

RISEN LORD

Making Room for Love

From Pastor Mike

On July 11, Risen Lord held a specially called congregational meeting to approve the hiring of the capital campaign consulting firm Kairos. Jeff Kjellberg, owner and president of Kairos, will be Risen Lord's consultant.

The purpose of the campaign is to help Risen Lord position itself for the design and construction of a new sanctuary by reducing our current debt on the building.

The importance of building a new sanctuary is that it helps us welcome more of the people God is sending us. Risen

The reason it is growing is the depth of grace, joy, and community present in Risen Lord's worship. It is a spiritual oasis on the Southside of Indianapolis.

When I was a boy, my mother always made sure that there was enough food to include unexpected guests at dinner. There was always room for more at the table. It was just plain wrong to not be able to provide a place for others at the table. It was a source of embarrassment and shame to not be able to welcome guests to the table.

Risen Lord is a spiritual oasis on the Southside.

Lord is a growing church, and is outgrowing the space we built just ten years ago.



As a church, Risen Lord needs to make more room to gather at the table. The sanctuary is the gathering space for worship and the meal. When worship has 150 people in it, it feels full. As it is, we average 158 — 180 a Sunday in worship. And more people are coming to the Risen Lord oasis.

I am very excited about what the campaign holds in store for us. And I pray that we will all support and participate in the experience in the months ahead.

Pastor Mike

New Member Reception

August 29



Risen Lord will receive new members on August 29 at both the 8:15 and 10:30 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.

A new three session class is being offered for all those who have questions about membership at Risen Lord. It is called "Check It Out!" and takes place on July 21, 28 and **August 4** from 7:00 — 8:00. Childcare will be provided.

Welcome!

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- Ice Cream Social with Abundant Grace
- Youth Quake Takes Leap Forward
- Hope for Chronic Pain Sufferers

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The Rhyme and Reason of Worship

Planning Music Around the Lectionary



**Dan Andersen, Risen Lord's
Director of Music**

Risen Lord Music Director, Dan Andersen, heads to an annual conference of Lutheran musicians August 2 and 3 to prepare for the Fall, Winter, and Spring at Risen Lord. At the conference, Dan will be reading through a lot of music, looking for choral pieces that would fit well at Risen Lord and fit the church year.

Many Risen Lord worshipers have commented through the years how well the choir music fits with the readings and liturgical calendar. That is due, in large part, to the work Dan does over the summer.

Each Sunday worship service features a set of readings from the Bible. This set of readings is called the Revised Common Lectionary. It provides a three-year plan for Sunday readings starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas day.

For each Sunday and festival, four readings are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, a reading from the Psalms, and a New Testament reading. The Revised Common Lectionary is a joint product of the work of scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada.

Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels (Year A—Matthew, Year B — Mark, Year C — Luke). John is read in each year in the major seasons of Christmas, Lent, and Easter. For much of the year, the Old Testament lesson is closely related to the Gospel reading.

Year A focuses on the gospel of Matthew. The optional Old Testament readings focus on major Genesis narratives, the covenant with Moses, and the establishment of Israel in the promised land. The second, New Testament, readings are from Romans, Philippians, and 1 Thessalonians.

Year B focuses on the gospel of Mark with more selections from the gospel of John than any other year.

The optional readings from the Old Testament focus on the covenant of David and Wisdom literature. The second, New Testament, readings are from 1 and 2 Corinthians, Ephesians, James, and Hebrews.

Year C focuses on the gospel of Luke. The optional Old Testament readings are of prophetic proclamation chosen in chronological order and highlighting Jeremiah. The second, New Testament, readings are chosen mainly from Galatians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Timothy and 2 Thessalonians. In the course of three years, worshipers will have heard almost the entire Bible read aloud in worship!

Commemoration and Sending of Graduates

Risen Lord will celebrate with its high school graduates on August 1 with a special service of commemoration and sending at the 10:30 service. As one of the greatest events in a young person's life, graduation marks a major milestone and transition point for both the graduate and the family.

Join Risen Lord as it commemorates the following graduates:

**Daniel Andersen
Lindsey Gasiorowski
Stephen Lucaites
Alli Magher
Jessica Miller**

Risen Lord is proud of its graduates and sends them into the world proudly. To mark their new venture, Risen Lord has commissioned glass artist and Risen Lord member Tina Braurer to create custom glass art

crosses for each graduate to wear around their necks.

The crosses will be placed on them during the service, which will include a special litany and music by the Sr. High Youth Group.

Join the entire congregation afterward for a graduation cake and pictures.



Promise Land End of Summer Bash

Promise Land Pool Party End of Summer Bash August 7 4:00 — 7:00 pm

All the families who have children young enough to be in Promise Land Sunday School are invited to an end of summer bash. Promise Land Sunday School serves children from birth to 6th grade.

Because of the large number of people that could potentially come to the event, the party will use two houses. Music Director Dan Andersen and Pastor Mike are next door neighbors and are opening their homes for the party. Their homes are seven minutes from the church in Willow Lakes subdivision.

Beverages (adult and otherwise) will be provided along with the meat for the cookout. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

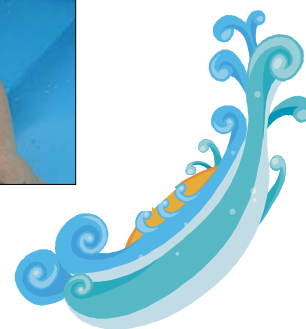


Pool Party with Two Pools (ok, 1 1/2 pools)

There will be two options for pool fun at the Promise Land Pool Party. There will be the Kim and Dan Andersen pool, a regular in-ground pool. There will also be an inflatable pool next door at Pastor and Karin Brown's home for little tikes who aren't ready for the big pool.

Parents and kids are welcome to come dressed to swim. They can change at either of the houses. Or if you want to stay out of the water, that's fine too. Just

come, kick back, and relax. Bring your towels, floaties, and any other pool stuff you would normally need. There will be extra towels just in case, though.



Games for All Ages

For kids and parents who decide to stay out of the pools, there will be plenty of other activities and games

to occupy the kids while the adults mingle and get acquainted.

Among the non-pool options are Beach Ball volleyball, a Slip and Slide, water gun duels, and wet baseball.



Driving Directions:

Dan and Kim Andersen live at 2235 Willow Lake Dr. Greenwood 46143

From Stones Crossing Rd. Drive north on Willow Lake Dr. to the third stop sign. The Andersens and Browns live at the corner. The road winds through the neighborhood. Park on one side of the road on Willow Lake Dr. or Keyway Dr.

Getting What God Has To Say

Lutheran Study Bible



Augsburg Fortress has published a new Lutheran Study Bible. This exciting new Bible features the NRSV translation as well as introductions, notes, and articles written by over sixty Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians.

This resource is designed to invite readers to experience the Bible and its message through solid background material, unique Lutheran insights, and opportunities for faith reflection.

Reader-friendly, inviting, and engaging, this is the perfect study bible for both youth and adults who want to encounter Scripture in a fresh and new way! Biblical text is 10 point font; study notes are 7 point font.

You can purchase one at a group rate of \$24.50 by calling the church office at 535-6727 and reserving your copy now. Or sign up at the bulletin board. Orders will be placed September 6.

“Let the word of God dwell within you richly.”

— Colossians 3:16

Diakonia Program begins September 11

Calling all eager learners! Indianapolis area Lutheran churches are invited to participate in a program called “*Diakonia*,” a two year process of spiritual formation and theological education.

The process grounds you in the classic church leadership disciplines of practical, systematic, historical and Biblical theology. It helps you identify your special skills and aptitudes for ministry. And it helps provide spiritual growth through worship, retreats, and a supportive community of fellow students, mentors and instructors.

The *Diakonia* curriculum consists of twelve courses, six per academic year. Each course is five sessions in length, and meets weekly for 3 hour sessions. All of the courses are introductory in

nature. Students work at their own level and pace, and assignments reflect the understanding that students are already busy with their jobs, families, and church.

Tuition for *Diakonia* is \$360 per year (for the two year program). Book costs vary from course to course, but are generally under \$30 a course. A non-refundable registration fee of \$25 is required at the time of registration. An additional \$25 fee at the end of the program covers graduation expenses.

Classes will be on Saturday mornings from 9:00 — 12:00 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on the near North Side of Indianapolis.

For more information, please contact Pastor Mike at 503-1222.

Wednesday Morning Study



On Wednesday, August 4, the Soup, Salad and Scripture Class begins a new book of the Bible. It is the book of Hebrews, a letter written to second or third generation Christians, most of whom were likely raised in the faith from childhood.

Join the discussion on Wednesday mornings, then stay for a light lunch. The study materials are provided by the church and the meals are provided by class participants.

August 4

Who Is Jesus? Pt. 1

August 11

Who Is Jesus? Pt. 2

August 18

What Did Jesus Do?

August 25

What Is Faith?

Soup, Salad, & Scripture

August 4, 11, 18, & 25

Wednesday mornings

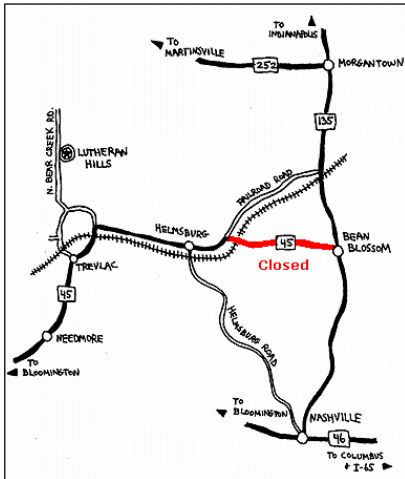
10:30—12:30

Studies in Hebrews

Living, Loving, and Laughing Together

Lutheran Hills Day

August 22
4:00 — 6:00
Lutheran Hills



Lutheran Hills Camp is holding a BBQ Fundraiser on August 22 from 4:00 – 6:00. Arrive anytime Sunday to enjoy the 700 acres of camp located in Brown County: camping, fishing, hiking, and pool.

Lutheran Hills is just 40 minutes from Risen Lord, see map above. In the words of the Executive Director for Lutheran Outdoor Ministry, Mark Radloff, the camps exist,

“to connect a child with God--to show a child that they can do more than capture fleeting moments of meaning and go on to experience a relationship with God in Christ, is to give a child a sense of place in the universe, a sense of meaning and value. It is to ground a person in a faith that provides the basis for character, personal conduct, positive relationships, and that may one day “get them through” a health crisis, disaster, tragedy, loss, and grief. It is a rock upon which to build a life.”

Join us on August 22 to support this wonderful ministry.

Fellowship Opportunities

Ice Cream Social
August 29
Time 6:00—8:00 pm

Abundant Grace Lutheran Church, Risen Lord's sister church in Greenwood is putting on an ice cream social for Risen Lord as a show of appreciation for our partnership over the last year and a half.

To get to Abundant Grace from the closest major intersection of Worthsville Rd. and HY 31: Drive east on Worthsville Rd. from HY 31 past the railroad tracks to Emerson Ave. Turn right (south) on Emerson. Church is on left 1/4 mile down the road.

Address is 2425 S. Emerson Ave. Greenwood, IN 46143.

3rd Annual Lake Party
High School Youth
August 2

We are again blessed with an invitation to the lake-house on Lake Cordry. We had a great time last year tubing, skiing, cooking out and fellowshiping. I hope all high school youth can join us again....rain or shine! It's a good chance for us to welcome the new members of our group. Cards / emails will be sent with more details. A brief meeting for parents and kids who are going will be held on Sunday, August 1, after second service.....we can organize food, consent forms etc. at this time.

Genie

Ladies Night Out

All the ladies of our congregation are encouraged to come and we meet at 6:00 pm at the restaurant for an evening of fun, fellowship and good food.

Please let either Cara Ruble (535-7173) or Dawn Winblad (535-

9456) know if you plan to attend so we may make reservations.

August 15, 2010

BJ's Brew House

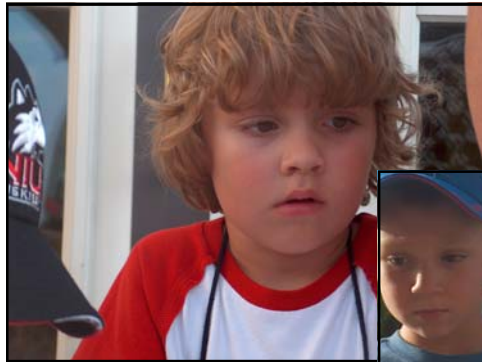
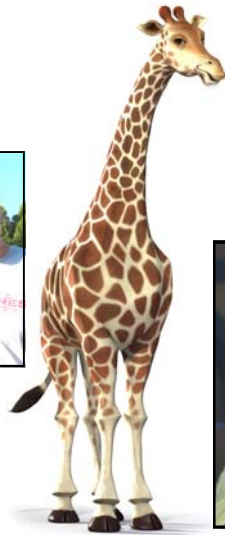
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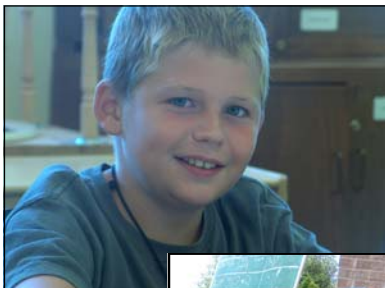


Another Great Year of VBS at Risen Lord

80 Kids



12 Youth



35 Adults



Fall Children's Programs Looking for Volunteers

Come! Fall in love with the children!



It's pure and simple: falling in love with children. Risen Lord's Children's Ministry is looking for people who want to make a difference in the lives of children by volunteering for either Promise Land or Children's Church. Promise Land and Children's Church are Risen Lord's main course when it comes to grounding kids in the Bible and the teachings of the church.

Promise Land occupies the hour between first and second service, meeting from 9:30 — 10:15. Promise Land follows a set of lessons that is based on the lectionary and the church year. There are for classes at this time for ages preschool through 6th grade. Teaching materials, crafts and supplies, subs and helpers are included.

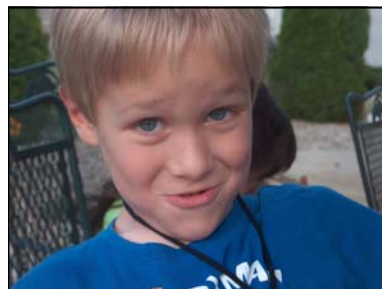


The time commitment for Promise Land is once a Sunday for 45 minutes with one group of kids.

Children's Church happens during second service. After the Gospel is read, pastor invites the children (preschool—3rd grade) up front for a "children's message." Once the message is over, children are invited to go back to a classroom for a lesson geared for their age level based on the same Bible stories that adults get in the sermon. Lessons and materials are provided.

The time commitment for this experience is 30 minutes once every 6 to 8 weeks during worship.

We need your help to give our children the very best Christian education we are capable of giving.



Sign up at Church

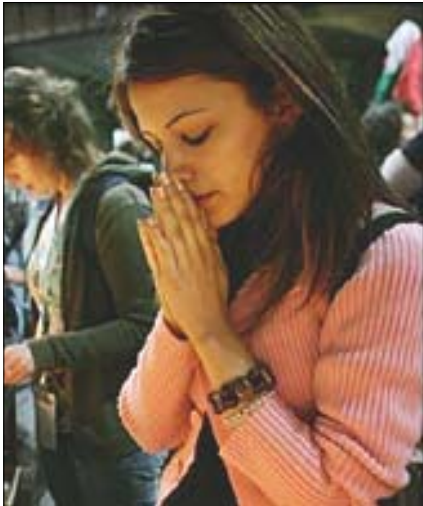


Sign up during the month of August to help with Promise Land or Children's Church at the easel sign up board in the commons. Or sign up during church when the volunteer clip board is passed down the aisle.



Risen Lord Youth Center on Spiritual Formation

Youth Listening to God



Each year's Youth Quake gets better and better and this year is no exception. The biggest changes youth will notice this year is in worship. The space will be more imaginative and creative.

Janice Green is sewing a round "rug" that is 40 feet in diameter and bursts with the colors of the sun. In the middle of the round fabric rug, youth will gather around a campfire constructed from about 40 candles set in a round platform built by Dave Goers.



Overhead and hanging from the ceiling are 40 foot long drapes of dark blue, crimson, purple, and night blue drawn from the center out to the sides of the room, creating a canopy to simulate the night. Hanging down from the canopy will be forty stars.

"40" is an important number at Youth Quake as it is in the Bible. Moses was on Mt. Sinai for 40 days

and 40 nights receiving the Ten Commandments. The people of Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years as they waited to cross over to the Promised Land. Jesus was led into the wilderness for 40 days as he faced off with the devil and temptation.

In the Bible, the number "40" indi-

cates a period of intense spiritual formation, a time when deep spiritual forces are moving in a person's life. It is often a time of hearing God speak in a new way. It is often a time of crossing over into a new and fuller life of

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him . . ."
— Matthew 4:1-3

blessing and adventure. It is often a time of wrestling with the power of sin and evil in the world.



Youth Quake's purpose is to provide youth a place to gather and do all three: 1) hear God speak in

a new way, 2) cross over to a fuller life with Christ, and 3) learn how to face the temptations and brokenness in the world with faith.

What Is Youth Quake?



Youth Quake is Risen Lord's weekly Sunday night youth program during the school year. Meeting from 5:30 — 7:30 pm grades 4 through 12 gather in three separate groups for study, worship, games, projects, and meals.

Youth Quake begins on September 12 with all three groups — 46'ers, Timothy Club, and Sr. Youth — meeting for worship in the sanctuary.

Following opening worship, the groups enjoy a home cooked meal prepared by volunteers from the congregation.

Ranging from tacos, to lasagna, to hot dogs with soft drinks and desserts, the youth leave nothing behind. Study and games come next. As the 46'ers grow in their literacy of the Bible, the Timothy Club digs into confirmation studies, and the Sr. Youth plan and pray.

Begins September 12

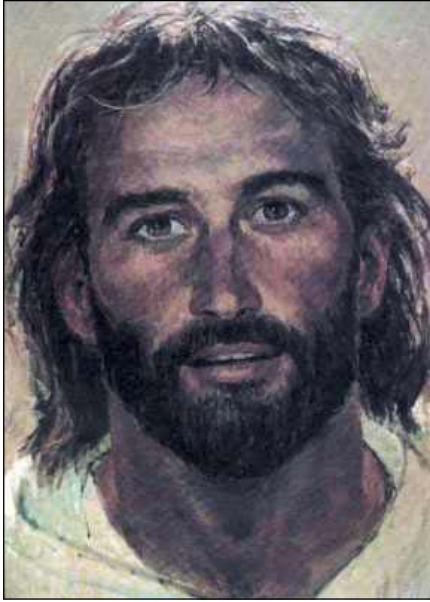
46'ers (Grades 4-6)

Timothy Club (Grades 7 & 8)

Sr. High (Grades 9—12)

5:30 — 7:30

Reaching Out with Jesus' Love



Mission of 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 will have the annual Back to School Drive for IPS School 34. Items that are needed are:

pencils, crayons, pocket folders, colored pencils, glue sticks, playground balls, and Jump-ropes

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!

Hope Keepers Comes to Risen Lord

Living with Chronic Pain

Whether from chronic fatigue, orthopedic problems, Crohn's, migraines, depression, unresolved grief, divorce, or any number of sources . . . for many, pain is a constant daily experience.

Chronic pain presents a special challenge to Christians. Sometimes we have the idea that if we just prayed enough or read the Bible enough or went to church enough, it would all be better. But when it doesn't get better we hurt more. It is a battle with God, with ourselves, and at times, with others.

The truth of the matter is that nearly one in two people in the U.S. lives with a chronic condition. The promise from God is that chronic pain does not have to control our lives.

Jesus met many people who were in chronic pain and brought them gifts:

1) Jesus gives the gift of taking away the guilt. People in chronic pain sometimes carry guilt because of it. People around Jesus thought that their pain meant that God was unhappy with them. Jesus said "not so." Your pain is not a sign of God's displeasure.

2) Jesus also gave the gift of deep comfort that friends and family could not give. Jesus knows the depth of the deepest agony and he promises to be there for you.

3) Jesus also helps people keep on keeping on. There were people around Jesus who were not healed by him, yet still believed in him and drew strength from him.

These are some of the gifts shared by people in chronic pain as they share their stories with one

another in a new support group at Risen Lord: Hope Keepers.

If you would like to be a part of the beginning of a chronic pain support group please call the office at 535-6727. This is an open yet confidential and anonymous group for anyone in the church and in the community who needs a safe place to voice frustrations, ask for help, and find some peace. The date and time have not yet been set. But please let the office know by phone (535-6727) or email (pastormike@risenlordlc.org) of any interest.

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

— Romans 5:5



The Steward's Way

Meet Jeff Kjellberg



Jeff Kjellberg became a Kairos Consultant in 2003 and Principal Owner of the company in 2007. Prior to his ministry with Kairos, Jeff served as a parish pastor for 15 years, most recently as the Senior Pastor of a 3,000 member congregation in North St. Paul, MN. While Senior Pastor, Jeff helped this congregation realize a revenue increase of over \$400,000 in just one year.

He also has extensive experience as a communications specialist and video producer. He has worked with dozens of congregations and non-profit organizations, doing resource development, capital campaigns and marketing strategies.

For over 8 years, Jeff was the communications specialist for Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN, a congregation of over 14,000 members, and seven separate ministry organizations. Jeff was a part of raising millions of dollars to support and grow this dynamic ministry.

As Principal Owner of Kairos, his extensive background in parish ministry and communications is a valuable resource to congregations as

they address stewardship enhancement, mission and vision development, capital and building programs, debt reduction needs, feasibility studies, and resource assessments.

Whether a congregation is far along in their understanding of mission and vision, or just beginning to discover what that means, he brings a clear and detailed sense of direction and strategy for each congregation to

successfully move forward with their objectives.



Jeff has a communications and religion degree from Concordia College, Moorehead, MN and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary. He is married with four children and lives in Hugo, MN.

Jeff writes, "This work truly is my ministry. I am passionate about the church and its call to faithfully share the transforming love of Jesus Christ to all people. It is my desire to use my gifts in helping the church become as effective and far reaching in this mission as possible."

Time to Git-R-Done with Risen Lord Work Day

When we talk of stewardship, many people think about money. But a better way to think about it is to think of taking care of all that God has given us. Stewards manage not only their money as an expression of their devotion to God, but also their bodies, the earth, their time and their talents.

Risen Lord has 10.33 acres of grounds and landscaping and 8,000 square feet of building. On Saturday, August 14, Risen Lord will have one of two annual Git-R-Done Work Days. How we take care of the building and property is one way we say thank you to God for the gift of being here. Join the Git-R-Done crowd on August 14 in showing God appreciation for the building and property.

Some of the jobs that will be accomplished on work day is planting trees, spreading mulch, planting flowers, pulling weeds, indoor and

outdoor painting, washing windows, and cleaning light fixtures.

Work day begins at 8:00 am and will last as long as you are able to be here. Come for a couple of hours, or stay the whole day. But bring a sack lunch as we will break at noon for a time of nourishment and fellowship. Bring your own tools also. If you have any questions contact Art Kermode at 412-0062.



**Saturday
August 14**

**Starts at 8:00 am
Git-R-Done Work Day**

Praying for Each Other

Expecting: Elizabeth Hatfield, Brandon and Stacie Painter, Paul and Kelly Watson

Births:

Baptisms: Crosby Phillips (7/18)

Kids In College: Daniel Andersen (Indiana University), Katie Gasiorowski (Purdue), Lindsey Gasiorowski (Purdue), Stephen Lucaites (DePauw), Alli Magher (University of Indianapolis), Jessica Miller (Butler)

Weddings/Anniversaries: Vince and Katie Schwartz (7/31), John and Ginny Lucaites, Craig and Cara Ruble, Gary and Denise Olson

Ill, Injured, Recovering: John Kaveman, Barry Fites, Jeff Collins, John Kaufman, Kathy Streit, Charles Wyeth, Dave Goers, Stephen Lucaites, Dick Suchodolsi, Chester Bond, Hope Parker, Danny Campbell, Adriane Sage, Katie Klebes, Pam Todd, Marikko, Wendy Barr, Becky Morrison, Bud Williams, Kara Welch, Sandy Smith, Rannah Ryan

Deaths: Paul Watson's mother

Military Service: Lt. Col. Carla Crouch, John Near Gardner Jr., Matthew Albertus

Other: Brandon Brown, Benjamin Brown, Wesley Ryan

Wanted

DVD Player Thank you: Thank you to Paul/Kelly Watson and Steve/Debbie Beck for their generous giving of dvd players to the church. Both are being used for RL Christian Education.

Camcorder: Anyone who has an extra or gently used camcorder to donate to the church is invited to do so.

Tech Support: If you are handy with electronics, computers, sound systems, audio, etc. Risen Lord could use your skill. Contact Cindy or Mike at 535-6727.

Lawn Help: Risen Lord needs people to help with cutting the grass. The church has its own Kubota mower. Training is provided. Whether you can cut once a month or once every two months, your help is needed and appreciated.

Contact Us



Pastor Mike

Starting with July 18, I began posting my Sunday sermons online on my new blog. If you couldn't make it to church and want to see what you missed, or if you want a copy of it visit:

pastormikerisenlordlc.blogspot.com

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Youth Director—Genie Garrett	796-1612
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LOOKING AHEAD

September

September 6 Finance Committee
 September 10 Dinner Club
 September 12 Rally Day BBQ
 September 13 Council
 September 19 Ladies Dining Out
 September 20 Ministry Teams
 September 24 Biergarten Oktober
 fest at the Rathskellar

October

October 4 Finance committee
 October 8 Dinner Club
 October 11 Council
 October 17 Ladies Dining Out
 October 18 Ministry Teams

November

November 1 Finance Committee
 November 8 Council



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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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