



# The Arising News



## The Transfiguration

"And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him" ...

*Matthew 17:1-3*

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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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**march**

# March- Dates to Remember

3/01 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
	7:30am	Men's Bible Breakfast
3/02 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
The Transfiguration Of Our Lord	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
3/04 Tues.	7pm	LifeLight Class
3/05 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	12pm & 7pm	Ash Wednesday Services
3/06 Thurs.	6:30pm	LWML Bible Study
	6:30pm	Elder Meeting
3/08 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
3/09 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
1st Sun. in Lent	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
3/10 Mon.	3:30pm	Quilt Assembly Group
3/11 Tues.	6pm	LBDC Board Meeting
3/12 Weds.	5:15pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6pm	Lenten Supper
	6:15pm	Ed Board Meeting
	7pm	Vespers
3/13 Thurs.	6:30pm	Council Meeting
3/15 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
3/16 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
3/19 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6pm	Lenten Supper
	7pm	Vespers
3/22 Sat.	7:00am	Workout
3/23 Sun.	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study/Youth Sunday School
3/24 Mon.	6:30pm	Future Planning Meeting
3/25 Tues.	9:30am	Mugs & Muffins
3/26 Weds.	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6pm	Lenten Supper
	7pm	Vespers
3/27 Thurs.	5:30pm	Christian Care Meal/Prep/Serve
3/28 Fri.	12pm	Fellowship Friday
3/29 Sat.	7am	Workout
3/30 Sun. Potluck	9am	Divine Service



# The Gospel for March



## **March 2nd, Luke 18:31-43**

Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter

<sup>41</sup> "And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, <sup>42</sup> for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around him."

## **March 9th, Matthew 4:1-11**

The Temptation of Jesus

**4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

## **March 16th, Matthew 15:21-28**

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

<sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ... <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.<sup>[a]</sup>

## **March 23rd, Luke 11:14-28**

Return of an Unclean Spirit

<sup>24</sup> "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, '

## **March 30th, John 6:1-15**

**6** After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. "

**John 6:1-15**

### **Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**

<sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii<sup>[a]</sup> worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little."

<sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

## Joel 2:12 (ESV)

*“Yet even now,” declares the Lord,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;”*

There is perhaps no other season of the Church Year that clashes with our culture more than the season of Lent. It seems we’re obsessed with happiness. Happiness does not mix well with repentance. In a world focused on self-fulfillment, self-denial feels downright sinful.

Lent brings a cold splash of reality for us. The season begins with Ash Wednesday. Whether you wear a cross of ashes on your forehead or not, the day gets right to the point: *“For you are dust and to dust you will return.”* It wakes us up out of our dream world of endlessly chasing the “better life,” avoiding discomfort of any sort and at any cost. The Lord’s call to return to Him *“with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning”* reminds us that in the midst of life we are also in the midst of death, for that is what our sins have earned for us, no matter how hard we try to run away from that reality.

The cold splash of Lent waking us from our stupor is the splashing of water in the Baptismal font. Here’s how Luther describes it in his Small Catechism:

*What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*

The Lenten call for repentance is a call to renewal of faith and life in Christ. Yes, it is also about death—the death of the Old Adam in us. And make no mistake about it, he will go under the water kicking and screaming all the way. Triumph over the Old Adam is never the result of human wisdom, reason, strength, or effort. It is always and only the divine work of the Holy Spirit working through the Law and the Gospel. The Law drowns the Old Adam and the Gospel raises us up to new life.



Lent may seem like a real downer of a season, but it is only a downer when you listen to Old Adam screaming such things as—“It’s not fair! I have a right to choose my own life! I have a right to be happy at any cost! You can’t tell me I’m wrong!” Those are the sounds of the sinner in you being brought to the cross under the Law.

But the joy of Lent also comes at the foot of the cross of Christ. That instrument of death is the fountain and source of forgiveness, life, and salvation. I pray you will avail yourself of the many opportunities being offered this Lent to be awakened to the new life in Christ. Each Sunday in Lent we’ll celebrate in a subdued Easter tone during the Divine Service. We will also gather each

Wednesday until Holy Week when we observe Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. All of it will lead us to a great Easter morning victory celebration as we gaze into the empty tomb. Then we will sing along with the Apostle Paul:

*“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (1 Cor 15:55).*

As the Holy Spirit prepares us for this celebration, we are given all that we ask for in our Ash Wednesday collect:

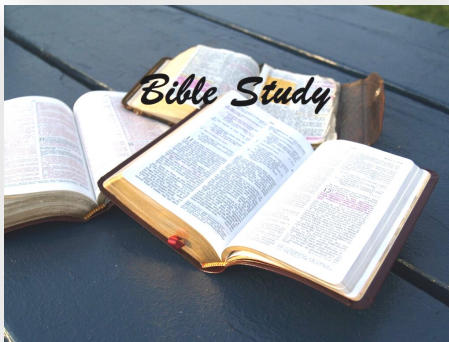
Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## 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

- \***March 5th**— Ash Wednesday  
Divine Worship @ 12pm & 7pm.
- \***March 9th**—Daylight Savings Time  
Begins (Spring Ahead!)
- \***March 12th**— (and for the next 4  
Wednesdays) Serve Lenten meals @ 6pm.  
Lenten Worship @ 7pm.
- \***March Event**—TBD by our High Schoolers  
Stay tuned for more information!
- \***April 13th** Palm Sunday 10:30am  
Stuff Easter Eggs
- \***April 19th** — Saturday 7:30am  
Hide Easter Eggs
- \***April 20th** — Easter Sunday—  
Cook Easter Breakfast  
Join us and bring your friends!

## Upcoming Youth Events

- April**—TBD by our High Schoolers
- May**—Rummage Sale Fundraiser
- June 26**—Christian Care  
& Huckleberry’s Pizza
- July 29-August 1** –Higher Things



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!

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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, Please contact Leslie McCoy—  
leslie@rclqc.org

Dates to Remember:

- \***March 5**—Ash Wednesday - Divine Worship @ 12pm & 7pm.
- \***March 9**—Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Ahead!)

Lenten Dinners Wednesdays @ 6pm starting **March 12th**.  
Lenten Worship @ 7pm.  
Come join us!

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in singing for our congregation on February 16th. A wonderful job was done by our Sunday school kids!! We look forward to singing next on May 11th for Mother's Day

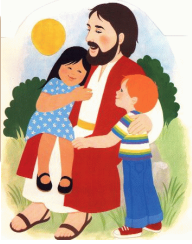


March 2 Rachel Smith  
March 9 Leslie McCoy  
March 16 Heidi Iltis  
March 23 Janey Zirpel  
March 30 Naomi McCloud



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*

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

February started out with having the children having their eyes checked through the Lion’s Program. This is a wonderful program and they have been 99% accurate since they started testing eyes here at the center.

Valentine parties were a big hit for the children. The children really get into picking the right card for each child. The older children have the fun of writing their friend’s names out on the valentine cards and then having to put each card into the right valentine box. Quite a task for some children.

The center asked to have the bathroom floors replaced a few months ago. The trustees have made this happen plus decided to redo the hall floors. Thanks for all the hard work that went into pulling the old tiles up and getting the new flooring down. The floors look great.

The daycare sold homemade cookies for a fundraiser to help offset the cost of the flooring. The Valentine cookies brought in over \$700.00. This fundraiser went over much better than anticipated. Thank you to everyone that bought cookies. If you ordered cookies and were not at church to pick them up, they are in the freezer.

In April the daycare children will be serving an Easter dinner to the congregation again. Look for more details in March.

The center had their review with the CACFP (food program). Everything looked great with a couple minor changes.

The center will have school age children during Spring break.

We are still looking to register a couple more infants if anyone knows of a family looking for daycare.

We are still having phone issues so if anyone needs to contact the daycare, use our email first, [lbdc@rclqc.org](mailto:lbdc@rclqc.org)

During the month of March the children will be learning about: wind and waves, Zacchaeus, the widow who gave money, and how the children are special to Jesus. We are starting our review of the alphabet and the numbers. Each week we also include a color, shape and a nursery rhyme, along with a bible verse that goes with our theme.

In Christ  
Terrie





3/01 Susan Knuth

3/01 Molly Ruhnke

3/01 Daniel Speth

3/06 Bristol Gruenhagen

3/10 Sam Hartwig

3/12 Blake Ferris

3/15 Cooper Krager

3/22 Sandra Pentland

3/23 Vicki Gross

3/26 Waverly Repp

3/26 Brody Welch

3/27 Jessica Welch

3/29 Betty Keppy

3/29 Mary Reisner

3/30 Tiffany Kraklio

3/30 Kristi Manley

3/30 Lillian McDowell



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



3/01 Margaret Miller

3/02 Ron Smith

3/02 Katie Stout

3/03 Sandra Pentland

3/06 David Perry

3/07 Nancy Elias

3/09 Stephen Smith

3/10 Leon Spataru

3/11 Emily Downing

3/13 Diane Burkey

3/14 Dalton Ferris

3/14 Hayden Rasler

3/14 Ben Reller

3/15 Steven Brink

3/17 Marilyn Luedtke

3/17 Grant Van Nice

3/19 Brady Johnson

3/24 Sonny Lynn Kuhlman

3/26 Terrie Burkey

3/29 Dana Johnson

3/29 Steven Koenig

3/31 Dee Barstow

*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.”



3/03 Daniel & Patricia Speth

3/14 Roger & Elaine Gordon

3/24 Scott & Sandra Sievert



*"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

**Marsha Ashby (Dean Enfield's friend)**—Recovering from brain surgery (cancer)

**David Perry**—Recovering from surgery, ongoing cancer treatment

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

**Rita Rekemeyer**—Recovering at Home

**Jean Wenndt**—Awaiting medical tests



**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:** Join us for Bible Study on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. The Bible study will be "Women with Jesus at the Cross and The Tomb" – looking at these women and reflecting on their experiences and considering how this can help us grow spiritually.

**Other Bible study opportunities:** Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Licht. The current Women's Bible Study finished in February. As part of the family at Risen Christ, how would you like to be involved in additional Bible Study - Brenda Ross, a member of the Board of Education is asking for suggestions for the next Women's Bible Study.

**Lutheran Woman's Quarterly:** Risen Christ LWML'ers receive this publication four times a year. It includes Bible study, national news and inspiration. We pay district and would like to encourage our members to donate \$10 for 2025 to help cover this cost. With the next quarterly, there will be a reminder. If you are not receiving a quarterly and would like to be included, let Rachel Luebbe or Lynette Licht know.

**Serving others:** March 10th at 3:30 p.m., we will work on tying quilts that will be finished and presented to the Pre-Kindergarten graduates of Little Blessings Daycare on April 27 th . We also are planning a **Pin and Tie Day – for April 5** – beginning at 8:30 a.m. (with breakfast) and planning to work until 11 a.m. MARK YOUR CALENDARS and come for fellowship and to help make quilts for those in need (no sewing experience is required)

**Spring Zone Rally:** Trinity Lutheran LWML is hosting this rally. It is scheduled for March 29, 2025. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be offered during mid-way break. There is a \$5 cost-sharing fee. For additional details – look for flyer in this newsletter.

**Coming Activities:** [April – planning to assemble baby kits – look for list of items needed]

**MARCH 2** – First Sunday – Mite box for mites collection and basket for General Fund donations

**MARCH 10** – at 3:30 p.m.; - Quilting work

**MARCH 25** – Mugs and Muffins -- We will have time with the Pre-K kids at 10 a.m. and will help by tying quilts that will be presented to our Little Blessings Daycare 2025 graduates in April.

**MARCH 29** – 8:30 a.m. registration, 9-12 Spring Zone Rally at Trinity

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OR THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET ON THE MINISTRY TABLE**

**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.

## 2023–2025 Mission Grant #30

### Showering Love on the Least of These

#### Mercy Holistic Ministry, CA — \$100,000

About This Mission Grant: Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) is a Sacramento, California, based organization, established in 2010, that provides dignified holistic services to restore and transform the lives of the homeless community in and around the city. Its ministry partners include various area LCMS congregations. In 2021, MHM purchased a two-stall shower trailer, literally bringing showers and the Gospel to the location of the homeless. Beyond showers, MHM provides personal hygiene kits, haircuts, clean clothing, and food to the people who come. They offer the opportunity to speak with someone who can pray for them, provide active listening, and give referrals to other services, such as shelters. Bibles and prayer books are shared.

This grant will enable MHM to offer an additional day per week of service and to purchase and retrofit a mobile closet trailer for clean clothing and hygiene kit storage.

WASHING BY THE WATER AND THE WORD

PRAYER #1 Dear heavenly Father, thank You for Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) in Sacramento, California, where Reverend Berhanu Didanu and many other Christians serve the homeless by providing free showers, haircuts, clothing, counseling, and, most of all, prayer and Bibles. Please bless their work as they add more days to their schedule so that 2,000 more people can receive Your love through acts of generosity and through hearing Your Word spoken directly to them. Please bless the hearing of the Word so that people may come to You in faith. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2 Oh, holy Father, Creator of all mankind, thank You for the opportunity to serve Your people in Sacramento, California, through Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM). Help those who serve to see the face of Your Son, Jesus, in the faces of men, women, and children who are homeless. Please grant Your servants the right words to say so that those who come for showers and haircuts may learn of Your love and forgiveness. Thank You for the LWML Mission Grant of \$100,000 that is being used to expand the work of MHM and help to purchase a mobile closet trailer. In Jesus' name. Amen.



After a refreshing hot shower offered by Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) in their mobile shower truck in downtown Sacramento, sometimes the first shower in months! MHM also provides personal hygiene kits and clothing in addition to the shower.



Bicycle donations and repairs are provided at the shower site in partnership with St. Matthew Lutheran Church. One bicycle recipient now uses it as transportation to and from his new job MHM helped him get.

## Iowa East District LWML Grants for 2024-2026

Risen Christ LWML collected mites, with the Monthly Mite collection, and with our meetings during 2024 for a total of \$735.90. Some of this is directed to the Iowa East District LWML. The district approved 13 grant proposals with a total of \$73,500 and in addition, continued scholarships for IDE members in the amount of \$30,000.

At the Convention in June of 2024, one of the mission projects that was selected was: Raising Up Future Church Musicians—College Hill Conservatory requested \$2,000. to provide Lutheran liturgy and hymn resources to help support the development of our future and current church musicians. These resources will help get them involved in the musical life of the congregation sooner.

To know more about College Hill Conservatory: an excerpt from their constitution: On behalf of our executive board, I would like to welcome you to the College Hill Music Conservatory! The Conservatory is supported by College Hill Lutheran Church and serves our surrounding community. Our mission is to provide students with the opportunity to further advance their musical abilities in a warm, welcoming, supportive Christian environment. The fundamental purpose of the Conservatory is to provide musical instruction in a private lesson setting.

However, a secondary goal of our organization is to promote the rich heritage of Christian music, especially that of the Lutheran church. Teachers at the Conservatory hope to promote this heritage by assisting students in learning pieces that they can play in their respective churches.

Another mission project that received monies through IED LWML Grants is: King of Kings, Cedar Rapids – Disaster Relief Project. The request for \$7,500 will be used for repair and/or replacement of equipment and the trailer used throughout the U.S. where natural disasters occur. To be efficient in assistance, the team needs to be restocked with safe equipment and supplies. This grant will help the team continue to be Christ's hands and feet in disaster areas, and to share God's love to people affected by disasters.







Catherine Moneysmith has been the Risen Christ Church Secretary for 3 years. Her Anniversary date was January 17th, 2025.

Catherine has many and varied responsibilities at Risen Christ. Mostly, Catherine enjoys helping Pastor Licht, meeting & helping the members in the Congregation.

Catherine likes to share her faith with others, Catherine & her husband Alan are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Davenport Iowa. Her faith in our Lord is valued and is meant to be shared. Catherine & Alan have (1) daughter, Rebecca that lives in Eldridge.

If you have any questions or would like assistance informing the Congregation about an upcoming Committee project or other events, contact Catherine with your ideas. Phone, 563-386-2342 or email; [catherine@rclcq.org](mailto:catherine@rclcq.org)

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**Council Inputs to Newsletter- March 2025**

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. Hygiene product collection for Community Action of Easter Iowa is underway. Please support/donate as you can. Contact Bryan Johnson if you'd like to get involved in this ministry area.

**Board of Education** – Sunday School/Sunday Adult Bible Study continues. There continue to be other opportunities for Bible Studies, including Men's Bible Breakfast on the 1st Saturday of the month, as well as 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** – By now, the game night on 2/28/25 was a huge success. A 5th Sunday Potluck is being planned for March.

**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 to 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. If you see any areas needing attention, please make those issues known to the church office, or Myles Zirpel.

**Other Items of Note:**

- 1) The new LBDC floor has been installed and looks very nice. Please continue to support the fundraiser to support paying for the floor and additional pending upgrades to improve the look and condition of the daycare.
- 2) The On-Site portion of the Annual Financial review was completed the week of 2/10/25, with preliminary meaningful feedback provided. The final report is still pending.
- 3) Personnel Committee is still looking to fill the Church Administrator position, considering alternate ways to make this position known to local churches and beyond. 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





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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.**

**March 27th—Dave & Rachel Luebbe**

**April 24th—OPEN**

**May 22nd—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



# MEN'S

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# BIBLE BREAKFAST

# SATURDAY

March 1st

Starting @ 7:30am

Breakfast will  
be served!



## LWML Bible Study Next Meeting

Is Thursday, March 6th  
at 6:30pm

All Women are Welcome!





## 4th Thursday of the month

Sign up at the kiosk to  
Prepare and Serve meals in 2025  
\*Thank you to the Volunteers for signing up\*  
March 27th, at 5:30pm Thank you!

## Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 12th at 5:30pm



2024-2025 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)



# Davenport Zone LWML Rally Presents: Musician/Speaker Wendysue

Information  
about  
Wendysue



## “BOLD Faith”

*1 Peter 3:15: "In your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord! Always be prepared to give an answer for the reason for the hope you have... with gentleness and respect"*



**March 29, 2025 - 9:00-12:00 (8:30 Registration)**

**All ladies (4th grade - Adults) are invited!**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**1122 W Central Park Avenue**

**Register with -- Donna Welch at 563-322-2510**

**Adults \$5 Students \$3**

**Ingathering: LCMS Disaster Fund**

**Refreshments will be offered at midway break.**



*If you have any questions contact Rachel Luebbe or Grace Schrage.*

*If you have any questions, Contact Jessica Welch*

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<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them,  
“Tell no one the vision, until the  
Son of Man is raised  
from the dead.”

*Matthew 17:9*

“Every  
title 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





# Fellowship Friday! Friday, March 28th at 12pm



"And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God."

*Joshua 3:9*



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you..."

*John 13:34*

Let's Get Together and Share a Lunch with Our Friends at Risen Christ. Please Bring Food to Share, then Stay Afterwards to Visit or Play a Game of Cards. Bring Friends! We Look Forward to Seeing You!

# Quilters Assembly Group

Meeting, Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm

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

You Are  
Welcome  
to Join  
Us!







## Collecting Mites Sunday, March 2nd



Look for  
the  
BIG BOX  
in  
Fellowship  
Hall



Mites for Missions IDE  
LWML Thanks you!

**Your Contributions Are  
Making A Difference!**



### Homebound Members of our Risen Christ Family:



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

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

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.**



*Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5th.*

Ash Wednesday will be Observed at RCLC with (2) Services—  
12pm and 7pm—Contact the Church Office with any questions.

*Vespers Begin on Wednesday, March 12th at 7pm*

Vespers—March 12th at 7pm

Vespers—March 19th at 7pm

Vespers—March 26th at 7pm

Vespers—April 2nd at 7pm

Vespers—April 9th at 7pm



### *Lenten Suppers at RCLC March 12th—April 9th*

Risen Christ Lutheran Church has Lenten Suppers beginning, Wednesday, March 12th at 6pm. Locate the Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex., if you are able to make a Soup or a Dessert for the Congregation.

**If you have any questions contact Leslie McCoy—**

**Leslie@rclqc.org**

***Wednesday, March 12th at 6pm***

***Wednesday, March 19th at 6pm***

***Wednesday, March 26th at 6pm***

***Wednesday, April 2nd at 6pm***

***Wednesday, April 9th at 6pm***



### **LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA—LSI NEWSLETTER ARTICLE MARCH 2025**

LSI serves Iowans of all ages; Families with Newborns, Immigrants, Children of all ages.

Our crucial population is Children in middle and high school.

**“I love it when a whole classroom of middle schoolers run down the auditorium hallway for an LSI class shouting ‘April!’ with excitement, ready to learn about healthy relationship skills and self-esteem,”** said April Howe, a Program Supervisor for LSI’s Clinical Services team.

Specifically, April and her team conduct two community programs in nine northwest Iowa counties: Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) and Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP).

**CAPP supports** and educates Iowa youth by providing sexual health and pregnancy prevention classes for healthy and successful relationships. PREP helps youth build social, emotional, and life skills to develop a positive sense of self and to connect with peers in their community. PREP utilizes the Teen Outreach Program and Wise Guys evidence-based curriculum.

**For more information**, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI’s Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

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

## ALTAR

- 3/02 OPEN
- 3/09 ALLAN & NANCY ELIAS
- 3/16 OPEN
- 3/23 TIM & JESSICA WELCH
- 3/30 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

- 3/02 Alyssa Petersen, Bobbie Petersen, Chris Thacker
- 3/09 Nancy Elias - Birthday #80
- 3/16 Sandy Sievert & Jessica Welch
- 3/23 Congregational Life Committee\*
- 3/30 Education Committee\* Potluck



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

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

There are opportunities for everyone to serve.

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

## Elders

**3/02— Mark Iltis**

Ash Wednesday

**3/05—Noon—Scott Sievert**

**3/05—7pm—Jason Franzenburg**

**3/09— Stephen Smith**

**Vespers 3/12— Mark Iltis**

**3/16— Ian McCloud**

**Vespers 3/19—Scott Sievert**

**3/23—Tim Welch**

**Vespers 3/26—Jason Franzenburg**

**3/30—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

- 3/02 Dave Luebbe**
- 3/09 Sam Ross**
- 3/16 Dick Schrage**
- 3/23 Terry Warner**
- 3/30 Steve McCoy**



## Altar Guild—March

**Angie & Jason Franzenburg**

**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

## ACOLYTES

**03/02 Maddie McCoy**

**3/05 Hayden Rasler—Ash Wednesday**

**03/09 Asher Ross**

**3/12 Eden Clark—Vespers**

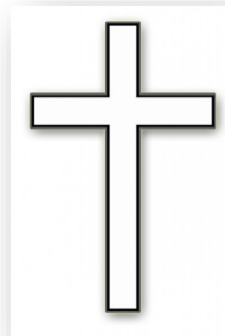
**03/16 Hayden Rasler**

**3/19 Asher Ross—Vespers**

**03/23 Eden Clark**

**3/26 Maddie McCoy—Vespers**

**03/30 Hayley Ferris**



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

- 3/02** Jason Lehman, Myles Zirpel, Scott Sievert  
 Dave Luebbe  
 Elder: Mark Iltis  
Ash Wednesday  
**3/05** TBD  
 Noon Elder: Scott Sievert  
 7pm Elder: Jason Franzenburg
- 3/09** Dean Enfield, Allan Elias, Bryan Johnson, Scott Sievert  
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 Elder: Tim Welch  
 Vespers
- 3/26** TBD  
 7pm Elder: Jason Franzenburg
- 3/30** Myles Zirpel, Jason Lehman, Scott Sievert, Steve McCoy  
 Elder: Stephen Smith



## GREETERS

**9:00AM**

- 3/02** Carol McAnelly
- 3/09** Allan & Nancy Elias
- 3/16** Dick & Grace Schrage
- 3/23** Bryan & Sherri Johnson
- 3/30** Lynette Licht



# March 2025

