



The Arising News



Luke 2:14
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
among those with whom he is pleased!"

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**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**

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Office hours:
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563-386-2342

Pastor Licht is off
On Mondays



December- Dates to Remember

12/01 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
First Day of Advent	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
	10:30am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
12/03 Tues.	6:30pm	LBDC Christmas Program
12/04 Weds	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Vespers Service
12/05 Thurs.	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
12/06 Fri.	12:00pm	Fellowship Friday
12/07 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
	9:00am	Children's Christmas Program Practice
12/08 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Children's Christmas Program
	2:00pm	LWML Advent Program
12/09 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
12/10 Tues.	6:00pm	LBDC Board Meeting
12/11 Weds.	5:30pm	Congregational Life
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00pm	Advent Soup Supper
	6:15pm	ED Board Meeting
	7:00pm	Vespers Service
12/12 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council Meeting
12/13 Fri.	6:00-8pm	Youth Group Christmas Party
12/14 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	8:30am	Women's Bible Study
	5pm	LBDC Staff Christmas Party
12/15 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Bible School
12/18 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Vespers Service
12/21 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
12/22 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Bible School
12/24 Tues.	3pm & 5pm	Christmas Eve Services
12/25 Weds.	9:00am	Christmas Day Service





December 1st Matthew 21:1-9

The Triumphal Entry

⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

December 8th Luke 21: 25-36

Watch Yourselves

³⁴ "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

December 15th Matthew 11:2-10

Jesus Speaks to the Disciples

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:"

December 22nd John 1:19-28

The Testimony of John the Baptist

²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight^[a] the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

December 29th Luke 2:33-40

Prophets Speak of Jesus Life

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Luke 2

The Birth of Jesus Christ

² "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed,^[b] who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: THE ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK

Movies wouldn't be the same without their accompanying music. It sets the tone for the entire film and creates the mood for each scene. When it's well done a listener can relive the movie experience simply by listening to its soundtrack. Two repeated notes that gradually increase in speed can send chills up the spine and create a frightening image of shark's teeth for anyone who's seen the movie "Jaws." And a few notes from the brass section with the booming rhythm of the percussionists can launch a "Star Wars" fan into outer space.

If music can do that with fictional stories, how much greater the impact of music that accompanies real happenings. Even more, the real happenings, not of mere mortals, but of God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth in action to rescue His fallen creation and save sinners.

This Advent, in our Wednesday Vespers, we'll spend time reflecting on the "original soundtrack," of the Nativity of Our Lord. Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Mary will be our featured soloists and on Christmas Eve we'll have a choir of angels. Their songs will not merely retell the history, they will also bring us into the story as God continues His real work in our very midst *"for us men and for our salvation" (as we say in the Nicene Creed)*.

Zechariah's song will lead us to the Lamb of God. Elizabeth will sing God's glory into our presence. Mary's melody will become our own personal song of salvation. And finally, a chorus of the heavenly host will transform the lyrics of our worldly lament into the heavenly anthem of eternal joy.

Join us this Advent as the original soundtrack of the Nativity of Our Lord prepares us to receive our King.

Advent blessings,
Pastor Licht



Dec 4, The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1:67-80
Dec 11, The Son of Elizabeth, Luke 1:39-45
Dec 18, The Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-56
Dec 24, The Song of the Angels, Luke 2:1-20

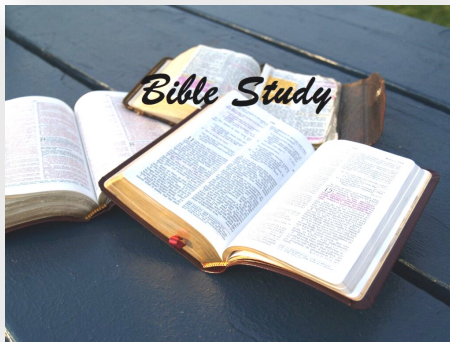


PREPARED WITH A REASON

*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense
to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and respect,
1 Peter 3:15*

Join us as we learn together to

- Think through several modern-day challenges to the Christian faith
- Speak with confidence to these challenges
- Rest in the peace of Christ even when confronted by these challenges



Sunday School

**Every Sunday
At 10:30am**



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.



*"...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!*



Sunday Bible Study

Calling all 6th – 12 grade students!
Grab a cookie and some coffee and join
Mr. Emory in the Library during the
Bible Study hour!

Hope to see you there!

Bring a Friend!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Kids
Against Hunger! Together, we packaged 3000
meals in less than an hour! Incredible!!

Dates to Remember

December 4, 11, 18 @ 6pm—

Advent Soup Suppers

Come and help serve & clean up,
earn service hours for school!

December 13 @ 6pm—

Join us for a Christmas Party with a
Secret Santa gift exchange &
Card making for our Shut-ins.

Upcoming Youth Events

**January 23—Christian Care
& Huckleberry's Pizza**

February 21—1/2 Lock-in!

Mafia & Nerf Wars!

March—TBD by our High Schoolers

April—TBD by our High Schoolers

May—Rummage Sale Fundraiser



Calling all 3 year old's - 5th graders!!! Join us upstairs on Sunday mornings to dig into God's Word with fun Bible Stories and crafts. 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—
leslie@rclcqc.org Call/text (309)230-4860

Dates to Remember:

Dec 1 @ 10:30am —Christmas Program Practice

Dec 7 @ 9am—Christmas Program Practice

Dec 8 @ 8am—Christmas Program Practice

Dec 8 @ 10:30am - Children's Christmas Program

~Join us for Pizza & Birthday cake & ice cream directly following the program

**No Sunday school: Dec. 22nd & Dec. 29th*

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 8th. 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.



Dec. 1 Rachel Smith

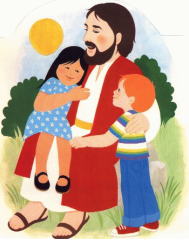
Dec. 8 Heidi Iltis

Dec. 15 Janey Zirpel

Dec. 22 NO Nursery Coverage

Dec. 29 No Nursery Coverage

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.”

An Article wasn't submitted for the December Newsletter



We Give Thanks & Appreciation to the Little Blessings Daycare Staff & The Little Blessings Children for the Delicious Thanksgiving Meal that they made and Served to the Members of Risen Christ for Lunch on, Wednesday, November 20th. We all Had an Enjoyable Time Together.

Thank you!





12/01 *Brad Bauer*

12/03 *Myles Zirpel*

12/04 *Jackson Franzenburg*

12/06 *Aja Hentze*

12/06 *Nathaniel McCoy*

12/08 *Michelle Warner*

12/14 *Jean Wenndt*

12/16 *Jeff Burkey*

12/17 *Cody Harkey*

12/18 *Madelaine McCoy*

12/18 *Scarlett Sievert*

12/18 *Patty Thomas*

12/20 *Abigail Luedtke*

12/20 *Kay Petersen*

12/23 *Larry Niebuhr*

12/23 *Marilyn Sorensen*

12/24 *Dawn Curtiss*

12/24 *Tim Curtiss*

12/25 *Nicholas Emory*

12/27 *Robert Milota*

12/28 *Cheryl Amhof*



“One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.”
Ephesians 4:5

12/03 Sherri Johnson

12/03 Carrie Reese

12/04 Mindy Wayt

12/05 Katie Gruenhagen

12/08 Alyssa Martens

12/10 Addison Rasler

12/14 Brent Goers

12/14 Alexa Wakeland

12/15 Charlotte Bauer

12/17 Marvin Reimers

12/19 Pam Speer

12/19 Andrew Van Nice



12/19 Nolan Wittnebel

12/23 Mark Neubauer

12/25 Heidi Iltis

12/26 Margaret Brodale

12/28 Gwen Oosting

12/28 Jeff Roehm

12/30 David Ehlers

12/31 Carol McAnelly



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.”

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 6:3*



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

Paulette Waech—Declining health, multiple medical concerns

Dorothy Luebbe (Leslie McCoy's mom)—Declining health

Terrie Burkey—Medical Tests & Treatments

Marilyn Sorensen—Moved to Senior Star



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 – LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

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: All women of RCLC are invited to our monthly Thursday night Bible study – on December 5, at 6:30 p.m., we will hear from a Bible study: The Light No Darkness can Overcome. This study can help us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate that Jesus our Savior came down to earth!

Other Bible study opportunities: Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Licht The Women's Bible Study continues – God's Provision in a Wilderness World on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. (next is December 14). It is a great time to share God's Word and to study with your sisters in Christ. For questions about this, contact Brenda Ross.

Serving others: December 9th at 3:30 p.m., work on quilts – quilting skills not required Other opportunities to serve others (and have time for fellowship): Setting up our Christmas tree in the Sanctuary on November 30 at 8 a.m., placing wreaths and other decorations in sanctuary and hanging the Chrismons.

ADVENT REFLECTION: December 8, beginning at 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. If possible, bring your Special nativity set to display and if you have an advent wreath, we will use these for table centerpieces. Linda Anderson will accompany us for hymn singing during the Advent Devotional. Light refreshments will be enjoyed, provided through a Thrivent Action Team grant.

Installation of new officers will occur during our Advent Reflection: At our pin and tie day, we elected Rachel Luebbe to be president; her term of office will begin January 1, 2025. Chris Rall has been appointed to fill the remainder of Rachel's term as Financial Secretary, serving through 2025. – at the board meeting on November 7.

RCLC LWML ongoing project: We support a seminary student, Joshua, on a monthly basis during the school year. This support is sent to Joshua as a supplement for any other support he receives from the Seminary. Currently we send \$50 each month of the school year – and we would like to encourage help in funding this project. Joshua will be finishing and eligible for a call in Spring, 2025.

Coming Activities: Mugs and Muffins will not meet in November or December.

December 1 – First Sunday – Mite box for mites collection and basket for General Fund donations

December 5 – Monthly Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. – all women are invited!

December 9 at 3:30 p.m. – Quilting work – more quilts to tie



Little Blessings Daycare Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30pm



Everyone is Welcome! To Enjoy Cookies & Refreshments after the Program!

Risen Christ Lutheran Church Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 8th
At 10:30am



Everyone is Welcome to attend!
Stay for Refreshments after the program, Pizza, Cake & Ice Cream.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS
Party

Join us for pizza, snacks and bingo.
Bring a friend
Optional gift exchange:
Bring a gift card valued at \$10
to exchange with others!

Friday, December 13th
6-8pm

RSVP: Youth Leader, Kali Gruenhagen 563-484-9377

*Setting up the
Christmas Tree &
Decorating
The Church for
Christmas
Saturday,
November 30th
At 8:00am*

*Everyone is
Welcome to Help
Decorate the
Church for
Christmas.
If You Enjoy
Decorating,
Join Us!
Saturday,
November 30th at
8am - 11:30am
Thank you!*

2023–2025 Mission Grant #21

Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church

Lutheran Family Services, U.S. — \$106,000

God directs the church to care for those He calls to serve in ministry. Church workers and their families regularly face unprecedented stress, challenges, and suffering which affects their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual well-being. There is an urgent need for the church to support and care for church workers.

Lutheran Family Services is responding to this need by launching a campaign to fund expansion of their services to support church workers and their families beyond Iowa and into the greater Midwest. These professional services are provided on an ability-to-pay basis through support of individuals and congregations without funding from the Synod or government funding to not limit their Christ-centered ministry.

This grant will help increase their ministry team of masters-level, licensed therapists who will provide marriage and family counseling that is Christ-centered.

Although this grant has been paid in full – we can still offer prayers for their work:

1 Lord Jesus, we ask that You provide strength to all church workers and their families. Give them Your love and peace. Give comfort to them and dwell in their hearts. Encourage them with the knowledge that they are never alone because You are with them. Allow them to continue to serve You as they receive help and counseling at this time of their life. The talents You gave them are used to bless the lives of all whom they serve. Continue to watch over them. In Your name. Amen.

2 Jesus, thank You for the counselors who are ministering in Your name to church workers and their families who face stress, depression, and loneliness. As they cry out for Christ's healing love, bless Lutheran Family Service (LFS) for providing a safe place for them. We are thankful that LFS provides professional Christian mental health encouragement and guidance. This means pastors remain in the pulpit and continue to proclaim the Gospel. Healthy teachers staff Lutheran Schools which share the Gospel and Christ's love with families. Continue to surround them with Your love and care. In Your name. Amen.





LWML Advent Program



Sunday, December 8th at 2pm

A Time for Preparation for
Advent & Christmas!

*Join your Fellow Sisters in Christ for an
Afternoon of Fellowship.*

*We invite you to bring a Nativity Set & an
Advent Wreath. Enjoy Refreshments,
LWML Advent Program including
Singing Christmas Hymns!*

We Encourage You to Bring Family, Mothers,
Daughters, Sisters and Friends that may be
interested to Join in the Festivities.

If you have questions: Contact Grace Schrage
at: gotoski.g.a@gmail.com

Christmas Celebrations are Upon Us! Join Your Sisters in Christ in Fellowship and Song as we Rejoice in the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!

2pm—Set up your Nativity in the Narthex for All to Enjoy!

2:30pm—The Program in the Sanctuary

After the Program we will Enjoy Social Time and Refreshments in the Narthex.

We Look Forward to Spending Time Together during this Joyous Christmas Season!

**Contact Grace Schrage with your Questions,
gotoski.g.a@gmail.com**

Council Inputs to Newsletter- December 2024

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 serving in God's Kingdom.

Board of Stewardship - continues to compile popular meals used at Christian Care to aid those who would want to prepare a meal. Please consider your participation in 2025 and sign up on the kiosk if you would like to support this needed and much appreciated outreach. Fall apparel collection and delivery was a success. Contact Bryan Johnson if you'd like to get involved in this ministry area.

Board of Education – Sunday School/Sunday Adult Bible Study are underway with good attendance. The Christmas Program is planned for 12/8/24 in the Sunday School hour. There continue to be other opportunities for Bible Studies, including Men's Bible Breakfast on the 1st Saturday of the month, as well at Women's Bible Studies on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Please consider these opportunities to dig deeper into God's Word. Contact Heidi Iltis if you'd like to get involved in this ministry area, or Congregational Life.

Congregational Life Committee – Fall Family Fest was a huge success. The committee is looking at preparation of baby boxes to be provided to new moms in the congregation.

Little Blessings Daycare Board- continues to work to improve performance of the daycare and the benefits it provides for the children entrusted to its care. Contact Patty Thomas if you're interested in supporting the efforts of this board.

Board of Future Planning continues its efforts to further build & reinforce collaboration between the church and LBDC, as well as looking for ways to support other committees in their assigned tasks and missions.

Board of Evangelism continues to look for ways to provide outreach to members and non-members alike. Their presentation and distribution of materials at Fall Family Fest was successful. Please contact Scott Sievert if you would like to be a part of those efforts.

Board of Trustees continues to maintain the facilities by performing on-going maintenance activities, as needed. Fall Work Day was successful to address required outdoor cleanup needed going into the winter months. If you see any areas needing attention, please make those issues known to the church office, or Myles Zirpel.

The Council is always looking for help in the many and various ways that Risen Christ supports the Pastor, Staff, Members, and the Community. If you would like to get involved, or have questions, please see any Council member.

**Your Servant in Christ,
Dave Luebbe**



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 the Sign up Sheets at the kiosk for all months in 2025.

Thank you to All of the Families that Contributed their time & resources to Help Feed Those in Need in Our Community, for the 2024 Season. God Bless You!

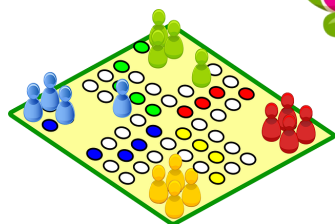
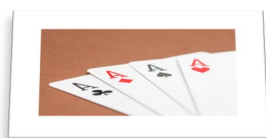
2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 786-5734
www.christiancareqc.org



On a **COLD** Winter Night—Let's spend a Fun Evening Together Inside!

A Soup Supper will be Provided with a Delicious Homemade Soup!

Bring your Favorite Snacks & Games!



Save Around Coupon Booklets!

Are Now Available ~ Find Your Book at the Ministry Table in the Narthex

**The Cost is
\$25 Per Book**

**These Make Great Gifts!
Now & for 2025!
Locate the App on your
Phone**



Questions? Contact Terrie Burkey

LBDC Save Around Coupon Booklets are available for purchase! This year they have an App that you can download on your phone to make couponing easier!

The cost is \$25 per book and you can order multiples if you need too. It makes a great Christmas gift for those who enjoy eating out in the Quad Cities or it has other activities for the kids and your favorite golfer!

Contact Terrie Burkey with your questions

**RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



**Advent Vesper
Worship Services**

Advent Vespers Theme:

"The Nativity of Our Lord"
Each Wednesday at 7pm
Beginning Wednesday,
December 4th - December 18th

Everyone is Welcome!
Bring Friends & Family!



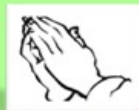
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

Enjoy a Simple Supper with the RCLC Community at 6pm before Vespers Service. Contact the Office with your Questions/ 563-386-2342



Advent Soup Suppers
Begins December 4th at 6pm
Risen Christ Family & Friends
We Welcome You to Share a
Supper of Soup on Wednesday
Evenings at 6pm
Through the Advent Season
Before our 7pm Vespers Service



Coming Soon the Sign-up Sheets to Help
Make a Delicious Soup Supper or Dessert.

If you have any questions, Contact Jessica Welch



“15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. “

Luke 2:15—16

“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





RCLC Angel Tree

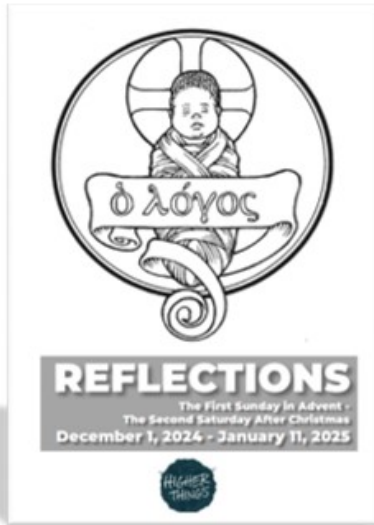
Now, Located In The Narthex! Find an Angel on the Tree,
Wrap the Gift and Place Back under the Tree. Thank you!

Benefiting Lutheran
Social Service families &
veteran families

We are Thankful to Place the Angel Tree in the Church Narthex for this Christmas Season. Please find an Angel Ornament on the Tree and kindly purchase a requested gift. Leave these Gifts Under the Angel Tree wrapped and ready for Giving.

Thank you Risen Christ Lutheran Church family for your Generosity, as We Celebrate the Coming of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ this Blessed Christmas.

**If You Have any questions contact, Bryan Johnson,
Chair of the Stewardship Committee
Donations Received,
November 10th - December 15th**



Reflections

Advent Booklet

Readings for

December 1st – January 11th

From Higher Things

Time for Reflection in the Word of God...

Find Your Copy Today in the Narthex!

Also, if you prefer, the Weekly Email has a Digital Copy of the Advent Booklet for you! Let Catherine know your email address.

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!

Help Wanted!

We were in need of someone to mow the Little Blessings playground area. **Update! Help has been found!** Angie Franzenburg has graciously taken on this task! **Thank you Angie!** If you would like to help in any other way, **contact Myles Zirpel.**



Advent Booklet, Readings for December 1st through January 11th. Printed copies are in the Narthex at the Rolling Cabinet. Find your Copy Today! Stay in the Word of God Through the Advent Season.

If you Prefer, a Scrolling Copy is available to members who receive a weekly email.

God Bless You through the Blessed Christmas Season.



Christmas Eve Services—Christmas Day Service

Christmas Eve Services are:

3pm & 5pm

Christmas Day Service at:

9am



The Church Office and Little Blessings Daycare are Closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th.

Little Blessings Daycare may be Open on Thursday, December 26th if there is a need.

The Church Office will reopen on December 30th

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—DECEMBER 8TH AT 10:30AM

Risen Christ Lutheran Church Children's Christmas Program is on Sunday, December 8th at 10:30am. Everyone is Invited to attend the Children's Program—Proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is Born!

After the Program there is Pizza, Cake & Ice Cream for Everyone! We Look Forward to Seeing You!



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

ALTAR

12/01 OPEN
12/08 OPEN
12/15 OPEN
12/22 OPEN
12/29 OPEN

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

12/01 Stewardship*
12/08 Elders*
12/15 Little Blessings Daycare*
12/22 Future Planning*
12/29 Trustees*



***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

Elders

12/01 Stephen Smith

12/04 Mark Iltis

12/08 Ian McCloud

12/11 Rich Emory

12/15 Scott Sievert

12/18 Tim Welch

12/22 Jason Franzenburg

Christmas Eve

12/24 3pm Stephen Smith

12/24 5pm Mark Iltis

Christmas Day

12/25 9am Ian McCloud

12/29 Rich Emory

New Years Eve

12/31 Scott Sievert



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

12/01 Dick Schrage

12/08 Terry Warner

12/15 Steve McCoy

12/22 Dave Luebbe

12/29 Sam Ross



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

Joshua 24:15

Altar Guild—December

Margaret Miller

Join the Altar Guild!

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



ACOLYTES

12/01 Maddie McCoy

12/04 Asher Ross

12/08 Asher Ross

12/11 Eden Clark

12/15 Eden Clark

12/18 Maddie McCoy

12/22 Hayden Rasler

Christmas Eve

12/24 3pm Asher Ross

12/24 5pm Hayden Rasler

Christmas Day

12/25 9am Eden Clark

12/29 Maddie McCoy



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

Psalm 71:5

12/01: Jason Lehman, Bryan Johnson, Allan Elias, Scott Sievert

Elder:

12/04: TBD, Scott Sievert

12/08: Myles Zirpel, Sandy Sievert, Roon Smith, Terry Warner

Elder:

12/11: TBD

12/15: Dean Enfield, Jason Lehman, Bryan Johnson, Steve McCoy

Elder:

12/18: TBD, Scott Sievert

12/22: Allan Elias, Myles Zirpel, Dave Luebbe, Scott Sievert

Christmas Eve

3pm 12/24: TBD, Scott Sievert

5pm 12/24: TBD, Scott Sievert

Christmas Day

9am 12/25: TBD

12/29: Sandy Sievert, Ron Smith, Dean Enfield, Scott Sievert

GREETERS

9:00AM

12/01 Carol McAnelly

12/08 Allan & Nancy Elias

12/15 Jean Wenndt & Jack Boley

12/22 Dick & Grace Schrage

12/29 Bryan & Sherri Johnson



December 2024



Luke 2:10-12

10" And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."