

# RISEN LIFE

## Go Ahead, Ask

Pastor Mike

A local teacher tells the story: "In one recent fifth and sixth grade social studies class, we were discussing explorers and their routes. One insightful student asked me if I thought people in this era of history were smarter than people in recent history or even today.

I responded by telling the class that I believed you could place certain individuals in any place in history and they would be smart. One of the examples I used was Einstein. After finishing my example, another student shouted out,

cyber life, photo editing, and "reality" programming, it is not difficult to see why people have a hard time knowing what to believe anymore. The lines between reality and make-believe seem to weave in and out of each other.

The same is sometimes true for Christians as well. Sometimes, if the truth be known, we wonder (albeit quietly) what to believe about God and Jesus. On the Sundays following Easter, join us at Risen Lord for a new series of sermons that will address some of the difficult

### "Einstein was real?"

'Einstein was real?'"

In a world of virtual reality, avatars,



questions Christians face.

### Questions I've Wanted to Ask

*Why Does God Allow Suffering?  
Is Jesus the Only Way to God?  
Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?  
If I Believe, Why Do I Doubt?*

During these weeks, you can submit your questions to me through special worship inserts for use in an upcoming class.

See you there.

Pastor Mike

## Easter Bunny Arrives By Helicopter

Risen Lord Church is once again sponsoring its annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. It all takes place on the Saturday before Easter, April 11. Easter Eggs are "hidden" throughout the grounds in anticipation of the children's arrival.

Registration begins at 10:00 am. Age appropriate games and fun activities



are available for the children while they wait for the Easter Bunny to arrive by helicopter at 11:00 am. And don't forget the big hunt!!! Each child will turn their freshly found eggs in for a treat bag filled with candy and special Easter treats such as pencils, stickers, or balloons! Every child will go home with a big smile on their face!! If you would like to volunteer to assist the children with games, activities, or with the egg hunt call 535-6727.

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## 7th Annual Fish Fry

One of the first things Jesus did after he was raised from the dead was to look up his buddies and have a fish fry on the beach! And since Risen Lord is a Bible believing church, it only seems right to follow his lead. There is no beach, but there is plenty of fish to fry, as well as a lot of other good things to eat.



Risen Lord Men will be offering the following mouthwatering features:

- Fresh (not frozen) Deep-fried Southern Catfish
- Hush Puppies
- Hot Dawgs
- Beverages

Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. And your appetite! Chris Barteel has got the rest covered. If you would like to assist Chris with preparing this delicious meal, contact him at 458-0034.

Mark Sunday April 11th on your calendar. It all starts at 12:00 noon after the second service. You won't want to miss the 7th Annual Fish Fry.

**Sunday April 11  
12:00 noon**

## Ladies Dining Out

We have planned the next couple of months of Ladies Dining Out so the ladies of Risen Lord can mark their calendars and plan to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and good food.

### April 18

Louie's Grill & Pub  
Stones Crossing and SR135,  
Greenwood

### May 16, 2010

O'Charley's  
SR. 135 across from Target

All the ladies of our congregation are encouraged to come and we meet at 6:00 pm at the restaurant. Please let either Cara Ruble (535-7173) or Dawn Winblad (535-9456) know if you plan to attend so we may make reservations. Thank you and see you at Louie's!

## Summer Camp Programs

Highlights of Lutheran Hills programs for Summer 2010

### Classic Camps:

**Children's Day** — June 12, 2010

**Pilgrims** — June 20-23, August 1-4  
(Grades 1-3)

**Pioneers** — June 20-25, June 27-  
July 2, July 25-30, and August 1-6  
(Grades 4-6)

**Trailblazers** — June 13-18, June  
27-July 2, July 5-10, July 11-16,  
and July 25-30  
(Grades 7-9)

### Theme Camps:

**Guitar Camp** — July 18-23

**Performing Arts** — July 18-23

**Reading Camp** — June 20-25

**Servant Camp** — July 5-10

**Family Weekend** — August 6-8

**XYZ Day**—July 23

Go to [www.lomik.org](http://www.lomik.org) for more information or pickup a program guide at the information desk.

## Dinner Club

The Risen Lord Dinner Club will meet on April 9 @ 7:00 PM at Vito Provo-lone's. Vito's is located on the east side of SR 135, just north of Meridian School Road.

All adult members and friends of Risen Lord are encouraged to join with us for an evening of fellowship and good dining. Call Lin Montigney @ 887-0628 to make a reservation or send an e-mail to Lin-seeT@comcast.net

## BBQ Fundraiser

Beat Brain Cancer  
BBQ Competition  
&

Bake Sale

April 17th at 6:00 PM

Live Music  
Live Auction

Location:

Greenwood Moose Lodge  
813 W. Smith Valley Road  
Greenwood, Indiana

Adults \$10.00  
Kids \$5.00

Proceeds to go to Francie Lambert (Anna Myers sister) to help with medical bills. A portion of the proceeds to go to the American Cancer Society through Curves Greenwood Relay for Life team.

## Risen Lord Montessori School Spring Sing

Risen Lord Montessori School will be presenting their annual Spring Sing on Sunday April 25. The children who have been attending will delight you with great music that they have been learning through out the year. Their theme this year is "Jesus Loves The Little Children." The morning class will perform at 2:00 p.m. and the afternoon class will perform at 3:00 p.m. All of Risen Lord Church is invited! Come join their parents and grandparents and see what these young Christians have been learning this past school year. They would love to see you fill the sanctuary!

## Summer Day Camp At Risen Lord

Thinking ahead to summer and what activities your children will be involved with? Check out Risen Lord's Summer Day Camp. Risen Lord Montessori School teachers offer lots of exercise and outdoor activities, including water activities, a sense of love and community according to Christian values and leadership education. The camp is geared towards kids 3 through 8 years old but they are open to exceptions, including children with special needs. They are now taking applications for the week long sessions: June 21 through 25 and June 28 through July 2. You can choose one or both sessions. Complete the enclosed pre-registration form and return it to the church office along with your deposit. Costs are listed on the pre-registration form.

## Confirmation May 23

Four youth from Risen Lord's Timothy Club will be making confirmation of their faith on May 23. Sammy Green, Max Greene, and Rachel Drake will publicly affirm God's continuing work in their lives and faith. Taking place during the 10:00 service, confirmands will be surrounded by friends and family in support and cheer.

They will receive a special blessing from the congregation, certificates and a confirmation quilt prepared by women of Risen Lord.

Join us this day for a truly memorable service inspired by Risen Lord's choir and the musical talents of some of Risen Lord's youngest musicians.

## Noah's Nursery Revamp

We are in the process reviewing and improving our nursery and toddler services. Donated items such as pack and play, changing table, bouncing seats, etc would be appreciated. Please speak to any church council member regarding items for possible donation.

### Council Members:

Kevin Bardonner  
Paul Watson  
Steve Beck  
Pamela Lippert  
Stephanie Smotherman  
Robert Klingshirn  
Pat Ryan  
Dawn Winblad  
Greg Costelow  
Melissa Day  
Chris Schultz  
Jerry Slater

## Youth Quake News

Youth Quake dates to remember:

April 4 No Youth Quake-Easter  
April 11 Youth Quake at church  
April 19 Youth Quake at church  
April 25 Youth Quake at church  
May 2 Youth Quake at church  
May 9 No Youth Quake-Mother's Day  
May 16 Youth Quake at church  
May 23 Last Youth Quake, Pitch In,  
—sign up to follow

We will be planning June and July activities. More details to come in future newsletters.

## Knot Sew Squared Quilting Update

Knot Sew Squared is meeting every other Tuesday morning from 9 until noon April 13 and 27, May 11 and 25. We have a great need for people to cut and tie. We encourage those who can tie and talk at the same time. It's a lot of fun and good for the soul. There is a great need for quilts as the stockpile is close to empty. There are so many in need in Haiti & Chile. Please join us to make a difference!



20 quilts and still quilting!

# MATURING STEWARDS DO THE RIGHT THING

**“April showers bring May flowers”** is an old saying that is fairly well known to adults and children as well. It is very true that God blesses His creation with rain which causes seeds to sprout and grow upon the earth. This blessing of rain is something good that God lavishes upon all people, regardless of whether or not they are believers in Jesus as their Savior. And, because of the blessing of rain, seed-time and harvest will prevail and the earth will yield its increase and provide food for all God’s creatures. Not only does rain bring forth flowers but also the fruits and grains from gardens, vineyards, orchards and fields. God is good and His mercy endures forever. His rain will come not only in April but throughout the growing season.

We rejoice and are glad that God takes such bountiful care of our physical needs. That is important, but in April we will celebrate a special day which reminds us that God

also takes care of all our spiritual needs. That day is Easter, a day set aside to celebrate the victory of Jesus over sin, death and the devil. As the Bible teaches, because He lives we shall also live. What great, good news that is to celebrate and share with others who also need to hear some good news.

Why does God lavish such rich physical blessings upon us? Dr. Martin Luther explains it so well when in the Small Catechism he wrote: **“All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true!”**

Why does God lavish upon us such rich spiritual blessings because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus? Again, in the Small Catechism Luther wrote: **“that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and**

**serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!”**

God lavishes His rich blessings upon us to manage and use in ways that honor Him and bless others as well as ourselves. This is what we mean when we talk about Christian stewardship. God’s stewards freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for His purposes. This management includes taking care of God’s creation so that the physical needs of all God’s creatures are satisfied. It also includes sharing the good news of hope and salvation through Jesus who died for us and rose again.

A blessed Easter to you all!

*“Maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!”*

## MISSION FOR THE MONTH

**Our Lord says, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”** (Matthew 25:40).

During the month of April Risen Lord Montessori School children will be participating in the schools 6th annual Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. You can participate by sponsoring a preschool student. Risen Lord Riders are: *Nicholas Bardonner, Jayden Enderle, Jeremy Hull, Joshura Hull, Declan Watson, Annaliese Runkle, Isabella Swango, Adam Hansel, Ethan and Graecen Scott.* St. Jude leads the way in research to fight childhood leukemia. Checks should be made out to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. On the memo line write the child’s name and “Trike-A-Thon”.

## I’M GLAD YOU ASKED!

**Q. When is Vacation Bible School?**

**A: July 11 through 15. Read on....**

This year the theme for Vacation Bible School is **Baobab Blast** and is an open invitation to be a part of **God’s Great Get-Together.** Set under the impressive baobab tree, kids will have the opportunity to hear the Word, be amazed at God’s wildlife creations, and be a part of a supportive community through Madagascar Music, Savannah Storytelling, Grassland Games, Kalahari Crafts, and Serengeti Science.

This will be a life changing experience for your kids as you gather together as a community and grow in faith. As the sun rises and sets on the savannah, so, too, will faith and relationships grow as kids explore connec-

tions with God, family, friends, and others around the world. Get ready to experience the most amazing community get-together under the sun.



Anita Hittinger is coordinating this special event and is in need of volunteers. It takes a lot of people to pull off Vacation Bible School. We need you! A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board or call Anita at 782-3527 or 409-7052.

# LOOKING AHEAD

## May

May 3 Finance Committee  
 May 6 and 20 MOPS  
 May 6, 13, 20, 27 Grief Support Group  
 May 9 Mother's Day  
 May 10 Council  
 May 17 Ministry Teams  
 May 23 Confirmation Day

## June

June 4 Benham/McClain wedding  
 June 4-6 IK Synod Assembly  
 June 7 Finance Committee  
 June 14 Council  
 June 20 Father's Day  
 June 21 Ministry Teams

## July

July 4 Independence Day  
 July 5 Finance Committee  
 July 11- 15 VBS  
 July 12 Council  
 July 15, 22, 29 Grief Support Group  
 July 19 Ministry Teams  
 July 31 Swartz/Campbell wedding



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**Sunday Morning  
 Worship Schedule**

**8:15 Worship  
 9:30 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship**