

RISEN LIFE

Wednesday Night Service for You

From Pastor Mike

Join millions of Christians around the world at Risen Lord as they begin looking forward to Easter through a season of preparation. As Moses lead the Israelites for 40 years through the wilderness to the promised land, Christians travel 40 days from Ash Wednesday to the promise of Easter and Christ's resurrection.

Using ashes is an ancient Biblical practice. Ashes symbolize several aspects of our spiritual lives:

✦ Ashes remind us of our mortality, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).

✦ Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal being used anciently in the absence of soap.

✦ Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried: "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

Time is short, let's do what is important.



✦ Ashes are a symbol of our need to turn our lives to God.

Risen Lord's Ash Wednesday service is a deeply spiritual and moving service prepared by Dan Andersen. The nursery will be staffed for the service. I look forward to seeing you at worship February 17 at 7:00.

Pastor Mike

Spaghetti Dinner Youth Fundraiser



COME CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP AND HELP US RAISE MONEY TO GO TO the YOUTH ENCOUNTER 2010!!!

WHEN?

Sunday....February 14....immediately following 2nd service

WHERE?

Risen Lord Lutheran Church

WHAT?

Family Style Spaghetti Dinner and TALENT SHOW (child care provided if needed during talent show)

COST?

Donations will be accepted, appreciated and applied to Youth Encounter fees

See Pastor Mike or Erin Drake for Talent Show sign up.

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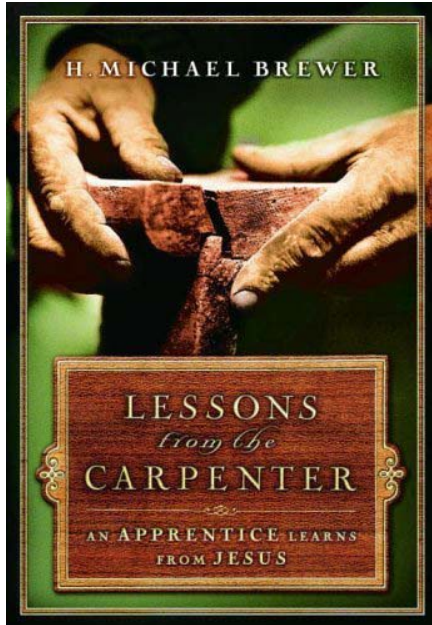
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Lent Services

For Lent services, Pastor Mike will use the book *Lessons from the Carpenter: An Apprentice Learns from Jesus*, by H. Michael Brewer as the basis for Lent services.



If you would like to order a copy for yourself, you may do so through the church office. Copies of the book are \$12.00. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Services will be each Wednesday throughout Lent.

6:00—7:00
Soup Supper

7:00—7:30
Service

“In Lessons from the Carpenter, you can sit at as an apprentice at the feet of this amazing master carpenter. And learn firsthand how he builds and rebuilds beautiful lives meant to last forever.”
(from the book)

Step Up To The Plate!

Save the date and come see what Step Up to the Plate is all about. Dust off your favorite baseball cap or visor and wear it to support Risen Lord Church!



Star Gazers Head for Holcombe Planetarium At Butler University — February 12

Risen Lord concludes its Epiphany celebrations with a trip to the Holcombe Planetarium at Butler University. As the season began with the magi observing the star then following it to Jesus, our last event is a night of star gazing.

Whether you drive together or separately, the doors open at 7:00. The show begins at 7:30. And the public is invited for telescope viewing at 8:30. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, and \$7 for families.

As we watch the night sky and are filled with wonder and delight, let us give thanks for Copernicus (whose birthday was February 19, 1473) for Galileo (whose birthday was February 15, 1564), and for Johannes Kepler (Lutheran pastor and author of the laws of planetary motions, for opening our eyes, minds, and spirits



to the wonders of God’s creation. What an awesome God we have.

February 12
7:00 PM

Gail Mercer Families Class

Gail Mercer will be leading a family oriented class starting January 31 in the sanctuary at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

The synopsis of the class is:

Week One:

Building Your Family on the Foundation of God’s First Family

Week Two:

Building Your Family as Husband and Wife

Week Three:

Building Your Family While Single

Week Four:

Building Your Family as Parents and Grandparents

Souper Bowl Of Caring

Mission Statement:

Utilizing Super Bowl weekend to mobilize youth to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.

Vision Statement:

Transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth led weekend of giving and serving.



That is what you will find on the Souper Bowl of Caring website along with the prayer first spoken by Brad Smith in 1990. "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." This simple prayer motivated the youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church to collect donations and give them to a local charity. Souper Bowl of Caring has grown to \$10.3 million in 2009.

The Risen Lord Youth Quake 4-6ers will be collecting canned goods and coins before and after first and second service on February 7th. All donations will go to the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County. Our motto for the 4-6ers is "Pay It Forward", so please help us in doing that!

Grief Support Group Begins New Session

Beginning February 4, 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.

Flower and Donut Sponsorship

Everyone likes coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings. We need volunteers to set up the coffee and donuts (donuts are delivered to the church.) If set up is new to you someone will help you the first time. A sign up sheet is on the donut table.

We also need contributions of coffee (regular and decaf), cocoa, tea, apple juice, and paper products.

The sponsor sheets for donuts are on the donut table and the sponsor sheet for altar flowers is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the classrooms.

If you have any questions please contact Joan Davis or Denise Olson.

Dinner Club Meets On Special Date

Risen Lord Dinner Club for February will be on Thursday, February 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elmo's Steak House in downtown Indianapolis. I changed the day and week so that we could all take part in Devour Downtown/Winterfest and have a 3-course dinner at a great restaurant at a special price of \$30 per person. Of course, you are not limited to the Devour Downtown/Winterfest menu; you may order off the menu as well. The web site to look at St. Elmo's menu is www.devourdown.org. Parking is available at any of the Circle Centre Mall garages for only \$1.50 for 3 hours. If you wish to partake in this really fun event, please either e-mail Lin Montigney at linseet@comcast.net or call her at 887-0628 **NO LATER THAN** Wednesday evening, February 3rd. Remember, Dinner Club is open to all adults and is always a pleasant evening for all. Hope to see lots of folks there!

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.

February 21, 2010

Vito's

8031 S SR135 (Meridian)

Greenwood

(Corner of S. Meridian & Stop 11)

March 21, 2010

Stone Creek Dining Company

911 N. SR135,

Greenwood

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 Vito's!

MATURING STEWARDS DO THE RIGHT THING

On February 17th we will join Christians around the world in observing the season of Lent. Lent is a deeply spiritual time as we reflect on the tremendous love and sacrifice of Jesus for us so that we might have forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. The price of our redemption was overwhelming. As Dr. Martin Luther said in explaining the second article of the Apostles Creed "Jesus, my Lord, has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death." As Jesus Himself said, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13 NIV)

Dr. Luther went on with his explanation to state that Jesus made this supreme sacrifice "so that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlast-

ing righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!"

In Jesus we have been redeemed from all sins, including the sin of selfishly wanting to use all of God's blessings for our own needs and wants rather than using them to His glory and the welfare of our neighbor. Selfishness is not part of good stewardship! Here is a definition of good and godly stewardship: "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."

Lent provides us with an excellent opportunity to reflect on what is really important and worth spending our lives and resources on. During this 2010 season of Lent may God's Holy Spirit help us to understand that God wants to use us as instru-

ments in His hands to touch the lives of others in ways that make an eternal difference. As we are led to accept this truth we will better understand what it means to use our time, our skills and talents, and our financial resources in loving and sacrificial ways.

What a time of spiritual growth the season of Lent can be for us as we strive to spend our lives and resources on things that really matter and last beyond our lifetimes. God's redeemed stewards want to make this world a better place because we have been here. May the love and sacrifice of Jesus so impress us that we will want to reach out in loving and sacrificial ways.

"God's redeemed and 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 February, Risen Lord Church will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, you may either donate cash/coins to the soup pot or you may donate a canned good. The cash and the canned goods will be donated to the Johnson County Interchurch Food Pantry.

Show the children and youth at Risen Lord the significance of caring for others by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring!

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED!

Q. *What is Risen Lord Montessori School up to?*

A: The school has two special dates in February. Read on.....

Sunday February 21 is Risen Lord Montessori School's Open House. It is from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. It is being held in conjunction with National Montessori Week. Anyone can come and check out the school, meet the teachers, and see what the kids are learning there. Tell your friends and neighbors to come also.



On Monday February 22 is RLMS night at Chicago's Pizza. 15% of all sales will go to Risen Lord Montessori School. It is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This night out without having to cook dinner is for anyone who wished to support the school. Come one, come all and join them for Pizza!

LOOKING AHEAD

March

March 1 Finance Committee
 March 4 and 18 MOPS
 March 4 and 11 Grief Support Group
 March 8 Council
 March 15 Ministry Teams
 March 21 Ladies Dining Out
 March 28 Palm Sunday

April

April 1 Maundy Thursday Seder Meal
 April 2 Good Friday Service
 April 3 Easter Egg Hunt
 April 4 Easter Sunday
 (no Youth Quake)
 April 5 Finance Committee
 April 8 and 15 MOPS
 April 12 Council
 April 19 Ministry Teams
 April 22 and 29 Grief Support Group

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



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**Sunday Morning
 Worship Schedule**

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