	Jason Lehman
	Scott Sievert		Ian McCloud		Andrew McDowell
12/09	<b>7:00pm</b>		James Luedtke		Scott Sievert
	Sandy Sievert	12/20	Dave Luebbe	12/20	Allan Elias
	Scott Sievert		Steve McCoy		Tim Welch
12/12	<b>5:30pm</b>		Scott Sievert		Scott Sievert
	Sandy Sievert	12/27	Bryan Johnson	12/27	Craig Tannahill
	Scott Sievert		James Luedtke		Andrew McDowell
12/16	<b>7:00pm</b>		Scott Sievert		Scott Sievert
	Sandy Sievert				
	Scott Sievert				
12/19	<b>5:30PM</b>				
	Sandy Sievert				
	Scott Sievert				

**Christmas Eve**

12/24	<b>3:00pm</b>
	Scott Sievert
	TBD
	TBD
	<b>5:00pm</b>
	Ian McCloud
	Scott Sievert
	TBD
	<b>7:00pm</b>
	Brad Johnson
	Scott Sievert
	TBD

**Christmas Day**

12/25	<b>9:00am</b>
	Ian McCloud
	Terry Warner
	Scott Sievert



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/01 Savannah Ruark

12/03 Sherri Johnson

Carrie Reese

12/04 Robin Bell

12/05 Katie Gruenhagen

Morgan Meador

12/07 Teresa Azure

Mike Botz

12/08 Jane Hartwig

Alyssa Martens

12/10 Addison Rasler

12/11 Mary Jo Kelly

12/12 Cheryl Ehrler

Molly Licht

12/14 Alexa Wakeland

12/15 Charlotte Bauer

12/17 Karter Dittmer

Bob Inghram

Marv Reimers

12/19 Pam Speer

Andrew Van Nice

Carter Wichelt

Nolan Wittnebel

12/21 Dick Kelly

12/22 Holden Hess

12/23 Mark Neubauer

12/25 Heidi Iltis

12/26 Margaret Brodale

12/27 Austin Claussen

12/28 Gwen Oosting

12/29 Alex Kundel

12/30 Gabriel Crane

12/31 Carol McAnelly



12/11 Rich & Dawn Emory  
12/19 Ron & Glenda Gruenhagen  
12/27 Rev. Brian & Lynette Licht



*I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.*

*Song of Solomon 6:3*

*Advent Worship Services*

*Wednesday, December 2nd @ 7:00pm*

*Wednesday, December 9th @ 7:00pm*

*Wednesday, December 16th @ 7:00pm*

*Children's Christmas Program*

*Sunday, December 13th @ 12:00pm*

*Christmas Eve Worship*

*Thursday, December 24th*

*3:00pm, 5:00pm & 7:00pm*

*Christmas Day Worship*

*Friday, December 25th @ 9:00am*

*New Year's Eve Communion Worship*

*Thursday, December 31st @ 7:00pm*



12/01	Brad Bauer	12/17	Paulette Waech
	Savannah Ruark	12/18	Madelaine McCoy
	Ryan Zeimet		Scarlett Sievert
	Brianna Zeimet		Patty Thomas
12/02	Byron Otto	12/20	Abigail Luedtke
12/03	Megan Smith		Kay Petersen
	Niles Smith	12/23	Larry Niebuhr
	Sharon Tannahill		Marilyn Sorensen
	Myles Zirpel	12/24	Dawn Curtiss
12/04	Jackson Franzenburg		Tim Curtiss
12/06	Nathaniel McCoy		Jacob Russell
12/07	Tabetha Russell	12/25	Ryan Smith
12/08	Michelle Warner		Taryn Menge
12/10	Donice LeCount		Melissa Wegener
12/13	Annabelle Folland	12/27	Robert Milota
12/15	Teresa Rusch	12/28	Cheri Amhof
12/16	Jeff Burkey	12/29	Mason Banks
		12/30	Dick Kelly



# Membership Changes/Covid Statement

Received by Holy Baptism  
11/29/20 - Sonny Kuhlman



Entered the Church Triumphant  
11/23 /20 - Shannon Burkey



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Will Lauth** - Diagnosed with Cancer

**Kristi Manley** - Recovering at Home

**Tim Curtiss** - Recovering at Home

**Kali Gruenhagen** - Health Issues

**Todd Hafner (brother of Lynette Licht)** - Hospitalized with Covid

**Trish Speth** - Needs our Prayers

**Bob Barstow** - Hospitalized for Chest pain/Testing

**Family of Shannon Burkey** - Entered the Church Triumphant



## Statement from the Risen Christ COVID-19 committee

Due to the rapidly rising COVID-19 cases in our community which is putting a severe strain on our local medical system we feel the need to double down on our mitigation efforts at Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

In order to better protect our church members, visitors, church staff, daycare staff and daycare children we feel it is necessary to require face masks be worn at all times by adults and children age 2 and older (when practical for children) while inside the church facilities. The one exception to this would be a staff member working alone in their office. We would also like to reinforce the need for social distancing of 6 feet or more and monitoring ourselves for any symptoms of COVID-19 and staying home if any are present.

These difficult times call for all of us to do our part to keep COVID from spreading further in our community. Wearing face masks and social distancing have been shown to reduce the spread of COVID and is strongly encouraged by the CDC and the general medical community.

# December - Dates to Remember

11/29 Sun.	2:00pm	Christmas Decorating
12/01 Tues.	5:30pm	Chimes -Weekly
	6:30pm	Choir -Weekly
12/02 Wed.	5:30pm	Confirmation - Weekly
	7:00pm	Advent Worship - Weekly
12/03 Thurs.	6:30pm	Elders Mtg
	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study & Mtg
12/05 Sat.	7:00am	Workout—Weekly
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
	8:30am	Outdoor Nativity Set-up
12/06 Sun.	2:00pm	Christmas Decorating
12/10 Thurs.	6:00pm	Church Board Meetings
	7:30pm	Church Council
12/12 Sat.	9:00am	Christmas Program Practice
12/13 Sun.	12:00pm	Children's Christmas Program
12/24 Thurs..	3pm, 5pm, & 7pm	Christmas Eve Services
		<b>LBDC Closed</b>
12/25 Fri.	9:00am	Christmas Day Worship
		<b>LBDC &amp; Church Office Closed</b>
12/31 Thurs.	7:00pm	New Year's Eve Communion Worship
		<b>LBDC Closed</b>
01/01 Fri.		<b>LBDC &amp; Church Office Closed</b>



# Parking Lot Service

