



# The Arising News



*"When the Day of Pentecost arrived,  
they were all together in one place."  
ACTS 2*

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**May AD 2024**

**Worship Times: In-Person ~ Sunday 9:00am  
Adult Bible Study - Sunday 10:30am  
Sunday Devotionals via Facebook - Every Sunday  
Communion is celebrated every Sunday @ 9:00am**

## Church Staff

### Pastor

Rev. Brian Licht

### Secretary

Catherine Moneysmith

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### Children's Ministry Director

Leslie McCoy

### Little Blessings Daycare

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Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm

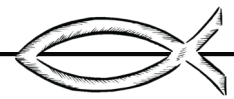
Pastor Licht is off  
On Mondays



# May - Dates to Remember

05/01 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
05/02 Thurs..	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
05/04 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
	8:30am	Women's Bible Study
05/05 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
Rite of Confirmation	10:30am	Celebration Breakfast
05/08 Weds.	5:15pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	6:30pm	ED Board Meeting
05/09 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council
05/11 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
05/12 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	9:00am	Sunday School Children Sing
Mother's Day	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
05/13 Mon.	3:30am	Quilt Assembly Group
05/18 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	8:30am	Women's Bible Study
05/19 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
Pentecost	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
05/23 Thurs.	5:30pm	Christian Care Meal Prep/Serv
05/24 Fri.	12:00pm	Fellowship Friday
05/25 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
Rummage Sale!	8:00am—3pm	Youth Rummage Sale
	8:30am	Women's Bible Study
05/26 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
Holy Trinity	10:30am	Adult Bible Study
05/27 Mon.	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting
05/28 Tues..	9:30pm	Mugs & Muffins





## **May 5th John 15:1-8**

### **I Am the True Vine**

**15** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. "

## **May 9th Luke 24:44-53**

### **The Ascension**

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God. "

## **May 12th John 17:11b-19**

### **Jesus no Long in the World**

<sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one...<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. "

## **May 19th John 15:26-27**

### **Pentecost**

<sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. "

## **May 26th John 3:1-17**

### **You Must Be Born Again**

**3** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus <sup>[a]</sup> by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again <sup>[b]</sup> he cannot see the kingdom of God."

## **Pentecost—John 16:4-15**

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

## The Distasteful Fruit of the Spirit

Search the internet for images of “Fruit of the Spirit” and you’ll be inundated with pictures of tasty fruit. We like the delicious sounding fruit of the Spirit that the Apostle Paul lists for us in Galatians 5—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

There is, however, a less attractive fruit of the Spirit that another apostle’s preaching produced in large quantities one day. It was the day of Pentecost, and it was Peter who preached to a crowd in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit had just been poured out on the disciples giving them a miraculous gift to speak in languages they had not previously learned. In his sermon to the mass of people who were amazed by this miracle, Peter convicted them with some of the harshest Law ever preached. They were “cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37) with the truth that they and their leaders had crucified God’s Son. Many came to Peter and the rest of the apostles and asked, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins...” (Acts 2:37-38). The fruit of repentance was being worked in their hearts.

The human heart will not, indeed it cannot, repent unless the Holy Spirit produces this fruit. The fruit of repentance does not lend itself to a pretty and colorful picture. It is instead covered in sackcloth and ashes. We avoid this rather distasteful fruit, but we do so to our detriment. Because from repentance flows the joy of salvation—“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit” (Ps 34:18). And Jesus tells us, “...there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Lk 15:10).

While you penitently reflect this month on the Fifth Commandment may you know the sweet joy that follows the bitter taste of repentance as the Holy Spirit produces this fruit in you.

God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Amen.

Pastor Licht



### The Fifth Commandment

#### You shall not murder.

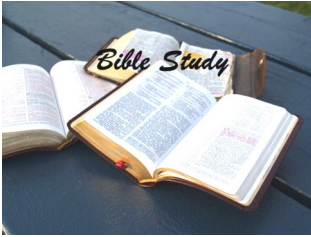
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

#### Questions for Self-Reflection:

- Have I unjustly taken the life of anyone, born or unborn?
- Do I treat my own body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, or do I hurt or harm it by gluttony, chemical addiction, or other abuse?
- Do I hate anyone, or am I angry with anyone?
- Do I lose my temper or injure my neighbor by thoughts, words, or deeds?
- Do I hold grudges or harbor resentment?

Do I ignore the plight of the helpless, or am I callous toward genuine need?  
(From *Lutheran Service Book, Pastoral Care Companion*, CPH, 2007)

Have you hurt or harmed anyone physically, or with your words?  
Have you been angry and/or hateful in thought towards anyone?  
Have you failed or refused to forgive and be reconciled with anyone?  
Have you provoked others to anger or incited hatred?  
Do you not pray for your enemies?  
Have you failed to help your neighbor when you saw a need?  
(From *Preparation through Reflective and Introspective Examination*, Emmanuelpress.us)



## Bible Study Sunday mornings @ 10:30am

### **ENDURING FAITH**

A lifetime of spiritual growth is what we've been called into from the day of our baptism.

Join us on Sunday mornings for that purpose as we study the same Bible lessons as our youth so that we might grow together with them and model for them a lifetime of growing in God's Word.

Our present unit is titled, "Jesus Teaches His Church." The lessons highlight much of Jesus' earthly ministry as well as His ongoing work through the Church in the book of Acts and conclude with a look at the promised new heaven and new earth on the day of His return.



### 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.



### Sunday School

**Meets every Sunday  
At 10:30am**

**All Children Are Welcome!**



“...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

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



**Calling all Middle school and High School Students!**

***My son, do not forget my teaching ... bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.***

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:3-6***

**Middle school will join Mr. Emory in the library and High school will join Mr. Smith in his office for Bible study at 10:30am on Sunday mornings.**

**Invite a friend!**

Dates to Remember:

- Last scheduled day of Youth Bible Study May 19th
- Rummage Sale—May 25th, 8am-3pm
- Youth are needed to help with this event.
- VBS—June 10-14th, 9am-noon
- Sign up to be a Crew Leader!
- Higher Things Conference—June 25th-28th.



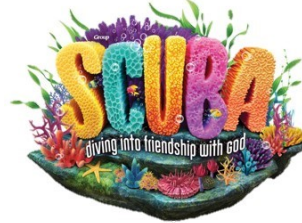
Calling all children aged  
3years—5th grade!!!  
Join us upstairs on Sunday  
morning at 10:30am. We'll  
start by learning some new  
(and old) songs then divide  
into our classrooms.

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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—  
leslie@rclqc.org  
Call/text (309)230-4860

### Dates to Remember:

- May 5th—Celebration Breakfast  
@ 10:30am  
(No Sunday school)
- May 12th—Mother's Day  
Sunday school children sing
- May 19th Last day of scheduled  
Sunday school.
- SCUBA VBS—June 10th-14th,  
9am-noon
- Registrations available in the  
Fellowship hall.
- Children 3yrs-5th grade welcome!



- May 5th — No coverage
- May 12th — Rachel Luebbe
- May 19th — TBD
- May 26th— TBD

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.”

Our time has come that our Pre-k children that are moving onto Kindergarten will have their Graduation this Sunday the 28th of April.

Edwin Lewis, Elliott Johnson and Zamare Denson will be heading to Kindergarten in August. We wish them the best of times moving forward.

A huge thank you to the LWML for providing the boys with beautiful quilts. The church for providing bibles to each of the children. What great blessings for our boys here at the center.

May 10<sup>th</sup> is National Teacher Appreciation day. Don't forget to thank all the teachers in your life. Each and everyone of them deserve a huge shout out of thanks for everything they do each day to help children strive & grow.

With our ARPA Stipend we received in February, we have been replacing items that had safety issues. The funds will also be used for retention and recruitment of staff members.

Mother's Day is always a busy day, but ladies look for a special treat from the Pre-k room after church on Mother's day. The children in the Pre-k room are having so much fun interacting with the congregation, we came up with another project they could help out with. Pray all the ladies will enjoy their treats.

The daycare board is always looking for new members to join us. One night a month for a couple hours. If you are interested in joining talk with Pastor Licht or Patty Thomas or myself and we can get you all set up. Thank you.

We are enrolling children for our summer school age program. If anyone knows of a family that needs care and a teacher/para educator that is looking for a part time job this summer, please send them our way.

In Christ  
Terrie



05/01 Joel Bender

05/01 Angela Kauffman

05/08 Carrie Reese

05/09 Dana Johnson

05/09 Syam Mukiri

05/10 Corey Eastman

05/12 Elisha McCloud

05/13 Gwen Oosting

05/14 Kelly Murphy

05/14 Doralee Rock

05/15 Emily Downing

05/15 James Lewis

05/17 Jason Lehman

05/19 Christi Ferris

05/20 Dallas Brekke

05/22 Hayden Rasler

05/23 Terrie Burkey

05/24 Cody Weh

05/24 Rev. Brian Licht

05/25 Evan Canarr

05/25 Gail Otto

05/26 Natalie Hentze

05/27 Tammy McKay

05/28 Raelynn Fuhlman

05/29 Trevor Miller

05/29 Becky Van Nice



“One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.”

*Ephesians 4:5*



5/01 Joycelyn Faris  
 5/01 Denise Petersen  
 5/03 Lindsey Anderson  
 5/03 Shirley Lemon  
 5/03 Kris Vieger  
 5/04 Buddy Bayne  
 5/04 Dawn Luedtke  
 5/04 Sushma Mukiri  
 5/05 Ava Canarr  
 5/05 Kyle Dittmer  
 5/05 Garrett Duncan  
 5/06 April Goers  
 5/06 James Lewis  
 5/07 Rev. Brian Licht  
 5/07 Brenda Ross  
 5/08 Meagan Buckley  
 5/08 Elliot Hay  
 5/08 Dalton Wittnebel

5/09 Carol Perry  
 5/09 Marissa Terry  
 5/10 Angela Dodd  
 5/10 Ila Jean Moeller  
 5/10 Scarlett Sievert  
 5/13 Karen Lorenzen  
 5/15 Lauren Anderson  
 5/17 Kaedyn Burkey  
 5/17 Peg Nelson  
 5/21 Laura Hammes  
 5/21 Jessica Welch  
 5/24 Chris Rall  
 5/24 Addison Zaehring  
 5/24 Alexis Zaehring  
 5/25 Ian McCloud  
 5/26 Natalie Hentze  
 5/27 Tim Buckley  
 5/27 Jay Johnson  
 5/27 Kailynn McCracken  
 5/27 Drew Welch  
 5/28 Mason Happel  
 5/30 James Hergert

**Numbers 6:26**

“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.”

5/01 Frank & Tammy McKay  
 5/03 Jimmy & Denise Petersen  
 5/04 Stephen & Rachel Smith  
 5/05 Vince & Kelly Murphy  
 5/06 Allan & Nancy Elias  
 5/10 James & Julie Lewis  
 5/12 Shane & Polly Emmert  
 5/12 Brad & Laura Hammes  
 5/19 Kari & Dave Duncan  
 5/22 Tim & Meagan Buckley  
 5/22 Blair & Kristi Ehlers

5/23 Ed & Gayla Kelly  
 5/25 Dale & Marlene Negus  
 5/27 Nathan & Abby Repp  
 5/30 Steve & Leslie McCoy

*"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:**

**Rev. Bob Bartel**—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

**Kali Gruenhagen**—Recovering at Home

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

**Ethan Fuller (Leslie McCoy's Nephew)** - Recovering from heart surgery

**Rose Allison**—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

**Dean Enfield**—After Surgery Recovery

**Rebecca Littig (Catherine Moneysmith's daughter)** - Recovering from Surgery



**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

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

**Equipping women through God's Word:** Our April study was titled: Chosen and Treasured. In this Bible study, we are reminded that it is God who seeks us (see Genesis 3: 8-9) God said to Adam: Where are you? With this question, God gives Adam a chance to confess. In Genesis 3:15, we have the first giving of the Gospel. Further Bible passages and questions addressed: God protects us (Psalm 91: 4, 11), He claims us (Psalm 139: 13-14), and He gives us rest (John 14: 26-27). Greatest of all, God gives us eternal life through the suffering and death of His Son, Jesus, Our Savior, who, on the first Easter, was raised from the dead.

Come join us on May 2 (6:30 p.m.) for a study titled: **Destroying Walls**

Another Bible study opportunity: Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Licht

**Serving others:** In May, we will be meeting to work on quilts on Monday May 13 – 3:30 p.m.

**Other opportunities to serve others (and have time for fellowship):**

May 28 – Mugs and Muffins will meet and will work on assembling infant kits.

**Mission support:** Our LWML at RCLC provides support for mission projects through our Iowa East District and through National LWML by collecting Mites for Missions. Look for the Large Mite Box on the first Sunday of the month (May 5). We also support two seminary students and are currently assisting our own member, Ian McCloud, as he is completing education to be qualified to receive a call (instead of teaching with a contract). These expenses for the next several months total \$450 and \$120 for our LWML Quarterlies. Treasurer, Tammy, reported at our last board meeting that our balance is \$628.08. As you are able, perhaps you can help us increase our funds for the ongoing support of our church workers. For more information about LWML, check out lwml.org.

**ZONE and DISTRICT ACTIVITIES:**

Iowa East District Convention is in Cedar Rapids on **June 21 & June 22**.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. on June 21 and opening worship (after a box lunch) is at 1 p.m.

Convention -- **REGISTRATION FEES:** Full-time Registration (Includes Friday lunch and banquet, Saturday breakfast and lunch) .....\$170. After May 1: \$180 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Only (Includes Friday lunch and banquet) .....\$95 After May 1: \$105 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Only (Includes Saturday breakfast and lunch) .....\$85 After May 1: \$95 \_\_\_\_\_

For more information and for registration form – see table in the fellowship area.

**Coming Activities:**

May 2 –Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

May 5 - - First Sunday – Mite box collection

May 13 – Quilting at 3:30 p.m.

# LBDC Pre-K Graduation Day!

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am Service**

Everyone is Welcome to Stay for Cake  
After the Service.



**Let's Celebrate Together!**

## Prayers for the Little Blessings Daycare Staff

### **Rosalyn Reed**

Has been at LBDC since 2021 & left in 2022 – and returned in the Spring of 2023. Rosalyn is Single (new boyfriend). Rosalyn moved to Davenport from Milan, Illinois. Rosalyn enjoys her time with her new boyfriend, Loves spending time with her younger brother. She is originally from Tennessee and would like to move back to Tennessee in the future.

### **Rose Roe**

Has been at LBDC for (2) years. Rose has worked part time as a school age teacher. Rose is single. Rose loves spending time at her church helping there in her spare time. Rose has one son; he is involved in missionary work overseas.

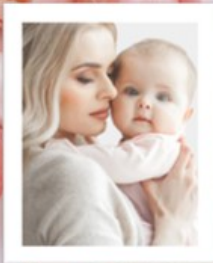
### **Mandie Ross**

Has worked for LBDC for (15) years. Mandie is married with (3) children. Mandie works at a local animal shelter on the weekends. Mandie works for another daycare 2 –3 days a week. Mandie enjoys working out in her spare time.

### **Destiny Shaw**

Began working at LBDC a year ago. Destiny is single. Destiny loves spending time with her mom and other friends. She is currently enrolled in school, working towards her CDA. She is part time.

Happy Mothers Day~ To All Mothers  
Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Proverbs 31: 10-31 "...She is far more precious than Jewels..."



Happy

Mother's

Day!



Happy Mother's Day!

To All of Our Mothers!

The RCLC Sunday School  
Singing on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
at the 9:00am Service



"Walking With the King"

"Let Us Sing for Joy"

& "God Did"



No Council Notes were submitted for the month of May. Look for the June Newsletter.



Lutheran Women in Mission

# Mugs & Muffins



Mugs & Muffins Meeting  
See You May 28th, 2024!



## Little Blessings Daycare Is Hiring!

If You Enjoy Working With Children  
We Welcome You!

Call 563-386-1738 Thank you!





# YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

## SATURDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 8AM-3PM



- DONATE YOUR OLD THINGS & GIVE THEM A NEW LIFE AT OUR YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE!
- BAKED GOODS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED FOR RESALE. PLEASE PACKAGE THEM FOR SALE.
- UNLESS SPECIFIED, ALL LEFTOVER ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN TO DAV, GOODWILL, ETC.
- ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE RCLC YOUTH GROUP.
- ??? CONTACT KALI GRUENHAGEN OR LESLIE MCCOY



### The Youth Rummage Sale is Back!

If you have items that you no longer need or want, consider donating them to the Youth Rummage Sale scheduled for;

**Saturday, May 25th 8am-3pm.**

These items may be left at the church beginning after Easter Sunday, on April 1st. **You are invited to help too!**

If you have any questions, contact the church office,

**at 563-386-2342 or Kali Gruenhagen and Leslie McCoy.**

All the proceeds support our Risen Christ Lutheran Church Youth Group Events. **Thank you for your Contributions!**

# Confirmation Class on Wednesday, May 1st



**2023-2024 Confirmation Class**  
**Welcome All Students to**  
**Confirmation Instruction**  
**with Pastor Licht**  
**If you Have questions,**  
**Contact Pastor Licht at:**  
**[pastorlicht@rclcqc.org](mailto:pastorlicht@rclcqc.org)**



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MADE IN CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI



## That's My Pan Fundraiser

Youth Group Fundraiser ~ To Help Support RCLC Youth who will  
be Attending Upcoming Gatherings With Their Peers!

A Variety of items such as: Cake & Pie Pan, Insulated Bottles & Cups,  
Cookie Tins, Cutting Boards Pet Products, and many more items that  
You can Personalize and just in time for **Mother's Day!**

Check it out on, [www.thatsmypan.com/store/](http://www.thatsmypan.com/store/)  
All Products are 100% satisfaction guaranteed.  
Find a brochure in the Narthex on the Display Table in April.  
Contact Heidi Iltis with your Questions, 940 - 9946





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!**

**Look for Sign up at the kiosk for all months in 2024.**

**May—OPEN**

**June—OPEN**

**July—OPEN**

**Thank you to All of the Families that Contribute their time & resources to Help Feed Those in Need in Our Community. God Bless You!**

2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

(309) 786-5734

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

**2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 11****LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION FINISH THE JOB MINISTRY IN MISSION, HAITI**

\$85,000 Lutheran Women in Mission Providing Physical and Spiritual Care in Haiti  
The country of Haiti is familiar with disasters of all kinds. An earthquake in 2010 killed almost a quarter million people. Hurricane Matthew blew through in 2016, taking every metal roof from homes and churches with it. As life was getting back to normal two more earthquakes hit regions of the country. Each time a disaster hits, LCMS Disaster Response calls on Ministry in Mission, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO), to assist. Ministry in Mission has been working for 15 years in Haiti and works with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti.

Besides helping in times of disaster, Ministry in Mission has built and supports an orphanage, an eldercare home, and several feeding programs. They coordinate the sponsorship of nearly three hundred students so that they can daily attend school. Now a manmade disaster has immobilized Haiti. Civil unrest and gang violence has taken over a great deal of the country. Currently there is no formal government. Our Christian brothers and sisters are living in fear and losing hope. Despite all this despair, God's light shines through. The money from this grant will be used to finish the churches that were rebuilt or restored after the earthquake of 2021.

Money was allocated for the repair, but inflation has hit, and more money is needed to finish the project. Churches are open for worship but need to be tiled, toilets installed, and electrical wiring completed. There are still supplies that need to be purchased locally as no shipping containers of supplies can enter Haiti. Disaster in Haiti always brings people to Christ. They realize their voodoo gods are not working for them. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti is building churches with the same structure and painted the same color so when traveling from village to village one sees and recognizes the Lutheran church. Each church is a symbol of the love of Jesus as they struggle through disaster after disaster.

*This church in Carrefour Declos was damaged in 2017 from Hurricane Matthew. We repaired it and put on a sturdy roof. In 2021 the earthquake destroyed it again. We were able to salvage the roof but the entire structure including the foundation was not viable. We rebuilt the church but did not have enough money to finish the floor and bathroom.*



### **Prayers for this Mission Grant:**

Dear Father in heaven, the Lutheran church members in Haiti struggle daily in ways that we cannot even begin to understand. We ask You to give them hope and encouragement as they face both natural and manmade disasters. You alone have the power to guide the people of Haiti through their time of struggle. Bless the leaders of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti as they minister to their members and address their needs. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Dear Jesus, bless the mite offerings that are given to support this grant. May the money finish the needed repairs for churches damaged by an earthquake. Be with the workers as they complete the repairs so that worshippers may gather in a safe structure. The repaired churches will be a place of hope as they deal with the natural and manmade disasters they continually face. We ask that the people in Haiti continue to turn to You in their time of disaster and that they always see You as a beacon of light in their dark world. In Your name we pray. Amen.

**GOD's WORD** reminds us to share with our fellow children of God:

1 Corinthians 12: 26: If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Galatians 6: 10: So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.





## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

A Celebration of the  
Rite of Confirmation,  
Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00am

Please join us for the service this  
day to give witness to God's  
good work in the life of our  
confirmand as, He gives public  
profession of His faith.

**Celebration Breakfast & Cake will be  
served afterwards in the Narthex  
by LWML & volunteers.**

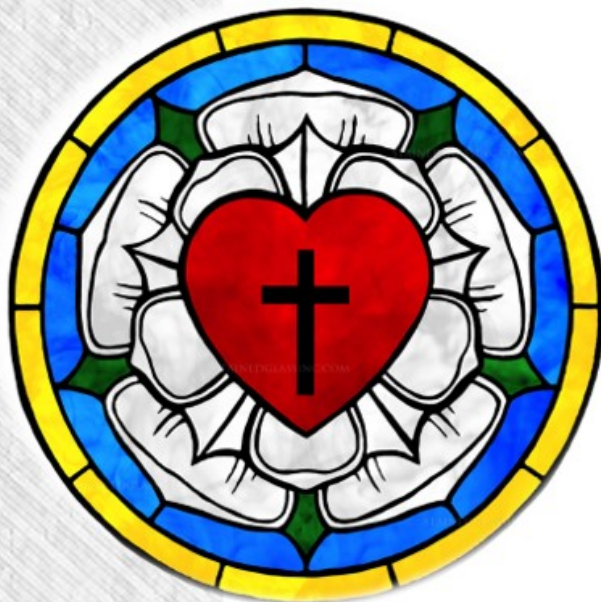
## *It's a Celebration Breakfast!*

*Join Us*  
Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, directly following  
the worship service.

We're celebrating our Confirmand,  
**Nathan McCoy**

✠  
our Children & Youth Ministry workers  
for all their hard work throughout the year.

RSVP at the Ministry table.



*If you have any questions, Contact Jessica Welch*



<sup>13</sup> "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. "

***John 16:13***

"Every  
tittle 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





## Collecting Mites Sunday, May 5th



Look for  
the  
**BIG BOX**  
in  
Fellowship  
Hall



Mites for Missions IDE  
LWML Thanks you!

**Your Contributions Are  
Making A Difference!**



## *Quilt Assembly Group*

Meeting on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm



You Are Welcome to Join Us!



National Day of Prayer ~ Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PRAYER**

*First Thursday of May*

WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



Homebound Members of our Risen Christ Family:



**Donna Cook  
Kristi Manley  
Sandy McLeod  
Dan & Trish Speth**

**Paulette Waech  
David Perry  
Doralee Rock  
Joe Speer**

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 Myles Zirpel, 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 Myles Zirpel to take part!

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**Help Wanted!**

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



### ***Starting the Conversation: April “Lutheran Witness”***

*Article by: Roy Askin Director of Editorial and Executive Editor of The Lutheran Witness*

Chastity. It’s an old word. It was once included in the English translation of Martin Luther’s explanation to the Sixth Commandment: “We should fear and love God so that we lead a chaste and decent life.” Chastity encompasses more than whether or not a person has “saved” himself or herself for marriage. Husbands and wives live chastely when they dwell in purity with one another. God’s people live chaste lives when they avoid crass humor, movies, books, music, websites and other things that entice them to lust after what has not been given. The Christian Community, as the Body of Christ, is a chaste community. For more on this subject visit; [witness.lcms.org](http://witness.lcms.org)

### ***Birdies for Charity is here! In the Quad Cities***

**Pregnancy Resources ask you to sign up for Birdies for Charity for the JDC in 2024. Your financial gift through Birdies to Pregnancy Resources (Birdies #581) will significantly impact lives with a guaranteed minimum 5% match from Birdies. Sadly, abortions are occurring at the highest rate in more than a decade!**

**Rapidly expanding access to abortion through mail-order pills and abortion lighthouse states means more women are embracing a culture of death. Your support can present life-affirming alternatives. YOU make a difference when life hangs in the balance.**



### **IN MEMORY OF GARY STICHTER 1936-2024**

Our brother in Christ, Gary Stichter, has entered heaven triumphant at the age of 87. Gary passed away early Thursday morning, on April 18th in Davenport Iowa. Gary was a Charter Member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Davenport. Services were held on Tuesday, April 23rd at Risen Christ with a visitation at 10am and the funeral service at 11:00am. Burial followed at the McCausland Cemetery in McCausland Iowa. A luncheon was held afterwards at the McCausland Civic Center. Gary’s full obituary at: <https://www.schultzfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Gary-Stichter>



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

## ALTAR

- 5/05 LWML COMMITTEE
- 5/12 SCOTT & SANDY SIEVERT
- 5/19 TIM & JESSICA WELCH
- 5/26 STEVE & LESLIE MCCOY

## ORGAN



Flower Chart for year 2024 is available on the kiosk in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Risen Christ Lutheran Church

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 \$43 (slightly more if you wish to add special flowers).

## Sunday Cookies

- 5/05 9:00am LWML Committee\*
- 5/12 9:00am Education Committee\*
- 5/19 9:00am Stewardship Committee\*
- 5/26 9:00am Elders Committee\*



**\*Committee responsible when member's haven't signed-up.**

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 services. Call the church office with any questions.

**Elders**

**5/05 Scott Sievert**

**5/12 Tim Welch**

**5/19 Jason Franzenburg**

**5/26 Stephen Smith**



**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** Rich Emory

**S** Jason Franzenburg

**T-V** Rich Emory

**W-Z** Jason Franzenburg

**Sound & Video**

**5/05 Dick Schrage**

**5/12 Terry Warner**

**5/19 Steve McCoy**

**5/26 Dave Luebbe**



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

Joshua 24:15

**Altar Guild—May**

**Barb Grosskopf**

**Join the Altar Guild!**

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



## ACOLYTES

**5/05 Jacob Luedtke**

**5/12 Eden Clark**

**5/19 Hayden Rasler**

**5/26 Dalton Ferris & Hayley Ferris**



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

Psalm 71:5

**5/05:** James Luedtke, Rich Emory, Jason Lehman,  
Bryan Johnson, Myles Zirpel, Scott Sievert

**Elder:** Scott Sievert

**5/12:** Ron Smith, Sandy Sievert, Allan Elias,  
Terry Warner, Scott Sievert, Tim Welch

**Elder:** Tim Welch

**5/19:** James Luedtke, Rich Emory, Jason Lehman,  
Ron Smith, Steve McCoy, Jason Franzenburg

**Elder:** Jason Franzenburg

**5/26:** Bryan Johnson, Myles Zirpel, Sandy Sievert,  
Dave Luebbe, Scott Sievert, Stephen Smith

**Elder:** Stephen Smith



GREETERS

**9:00AM**

**5/05** Bryan & Sherri Johnson

**5/12** Lynette Licht

**5/19** Allan & Nancy Elias

**5/26** Jean Wenndt & Jack Boley



# May 2024



*Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

***Taken from the “Rite of Confirmation” LSB 272***