



# The Arising News



"For we are God's fellow Workers.  
You are God's Field, God's Building."  
*1 Corinthians 3:9*

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**January AD 2025**

**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:

Mon.-Thurs. 10am-3pm  
563-386-2342

Pastor Licht is off  
On Mondays



# January- Dates to Remember



1/01 Weds.		Happy New Year! Office is Closed
1/02 Thurs.	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
1/04 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
1/05 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
1/07 Tues.	6:00pm	LBDC Board Meeting
1/08 Weds	9am & 7pm	LifeLight Class
	5:15pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:15pm	Ed Board Meeting
1/09 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council Meeting
1/11 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	8:30am	Women's Bible Study
1/12 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
1/13 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
1/15 Weds.	9am & 7pm	LifeLight Class
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
1/18 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
1/19 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
1/22 Weds.	9am & 7pm	LifeLight Class
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
1/23 Thurs.	5:30pm	Christian Care Meal/Prep/Serve
1/24 Fri.	12noon	Fellowship Friday
1/25 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
1/26 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
1/27 Mon.	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting
1/28 Tues.	9:30am	Mugs & Muffins
1/29 Weds.	9am & 7pm	LifeLight Class
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
2/01 Sat.	7:00am	Workout



## **January 5th, Matthew 2:13-23**

The Flight to Egypt

<sup>13</sup> "Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

## **January 12th, Matthew 3:13-17**

The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,<sup>[a]</sup> and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son,<sup>[b]</sup> with whom I am well pleased."

## **January 19th, John 2:1-11**

The Wedding at Cana

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom

## **January 26th, Matthew 8:1-13**

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

<sup>3</sup> And Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

## **Matthew 2:16-18**

### **Herod Kills the Children**

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; She refused to be comforted, because they are no more."



**2025: ANOTHER YEAR OF GRACE**

Happy New Year! New year, new opportunities. The sky's the limit. Set your goals. Make your plans. It's going to be great. But...what if it isn't. What if things don't go the way you hoped and dreamed and planned? What if all your hard work doesn't pay off? What if you get sick? What if someone you love dies? What then?

It can be a scary thing to look into the future. No matter how optimistic your outlook, no one truly knows what the future will bring. Which is why it is good to never lose sight of that which is most certainly true: Baby Jesus was born so He could shed His blood for you. He first bled for you at eight days of age when He was circumcised. Three decades later, this Baby, now all grown-up, shed His blood once again for you on the cross. There He showed you your future—a future of living in God's grace. No matter what this coming year brings it will be yet another year of God's grace. It's the unmerited gift of God's forgiveness that you can count on no matter what, because of Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. Certain of God's grace you can meet this New Year with sincere repentance for the sins of your past and confident of God's never-failing love for your future.

A 17th century Slovakian hymn writer understood God's grace well and put it into the poetry passed down to us in our hymn, Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year (LSB 896). I commend the words of this hymn to you for your prayerful meditation as you greet the year of the Lord 2025.



**896 NOW GREET THE SWIFTLY CHANGING YEAR**

**1** Now greet the swiftly changing year  
With joy and penitence sincere.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

**2** Remember now the Son of God  
And how He shed His infant blood.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

**3** This Jesus came to end sin's war;  
This Name of names for us He bore.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

**4** His love abundant far exceeds  
The volume of a whole year's needs.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

**5** With Him as Lord to lead our way  
In want and in prosperity,  
What need we fear in earth or space  
In this new year of grace!

**6** "All glory be to God on high,  
And peace on earth!" the angels cry.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

**7** God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!  
To all our pleas incline Your ear;  
Upon our lives rich blessing trace  
In this new year of grace.  
Text: Cithara Sanctorum, 1636, Levoca; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008, alt.  
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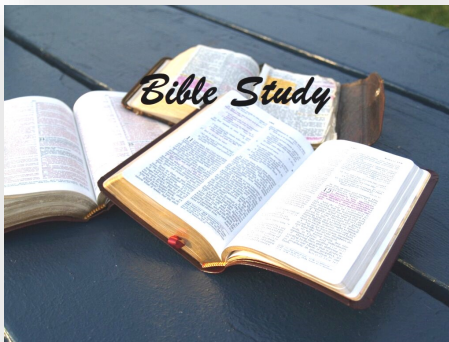
May you embrace yet another year of God's grace,  
Pastor Licht

## 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!**

## **Dates to Remember**

**Bible Class resumes—January 5th**  
**Confirmation Class resumes—Jan 8th**  
**Christian Care Meal—January 23rd**  
**Pizza @ Huckleberry's following**  
**Voter's Meeting—January 26th**



## **Upcoming Youth Events**

**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**

**June 26—Christian Care**

**& Huckleberry's Pizza**

**July 29-August 1 –Higher Things**

**Conference in Grand Rapids, MI**



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!



### Dates to Remember:

Sunday school resumes: Jan. 5th  
Voter's Meeting Jan. 26th

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Children's Christmas Program! The birth of Jesus was told in such a special way and celebrated in style with pizza, birthday cake and ice cream. Thank you to the parents and teachers who jumped in to help with costumes and shepherding the children. Thank you to Linda Anderson for writing such a special program and leading us in music, Brenda Ross for helping to lead the children and serving cake & ice cream and to Terrie Burkey for baking such a terrific birthday cake!

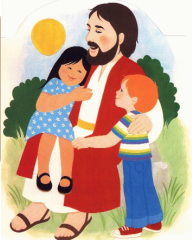


Jan. 5 Naomi McCloud  
Jan 12 Rachel Luebbe  
Jan 19 Rachel Smith  
Jan 26 Leslie McCoy (Voter's Mtg)

When the parents brought the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2:27-32





“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.”

We pray everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. This is the time of year we like to thank all the people that had a hand in helping the daycare the last year. First of all, thanks and prays to the whole congregation for your prayers throughout the year and for continued prayers.

Thanks to all the trustee that stepped forward and fixed things that came up throughout the year. Thank you to the other boards that helped out. Handing paperwork out at programs, just being present and stepping forward whenever needed. A huge thank you to our daycare board. You have put in so much time the last year going over policies and helping the daycare be better than ever before.

Thanks to those who have read and sang songs with the children. The children really enjoy leaving their room to do new adventures with people.

Thanks to Pastor Licht for Jesus Time. You never know if the children get anything out of Jesus time until you have a conversation with them and they repeat what they talked about in Jesus time. What a blessing we have to offer this to the children.

Thank you to Mr. Allan for always taking our recycling and Ron and Jon for snow removal.

A huge thank you to Miss Angie for stepping forward and doing tasks she did the last several months. She did a wonderful job keeping the daycare running smoothly. Anyone else we forgot to thank, I'm sorry but each and everyone of you are a blessing to the daycare.

Look for new and exciting things to happen at the center his year. If anyone has a few extra hours a week and would like to read or sing or just tell stories to the children, we would be more than happy to have you.

Our State consultant Heidi was at the center a couple weeks ago. We passed everything and are ready for our new year. If anyone would like to read the report from Heidi, let me know and I'll get a copy.

The center still has a couple openings in our infant room if anyone knows of a family looking for care.

In Christ,  
Terrie





1/01 *David Atkins*

1/01 *Carolyn Bauer*

1/01 *Linda Gentz*

1/01 *Judy Harford*

1/01 *Steven Koenig*

1/05 *Sara Flynn*

1/08 *Charlotte Bauer*

1/14 *Silas Zirpel*

1/15 *David Ehlers*

1/15 *Ron Gruenhagen*

1/15 *Dennis Harford*

1/15 *Lori Lakey*

1/15 *Andrew Van Nice*

1/19 *Vicki Dalton*

1/20 *Pam Speer*

1/26 *Macy Reller*

1/31 *Michael Vieger*



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



1/01 Cooper Krager

1/03 Joyce Koenig

1/03 Waverly Repp

1/05 Donna Cook

1/05 Kitra Terry

1/07 Elise Johnson

1/08 Michael Vieger

1/10 Mary Ruhnke

1/12 Gloria Blackledge

1/13 Reynold Waech

1/13 Jean Wenndt

1/15 Bristol Gruenhagen

1/16 Angie Franzenburg

1/17 Patricia Speth

1/18 Lillian McDowell

1/18 Kelly Roehm

1/18 Carrie Trickey

1/19 Richard Schrage

1/20 Lori Lakey

1/21 Kari Atkins

1/24 Bert Oosting

1/25 Debra Rowland

1/26 Linda Anderson

1/30 Kristi Manley



*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.”

1/15 Phillip & Cindy Cramer

1/24 Ron & Lori Smith



*"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

**Terri Burkey**—medical tests and treatment

**David Perry**—Undergoing Cancer Treatment

**Alexander Daily**—Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Iowa City

**Rita Rekemeyer**—Upcoming 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 – 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:** WE WILL NOT MEET ON JANUARY 2, 2025. Our next Bible Study will be on February 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**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 every on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (next is January 11th). 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:** January 13th at 3:30 p.m., work on quilts – quilting skills not required  
**Other opportunities to serve others (and have time for fellowship):** Watch for date and time when help will be needed to take down the Christmas tree and decorations.

**THANK YOU'S:** Thank you to all who helped with our Advent Reflections with special thanks to Linda Anderson for accompanying us as we sang Advent and Christmas hymns.

**Our new president, Rachel Luebbe, will begin leading us in January. Thank you, Rachel, for your willingness to serve our Lord as President of the RCLC LWML. Thank you also to Chris Rall who has agreed to serve as Financial Secretary to finish Rachel's term.**

**Coming Activities:**

**January 5** – First Sunday – Mite box for mites collection and basket for General Fund donations

**January 13** – at 3:30 p.m.; - Quilting work – we assemble quilts under the direction of experienced quilters (usually Rachel and Heidi) – some months we pin, some months, we tie. Quilting skills are not required. We work for 1 to 1 ½ hours.

**January 28** – Mugs and Muffins -- We will include time for brain-storming as we plan activities for 2025.

National Convention: June 26 – 29, 2025.

Omaha, Nebraska

Growing in God's Grace – 2 Peter 3: 18

Registration (on-line) begins March 1, 2025

Hotel reservations can be made via a link after you register.



**Growing**  
IN GOD'S  
**grace**  
2 PETER 3:18

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

41<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
Omaha, Nebraska

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**June 26–29, 2025**



## Lutheran Women *in Mission*

invites you to the

### **41st Biennial Convention**

**Thursday, June 26–Sunday, June 29, 2025**

in Omaha, Nebraska

#### **Convention Theme:**

Growing in God's Grace

#### **Scripture Verse:**

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).*

#### **Convention Goal Statement:**

Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory.

#### **2025 Convention Objectives:**

Each convention attendee will be:

- ▶ Inspired to dig deeper in God's Word.
- ▶ Nurtured to share the love of Christ with enthusiasm.
- ▶ Encouraged to support missions and our mission goal with joy.

#### **Convention Logo Explanation:**

The 2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Convention logo features green leaves sprouting up and revealing the Lutheran Women in Mission icon to signify Growing in God's Grace. It is based on the convention verse, 2 Peter 3:18 — *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

A fresh, bright green color is used for the leaves and the word "grace" to indicate new growth and to connect it with God's grace. Including the Lutheran Women in Mission icon links the logo with our organization and the convention goal "Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory."

### *Stay Connected*

Be the first to see convention updates and announcements from **Lutheran Women in Mission.**

**Sign up for eNews:**  
[lwml.org/stayintouch](http://lwml.org/stayintouch)

**Follow us on social:**  
Facebook @TheLWML  
Instagram @lwmlnational

Little Blessings Daycare Staff & the Children Helped to make & serve a Thanksgiving Lunch to Members of Risen Christ Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 20th at 12pm. Here are a few pictures to share of this fun Celebration! Again, thank you LBDC!





Thank you  
LBDC!



No Council Notes were submitted for the month of January

**Church Administrator Job Available**

Risen Christ Lutheran Church is in need of a **Church Administrator**.

This person would be responsible for administrative tasks, including policy and facility management, and various financial duties.

Proposed for 30 hours a week.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 563-386-2342

Thank you





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## **Men's Shelter Meal Service**

**Where:** 2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL

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

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

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

**Thrivent members can apply for Thrivent Action Team dollars for each date they help in order to defray the costs. In a nutshell: sign up for a date, plan a meal, prepare it and serve it with love.**

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

**This is a great family or small group activity!**

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

**January 23rd—Youth Group**

**February 27th—OPEN**

**March 27th—OPEN**

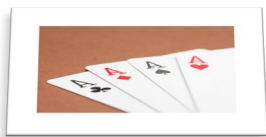
**Thank you to All of the Families that Contribute their Time & Resources to help those in Need in our Community. God Bless You!**

2209 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201  
(309) 786-5734



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!



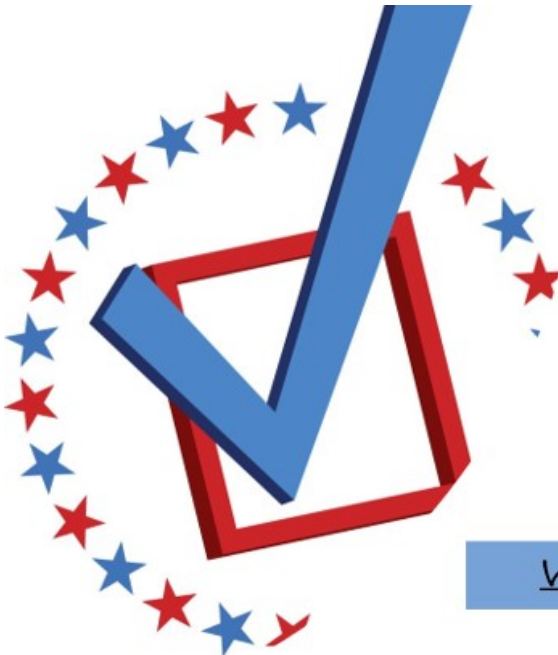
# Quilters Assembly Group

Meeting, Monday, January 13th at 3:30pm

If You Have  
Quilting Skills  
or If You Have  
Never  
Quilted,



You Are  
Welcome  
to Join  
Us!



Quarterly  
Voter's Meeting

Sunday, January 26th  
At 10:30 am

We Look forward to seeing YOU!



# JANUARY

*Use this prayer guide for the month of January. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. What a joy it is to lift these needs to our Father's listening ears!*



1. For God's direction in your life during this new year.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #1.
3. For Afghanistan, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For your pastor.
5. For your LWML District Board of Directors.
6. Epiphany! Thank God that Jesus came to save us!
7. For the country of Angola.
8. For the LWML Texas District.
9. For young people to follow Jesus.
10. For all church workers.
11. For the country of Argentina.
12. For your community and the opportunity to share the Gospel with other people groups.
13. For LWML Mission Grant #2.
14. For our Lutheran Women in Mission President.
15. For the country of Austria.
16. For the LWML Oklahoma District.
17. For all Lutheran Braille Workers and volunteers.
18. For all law enforcement officers.
19. For the Bahamas.
20. For your vocation.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #3.
22. For those who receive needed staples from food pantries.
23. For the country of Bangladesh.
24. Recite the Lord's Prayer today.
25. For the editors of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.
26. For the homebound in your congregation.
27. For your dear friends.
28. For countries that have not yet heard the Gospel.
29. For the homeless in your area.
30. For the country of Belize.
31. For Sunday school teachers.

*If you have any questions, Contact Jessica Welch*

## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



“I wish that all were as I myself am.  
But each has his own gift from God,  
one of one kind and one of  
another.”

1 Corinthians 7:7

“Every  
tithes of  
the land,  
whether  
of the  
seed of  
the land  
or of the  
fruit of  
the trees,  
it is the  
Lord’s; it  
is holy to  
the Lord.”  
Leviticus

27:30



Risen Christ Lutheran Church - Take the Challenge! - Read your Bible in a Year  
The Board of Elders is Encouraging You to Participate! For the Year 2025!  
*See the Bulletin Insert for more information & a Chronological Schedule at the Ministry Table.*

**THY WORD IS**

**A LAMP UNTO MY FEET,**

**— and —**

**Psalm 119:105**

**A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.**

Risen Christ Lutheran Church our Elders are asking us to—

**“Read the Bible in 2025!”**

Beginning in January and continuing throughout the year, let's read the Bible in Chronological Order together!

Locate the Sheet at the Ministry Table with the Chronological Schedule to guide you in your Reading Plan.

2025 is the Year to Read the Word of God and be Knowledgeable of the Word of God.

Take the Challenge!

*If you have any questions contact Rich Emory*





# Mugs & Muffins



Mugs & Muffins Meeting  
See You January 28th, 2025!



## 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 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.**



## Monday, January 27th at the Iowa State Capitol

*Join the Movement at 10am—1pm*

Every life is precious! Join the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders at the Iowa State Capitol to help save babies, help mothers and Iowa families in crisis, discover the fatal flaws surrounding physician assisted suicide, celebrate the future, and become a LIFE advocate!

*Locate the schedule on the Bulletin Board near the Ministry Table in the Narthex.*

### ***Lutheran Family Services—”In This Together” 1 Corinthians 12:25-27***

**Though the challenges faced today by so many people, including parents, children, teens, couples, and church workers, are daunting — through faith in our Triune God — we won’t be overwhelmed. We aren’t afraid. We aren’t without hope. And we’re not alone. No matter how difficult things get, we’re all IN THIS TOGETHER under God’s protection and providence!**

At this historic time when more people are asking for help, the need to expand our existing base of partners at all levels is a priority. We need you — at whatever level God calls you — to join the team of faithful stewards! *For more information, find the Bulletin Insert at the Ministry table.*

If you have any questions contact the Lutheran Family Services Office at [social@lutheranfamilyservice.org](mailto:social@lutheranfamilyservice.org)

### **LIFELIGHT CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 9AM & 7PM**

#### **LifeLight Continuation on the Study of Isaiah with Part II**

We Look forward to Members participating and join in the Fascinating study of the Book of Isaiah.

Even If you didn’t attend Part I, you are welcome to attend Part II.

Classes Meet on Wednesday’s at 9am

Also, Wednesday’s at 7pm

We Hope you can attend.

The Study Guide— cost is \$13.50 per guide.

If you have any questions contact Pastor Licht.



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

## ALTAR

- 1/05 OPEN
- 1/12 PAULETTE & REYNOLD WAECH
- 1/19 GRACE & DICK SCHRAGE
- 1/26 OPEN

## ORGAN



Flower Chart for year 2025 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

- 1/05 LWML\*
- 1/12 Evangelism\*
- 1/19 Congregational Life\*
- 1/26 Education\*



**\*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**

**1/05—Tim Welch**

**1/12—Jason Franzenburg**

**1/19—Stephen Smith**

**1/26—Mark Iltis**



**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**

- 1/05 Dick Schrage**  
**1/12 Terry Warner**  
**1/19 Steve McCoy**  
**1/26 Dave Luebbe**



**Altar Guild—January**

**Margaret Miller & Dawn Curtiss**

**Join the Altar Guild!**

Contact Leslie McCoy & Gayla Kelly or Pastor Licht if interested.

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

Joshua 24:15



**01/05 Hayley Ferris**

**01/12 Asher Ross**

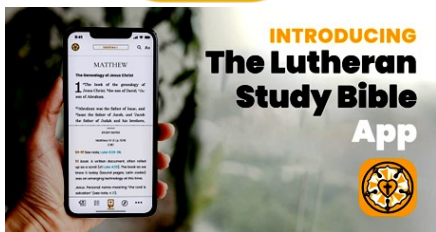
**01/19 Maddie McCoy**

**01/26 Hayden Rasler**



**The Lutheran Study Bible App**

Apple App Store or Google Play Store



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

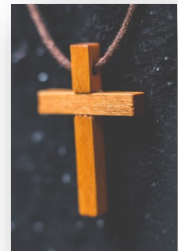
Psalm 71:5

**1/05 Allan Elias, Jason Lehman, Bryan Johnson,  
Scott Sievert, Tim Welch  
Elder: Tim Welch**

**1/12 Myles Zirpel, Dean Enfield, Allan Elias,  
Terry Warner, Jason Franzenburg  
Elder: Jason Franzenburg**

**1/19 Jason Lehman, Bryan Johnson, Sandy Sievert,  
Steve McCoy, Stephen Smith  
Elder: Stephen Smith**

**1/26 Allan Elias, Myles Zirpel, Dave Luebbe,  
Scott Sievert  
Elder: Mark Iltis**



GREETERS

**9:00AM**

**1/05 Lynette Licht**

**1/12 Tim & Jessica Welch**

**1/19 Kay Johnson & Sue Knuth**

**1/26 Allan & Nancy Elias**



January 2025



Psalm 119:105

**“Your Word is a lamp to my Feet  
And a Light to my Path.”**

