



# The Arising News

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*"And There were Shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them, and they were afraid. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*

Luke 2: 8-11

**Worship Times: In-Person ~ Sunday 9:00am  
Adult Bible Study - Sunday 10:30am  
Live Streaming via Facebook - Sundays 9:00am  
All services transmitted in parking lot on FM 98.3  
Communion is distributed on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sun. @ 9am**

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# December – Dates to Remember

12/04 Sun.	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
12/05 Mon.	4:00pm	Congregational Life Mtg.
12/06 Tues.	6:30pm	LBDC Children's Christmas Program
	6:30pm	Elder's Meeting
12/07 Weds.	9:00am	Revelation Reading Group
	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Advent Vespers Worship Service
12/08 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council
12/10 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	9:00am	Children Christmas Program Practice
	12pm	Otto Baby Shower
12/11 Sun.	8:00am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
Nativity Set Up	9am	Worship
	10:30am	Children's Christmas Program
12/12 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
12/14 Weds.	9am	Revelation Reading Group
	5:30pm	Confirmation
	5:30pm	Ed Board Meeting
	6pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7pm	Advent Vespers Worship Service
12/16 Fri.	5:30pm	Youth Christmas Party!
12/17 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
12/18 Sun.	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
Poinsettia's In The Sanctuary	10:30am	Adult Bible Study
12/21 Weds.	6pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Advent Vespers Worship Service
12/24 Sat.	7am	Workout
Christmas Eve	3pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service
	5pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service
	11pm	Communion Worship Service
12/25 Sun. Merry Christmas!	9am	Worship Service
12/26 Mon.		Church Office Closed/LBDC Closed

# The Gospel for December



## December 4th, Matthew 3:1-12

### ***John the Baptist Prepares the Way***

**3** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with <sup>[b]</sup> water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with <sup>[c]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

## December 11th Matthew 11:2-15

### ***Jesus began to Speak to the Crowd about John***

**7** As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup> If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. <sup>9</sup> Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.

**14** And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. <sup>15</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.

## December 18th Matthew 1:18-25

### ***Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son***

**20** An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, <sup>[d]</sup> because he will save his people from their sins."

## December 24th Matthew 1:18-25

### ***Our Lord Fulfills the prophecy***

**22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" <sup>[d]</sup> (which means "God with us").



*Luke 2:11-14*

*The Birth of Jesus*

***11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.***

***3 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,***

***14 "Glory to God in the Highest Heaven, and On Earth, Peace to Those on Whom His Favor Rests."***



## O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU?

O Lord, how shall I meet You  
 How welcome You aright?  
 Your people long to greet You,  
 My hope, my heart's delight!  
 O kindle, Lord most holy,  
 Your lamp within my breast  
 To do in spirit lowly  
 All that may please You best.  
 (LSB 334:1)

This Advent Hymn by Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) may have been written during the terrors of the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). Against the backdrop of war this Lutheran pastor contemplated the return of Jesus on the Last Day, beginning with the question: "How shall I meet You?"

It's a good Advent question. The term "advent" means coming or arriving. Mostly we tend to think of Advent as a warmup for Christmas—getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. And of course, His advent into the world as the babe of Bethlehem is well worth our celebration. But that first arrival of Jesus is nothing if it's not connected to His second coming. So we do well to ask ourselves, "How will we meet Him?" Do you long to greet Him, as the Hymn suggests? Is He your hope and heart's delight?

You won't find the answer to these questions by looking within. Rather, the Answer finds you. The Answer is Jesus Himself. His soft infant flesh, caressed by Mary, was destined to be manhandled by the soldiers who would nail His flesh to the cross. That very same One finds you now and kindles His "lamp within your breast." He leads you now "to do in spirit lowly all that may please [Him] best."

As we wait for our Lord's final and joyous coming to take us to be with Himself at the wedding banquet which has no end, we take comfort in the fact that our Lord comes to us now. He comes to us in every Divine Service of Word and Sacrament.

He comes to us with the full and free forgiveness of sins that He won for us on the cross. For as we prepare for the Christmas celebration, we remember that He came to be the Savior of the World—and so He is named "Jesus," because He came to save His people from their sin. The Son of God born of Mary came into this world to save sinners and He lived up to His name on the cross. He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven where He intercedes for us poor sinners. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and at the name of Jesus every knee will bow.

We Christians, though, don't wait for His second coming to bow the knee, for we know He is also named "Immanuel," which means God with us. Like the shepherds who were led to find the Christ child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, so we are led to the presence of our Lord. We find Him now wrapped in the swaddling clothes of Scripture and lying on the manger of the altar. This is how He comes to us and kindles His lamp within our breast.

We know how we will meet Him when He comes again on the Last Day because He has met us already and given us the confidence Gerhardt writes about:

Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
 Cannot His love erase;  
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
 And cover by His grace.  
 He comes, for you procuring  
 The peace of sin forgiv'n  
 His children thus securing  
 Eternal life in heav'n.  
 (LSB 334:6)

May that "peace of sin forgiv'n" make your Advent season a blessed time of preparation and your Christmas a joyous celebration as you long to greet your Savior face-to-face. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.





## Join us on Sunday mornings for Bible Study @ 10:30am

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

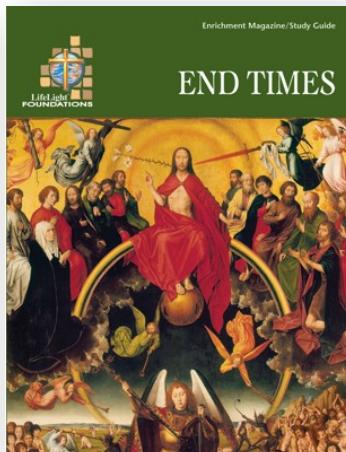
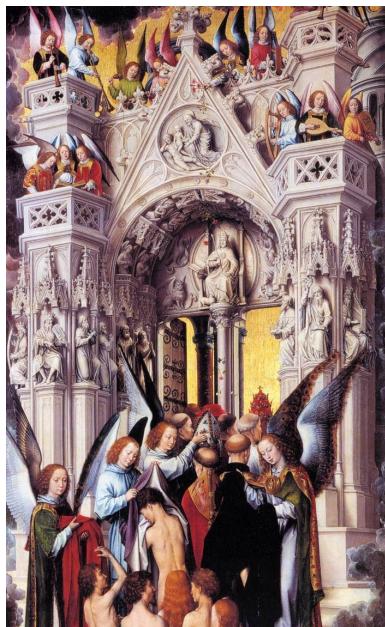


### New Member Class

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 4th “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*

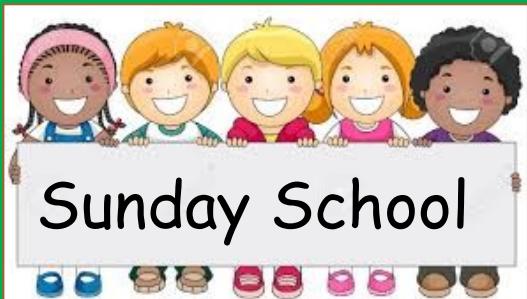
**Friends are  
Welcome at  
all of our  
events.  
Please  
invite  
them!**



- | Calling all Middle school and High School students!
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- | Middle schoolers will join Mr. Rich Emory in the library & High Schoolers will join Mr. Stephen Smith in his office for Bible class at 10:30am on Sunday mornings.
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- | 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.
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- | You won't want to miss it!!
- |
- | Bring a friend!

**Dates to Remember:**  
**December 16th @ 5:30pm—Christmas Party & Gift Exchange, Cookie baking & Gift wrapping.**  
Join us and bring your friends!  
**January Youth Event: Lock-in!**





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

Join us upstairs on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. 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!

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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—I

## Dates to Remember:

Dec 04 @ 10:15am —Christmas Program Practice  
Dec 10 @ 9am—Christmas Program Practice  
Dec. 11 @ 8am—Christmas Program practice  
Dec 11 @ 10:30 - Christmas Program  
~Join us for Pizza & Birthday cake & ice cream directly following the program  
\*No Sunday school:  
Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st

We spend the first part of our Sunday school hour looking at our Christmas Program parts and songs. 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. Invite your family and friends to come hear the story of our Savior's birth told as only children can. Stay afterward for pizza, cake and ice cream to celebrate Jesus' birthday.



December 04	Jenny Miller
December 11	Rachel Luebbe
December 18	Dawn Luedtke
December 25	NO COVERAGE
January 01	NO COVERAGE

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."

During the month of November, the children have been bringing food in for families that are struggling this year. The food will be donated to our food bank for anyone needing assistance with food.

The children had their traditional Thanksgiving dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We didn't have enough parents that were able to attend so the dinner was just with the teachers and kids. We pray next year more parents will be able to join us for our dinner.

The kids spent the last couple weeks learning about the meaning of Thanksgiving.

Our new Brightwheel program is coming along. On Monday, we should be able to start having families check in and out on brightwheel and the staff will start clocking in and out on brightwheel.

With brightwheel, we are able to send notes to parents instead of printing out weekly notes. We have easier contact with parents now with brightwheel. When all is up and running smoothly, we should have a better system.

The daycare is looking for members of the congregation to come read to the children. If you are interested in taking a half hour out of your schedule once or twice a month to spend time with God's little sheep reading to them, they would really enjoy spending the time with you.

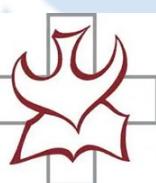
December 6 is our annual Christmas program. We have changed the time to 6:30. Anyone without plans and want to have an entertaining evening, come listen to the children sing, have cookies and punch with the families from the daycare. This is a great opportunity for the congregation to meet and welcome daycare families to the church.

In Christ  
Terrie



12/01 Brad Bauer  
12/01 Ryan Zeimet  
12/01 Brianna Zeimet  
12/02 Byron Otto  
12/03 Myles Zirpel  
12/04 Jackson  
Franzenburg  
12/06 Matthew Grosskopf  
12/06 Aja Hentze  
12/06 Nathaniel McCoy  
12/08 Michelle Warner  
12/14 Jean Wenndt  
12/16 Jeff Burkey  
12/17 Cody Harkey  
12/17 Paulette Waech  
12/18 Madelaine McCoy

12/18 Scarlett Sievert  
12/18 Patty Thomas  
12/19 Elizabeth Simons  
12/20 Abigail Luedtke  
12/20 Kay Petersen  
12/23 Larry Niebuhr  
12/23 Marilyn Sorensen  
12/24 Dawn Curtiss  
12/24 Tim Curtiss  
12/24 Kasadie Jergens  
12/25 Nicholas Emory  
12/25 Melissa Wegener  
12/27 Robert Milota  
12/28 Cheryl Amhof



12/01 Kasadie Jergens  
12/02 Madelynn Peters  
12/03 Sherri Johnson  
12/03 Carrie Reese  
12/04 Robin Bell  
12/04 Mindy Wayt  
12/05 Katie Gruenhagen  
12/07 Teresa Azure  
12/08 Alyssa Martens  
12/10 Addison Rasler  
12/12 Cheryl Ehrler  
12/14 Brent Goers  
12/14 Alexa Wakeland  
12/15 Charlotte Bauer  
12/17 Karter Dittmer  
12/17 Marvin Reimers  
12/19 Pam Speer  
12/19 Andrew Van Nice  
12/19 Carter Wichelt



Happy Birthday!

12/19 Nolan Wittnebel  
12/20 Chelsea Roehm  
12/23 Mark Neubauer  
12/25 Heidi Iltis  
12/26 Margaret Brodale  
12/26 Gary Stichter  
12/26 Colin Weih  
12/27 Molly Emmert  
12/28 Gwen Oosting  
12/28 Jeff Roehm  
12/30 David Ehlers  
12/31 Carol McAnelly



14 "Glory to God in the Highest Heaven"

Luke 2:14

"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

THE ARISING NEWS

- 12/11 Rich & Dawn Emory  
12/19 Ron & Glenda Gruenhagen  
12/23 George & Pam Osborn  
12/27 Rev. Brian & Lynette Licht



*I am my beloved's  
and my beloved is mine.  
Song of Solomon 6:9*

## 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

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

**Jack Boley**—Recovering at home



We remember the Life of member Patricia Hopp. Patricia Hopp entered Triumphant into Heaven to be with our Lord on 11/29/2022. Funeral Arrangements are through Runge Mortuary & Crematory, Davenport Iowa. Visitation at 11:00am & the Funeral is at 12:00pm for Monday, December 5th

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

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE**

Submitted by Grace Schrage

**LWML Mission Grants:** Thank you to all who are sharing their mites on the first Sundays of the months. In November, we received \$68.85. Our mites are sent to IED and a portion is sent on to national! As of September 30, the mites received for National Mission grants totals \$1,835,123.52. The fiscal year ends March 31, 2023 and \$314,876.48 is still needed. We are ahead! Praise and thanks to our awesome God. Our large LWML Mite box will be out again on December 4.

**LWML Quilting:** On Monday, December 12, at 3:30 p.m., we will meet to work on quilts - we pin or we tie quilts that have been pinned together. No Quilting experience is needed.

**MUGS AND MUFFINS:** PLEASE NOTE; we will not be meeting in November or December.

**Monthly Thursday Night Bible Study:** The Bible study for December 1st is titled: "Legacy for Life". All women of Risen Christ are welcome to come and enjoy time with God's Word. We will also "elect" officers.

**Advent Program:** All ladies of Risen Christ are invited to join us at 2:00 p.m. - in the sanctuary. We will be adding (hanging) Chrismons to the sanctuary Christmas Tree. A program will be presented by Michelle Warner that will focus on Chrismons - history, meaning, and hymns that relate to specific Chrismons. We will take time to sing Advent and Christmas hymns. We will finish in the fellowship area with dessert and visiting time. We look forward to this time for preparing for Advent.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Election of Officers Sunday, DECEMBER 4 - Advent fellowship time - planned for 2 - 4 p.m.

## Expanding God's Love

### International Mission - Uganda

The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) is a steadily growing church body in eastern Africa. They request LCMS assistance to locally train deaconesses so they may assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda to teach the faith, provide spiritual care, and show mercy to the communities. Being able to provide local training will be a huge benefit to qualified women who would not be able to travel to Kenya for a two-year program. This grant would allow for a land purchase attached to the established Lutheran Theological College Uganda, fencing, and a small dormitory for the women.

\$ 92,000



Lutheran Women in Mission

Mission Grant #15



**LWML  
ADVENT PROGRAM  
DECORATING THE  
CHRISTMAS TREE**  
RCLC Women  
& Friends  
Join Us on  
Sunday, December 4th  
at 2:00pm  
  
Singing Christmas Hymns  
Refreshments Served After the  
Program.

THE ARISING NEWS

## Sharing Jesus' Love in India

### Lutheran Braille Workers

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). This verse is important to the individuals who are Blind or Visually Impaired as they seek to know the love and light of Christ. This is true in India where there are over 62.6 million people who are Blind or Visually Impaired, and most do not know Jesus or have access to the Scriptures.

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) produces Braille and specialized large print Bibles in multiple languages used in India and has extensive experience distributing these materials with partner ministries and churches. This grant would help fund the formation of a Ministry Production Center in India to produce and distribute its materials and train workers on the equipment.

**\$ 100,000**



Lutheran Women in Mission

Mission Grant #15

*Sunday,  
December  
4th  
Collecting  
Mites  
for  
Mission.*



**Collecting Mites Sunday, December 4th**



Look for  
the  
BIG BOX  
in  
Fellowship  
Hall

Your Contributions Are  
Making A Difference!



Mites for Missions IDE

LWML Thanks you!



## Little Blessings Daycare

Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Refreshments will be Served Following the Program



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
Children's Christmas Program!  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am



Children's Christmas Program ~ Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am  
Following the Program, Stay for Pizza, Birthday Cake & Ice Cream  
We Look Forward to Seeing You!



## Risen Christ Lutheran Church Youth Group Christmas Party

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Let's Party!

Plenty of Food/Drinks  
Christmas Gift  
Exchange

Youth Group  
Fundraiser  
Making Cookies  
Wrapping Gifts  
For the Congregation!

Come On!  
Let's Have a  
Great Time Together!



## RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

 Advent Vesper  
Worship Services

Each Wednesday at 7pm  
Through Wednesday, December 21st

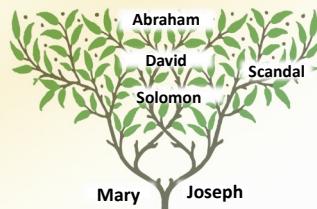
Everyone is Welcome!  
Bring Friends & Family!

**Our Next Vespers Service:  
December 7th at 7pm**



JESUS, THE SON OF...

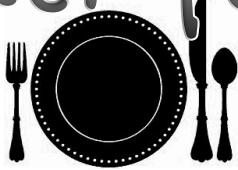
BEGOTTEN OF GOD



Advent Soup Suppers  
Risen Christ  
Family & Friends  
You are Welcome  
to Share a  
*Supper of Soup at 6pm*  
Before our 7pm Vespers  
Worship Service

Wednesday Evenings  
beginning  
November 30<sup>th</sup>  
At 6pm

# 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@rclcqc.org](mailto:lbdc@rclcqc.org)



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!**

**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](http://www.christiancareqc.org)

*Council Notes for December Newsletter**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 November 10th, 2022** and discussed issues and items as described below.

**Pastor Licht** reported on membership transfers that were approved by the board of Elders. Pastor attended the Lutheran Home Board meeting. Pastor was busy with word and sacrament ministry and visiting shut-ins.

**Bishop Omolo** was a guest speaker on Saturday 11/5 speaking about the Lutheran Church in Kenya and Hope for the Destitute ministry.

**Church Administrator** – Stephen is working on the Memorial and Endowment Fund policy. Working on the Church/Day Care dynamic and how the two can work together to forward the Church/Day Care mission. An HVAC Unit on the roof needs repair. (Motion in Trustee notes). Working with the Elders on\some new Communion Sacramental equipment. Looking for a volunteer to take on some of the supplemental music duties. Working on clearing up the membership records.

**Treasurer** – Michelle provided a written treasurers report for September. The Church had a \$5500 deficit for the month of September, bring YTD deficit to \$36,000. LBDC finances indicated a \$3300 deficit for the month of September, and an \$8400 surplus for the year. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made and approved.

**Education and Children's Ministry** – Christmas program in December 11 th . Youth activities are scheduled with Youth Bowling coming up. A Christmas party and present wrapping along with cookie bake sale on December 16 th .

**Lifelight** has ended for this cycle and will resume January 4 th with a study on “The End Times”.

A proposal was made to install an outside free library on the property. The Council will take this up for discussion in the December meeting.

**Congregation Life/Fellowship Committee** – This committee has been formed to generate fellowship within the congregation. They will meet on the 1 st Monday of each month at 4:00 PM at Church. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

- a) The Committee is working to have quarterly updates for the directory.
- b) There will be a congregational Potluck on January 29th following Bible Study.
- c) Advent suppers will be starting.
- d) Volunteers are needed to serve for Fellowship time on Sundays.

**Elders** – Elders continue to work on Soul Care. An Advent letter is going out inviting all members to attend the Advent services, reminding members about the switch to a single service on November 27 th and indicating which Elder is assigned to that member household. Elders are also working on a new Communion Sacramental equipment, procedures and frequency.

**Future Planning** – Developing a plan for future capital expenditures along with the Head Trustee. There is a projected outlay of \$115,000 for the property over the next 20 years. These are today's dollars and this would be subject to inflation.

**Little Blessings Day Care** – The Day Care received an additional stabilization grant of \$25,000 this month. 2 more infants are being added to the Day Care. The staff bonuses from the State were received. The Day Care authorized the expenditure of \$5250 from the stabilization grant for window replacement.

**Two I-pads** for the teachers were approved to enable them to use Bright Wheel software to communicate with parents and DHS. The LBDC Christmas Program will be December 6 th .

**The Day Care board** has completed a first draft of a Mission Charter for the Day Care. Council will now work on a version of the Charter to compare and contrast and resolve a final Charter.

**Stewardship** – Anonymous sealed pledge cards will be available coming this Sunday (November 13 th ) to assist member with first fruits giving planning.

**Trustees** – Working with Stephen on the roof top HVAC Unit. A heat exchanger needs to be replaced. A motion was made and approved to replace the heat exchanger. Dave is working on replacing some emergency lighting in the building. Midwest Janitorial has completed the cleaning of the pews. All of the locks in the Day Care classrooms have been installed. Plans are being made for the parking lot maintenance next spring, initial estimates of the cost is \$10,000. Dave is still working on the estimates for the upstairs windows. A new Nativity Set will be installed outside after Thanksgiving.

**Old Business** – An Ad-hoc committee was formed to work on the Day Care Mission Charter from the Church side. Dave Luebbe, Stephen Smith and Pastor as an advisor, are the initial members. Looking for a Church member outside of the Day Care Board or Council to assist.

**New Business Item** – Pastors Housing allowance was presented as a motion and approved for \$13,000.00. This is a not a salary issue, but sets the amount allowed to be deducted for tax purposes and is consistent with yearly Council business.

**New Business Item** – The Council appointed Stephen Smith as our lay delegate to input the Voters decision on Synod President, Vice President, and Regional Vice President for the upcoming Synod elections. The Voters assembly will make decisions on these offices at the January 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?

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



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

# Merry Christmas Have a Blessed Day



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“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

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. Please have your Donations to the Church by December 11th. We thank you for your generosity!

Gods Blessing to you!





### Homebound Members of our Risen Christ Family:

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

Jack Boley  
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!

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## **Help Wanted!**

We are in need of someone to mow the Little Blessings playground area starting this spring.



**Risen Christ Lutheran Church**

**New Members Address Information: ask at the Church Office**

**Lawrence (Buddy) Bayne      Jeff & Linda Anderson**

## Blessed Are Those Who Die in the Lord (Rev. 14:13)

*Our Beloved Sister in Christ,  
Patricia Hopp has Entered Heaven Triumphant on  
11/29/2022.*

*We give our Heartfelt Condolences to Patricia's family.  
Funeral Services are Pending through The Runge  
Mortuary and Crematory, Davenport Iowa.*



## Baptism News

**We Celebrate the Baptism of, Mason Jethro Grosskopf**  
**Mason was Baptized into the Family of God on December 3rd, 2022**  
**Masons parents are: Matthew Grosskopf & Megan Grosskopf**  
**Sponsors: Robert Turner and Brittany Grosskopf**  
**Masons Grandparents are: Kelly & Barb Grosskopf**

*“One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism”*

*Ephesians 4:5*



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

## ALTAR

- 12/04 THOMAS & ROSEMARIE ALLISON  
12/11 MATT & CARRIE TRICKEY  
12/18 JAMES & DAWN LUEDTKE  
12/25 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

- 12/04 9:00am Future Planning Committee  
12/11 9:00am Jenny Miller & Rose Allison  
12/18 9:00am Dick & Grace Schrage  
12/25 9:00am 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.

# December Worship Servants

## Elders

- 12/04 9:00am Ian McCloud  
12/07 7:00pm Jim Wegener  
  
12/11 9:00am Jason Franzenburg  
12/14 7:00pm Scott Sievert  
  
12/18 9:00am Mark Iltis  
12/21 7:00pm Stephen Smith
- Christmas Eve**
- 12/24 3:00pm Tim Welch  
5:00pm Ian McCloud  
11:00pm Jim Wegener  
  
12/25 9:00am Jason Franzenburg



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

## 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

- 12/04 Steven McCoy  
12/11 Dick Schrage  
12/18 Terry Warner  
12/25 Dave Luebbe



## Altar Guild—December

**Margaret Miller**

### **Join the Altar Guild!**

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



## ACOLYTES

12/04 9:00am Cameron Miller

12/07 7:00pm Lilli Lochner

12/11 9:00am Jacob Luedtke

12/14 7:00pm Addison & Hayden Rasler

12/18 9:00am Lilli Lochner

12/21 7:00pm Eden Clark

### **Christmas Eve Services**

**12/24** 3:00pm Cameron Miller & Asher Ross

5:00pm Dalton & Hayley Ferris

11:00pm NO COVERAGE

12/25 9:00am Nathan & Maddie McCoy

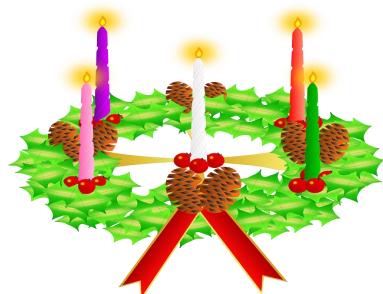
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## USHERS

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12/07	7:00pm	Jim Wegener Scott Sievert	12/24	3:00pm	Scott Sievert Tim Welch
				5:00pm	Scott Sievert
				11:00pm	Ian McCloud Scott Sievert
12/11	9:00am	Scott Sievert Allan Elias Jason Lehman Andrew McDowell Jason Franzenburg	12/25	9:00am	Dave Luebbe Scott Sievert Dean Enfield James Luedtke Brad Johnson
12/14	7:00pm	Scott Sievert			
12/18	9:00am	Terry Warner Scott Sievert Rich Emory Bryan Johnson Sandy Sievert			



## GREETERS

**9:00AM**

- 12/04 Tim & Jessica Welch**
- 12/11 Kay Johnson & Sue Knuth**
- 12/18 Jim & Missy Wegener**
- 12/25 Dick & Grace Schrage**





December