

# RISEN LIFE

## Truth — How Do You Know It When You See It?

Truth – How Do You Know It When You Hear It? School's out. Summer's here. My kids have been waiting for this for weeks. All summer and nothing but swimming, riding their bikes, endlessly playing video games, and vacations. While our kids live in that world this summer we adults will be living in another.

There is the economy and the struggle to keep Wall Street and Main Street happy and accountable at the same time. There are budget cuts affecting 80% of school districts in this country while we

work to improve education nationwide. There is the oil spill in the Gulf Coast and the finger pointing and blame game that has accompanied that terrible accident. If there is one thing I have learned in life it's that everybody has their own version of the truth.

And we have to try and find the truth among all the truths that present themselves to us. It is very hard these days to know who to believe. Everyone is trying to lead us to their version of truth. In 1997, Nathan Zohner, a 14-year-old stu-

*"When the Spirit comes..."*



dent at Eagle Rock Junior High School in Idaho Falls won first prize at the Greater Idaho Falls Science Fair by showing how conditioned we have become to alarmists spreading fear of everything in our environment through junk science. In his project he urged people to sign a petition demanding strict control or total elimination of the chemical "Dihydrogen monoxide" because:

1. It can cause excessive sweating and vomiting.

## Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly

Each year Risen Lord sends two delegates with Pastor Mike to the annual meeting of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. This year the Synod Assembly will be in Covington, Kentucky, June 5-7. This year's delegates are Kevin Bardonner and Allie Burbrink.



One of the most important tasks the Assembly will do this year is elect a new bishop. Bishop Jim Stuck is retiring after serving two six year terms. He will be missed. Remember Allie, Kevin, and Pastor Mike in your prayers as they travel to and from Covington for the Assembly.

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2. It is a major component in acid rain.
3. It can cause severe burns in its gaseous state.
4. Accidental inhalation can kill you.
5. It contributes to the erosion of our natural landscape..
6. It decreases the effectiveness of automobile brakes.
7. It is found in tumors of terminal cancer patients.

He asked 50 people if they support a ban.

43 said yes  
6 were undecided

And only one knew that the  
chemical is ... water.

I just about fell out of my chair when I found the website DHMO.org. Apparently some prankster has taken this little spoof to a whole new level.

The website looks official, a real action committee feel to it. You can even buy the T-shirt with your MasterCard or Visa. The page reads: You can help us to continue spreading the word about Dihydrogen Monoxide by purchasing one or more of these high-quality, 100% Cotton T-shirts.

They make great gifts for yourself, coworkers, friends, family and that geek, nerd, dweeb or chemist in your life!

Then it assures the customer: "Our T-Shirts are DHMO FREE." Ever try wearing a T-Shirt made of water?

Truth. Pontius Pilate asked his wife: What is Truth? It's a question that plagues everyone who tries to do the right thing, who tries to live above board, who struggles with all

the complexities of life. "I have much more to say to you," Jesus said to his disciples. "More than I can possibly say to you now under the circumstances. But when the Holy Spirit comes he will guide you into all truth."

Think about those words of Jesus: All Truth. He will "lead us into all truth." Our lives are full of moments of wrestling for truth. I wish I could tell you that it gets easier the longer you are a Christian. But it doesn't. But I can tell you that the more often you listen for the voice of Jesus, the voice of truth, the more often you feel good about your decisions. How is your prayer life, my people? Talk to Jesus. Listen to Jesus. He will speak to you in some form or fashion.

Pastor Mike

## Retirement Party

You are invited to the Retirement Party for Kathy Streit. 31 years of teaching at Franklin Community High School and Custer Baker Middle School. She taught Japanese, Spanish, and Math. Come Celebrate with us and relive good memories.

**Location:**

Active Adult (Senior) Center  
160 East Adams Street  
Franklin, Indiana

**Time:**

2:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

**Date:**

Sunday June 13, 2010

## Dinner Club On Vacation

Risen Lord Dinner Club will not meet during the months of June, July and August. Many people are on vacation during the summer months. Dinner Club will resume meeting in September. Watch for information about the restaurant location in future newsletters and the bulletins.

Risen Lord Dinner Club is a night of good food and great fellowship for any adult couples or singles. They meet once a month on the second Friday at 7:00 pm. Each month they go to a different restaurant to check out the food and the atmosphere. If you have not been to Dinner Club mark your calendars and join them in September!

## Summer Camp at Lutheran Hills

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

## Special Congregation Meeting

### Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, July 11, 9:30**

**(Between Services)**

Please plan on attending this important all-congregation meeting. The first topic is a discussion about how we should focus on financial stewardship in the upcoming years. We have paid down a substantial part of our original building mortgage, which resulted from a formal campaign back in 2004.

We have added many new members since then, and the Council is considering a structured campaign in the near future to continue to reduce debt and put us in a position to act on potential building or other opportunities in the future. The second topic is about the strategic plan for our facilities.

Last year, we updated our master plan, but we have not moved forward with any of the ideas. Since then, an opportunity has arisen that may allow us to expand without having to increase our debt. Both of these actions require congregational approval; we, as a Council, want to discuss it with the congregation sooner rather than later.

If you have comments or concerns, please feel free to share them with me and/or other members of Council at anytime.

Kevin Bardonner  
Council President

## New Member Q & A



Risen Lord will offer A New Member Q & A on Thursday, June 10, at 7:00 for everyone wanting to learn more about Risen Lord Church and ask about membership. It is lead by Pastor Mike and is a great time to get to know each other.

## Knot Sew Squared Quilting Update

Thank you to the anonymous donor of the serger machine. We are excited to be able to *serge* ahead with our mission projects now!!!

We will be meeting this summer on June 8, 22, July 13, 27 and August 10 and 24th at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited and no experience is needed. Come enjoy the great fellowship too.

Quilts will be for Lutheran World Relief to help replenish their supply that was depleted from the Haitian and Chile earthquakes. There is always a need somewhere in this world!

Contact person is Tami Hoover at 422-8328.

## 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.

### June 20, 2010

Because this is Father's Day, the group decided not to meet this month.

### July 18, 2010

Arni's Pizza & Stuff  
Corner of US 135 & Curry Road  
Center Grove Area

### August 15, 2010

BJ's Brew House  
North side of Greenwood Park Mall  
County Line Road & 31, 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.

## XYZ Senior Citizen Day



XYZ Day is the annual gathering of senior citizens from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Lutheran Hills program includes morning Bible study, a noon luncheon, and the Lutheran Hills Performing Arts Camp final performance at 2:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Committee on Older Adult Ministry and is **FREE** to senior citizens and their guests.

# MATURING STEWARDS DO THE RIGHT THING

“June—what a crazy month!” June used to be the most popular month for weddings so much so that “June brides” became a part of our vocabulary. Now there may be months when more weddings take place, but June is still a hectic, busy month. Not only are there weddings, but there are also graduations, vacations, plans for vacations and other summer activities. So much happens that it can get overwhelming and take the joy out of such a special month.

The same thing can be true of our lives as God’s stewards. When we start thinking about stewardship as the managing of all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes, we can also get overwhelmed. Stewardship is not just about time, talents and treasure [the well-known three T’s] but also about our stewardship of sharing the good news of Jesus, the building and maintaining of relationships, the care of our bodies, the care of God’s creation, and

so much more. The challenge of being a good steward of all that God has entrusted to us can be so big that we might be tempted to simply give up! But, to do so would rob us of some of life’s greatest joys!

Stewardship is not meant to be an overwhelming thing but rather the best way to live in this world. People seek purpose and meaning in their lives. They want to make a difference! They want their lives to be bigger than themselves. Being God’s redeemed stewards is one of the best ways for bringing that real meaning and purpose to our lives. It helps us to identify who and whose we are. We are God’s redeemed stewards who have been chosen and equipped to manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. Can anything be better than that??? Not for people who appreciate the great sacrifice that Jesus made to set us free from our sinful and selfish condition and help

us to be the children of God in thoughts, words and actions.

How wonderful it is that by God’s grace we are called, gathered and enlightened to live in a way that gives due glory to God and blessings to our fellow stewards! As God’s children we are in this together so we can encourage others and, in return, be encouraged by others!

“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!” What a blessed life that is!

*“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 June Risen Lord Church will be collecting Health Kits (hand towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, comb, nail file, and band-aids) for refugees. Lutheran World Relief will be distributing the health kits to areas of the world where people have to flee their homes quickly. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home. A complete and specific list of kit items and packaging instructions can be picked up in the Mission Corner in the commons area.

## I’M GLAD YOU ASKED!

**Q. What’s the latest with Abundant Grace?**

**A:** Pastor finishes up in May.

Many of you who attend 10:30 service have, no doubt, seen Pastor Mike exit out the back door at the end of service to drive the 7 miles to lead Abundant Grace’s worship service. This has been part of Risen Lord’s efforts to support our struggling sister church in Greenwood.

After just over a year of Risen Lord’s help and support, Abundant Grace is preparing to call a new pastor, assuming our IK Synod staff is successful in securing mission support money from the national church. We pray that they are.

In anticipation of this occurring ,

Abundant Grace is changing its worship time to a better worship time before the new pastor arrives.

This means that Pastor Mike will be staying for coffee after 10:30 worship. As you have the time, please join him and others for a time of talking to friends and family after worship.



# LOOKING AHEAD

## July

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

## August

August 2 Finance Committee  
 August 9 Council

## September

September 6 Finance Committee  
 September 13 Council



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**Sunday Morning  
 Worship Schedule**

**8:15 Worship**  
**9:30 no Sunday School in Summer**  
**10:30 Worship**