

RISEN LORD

Growing with God

From Pastor Mike

There are few gifts more important or joyful than being a part of a vibrant, healthy, and growing church. For those of you who have made Risen Lord your spiritual home, you know how true that it.

Because of the growth we see around us week by week, from time to time we make adjustments and tweaks to how we use the building and how we schedule events. Coming up in September, we will be expanding our Sunday morning schedule. This change in schedule makes room for growth in attendance

and for Christian education. We need more space for both to get in and out of the building. And we need more space for Sunday school. The new Sunday schedule will help provide some temporary elbow room needed for continued growth.

To help announce this new schedule, we will have new signage. There will be a new main sign to replace the wood sign on the corner. The sign was designed by the same graphic designer that designed our website, word mark, logo

Facility Master Plan Progress

Small Group Meetings Held

Last month, a large cross section of our members met in small groups with architect Steve Alexander and provided input regarding our facilities. That input was reviewed by the Building Committee and used to develop a proposed Facility Master Plan. A big thank you goes out to those members who took time to attend one or more of the small group meetings. Your input is valued and went a long way towards helping us focus on the future.

More Work to Do After considering the input received from each small group, the Building Committee worked with Mr. Alexander and ultimately brought a proposed Facility Master Plan before the Congregation Council at its July meeting. The council had numerous questions about the proposal, several involving areas the committee had wrestled with. In the end, the council directed the Building Committee to continue meeting with Mr. Alexander and further refine its proposal.

Special Meeting Cancelled The Special Meeting of the congregation which had been called for August 9th is cancelled. Instead, it is hoped that the final version of the Facility Master Plan will be ready for consideration by the congregation on Rally Day, September 13th. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Let's get the word out!

and other visual communication pieces.

What I am wondering is, how many of us would be willing to help spread the news of our new schedule to the community? What I have in mind is printing thousands of fliers that we can place in the newspaper boxes of every neighborhood between County Line Road and Bargsville and between SR 37 and Yorktown Road. Give it some thought. All that you would need to do is drive your car slowly through the neighborhood and slip the flier in the box. There will be a signup board at church for those who are able. Thank you. Pastor Mike.



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Grief Support Group Begins New Session

Beginning August 6, Risen Lord will host a six-week grief support group sponsored by Community Home Health Services Hospice. The group will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 in the Library. These meetings are designed to help people in their journey of grief after losing a loved one through understanding more about the grieving process, telling our stories, and sharing mutual encouragement. The group is open to the public.

To sign up or for more information, contact Linda Shepherd, Bereavement Coordinator, at 317-621-4646 or 800-404-4852. You may also talk with Mike Mercer at church or call him at 363-3367.

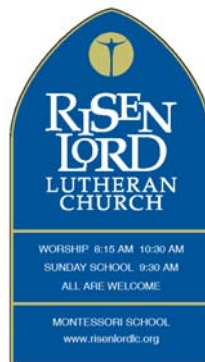
Knot Sew Squared "Cut and Run"

The quilt group's summer project is "Cut and Run". Tami Hoover, Brenda, Erin and Rachel Drake have the fabric sorted into boxes of "kits". These kits can be picked up by anyone who would like to spend some time inside out of the heat and cut the fabric into squares. Directions are included in the kits.

Knot Sew Squared is also looking for ideas that would make good use of the non-cotton fabric. Ideas could be pillowcases, tote bags, or any other simple projects for charities that support kids at risk or families in need. Volunteers should contact Tami Hoover at 422-8328 Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday and she will answer questions or get you set up with a kit. The fabric needs to be cut by fall so it can be sewn into quilts for this winter.

Risen Lord Gets New Signs

The Risen Lord Montessori School has generously donated \$14,000 to the church for the fabrication of new signs. The main sign (shown below) will replace the current wooden sign. Roadside directional signs will be placed throughout the community pointing the way to Risen Lord from all directions. And other signs will be placed on the church property to give clear and helpful instructions for members and guests. Thank you to Anita Hittinger and the Risen Lord Montessori School for their generosity and partnership. The school is a ministry of Risen Lord and a wonderful outreach to the community.



Golf Outing

Calling all golfers! There will be a golf outing on Saturday August 29 3:00 PM at Bluff Creek. This event is a great day of fellowship, relaxation, and yes, a few laughs too! Everyone is invited. Sign-up (sheet on bulletin board) as soon as possible so we can make appropriate reservations. Contacts for this event are: Mike McGuire 786-0734 and Jerry Slater 765-349-2823. See you there!



Senior Youth News



Risen Lord High School Group 2009

Sr. Youth Looking Forward

Risen Lord Lutheran Church definitely is growing a Youth Group! The second annual Lake House party was a great success! A record number of 10 high school youth showed up at church in the drizzling rain.....that's saying something about faith! We spent an eventual sunny day together at Brent Enderle's lake house on Lake Cordry. A huge thank you goes to Brent for his kindness and generosity! Thanks also to James Ryan for helping with transportation and chaperoning.

Eight youth helped with VBS....Ashley Weishaar, Ashley Fowler, Janice Green, Taylor Scott, Sammy Green, Max Green, Rachael Drake and Nicole Fowler. They put on skits, helped where help was needed....and had a lot of fun doing it! Thanks goes to them too.

Dates to remember:

Sunday, August 23, 11:30.....Cook out (at the LaRocco home) and Putt Putt Golfing. More details to follow via email.

That's it for now! Thanks, Genie

New Member Sunday



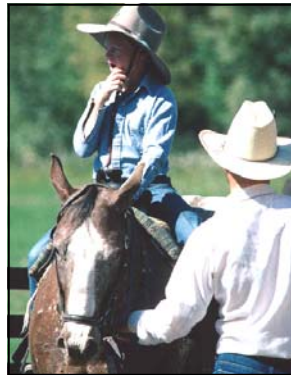
Rally Day is full of special events. Included in those events is New Member Reception. Risen Lord will receive new members on September 13 at both the 8:15 and 10:30 worship services. If you or someone you know has interest in being a part of this special event, please call the church office at 535-6727. If you would like to meet with pastor prior to joining, call the church office to schedule a time.

Welcome!

Horse Rides on Rally Day

September 13

Rally Day will be exploring in the canyon. Each year Risen Lord Church kicks off the fall Sunday School season with a large fellowship event. This year's theme for Rally Day is from this summer's very successful Vacation Bible School theme "**Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of the Word!**" Vacation Bible School had 65 kids registered and raised \$222.70 for the Navajo Lutheran Mission School in the Rock Point, Arizona canyon area.



Join Risen Lord on Sunday September 13 for the first Sunday School class and Youth Group of the fall with special fun activities included in each class. Then, after the conclusion of the second service mingle in the commons or on the patio for the fellowship event. Included will be a scrumptious pitch-in meal with plenty of music and fun activities for adults, and children. Mark your calendar now for you will not want to miss this event. Watch for the food and volunteers (set and take down) sign up sheets on the information table in the commons area.

September 13

- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Promise Land Sunday School /Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 Worship
- 12:30 Pitch-In Meal
- 5:30 Youth Quake

New Sunday Schedule Coming

To support the planned expansion of Sunday School, we will be changing our Sunday morning worship schedule beginning with Rally Day, **September 13**. Beginning on that day the Sunday schedule will be:

8:15-9:15 Worship
9:30—10:15 Sunday School
10:30 — 11:30 Worship

There will be classes for all ages from 9:30 — 10:15, and two adult classes— one in the library and one in the sanctuary. There will still be a Children's Message at second service followed by a children's program. This Fall Connie LaRocco will be preparing the kids for a Christmas program that will take place on Christmas Eve at 5:00. Kids can choose to sing, create sets, paint, etc. There will something for all.

Prayer Concerns

What happens to our prayer concerns you ask? I don't always hear them on Sunday mornings.

Your prayer concerns are given to Carolee Fischer who then distributes them to the prayer chain via email. There are unfortunately too many to read all of them every Sunday. So, if you don't hear your prayer concern on Sunday mornings, know that it is still in the hearts and prayers of the prayer chain.

Prayer requests for healing, an event, or a celebration can be submitted to the church office (worship@risenlordlc.org or 535-6727) or directly to Carolee (fischerjc@sbcglobal.net or 888-4768), or the prayer concern sheet in the bulletins. You can also be a part of the prayer chain by giving your email address to Carolee Fischer.

MATURING STEWARDS DO THE RIGHT THING

August—who needs it???

Who wants it???

Many people don't look forward to August and when it does come, they want it to pass quickly. August can be a long and boring month. Vacations for the most part are probably over. Farmers are in a waiting mode—not much work to do except watch the crops ripen. Baseball players refer to this month as the “dog days of August,” a time when they just have to “gut it out” before getting into the decisive month of September. Even children get bored even to the point of wanting to get back to school (that one usually wears off after the first couple of weeks of September). Church leaders are anxiously waiting for the start up of a new ministry year when things begin to happen anew. For these and other reasons August may well be the least liked month of the year.

Life comes with many August moments. We are in-between people,

people who are waiting. We are there and yet we are not there. God has in Christ declared us to be His people, and yet we repeatedly fall short of His expectations. God has in Christ declared us to be saints and yet we are chronic sinners. We live in a tension of becoming what God has already declared us to be. The Apostle John in the third chapter of his first letter writes these beautiful words: “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He [Christ] appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” (1 John 3:1-2 NIV)

We are “August” people in a waiting mode. But that waiting is not a useless passing of time. It is a time when we exercise our faith as the children of God. With the power of His Holy Spirit we strive to

be the best stewards we can be of our time, talents, treasure, relationships and all the other things that God has entrusted to us to manage for His purposes. It is an exciting time that provides us with many opportunities to say and do things that bring honor to the name of God and encouragement to those around us.

So the next time you have the opportunity to put your faith into action in your family, church, neighborhood or work place by giving some of your time, talents or money, whether it's in the month of August or some other time, do it with energy and joy because “God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.”

“Maturing stewards to 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 August Risen Lord Church will have the annual Back to School Drive for IPS School 34. Items that are needed are:

pencils, crayons, pocket folders, colored pencils, and glue sticks.

School children are lacking these basic, essential items. Please place your contributions in the basket located in our “Mission Corner” in the commons area just outside the sanctuary doors. Everyone is encouraged to participate as your help is needed!

I'M GLAD YOU'VE ASKED!

Q. How can we help Tyler Genneken?

A. In many ways. Read on....

Just when Tyler and his family thought they may have beaten the ugly beast, cancer raised its ugly head once again. Tyler is back at Riley awaiting a bone marrow transplant. Many people from Risen Lord and the community are making dinners, helping with lawn mowing and household cleaning. Sign up sheets are on the café table along with maps to the house. And still we feel like we should be doing more. We all want to chase the cancer away. But how.... Donate blood and/or be tested for becoming a bone marrow donor. It is painless and quick.

First go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/TylerGenneken. Read Tyler's Journal which also has the dates and locations of the Blood and Bone Marrow drives. Tyler's goal is to have 500 people participate in the testing for the bone marrow transplant he desperately needs. Tyler says if they don't find a match for him hopefully they will find a match for someone else.

If you want to be tested, but cannot make one of the drives, order your kit online at www.bethematch.org. The kit is free and only takes a minute to do. The website has all the information on obtaining the kit, using the kit, and mailing it back for the testing. Be sure to use the promo code of 00378 when ordering your kit.

LOOKING AHEAD

September

September 3, 10 Grief Support
 September 11 Dinner Club
 September 13 Rally Day
 September 13 New Member Day
 September 21 Ministry Teams
 September 27 Ice Cream Social

October

October 9 Dinner Club
 October 19 Ministry Teams
 October 25 Reformation Day Festival

November

November 13 Dinner Club
 November 16 Ministry Teams
 November 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service
 November 28 Hanging of the Greens



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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 Worship
10:00 Worship
10:00 Sunday School