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Happy Thanksgiving



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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November- Dates to Remember

11/06 Sun.	8:00am	Communion Worship Service
All Saints Sunday	9:15am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Communion Worship Service
	8 & 10:30am	Sunday School Children Sing
11/07 Mon.	4:00pm	Congregational Life Mtg.
11/08 Tues.	6:00pm	LBDC Board MTG
	6:30pm	Future Planning MTG
11/09 Weds.	9:00am	LifeLight
	5:30pm	Confirmation
	5:30pm	ED Board Mtg.
	7:00pm	LifeLight
11/10 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council
11/11 Fri.	5:30pm	Youth Group TBK Bowling Event
11/12 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
11/13 Sun.	8:00am	Worship Service
.	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Worship Service
	1:00pm	Angel Tree Install
11/14 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
11/16 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation
11/19 Sat..	7:00am	Workout
11/20 Sun.	8:00am	Communion Worship Service
	9:15am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Communion Worship Service
11/23 Weds.	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
11/24 Thurs.	Church Office is Closed	
Happy Thanksgiving!		
11/25 Fri.	Church Office is Closed	
11/26 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
11/27 Sun.	9:00am	Single Worship Services Starts
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Bible Study
	2:00pm	Tree/Garland's Go Up
11/30 Weds.	7:00pm	Vespers
12/02 Fri.	12:00pm	Fellowship Friday



The Gospel for November



November 6th, Matthew 5:1-12

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

November 13th, Luke 21:5-28

Signs of the End Times

⁸ Jesus spoke: Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair on your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life. ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

November 20th, Luke 23:27-43

Our Lord Jesus Crucification

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." they dived up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

November 27th, Matthew 24:36-44

The Day and Hour are Unknown

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the son, but only the father. ⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Matthew 5:3-10

The Beatitudes

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November 2022

Most of us know the “3 T’s of Stewardship.” Many of us know them so well that we might assume they come from a particular Bible verse. Although you won’t find a Bible verse listing time, talents and treasures as the things of which we are stewards, it is clear that we are to use these things for the benefit of God’s kingdom. Scripture also teaches us that the “3 T’s” are not our own. Indeed, the very definition of a steward is one who manages that which belongs to another. King David acknowledged this when the Israelites brought offerings to contribute toward building the temple: *“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand”* (1 Chron. 29:14).

Only through faith could David make this confession. David’s faith in God as the giver of all good things was no doubt anchored in the Word of God spoken through Moses many generations earlier: *“You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...”* (Deut. 8:17-18).

How you answer the question regarding ownership of your time, talents and treasures is pivotal. Will you acknowledge God’s ownership and control? Do you see yourself as a manager and not an owner of these things? Even though you may verbalize the right answers to these questions, your life may not give evidence to what you say. The ways of the world and our own sinful nature lead us to speak and think only of “my time, my talents, and my treasures,” rather than God’s time, talents and treasures. When I think of them as mine and not God’s I selfishly try to maintain control of them, and I arrogantly act as if I’m doing God a favor when I give a portion of them back to Him.

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus warns us about how our attitude toward money and things can affect our response to God’s Word. Jesus stated that some *“seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants”* (Matt. 13:7). He explained, *“The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful”* (Matt. 13:22). Having money, possessions, and 168 hours each week at our disposal can deceive us into believing that nothing is more important than owning and controlling these things. If the love of these worldly things closes your heart, God will be pushed aside, and you will endanger your eternity with Him.

Thoughtful, planned giving of your time, talents and treasures is nothing more and nothing less than the living out of your faith in Christ. When you give back to God, by giving to the congregation of which God has made you a member, you are following in the footsteps of the Israelites when they built the temple because *“you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”* (1 Peter 2:5).

As we give of the “3 T’s” that God has given us, for the building of His spiritual temple, may we also pray like David:

Who are we that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, O God, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand. Amen.

Pastor Licht



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

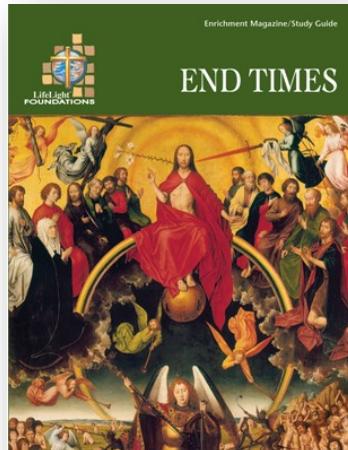
If you or someone you know is interested in joining our church, please contact Pastor Licht or call the church office, 563-386-2342.



LifeLight

New study beginning January 4: End Times

This study explores what the Bible has to say about the end times and what the divine Author has prepared, which is far greater and more glorious than any of us could write or imagine.



“...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!

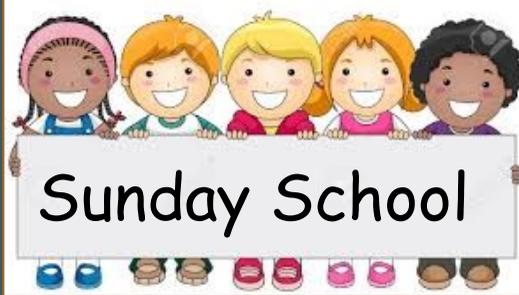
- ! Calling all Middle school and High School students!
- ! Middle schoolers will join Mr. Rich Emory in the library & High Schoolers will join Mr. Stephen Smith in his office for Bible class at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.
- ! Both classes use a study from Answers in Genesis, going on an exciting chronological journey through the Bible-with a focus on apologetics and life application.
- ! You won't want to miss it!!
- ! Bring a friend!

Dates to Remember:

November 6th—Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 11th @ 5:30pm—Bowling @ TBK
December 16th @ 5:30pm—Christmas Party & Gift Exchange

Join us on November 11th @ 5:30 @ TBK for Bowling, pizza & fun. Bring money for bowling and games. Pizza will be provided.





Calling all children aged
3 years - 5th grade!!!

Join us upstairs on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. We'll start by learning some new (and old) songs then divide into our classrooms. There, we'll dig into God's word and learn about God's creation and the journey of God's chosen people through the Old Testament.

Invite a friend to join us!

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

Dates to Remember:

November 6 - Daylight Savings Time ends;
Children sing at both services

November 13 -Start practicing songs for Christmas Program

Dec 04 @ 10:15am —Christmas Program Practice

Dec 10 @ 9am—Christmas Program Practice

Dec 11 - Christmas Program—Time TBD

One of the most precious sounds is that of little children singing praises to our God and King! The Sunday school children will sing "Jesus Loves Me" & "Onward Christian Soldiers" on November 6th. Please plan to have your child participate. We will sing at the end of the 8am service and the very beginning of the 10:30am service. I look forward to sharing this with the congregation!

We will start looking at our Christmas Program parts and songs on November 13th. I encourage you to make Sunday school attendance a priority as we will be practicing as we can until the Program date of December 11th.



November 06 Rachel Luebbe

November 13 Janey Zirpel

November 20 Dawn Luedtke

November 27 Heidi Iltis

December 04 Jenny Miller

Nursery is located upstairs in the Youth room as we are not able to share space with the Daycare at this time. Thank you all for serving!

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



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

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

October hit the daycare pretty hard with RSV virus, several different respiratory infections, ear infections and sinus infections. Thank God none of the children were hospitalized like many children have been the last few weeks. God is great and takes care of all his little lambs.

Because of the illnesses and having very young 2 year olds, we decided it was best not to visit the pumpkin patch this year. We even had to reschedule our fall fest parties until November 2nd with all our illnesses.

For November the children will be talking a lot about being thankful and loving God for everything he had done for them.

This year along with having our annual Thanksgiving dinner on the 16th, we will be having a food drive to help families in need this winter season.

The center still has “Save Around” coupon books left to sell. They sell for \$25.00 each and the center receives \$12.50 for each book. The books will be sitting on the table in the fellowship hall.

Our center is switching to a new daycare program/accounting system. The state is offering Bright Wheel to all centers free of charge for at least a year. This new system will make state payments easier down the road and gives us more opportunities to communicate with parents. The parents will also be able to pay online through bright wheel and see their balance at anytime. Praying this transition goes smoothly.

The staff wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving.

In Christ
Terrie



11/01 Matt Trickey

11/03 Nan Justman

11/03 Mindy Wayt

11/04 Timothy Buckley

11/04 Liam Smith

11/06 Gloria Blackledge

11/06 Gilbert Jones

11/09 Shirley Lemon

11/10 Kristy Ehlers

11/10 Emil Petersen

11/12 Barb Grosskopf

11/13 Jarrett Holshouser

11/14 Trena Cheatham

11/15 Ashley Ehlers

11/15 Kerry Gruenhagen

11/16 Patty Keltner

11/16 Logan Hammes

11/16 Jeremy Terry

11/17 Chance Daily

11/17 Ava Finkey

11/17 Molli Johnson

11/17 Violet Sievert

11/18 Gayla Kelly

11/20 Ron Dippel

11/22 Alan Elias

11/23 Ezekiel Ehrler

11/24 Ronan Carr

11/24 Matthew McFate

11/26 Mark Iltis

11/26 Matt Weih

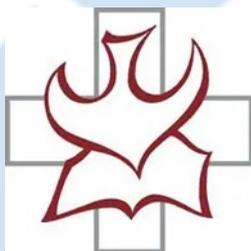
11/27 Jayne Holshouser

11/27 Marlene Milota

11/27 Laura Wittnebel

11/29 Sonny Lynn Kuhlman

11/30 Halie Dodd



11/01 *Brad Bauer*
 11/01 *Tonia Dirksen*
 11/01 *Jackson Franzenburg*
 11/01 *Ryan Zeimet*
 11/02 *Elaine Gordon*
 11/02 *Matthew Ruhnke*
 11/06 *Nathaniel McCoy*
 11/06 *Matthew McFate*
 11/07 *Stella Anderson*
 11/07 *August Bauer*
 11/07 *Robin Schilling*
 11/11 *Marilyn Sorensen*
 11/11 *Brianna Zeimet*
 11/12 *Gracee Gruenhagen*
 11/13 *Jayden Jergens*
 11/13 *Ryland Klingaman*
 11/14 *Aja Hentze*
 11/14 *Michelle Warner*
 11/14 *Laura Wittnebel*
 11/15 *Myles Zirpel*
 11/16 *Chance Daily*
 11/17 *Ron Gruenhagen*
 11/17 *Kyler Miller*



Happy Birthday!

11/17 *Paulette Waech*
 11/19 *Linda Gentz*
 11/19 *Sandy McLeod*
 11/20 *Carolyn Bauer*
 11/20 *Vicki Dalton*
 11/21 *Anna Esbaum*
 11/22 *Cheryl Amhof*
 11/23 *Madelaine McCoy*
 11/23 *Robert Milota*
 11/23 *MacKenzie Norin*
 11/23 *Madison Norin*
 11/23 *Travis Sherven*
 11/25 *Lillian Lochner*
 11/25 *Kenneth Miller II*
 11/25 *Kay Petersen*
 11/25 *Patty Thomas*
 11/26 *Jeff Anderson*
 11/26 *Jack Boley*
 11/26 *Regina Larson*
 11/26 *Patricia Meier*
 11/26 *Greg Sacrison*
 11/27 *Oaklynn Hay*
 11/29 *Roger Amhof*

“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.”

11/06 Matthew & Megan Grosskopf

11/12 Tom & Lisa Barker

11/19 David & Debra Rowland

11/22 Mike & Jen Morris

*I am my beloved's
and my beloved is mine.
Song of Solomon 6:3*



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) -Called to Heaven

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

Paulette Waech—Hospitalized

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.

LWML for November

Submitted by Grace Schrage

LWML Quilting: On Monday, October 10, we pinned many quilts with the help of six ladies. Finished quilts were packed for Orphan Grain Train (former member Lois K is making a trip to OGT) and Lutheran World Relief. We will work again on November 14 - and tie quilts we have pinned!

MUGS AND MUFFINS: On October 25, 27 School kits were assembled. Thank you to those who donated items for these kits and to those who prepared the bags for the kits. PLEASE NOTE; we will not be meeting in November or December.

LWML Sunday, October 9: Thank you to all who helped us celebrate our 80th LWML Anniversary. The MOMS Blessings Bags were taken to Women's Choice (40) and Pregnancy Resources (40). A big thank you to all who helped to complete the challenge to fill 80 bags with items for the Moms who are served by these two agencies. A note: Since we believe that life begins at conception, the more appropriate label - and one that educates - is Moms' Blessings Bags. (As cf to Moms to be). They are Moms as soon as conception occurs! Thank you to Thrivent for funds through the Thrivent Action Teams and for funds from a memorial.

Monthly Thursday Night Bible Study: The Bible study for November 3rd is titled: Seasons of Life (another in a series on Family Times) All women of Risen Christ are welcome to come and enjoy time with God's Word and Christian fellowship. [December - Legacy of Life; January - Train up a Child]

ADVENT EVENT: All ladies of Risen Christ are invited for an afternoon of fellowship (and to help place Chrismons on the Sanctuary Christmas tree). We will have refreshments, some time for singing and the activity. More details to be shared later in November.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

FIRST SUNDAY MITES, NOVEMBER 6

Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

November 14 - 3:30 p.m. — QUILTING

NO November Mugs & Muffins

Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, DECEMBER 4 - Advent fellowship time - planned for 2 - 4 p.m

Missionaries to America Project



The United States is populated by people from all corners of the world. The purpose of Mission Nation’s “Missionaries to America” project is to help the LCMS strengthen its capacity to share Jesus with people with whom we may be unable to relate because of cultural and language barriers. With this grant, Mission Nation Publishing will be able to provide opportunity and resources for each of us to be better witnesses for Jesus to ethnic groups other than our own, through the publication of the stories of missionaries, who now reside in the United States, and their respective journeys to faith.

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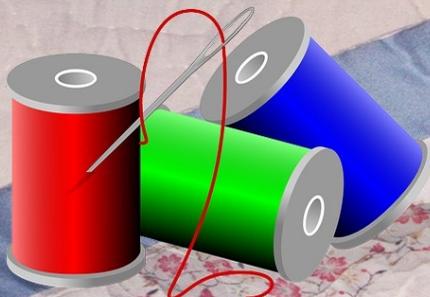
Mugs & Muffins



No Mugs & Muffins Meeting
For November & December



RCLC Quilter's Assembly Group
Monday, November 14th at 3:30pm



No Special Sewing Skills are
Required, Come Join Us!

Risen Christ Lutheran Church~Sunday, November 6th
Our Sunday School Children Sing for the Congregation!
At the End of the 8am Service & At the Start of the 10:30am Service

Join us as we Listen to them sing, "Jesus Loves Me" & "Onward Christian Soldiers"



All Saints Sunday,
Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 6th

“Called to be Saints”

1 Corinthians 1:2

Women &
MEN'S
 BIBLE BREAKFAST

All are Welcome to
 Attend Today's Breakfast
 & Presentation

SATURDAY
 November 5th
 Starting @ 7:30am

Breakfast will
 be served!



Rev. Joseph Omolo
 Bishop, Evangelical
 Lutheran Church in Kenya
 Saturday, Nov. 5

7:30 Breakfast (please register in advance)

8:00 Rev. Omolo will speak about the ELCK and "Hope for the Destitute"

Hope for the Destitute is a nonprofit organization in Kisumu, Kenya that provides educational support for orphaned children and shelter for needy widows.



Fall Workday 2022

Risen Christ Lutheran Church, November 5th

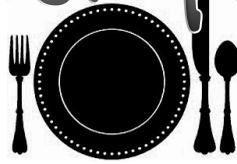
Join us at: 9am-12:00pm



**WORKDAY AT THE
 CHURCH**

Let us know if you are coming, Contact Dave Luebke; 563-340-7400
 Thank you!

Dinner for 6



A new community opportunity

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



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Contact: Terrie Burkey at: lbdc@rclqc.org**



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Men's Shelter Meal Service

Where: 2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is a great family or small group activity!

No Meal Service for November & December

Sign up is available at the kiosk for all months in 2023 coming soon.

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

Council Notes for November*Submitted by Scott Sievert*

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 October 13th, 2022 and discussed issues and items as described below.

Pastor Licht reported on membership transfers that were approved by the board of Elders. There were 5 new members welcomed into the congregation. Pastor also reported on Bible studies, confirmation class, and a guest pastor from Lutheran Family Services who will preach on Sunday, October 16th. Church Administrator – Stephen is working with the Day Care Board to develop a mission charter, and working on a memorial and endowment fund policy. Stephen is also working with Boards and Committees to improve communications.

Treasurer – Michelle presented the treasurers report for September. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made and approved.

Education and Children's Ministry – Fall Family fest is October 28th. The Christmas Program will be December 11th.

Congregation Life/Fellowship Committee – This committee has been formed to generate fellowship within the congregation. They will meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 4:30 PM at Church. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

There will be a congregational Potluck on October 30th following Bible Study.

Volunteers are needed to serve for Fellowship time on Sundays.

Elders – Elders continue to work on Soul Care. The Elders after a congregational survey and much discussion resolved that beginning in Advent (November 27th), there would be one Sunday Service at 0900 followed by Bible Study/Sunday School. This will be communicated in as many ways as can be to the congregation.

Future Planning – Reviewing the needs of the building and developing a long-range plan.

Little Blessings Day Care – Enrollment at Day Care is full. The challenge as been to hire and keep a sufficient number of staff on hand to avoid overtime. The stabilization grant is being used for overtime and is helping with this. Long term plans for the use of the stabilization grants are in development.

Stewardship – The Stewardship Board continues to work on stewardship opportunities for the congregation. Risen Christ members are working as volunteers for Quad Cities Night to Shine being held February 10th, 2023. **Christian Care is coming to an end for 2022, will start again in January of 2023.**

Discussion about the food pantry was had and concerns about security. A motion was made and approved to no longer have an open to the public food pantry, but supplies will continue to be solicited and donated to area food pantries. Anyone in need will be referred to area food pantries.

Trustees – Installing new locks for the Day Care. There is a work day scheduled for November 5th. Working on a capital expenditure list for budgetary planning.

Old Business - None

New Business Item – The church was notified by our security monitoring company that we needed to upgrade our router at a cost of \$655.00. A motion was made and approved to upgrade the system.

The Treasurer presented the proposed spending plans for the church and LBDC for the year 2023. After the presentation, separate motions were made and approved to present these spending plans at the October Voters meeting.

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.

Why Make a Pledge for My Offerings?

People make a large number of pledges during their lives. They make a pledge to their spouse when they get married. They make a pledge to the bank to make payments for several years in exchange for getting money to buy a house or a car. They make pledges to their children and grandchildren. Hardly a day goes by in which people don't make a pledge of some sort or another. So, it seems only natural, consistent, and proper that we not hesitate to make a pledge to God from whom all blessings flow. He is, after all, the one who never fails to keep His promises to us. When we make a pledge to do the work of the Lord through our local congregation it's a statement of faith.

While pledging is not commanded in the Bible or made mandatory by the church, pledging follows in the tradition and spirit of many biblical examples. Consider Jacob's pledge to give the Lord a tenth of his resources (Gen. 28:22) and Paul's admonition that we plan our giving: "Each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income" (1Cor. 16:2).

Many people are afraid of pledging because they are uncomfortable about promising a certain dollar amount. Who knows what the coming year will bring? What about my health or my employment? Those are all questions answered with the passage of time. However, the biblical plan for giving calls for firstfruits, proportionate, sacrificial giving according to how God prospers you. The final dollar amount given may go up or it may go down depending on how God prospers each person. What God calls for is a proportion of what He blesses us with during the year.



“When we make a pledge to do the work of the Lord through our local congregation it’s a statement of faith.”



“Making a pledge says, we are taking a definite stand on the side of God’s direction in His Word.”



Why Make a Pledge for My Offerings?

Pledging is an affirmation that we will give God’s way. The act of making the pledge itself takes thought, preparation, and prayer—which is no different than how God calls us to live in all areas of life. Making a pledge says we are taking a definite stand on the side of God’s direction in His Word. To make such an affirmation in word and deed is part of living the new life in Christ.

Beginning Sunday, November 13th, Pledge Cards will be made available if you should choose to make an anonymous pledge. Pledges will be returned in sealed envelopes on which you will write your name so that it can be sent back to you later next year with your giving statement. You will then be able to compare how your giving compared to your pledge. Still have questions? See the FAQ’s on the bottom of this page.

We hope you will consider taking a stand this year with us as a statement of faith and make a pledge between you and God for your offerings in the coming year.

In Service to Christ, Your Board of Stewardship

Pledge Card Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. What is an anonymous pledge?** This is a pledge that you make between you and God as a giving plan for the next year.
- 2. Does the Church use the pledge card for financial planning?** No, in fact the church does not open the envelope and does not see what you have pledged.
- 3. If the church doesn’t see it, then why should I fill out the card?** Pledge cards encourage intentional, firstfruits giving. Any goal is always more meaningful when it’s put on paper.
- 4. What happens to my pledge card?** Your pledge card will be kept at church in an envelope that you seal with your name on it. At the end of the year, the sealed envelope and your giving statement will be given/sent to you so you can see how your pledge compared to your giving.

Submitted by: Barb Grosskopf



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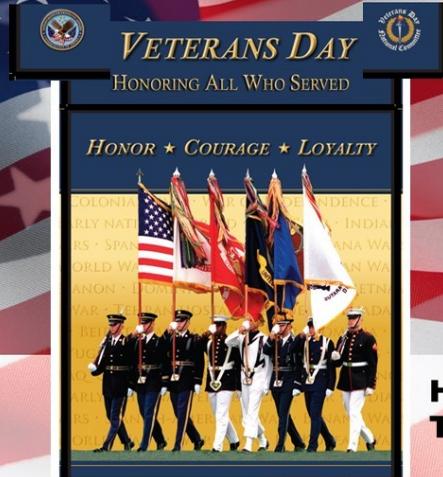
Dear RCLC Family,

On November 13th the “Angel Tree” will be placed in the Narthex. As in years past, Angels will decorate our tree including the names & requested items needed for that individual. We appreciate our RCLC Family helping those Families in Need this Christmas from Lutheran Social Services & Veteran Families in the Community. We thank you for your generosity!

Gods Blessing to you!



Veteran's Day Celebration - November 11th, 2022
Trinity Lutheran Church ~ 1-2pm



Happy Veterans Day!
Thank you, Veterans

Homebound Members of our Risen Christ Family:

Dorothy Bargmann
Kristi Manley
Joyce Miller
Pat Moeller
David Perry
Gary Strichter

Emil and Kay Petersen
Dan and Trish Speth
Paulette Waech
Donna Cook
Dale Otto



Keep these members in your prayers and don't forget to reach out to them as you are able (e.g.: cards, phone calls, text messages) and remind them that although they are not able to regularly gather together with us, they remain part of our family. Thank you.



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!

Contact Dave Luebbe if you are available. Thank You!



Risen Christ Lutheran Church is Pleased to Welcome New Members into our Congregation. October 16th, 2022

Lawrence (Buddy) Bayne

Jeff Anderson

Linda Anderson

Lindsey Anderson

Lauren Anderson

REPORTER

Resurrection courage: Ours in Christ - An Excerpt from the article

Article by Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison is president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The story the world tells is not hopeful. Every day there's something new to fear, some way your life is outside your control, some grave threat to your person or property, some variation of death. It's easy to get caught up in the hand-wringing, to let our Christian hope be drowned out by the constant cacophony and chaos. But we know a better story. Every November begins with the Feast of All Saints on Nov. 1. Every time I consider those who have preceded us in life, in faith and in death, I remember the words of the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews. *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

(Heb. 12:1-2)

LSI Bulletin News Article

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption services, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, healthy home. LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment. But more work needs to be done. Thousands of children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care into a "forever family." To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care. Visit lsiowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319-352-2630 to get started.

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

ALTAR

11/06 STEVEN & LESLIE MCCOY
11/13 REYNOLD & PAULETTE WAECH
11/20 STEVEN & LESLIE MCCOY
11/27 OPEN

ORGAN



Flower Chart for year 2022 is available on the kiosk in the narthex.

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

11/06 8:00 Education CMTE
10:30
11/13 8:00 Stewardship CMTE
10:30
11/20 8:00 Vicki Dalton
10:30 Open
11/27 8:00 Open
10:30 Open



Please sign up at the kiosk to provide or serve cookies or both.

There are opportunity's for everyone to serve.

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

November Worship Servants

Elders

11/06	8:00am	Mark Iltis
	10:30am	Ian McCloud
11/13	8:00am	Ian McCloud
	10:30am	Jim Wegener
11/20	8:00am	Jason Franzenburg
	10:30am	Scott Sievert
11/23	7:00pm	Stephen Smith
11/27	9:00am	Mark Iltis
11/30	7:00pm	Tim Welch



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

11/06	David Luebbe
11/13	Dick Schrage
11/20	Terry Warner
11/27	Steven McCoy

Altar Guild—November **Gayla Kelly**

Join the Altar Guild!

Contact Margaret Miller, Dawn Curtiss or Pastor Licht if interested.

As for me and
my house, we will
serve the *Lord.*
Joshua 24:15

ACOLYTES

11/06 8:00 Eden Clark

10:30 Addison Rasler
Hayden Rasler

11/13 8:00 Nathan McCoy
Maddie McCoy

10:30 Dalton Ferris
Hayley Ferris

11/20 8:00 Jacob Luedtke

10:30 Asher Ross

11/23 7:00pm Nathan McCoy
Maddie McCoy

11/27 9:00 Eden Clark



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

Psalm 71:5

11/06	8:00	Dave Luebbe Scott Sievert Sandy Sievert	10:30	Jason Lehman Brad Johnson Scott Sievert
11/13	8:00	James Luedtke Scott Sievert Ian McCloud	10:30	Dean Enfield Scott Sievert Jim Wegener
11/20	8:00	Terry Warner Andrew McDowell Scott Sievert	10:30	Allan Elias Jason Lehman Scott Sievert
11/23	7:00	Scott Sievert		
11/27	8:00	Steve McCoy Scott Sievert Rich Emory Bryan Johnson Mark Iltis		
11/30	7:00	Scott Sievert		

Pray • Praise • Give thanks
God is always with us

GREETERS

8:00

- 11/06 Dick & Grace Schrage**
- 11/13 Leslie McCoy**
- 11/20 Jean Wenndt & Jack Boley**
- 11/27 Carol McAnelly & Sandy McLeod**

10:30

- Tim & Jessica Welch**
- Lynette Licht**
- Jim & Missy Wegener**
- Allan & Nancy Elias**





*May The Lord
Bless You As You
Honor Him This
Thanksgiving.*

November