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*The Lord... He loves those
who pursue righteousness.*

Proverbs 15:9

Worship Times: In-Person
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Live Streaming via Facebook - Sundays 8:00am

All services transmitted in parking lot on FM 98.3

Communion is distributed on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sun. @ 8am & 10:30am

Adult Bible Study - Sunday 9:15am

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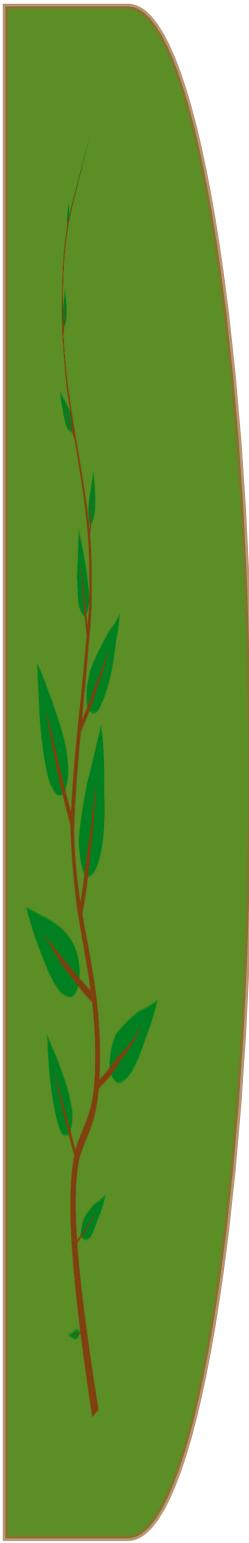
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AUGUST!



August - Dates to Remember



08/04 Thurs.	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
08/06 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
08/07 Sun.	8:00am	Communion Worship Service
	9:15am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Communion Worship Service
08/08 Mon.	3:30pm	LWML Quilt Assembly Group
08/09 Tues.	6:00pm	Little Blessings Board Meeting
	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting
08/10 Weds	4:00pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	5:30pm	Ed Board Meeting
08/13 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
08/14 Sun.	8:00am	Worship Service
	9:15am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Worship Service
08/20 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
08/21 Sun.	8:00am	Communion Worship Service
	9:15am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Communion Worship Service
08/23 Tues.	9:30am	Mugs & Muffins
08/25 Thurs.	5:00pm	Christian Care Service
08/26 Fri.	12:00pm	Fellowship Friday
08/27 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
08/28 Sun.	8:00am	Worship Service
	9:15am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Worship Service

The Gospel for August



August 7th Luke 12:22-24

Do Not Be Anxious

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

August 14th Luke 12:49-53

Not Peace, but Division

⁴⁹ "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

August 21st Luke 13:22-30

The Narrow Door

²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

August 28th Luke 14:1-14

Healing of a Man on the Sabbath

³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son^[a] or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

The Parable of the Great Banquet

Luke 14: 12-14

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers^[b] or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."



In the old gameshow *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, contestants tried to correctly answer a series of multiple-choice questions. Answer enough questions in the allotted time and, as the name implies, you could win a million dollars. The contestants were given three “lifelines” to use if they encountered a question too difficult for them to answer. One of those “lifelines” was called “phone a friend.” To use this lifeline the contestant called a friend for a 30-second phone call and hopefully receive some assistance in choosing the correct answer.

In life outside of the gameshow world we’re often blessed with more than just one friend to phone for help and generally we’ll be allotted more than just 30 seconds of assistance from our friends. Such friends are gifts from God to us and we ought not be reluctant to use them. Many a misery and woe could be avoided in our lives if we were only more willing to ask for help and let go of our “I-can-do-it-myself” attitude.

A few centuries before that gameshow was created, King David gave to us a lifeline of much greater value. David put it this way, “*On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased*” (Ps. 138:3). The friend David knew to call on is the same friend David’s son, Solomon, would call “*a friend who sticks closer than a brother*” (Prov. 18:24). This Friend would one day teach, “*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends*” (John 15:13). We too know this Friend. We know Him as the one who would extend His arms in love for us as He was nailed to the cross that He might give His life for us sinners. He is our true Lifeline by the shedding of His blood. Indeed, He is the “Friend of sinners” (Matt. 11:19).

We need friends in this life, and we rejoice to receive them as the gift from God that they are (see Luther’s explanation to the 4th Petition, where he lists “good friends” as part of our daily bread). But even more so, we need the Friend of sinners. He’s the only One who can increase our “strength of soul.” We rightly call on Him with all our petitions and supplications, and trust that He hears and answers. We give thanks for every answered prayer. But chiefly do we give thanks for His strengthening of our souls.

It’s a strong soul that we need to be able to face all the hardships, tragedies, and sufferings of this life. A strong soul is a soul cleansed by the blood of Jesus. A strong soul trusts that through the innocent suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus there is forgiveness, life, and salvation. A strong soul knows where to look for its Lifeline and the strength that He brings.

Life is no gameshow and it’s way tougher than some multiple-choice questions. Whether its troubling headlines in the news, bill collectors at your door, or a fearful diagnosis from the doctor, we call on the Lord and He answers by increasing the strength of our soul. In and through His Word—His wet Word, His written Word, His proclaimed Word, and His body and blood Word—comes His soul-strengthening answer.

A soul cleansed by the blood of Jesus is a strong soul. And a soul cleansed by the blood of Jesus has not merely a prize for getting things right but the **gift** of God’s Kingdom and eternal life with our Friend who is closer than a brother.



Join us on Sunday mornings for Bible Study @ 9:15am

Each week we walk through the Old Testament readings to dig deeper into the Word from the Sunday sermons!

New Member Class

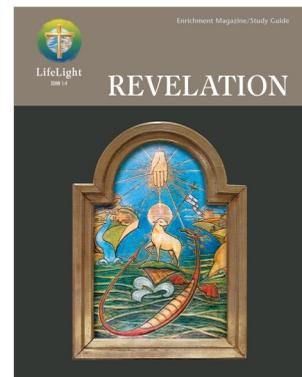


If you or someone you know is interested in joining our church, please contact Pastor Licht or call the church office - 563-386-2342.



LifeLight

Fall 2022! The Book of Revelation, we look forward to this in-depth study on the book of Revelation. If you are interested, join us on Wednesday mornings this Fall!



“...with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to LIVE IS CHRIST, and to die is gain.”

~St. Paul
Philippians 1

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



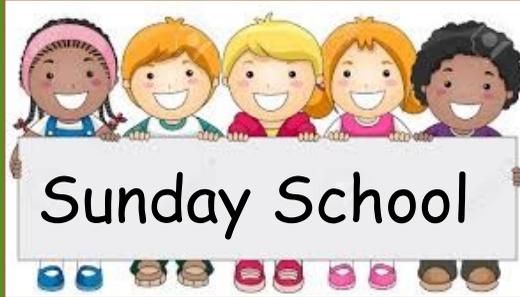
Our Kids Against Hunger Youth event was a success with 17 Participants filling 250 bags of food in just 45 minutes. Each bag feeds 6 people and costs \$1.50



No August event planned, as we get geared up for our Garage Sale in September. Look for more info in this Newsletter and for ways that you can help!

This is a fun servant event that does so much good locally and all over the globe.! Look for this to become an annual event that could possibly involve the whole congregation.

September 11th—Rally Day Kick Off
~9:00am—Combined Worship Service
~10:15am—Rally Sunday school activities
~11:30am—Rally Day & LBDC 25th Anniversary Celebration Picnic



Child care is available for children ages 3 months—middle school upstairs during the Adult Bible class hour. Anyone willing to help with this, please contact Leslie McCoy.

If you have a heart for showing children the love of Jesus and would like to serve in Children's Ministry, there's a place for you! Please contact Leslie McCoy

Rally Day! Sunday, September 11th

Celebrating Little Blessings Daycare 25th Anniversary!
Save the Date! September 11th

Special Worship Service at 9:00am
Adult Bible Study & Special Sunday School Activities
A Catered Meal is Provided for the Congregation
Join In The Fun!
Games for All Ages After the Meal!

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*Save the Date & plan to join in for a service that will bring us all together at 9am followed by youth Sunday school and Adult Bible class @ 10:15. Nursery is available for children 3mo. -3 years. Celebration Picnic to follow @ 11:30am. Catered meal, yard games, bounce houses, fellowship and more!
It's gonna be a party!
Can't wait to see everyone there!!*

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



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

The beginning of time for the daycare (November 1994) started by two proposals that were brought to the members of Risen Christ Lutheran Church to begin a childcare program as a mission of the church. The first proposal was to begin a Christian daycare/preschool program on site at Risen Christ Lutheran Church. The second proposal was to do a building expansion that would accommodate the daycare/preschool. Both proposals included this mission statement for the childcare center “...to bring the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to the children, and their parents, of this congregation and the surrounding community in order to share the Gospel to them and their parents and to nurture them spiritually, socially, and intellectually through creative activities in a warm, loving, Christ-centered atmosphere. Under the proposal heading of ‘Estimated Income’, it states...” It is the desire of the committee to have an above average facility, staff, and programs, with costs at or below average. Under the heading “Would The Child Care Ministry Pay For Itself?”, it states that, initially “The congregation would absorb the capital cost of the new facility. It is also recommended that the congregation support and offset costs for the Daycare/Preschool expenses and utilities.” The rationale was the “This is an outreach Ministry and responsibility of this congregation, and to keep it as such by maintaining a vested interest.” Proposal committee members at that time were: Paulette Waech, Elias.

From November 1994 until August 17, 1997 the daycare/preschool became a reality to the Church. Officially through DHS the doors opened on August 17, 1997. Which means we will officially be open for 25 years this August 17th.

To celebrate our huge accomplishment (25th anniversary), we have joined with the Education committee to have one big event in September. **Rally Day/Anniversary will be Sep. 11th**. The Education committee and the Daycare board would love for everyone from the congregation, as well as past and present daycare families to join us on this wonderful day.

Mark your calendar for Sunday September 11th! The church will be having only one service that day at 9:00 am. Bring your family, neighbors and friends to hear the special service for Rally Day and our Anniversary. There will be special events during the service you won't want to miss.

Everyone will want to stay for the special family Bible study after church. The children will have fun activities during Bible study to kick off the start of Sunday school.

11:30 am we will have a catered meal for all! Stay and eat the best chicken and sides around. Following our meal we will have lawn games, bounce houses and a dunk tank.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for September 11th and bring your family and friends!

If anyone would like more information about how the daycare came about, please let us know and we can give you a copy of the history of the daycare.

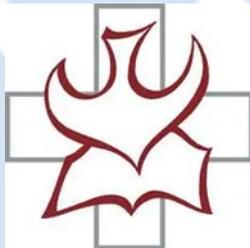
The center has hired one teacher, but still in need of one more teacher. Please let family and friends know if they are looking for a career in childcare.

In Christ
Terrie
Terrie Burkey, Director August 2022

THE ARISING NEWS



8/01 Kevin Moeller	8/14 Lucas Granados
Becky Oswald	8/15 Kay Johnson
Robin Schilling	8/16 Kitra Terry
8/03 Jordan Franzenburg	8/17 Morgan Barker
Alex Reyna	8/18 Kaedyn Burkey
John Simons	8/19 Marv Steinhagen
Rose Simons	8/21 Monica Cormeny
8/04 George Osborn	Grant Van Nice
8/06 Kyle Dittmer	8/22 Brody Coy
8/07 Shawna Graham	Denise Petersen
Sam Schilling	8/23 Bryan Johnson
8/08 James Queen	8/25 Garrett Duncan
8/09 Rachel Smith	Sarah Johnson
Tonya Weih	8/27 Tim Welch
8/11 Paige Canaar	8/29 David Fletcher
Oaklynn Hay	8/31 Camille Schwenneker
8/12 Missy Klingaman	
Kellie Petersen	



8/03 Ron Dippel
 8/04 Sharon Webb
 8/05 Tonya Sacrison
 Nancy Snyder
 Marv Steinhagen
 8/06 Patricia Hopp
 8/07 Rose Simons
 8/08 Anthony Firch
 Bradley Wittnebel
 8/09 Steven McCoy
 8/10 Leslie McCoy
 Liam Smith
 Terry Warner
 8/11 Lauren Crane
 Alexander Litke
 8/12 Kurt Van Nice
 8/15 Judy Jones
 Pam Osborn
 8/16 Rachel Hay
 Sienna Repp
 Tim Welch

Happy Birthday!



8/17 Ed Kelly
 Melody Reimers
 Joe Speer
 8/18 Linda Hergert
 Rita Rekemeyer
 8/19 Blake Cornett
 8/20 Riley Reller
 8/21 Monica Cormeny
 James Luedtke
 8/22 Logan Hammes
 8/23 Dorothy Bargmann
 8/24 Savannah Anderson
 Rick Ehrke
 8/25 Milah Cheatheam
 Tiffany Kraklio
 8/29 Marlene Milota
 Sam Ross
 8/30 Alyssa Petersen
 8/31 Edward Bell
 Kim Dippel
 Barbara Wichelt

“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

8/01 David & Carol Perry

John & Rose Simons

8/04 Kerry & Kali Gruenhagen

8/06 Ian & Naomi McCloud

Kevin & Sheriann Moeller

8/09 Matt & Tonya Weih

Kent & Barbara Wichelt

8/12 Marvin & Marge Reimers

Jeff & Kelly Roehm



8/14 Robert & Carolyn Gabrilson

8/18 Carolyn & Brad Bauer

Richard & Grace Schrage

8/23 Mark & Heidi Iltis

8/25 Cheryl & Roger Amhof

Jacob & Allison Harkey

8/30 Stacy & Patty Thomas

8/31 David & Rachel Luebbe



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:

Todd Hafner (brother of Lynette Licht) - Hospital

David Hentze (brother of Gary Hentze) - Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Mark Carlson—(Grace Schrage's Brother) In Rehab

Marge Jefferys (Ed Kelly's Sister) - Hospitalized Receiving Cancer Treatment

Paulette Waech—Ongoing medical treatment

Duane Amhof—Heart Condition following bout with Covid

Gary Trickey—Recovering from Heart Procedures



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.

Submitted by Grace Schrage

LWML Quilting: Four quilts were tied at our July afternoon of quilt work- and we are looking forward to another afternoon to work on quilts. No experience is Needed! We pin or we tie quilts. Our next afternoon for quilt work is at 3:30 p.m. on August 8.

MUGS AND MUFFINS: On July 26, eight ladies enjoyed a Bible study led by Pastor Licht - focusing on gifts of the Spirit - and for this month, we considered 'goodness'. Passages from Genesis, Ephesians, Philippians, Luke, Mark, Colossians, and I Thessalonians were explored.

District Fall Retreat: The Iowa East District Fall Retreat is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 9 & 10, 2022 at Camp IO-Dis-E-Ca and is hosted by our Zone - the Davenport Zone. The theme is "Stand on God's Promises" based on Deut. 31:8. A Bible study will be led by our Zone Pastoral Counselor, the Reverend Bradley Ferch, Immanuel Lutheran. This is a time for ladies to enjoy Christian fellowship and spiritual refreshment. Registration is due by August 26, 2022 - Forms can be found in the Summer 2022 ALIVE or at the kiosk. Friday overnight and Saturday is \$50.00. Saturday only is \$25 and there is a first time discount of \$5.00. If you are unable to register by August 26, there is an additional \$5 charge. Registration forms include where to send the registration.

IED FALL RETREAT In-gathering: We are gathering items for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca for our fall retreat. Items needed: napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, 13 gallon trash bags, cleaning supplies, copy paper and postage stamps. If you want to donate any of these items and are unable to attend, contact Grace Schrage or Tammy McKay who will be attending the fall retreat and can take them for you!

Monthly Thursday Night Bible Study: The Bible study for August 4 is titled: Living in the Days of Noah - Today. All women of Risen Christ are welcome to come and learn how God's Word can guide us as we live in this sinful world and can help us discover the joy He wants us to experience.

LWML BOARD meeting: The board will meet on August 4 at 5:30 p.m. Topics for discussion include: Food Pantry, Blessings Bags project, other suggestions for celebrating 80th anniversary, LWML Sunday - Oct. 9.

MONTHLY MITE COLLECTION: Look in this newsletter for details about one of the missionary grants that our mites are supporting AND don't forget, you can bring your mites to our large Mite Box every first Sunday of the month.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. - LWML Board - Narthex
6:30 p.m. - Ladies' Bible Study - Narthex
Monday, August 8 at 3:30 p.m. - Quilting
Tuesday, August 23 at 9:30 a.m. - Mugs & Muffins - Narthex
Friday/Saturday, September 9 & 10 - IED LWML Fall Retreat

Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project

LCMS Office of International Mission

The Dorcas Sewing Project follows the principal in scripture, “She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchants (Proverbs 31:24). The Lutheran Church in Mozambique desires to support the women’s Dorcas Sewing Project enabling women to learn a skill and provide opportunity to earn income. The connectivity with sewing lessons provides an additional opportunity for spiritual connection so the Gospel can be shared while teaching the art of garment making, thereby giving them hope for a better future and a way out of poverty.



\$ 5,000



Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus

Belize Mission Society

The Belize Mission Society (BMS) has a dental clinic located in the village. This grant money would fund the building of a Mercy House next to the elementary school and Christ Lutheran Church. By bringing the dental clinic and other programs to the Lutheran campus, it will lead people to the Church and connect them with the missionaries. By building relationships with children, they also reach their extended family with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Mercy House — Belize Mission Campus will further the mercy work and relationship-building of the BMS while providing a tangible connection to Christ Lutheran Church.



\$ 100,000



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: "whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11

First Sunday Mites

Fill the BIG BOX August 7th
Find it in Fellowship Hall.
Thank you!

Bring in your Mite Box on the first Sunday of the month and drop it off in the Large Mite Box.

Don't forget to pick up a new mite box!



ALL MITES SUPPORT BOTH
DISTRICT AND NATIONAL
LWML MISSION GRANTS





YOUTH GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 8AM-3PM

~DONATE YOUR OLD THINGS & GIVE THEM A NEW LIFE AT OUR YOUTH GARAGE SALE! PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH ANY TIME BEFORE SATURDAY, SEPT. 10TH.

~BAKED GOODS WILL ALSO BE HAPPILY ACCEPTED. PLEASE PACKAGE THEM FOR SALE.

~UNLESS SPECIFIED, ALL LEFTOVER ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP FOR DONATION AFTER THE SALE BY DAV.

~ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE RCLC YOUTH GROUP.

???. CONTACT KALI GRUENHAGEN OR LESLIE MCCOY



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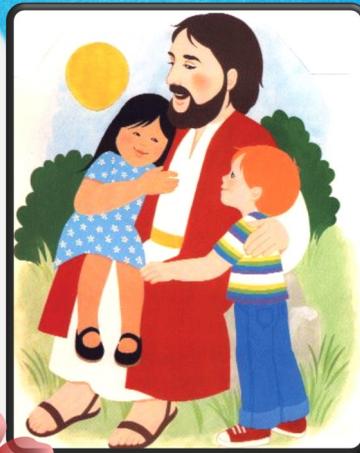
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Little Blessings Daycare Celebrating 25 years

**Join the
Celebration!**
**Little Blessings Daycare
25th Anniversary**
Let's Celebrate!
on
**Rally Sunday,
September 11th**



A Message from the Director of Little Blessings Daycare, Terrie Burkey on the 25th Anniversary for LBDC

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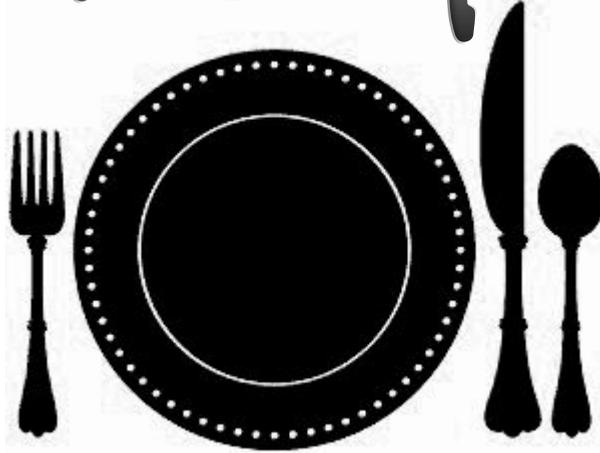
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Thank you! Terrie Burkey, Director of LBDC



Dinner for 6



*A new community opportunity is coming your way
this September!*

Host a dinner in your home and get to know different couples and singles from the congregation. You set the date that works for you, supply the setting and drinks and those that sign up will come and bring the dinner to you.

Rather not host? Sign up for the date that works for you and be prepared to bring a dish to share.

We envision having multiple hosts with different dates available to sign up for. Sign up again and again to really get to know your church family!

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42



CHRISTIANCAREQC.ORG

Men's Shelter Meal Service

Where: 2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL

When: The fourth Thursday night of each month. Arrive at the shelter between 5:00- 5:30 pm, depending on meal prep time required.

What: We provide a meal for 50-60 people.

Details: Meal items can be prepared ahead of time and heated up at the shelter. They have 2 big ovens that we can use. They provide serving dishes, utensils, plates, drinks and clean-up. We provide a tasty nourishing meal (main dish, side dishes, dessert.).

Thrivent members can apply for Thrivent Action Team dollars for each date they help in order to defray the costs.

In a nutshell: sign up for a date, plan a meal, prepare it and serve it with love.

Contact Bryan Johnson or Sandy Sievert or sign up at the kiosk in the narthex if interested in helping prepare a meal.

This is a great family or small group activity!

August 25th Jason & Angela Franzenburg & Sandy Sievert

September 22nd Tim & Jessica Welch

October 27th Dave & Rachel Luebbe

Sign up is available at the kiosk for all months in 2022.

2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

(309) 786-5734

www.christiancareqc.org

The Lutheran Church—Missouri SynodLCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

Newsletter Article August 2022

The Ceremony of the Offertory

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony involved in receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? After all the offerings have been collected, they are brought forward and given to the pastor or one of his assistants. The pastor then turns toward the altar, and as he slightly bows his head, the collection plates with the offerings in them are raised slightly to the Lord and then placed either on the altar or a table for the offerings. Why do we do have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does; it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us, what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward along with the offering plates. As the offering plates and the elements were lifted toward the Lord, and placed upon the altar, the elements would be put in the center and the altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord’s Supper.

These gifts brought to the altar came from the sweat of the people’s brow. It is the bread and wine, the fruits of the peoples’ labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people would bring a generous proportion for the Lord’s work. It was set upon the altar and offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into His service for His gracious work in and among them.

For what they offered to the Lord from the sweat of their brow, the bread of anxious toil, came back to them as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup would receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows, and He receives this from us in the first fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise. He receives and turns it into spiritual bread, heavenly bread, the bread of eternal life and gives it back to us so that we might have joy. So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder, that the Lord gives back to us, what we have given to Him so that we may rejoice in the salvation He has won upon the cross and gives to us in His supper.

Council Notes for August

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 conducting business.

Council met on July 14th, 2022 and discussed issues and items as described below.

Pastor Licht reported on membership transfers and releases that were approved by the board of Elders. There was a baptism and funeral to report to Council during the last month. Pastor and Stephen attended the Circuit meeting on 6/24 and 6/25.

Church Administrator – VBS was last month. Implementation of the Human Sexuality Policy and Facility Use Policy. Will be working with the personnel committee planning to meet in August.

Treasurer – Supplied written reports on the Church finances and the status of our ministry-based goals. At this time the Church has a \$33,000 shortfall in contributions for the year to date with a projected shortfall of \$65,000. This will affect the way the Church budget is prepared and presented to Voters for 2023. LBDC finances are in good shape and has been supplemented by the State stabilization grant. After approval of the Treasurers report, the following three motions were made and passed by Council.

Motion to ask the Elder Board to approve a halt to advertising the Music Director position.

Motion to ask the LBDC Board to discuss returning to contributing to the Church utilities as has been done in the past.

Motion to approve the Church Administrator to explore options to reduce printing costs.

Education and Children's Ministry – VBS was held and served approx. 45 children with 20 volunteers. Rally day for next year's Sunday School will be September 11 and will coincide with LBDC 25th Anniversary. Plans for rally day include 1 church service, an inter-generational Bible study, food, games and other activities. The youth will be participating in a food packing event on July 20th, and are organizing a garage sale for September 10th.

Elders – Elders approved a list of persons who are on the membership rolls, but have not attended in at least 6 years. After several attempts to contact, no contact has been realized. After Council input and a couple of edits, a Motion was made and passed to approve the list to be presented at the voters meeting for removal from the membership rolls.

Future Planning – Working on and with other boards and committees in regards to fellowship and the sense of belonging and family among church members. Future planning met with the Congregation Life/Fellowship committee and the committee has instituted several ideas enumerated below. Future Planning has begun looking at the future physical needs of the church to include maintenance and improvements.

Congregation Life/Fellowship Committee – This committee has been formed to generate fellowship within the congregation. They will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM at Church. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. The committee will report to the Council each month and will become an agenda line item. Activities planned at this time are:

On months with a 5th Sunday there will be a potluck starting in October/Dinners for 6/Name tags for members

New member welcome gifts/Consistent fellowship times after each Church service

Little Blessings Day Care – Summer Program is in progress with 14 children and is at break even point for expenses for this program. Still need 2 full time teachers to complete the LBDC staff. Working towards Rally Day and the 25th Anniversary of LBDC.

Stewardship – The Stewardship Board will be working with Church staff to supply quarterly giving statements to members thanking them for their contributions and highlighting the ways that RCLC is fulfilling its Reach, Teach, Love mission. Stewardship will be promoting contributions of needed items for QC Veterans Outreach in the next days to come. Stewardship continues to organize monthly meals for Men's Christian Care in Rock Island. Stewardship has acquired the donation of an outdoor food pantry. Discussion on the best way to use this is on-going.

Trustees – Trustees have a plan for repairing the flag pole and will be completed soon. Working with LBDC on the installation of locks for the Day Care classrooms. The push mower was repaired. Looking at the options for replacing leaking windows on the second floor. Working with the cleaning company to re-do the pew cleaning after a sub-par initial cleaning.

Old Business - None

New Business Item – The July 24th Voters meeting Agenda was discussed. The Council discussed the traditional practice of not holding an August Council Meeting. This was approved and the next Council Meeting will be September 15th.

The Council is looking for help in the many and various ways that Risen Christ supports the Pastor, Church Administrator, Staff, Members, and the Community.

If you would like to get involved, or have questions, please see any Council member.

Voter's Assembly • July 24, 2022

Michelle Warner, RCLC Treasurer

This calendar year has been a challenge – if you have been following the financial report in the Newsletter, you will no doubt see that each month has reflected a shortfall.

As of June 30, the monthly shortfalls have accumulated to a year to date shortfall of \$33,000.

Contribution Income is down 20%. Expenses are a bit above last year, but they are within the Spending Plan. Simply stated, our contribution income is not covering our expenditures.

Based on income and expense projections, **we are on track to end the year with a shortfall which could be double the current deficit.**

We are blessed to have cash reserves from prior years surplus. This will help cover an end of year shortfall. Cash reserves are meant for emergencies and this year's shortfall is one. However, we cannot count on the reserves to fund a shortfall every year so other actions must be taken.

Council is looking at some simple areas which could be adjusted this year which will not directly impact our core ministries. We may pay some expenses with designated funds. We may delay a purchase. Council is committed to keep staffing, compensation, mission outreach and Trinity tuition assistance in place.

We will soon start preparing the 2023 spending plan. RCLC leadership will carefully look at the spending plan to make sure that our expenditures are "right sized" to our current ministries.

What do we do in the meantime? Continue your involvement with Risen Christ.

Keep in the Word and Sacrament, stay in fellowship with each other. Be involved in the ministries of Risen Christ. We have many opportunities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to others.

Continue your generous support to this ministry. We are truly grateful for your continued support for the ministry. We will work together to be strong in spreading God's Word.

Finally, pray. We know that God's good and perfect will guides us and He will oversee us in any situation.

Pray • Praise • Give thanks
God is always with us

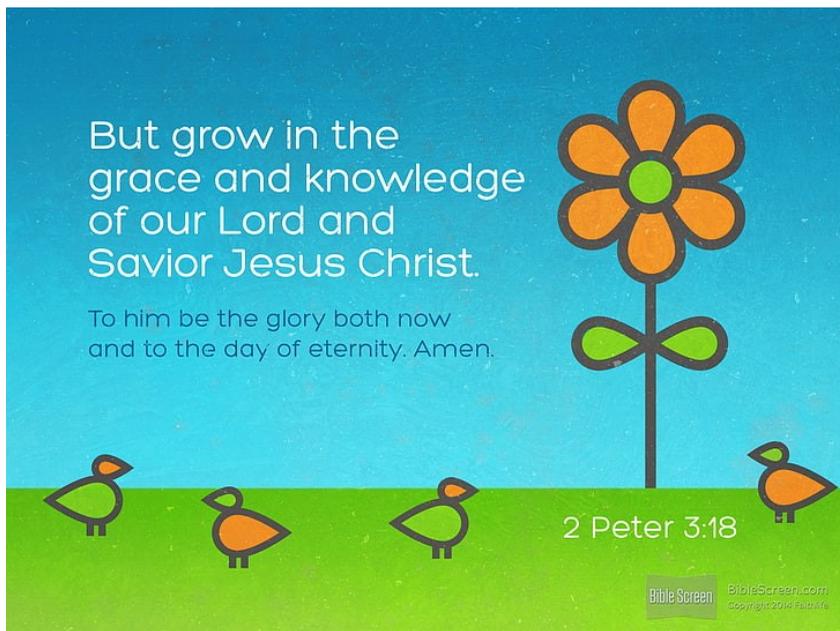
Entrust your days and burdens
 To God's most loving hand;
 He cares for you while ruling
 The sky, the sea, the land.
 For He who guides the tempests
 Along their thund'rous ways
 Will find for you a pathway
 And guide you all your days.

Rely on God your Savior
 And find your life secure.
 Make His work your foundation
 That your work may endure.
 No anxious thought, no worry,
 No self-tormenting care
 Can win your Father's favor;
 His heart is moved by prayer.

LSB 754:1,2

CHURCH FINANCIALS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2022

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

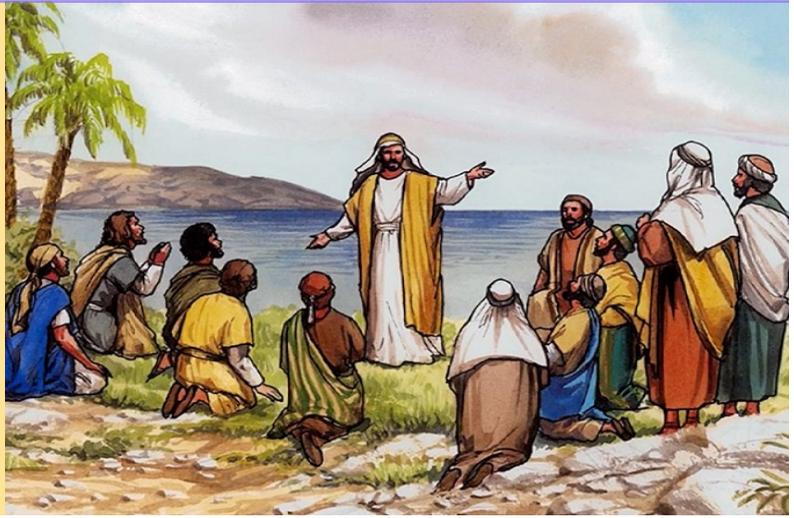
Risen Christ Lutheran Church Rally Sunday!

September 11th
9:00am

Worship Service

Come hear the
Word of our Lord
Jesus Christ
You are Welcome,
Here!

Stay for Bible
Study, A Catered
Meal and Fun!



LWML Bible Study, August 4th

LWML Bible Study

For: Thursday, August 4th @ 6:30pm

We will study,

**“Living in The Days of
Noah – Today.”**

All Women are Welcome
Join us!



RCLC is collecting Food/Hygiene items
NOW thru AUGUST 28, 2022 for Local Veterans



THANK YOU,
VETERANS

Please leave donations in the box in Fellowship Hall
Located Under the Ministry Table

Thank you for your generosity! RCLC Stewardship committee



MEN'S
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BIBLE BREAKFAST
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SATURDAY

August 6th

Starting @ 7:30am

**Breakfast will
be served!**



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 Dave Luebbe, 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 Dave Luebbe to take part!

Help Wanted!

We are in need of someone to mow the Little Blessings playground area starting this spring. Please **contact Dave Luebbe** if you are interested in serving in this way!



Hope at the Brick House Newsletter

July 2022

Dear Friends: I write with two weeks remaining in our Summer Program. It has been Fast, Furious, Fun and Filled with Jesus! We have memorized verses through song and sign language & kids have shared their hearts as they learn more and more. One young boy stated, "I would like to thank you for giving all these kids a chance to learn about God." Please pray that God would direct the remainder of our summer program, giving us continued opportunities to share Christ.

Joyce Klopp, Director

Look at our August Calendar Insert for Volunteer Training Opportunities.

REPORTER

"In All Things": 20,000 attend LCMS Youth Gathering

By Stacey Egger

On a Sunny Wednesday morning in Houston, TX nearly 20,000 LCMS youth and adults heard God's word Confessed their sins,

"To see 20,000 young people and adults come together around the Lord's Table, I say is truly a foretaste of the feast to come," said one of the many pastors who assisted in the distribution during the closing service. The theme of this year's Gathering, "In All Things," was based on Colossians 1:15-20. "In (Christ) all things hold together. For him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." It was Christ that unified the Gathering's of thousands of attendees. Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison preached in closing, "You are redeemed. You are His.. Look to yourself, and you will never be certain of anything, Look to Christ, and you will be absolutely, 100% certain. Because Christ is for you."

RCLC Baptism News



Mac Everett Lehman was Baptized into the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod on July 17th at the 10:30am Worship Service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

Mac's Parents are Jason & Jordan Lehman.

The Sponsors for Mac were Sam & Andrea Krause.

We Welcome Mac Everett into the Family of God!

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

Ephesians 4:5

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

ALTAR

08/07 STEVE & LESLIE MCCOY
08/14 SCOTT & SANDY SIEVERT
08/21 DICK & GRACE SCHRAGE
08/28 DAVE & RACHEL LUEBBE

ORGAN



Flower Chart for year 2022 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.

Sunday Cookies

08/07	8:00	Vicki Dalton
	10:30	OPEN
08/14	8:00	Mark & Heidi Ittis
	10:30	OPEN
08/21	8:00	Open
	10:30	Open
08/28	8:00	OPEN
	10:30	OPEN



Please sign up at the kiosk to provide or serve cookies or both. There's opportunity for everyone to serve in some way.

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

August Worship Servants

Elders

08/07 8:00 Ian McCloud
10:30 Jim Wegener

08/14 8:00 Jason Franzenburg
10:30 Scott Sievert

08/21 8:00 Stephen Smith
10:30 Mark Iltis

08/28 8:00 Tim Welch
10:30 Ian McCloud

Fellowship



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 Jim Wegener

S Jason Franzenburg

T-V Jim Wegener

W-Z Jason Franzenburg

Sound & Video

8/07 Steve McCoy

8/14 Dave Luebbe

8/21 Dick Schrage

8/28 Terry Warner

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

Joshua 24:15

Altar Guild—August

Leslie & Maddie McCoy

Join the Altar Guild! Open months include November. Contact Margaret Miller, Dawn Curtiss or Pastor Licht if interested.

August Worship Servants

ACOLYTES

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8/07	8:00	Nathan McCoy Maddie McCoy	10:30	Lilli Lochner Cooper Krager
8/14	8:00	Molly Licht	10:30	Addison Rasler Hayden Rasler
8/21	8:00	Jordan Franzenburg	10:30	Sam Ross Asher Ross
8/28	8:00	Kailynn McCracken Charlotte Bauer	10:30	Gracee Gruenhagen Cooper Krager



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

Psalms 71:5

08/07	8:00	Steve McCoy James Luedtke Scott Sievert	10:30	Sandy Sievert Brad Johnson Scott Sievert
08/14	8:00	Dave Luebbe Scott Sievert Jason Franzenburg	10:30	Jason Lehman Bryan Johnson Scott Sievert
08/21	8:00	Scott Sievert Rich Emory Andrew McDowell	10:30	Dean Enfield Scott Sievert Allan Elias
08/28	8:00	Terry Warner Andrew McDowell Tim Welch	10:30	Jason Lehman Bryan Johnson Ian McCloud



GREETERS

8:00

10:30

8/07 Dick & Grace Schrage

Tim & Jessica Welch

8/14 Jean Wenndt & Jack Boley

Lynette Licht

8/21 Leslie McCoy

Jim & Missy Wegener

8/28 Carol McAnelly & Sandy McLeod

Allan & Nancy Elias





So then faith cometh by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God
— Romans 10:17

Daily Inspirational Bible Verses
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/iltobe/engue/>

August

THE ARISING NEWS