

RISEN LORD

Sober and Ready: Making Lent Count

One of the wonderful things about life in church is that it has its own calendar, special days, and seasons. We know how that works in other places. School has its own year. It starts in August and is over late in May, with special days and breaks in between.

State government has its own starting and stopping, its own pace, and important days. The IRS has its own calendar with certain days to file various forms and observe certain customs.

What makes the church's calendar im-

portant is that it helps keep our lives in the rhythm of God's work in the world.

We are now in the season of Lent, a time that began with the placing of ashes on our foreheads to remind us that we are mortal. "From dust you came and to dust you shall return." Lent is a time for us to remember who we are and where we are headed — to the cross. Kind of a sobering thought.

But sober is the best way to be when we find ourselves in the biggest and most important moments of lives. We

Have full command of your sense when God's love breaks into your life.



don't want to miss a thing! We want to be in full contact with all our senses! We want to be completely engaged in the moment as it comes upon us.

May Lent be a time for you to tune your senses to the wonderful work that God is doing in your life.

Pastor Mike

The Lutheran Marriage Course

**Starts March 9,
Tuesday Nights at 7:30**

Marriage is a sometimes frustrating, oftentimes humorous, but ultimately gracious gift of God. Take advantage of this joint Risen Lord/Abundant Grace class at Abundant Grace on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm. Sense of humor required.



1. "Five Noteworthy Things Martin Luther Said about Marriage"
2. "Common Marriage Stressors and How to Manage Them as a Team"
3. "How to Keep Christ at the Center of a Marriage"
4. "How to Make Your Marriage a Springboard for Ministry"
5. "The Top Five Ways to Strengthen Marital Communication"
6. "How to Maintain Your Marriage as You and Your Spouse Change"
7. "How to Date Your Spouse and Keep Things Spicy"

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Lent Soup Supper Holy Week Services

Wednesday Evenings
6:00 Soup Supper
7:00 Lent Service

In the following weeks of Lent, each Wednesday night, Risen Lord Church will host a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board where you may sign up for to bring soup, or a side dish. Relax and enjoy each others company. At 7:00 p.m. a special Lenten worship service will follow.

The service, "Evening Prayer" is written by Marty Haugen, the same writer of "Now the Feast" used in Sunday morning worship. Written in 1985-1986 while Marty was the musician-in-residence at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in Washington State, this lovely setting of vespers follows the traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language. Contents include "Service of Light," Evening Hymn-"Joyous Light of Heav'nly Glory," "Evening Thanksgiving," "The Annunciation," "The Magnificat," "Litany and Prayers," and "Final Blessing."

Holy Week
Palm Sunday, March 28
Maundy Thursday, April 1
Good Friday, April 2
Easter Egg Hunt, April 3

Risen Lord and Abundant Grace will be joining forces for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday will be held at Risen Lord on April 1 with a Seder Meal. Good Friday will be held at Abundant Grace on April 2. Both Services are at 7:00. The community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the Saturday before Easter, April 4.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed

One of Risen Lord's long standing outreach efforts is the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. It is a joy to see the kids come with eager anticipation, joining in the activities and egg hunt while anxiously waiting for the Easter Bunny to appear by helicopter (weather permitting.)

We need many volunteers to bring this great event to fruition. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board for parking lot leaders, cookie bakers, kitchen staff, registration staff, activity leaders, and the egg hunt helpers. A basket for donations of individually wrapped candy will be in the commons area. Watch for more information on this event on the bulletin board, bulletins, and via email!

Thank You! From the Sr. Youth

February was a big month for the High School Youth group! We had our first-ever Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show fundraiser. Participation by the kids and the congregation was awesome and appreciated! Thank you to all who helped us buy, prepare and serve the food! Also, thanks to those who helped with all the decorations! We know we couldn't have done it without you! The money that was donated (\$820.00) will help with the cost of sending 12 of us to the "DO, LOVE, WALK" YOUTH ENCOUNTER March 19-21.

Thanks again,
Genie

A Note of Thanks!

Risen Lord received two notes of *Thanks* in response to our December missions. Read on.....

From Lutheran Child and Family Services:

Dear Friends in Christ:
Thank you so much for your thoughtful and generous in-kind donation to Lutherwood of hats and mittens. This will surely benefit those who need it most.

We depend on donations like yours to help us reach our goal of being a good steward of all gifts to the ministries of Lutheran Child and Family Services. They allow us to use designated cash gifts to support The Sharing Place clothing bank and food pantry, Lutherwood Residential Treatment Center, family preservation, adoption services,

mentoring, Trinity House independent living group home and parenting education.

It is a joy to include you in our family of dedicated and caring people willing to help those in need in any way possible. We can accomplish so much together!

In His Service,
Sven Schumacher

From the InterChurch Food Pantry of Johnson County:

The InterChurch Food Pantry wish to thank you for your donation of December 7. In December we gave 3 full days supply of food to 640 families, or 2,499 people. Thank you for helping to feed our needy.

Sincerely,
The InterChurch Food Pantry of Johnson County.

LOMIK 2010 Kick-off Breakfast



On February 1, 2010 our camps went

“BACK TO THE FUTURE”

by becoming an independent organization—Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky Inc.—whereby we revert back to congregational ownership, support and governance.

Join us as we celebrate our new ministry with a spring breakfast “kickoff” at each camp. It’s a gathering of “the friends of the camp” and it’s free. So bring your pastor, congregational leaders, parents who send kids to camp, adults who came to camp when they were kids—everyone who has a big heart for camp. You’ll be:

- greeted upon arrival by the new LOMIK Board of Directors
- Enjoy a big country breakfast
- Receive a LOMIK Kickoff T-shirt
- Hear Director Mark Radloff share “How We Got Here and Where We’re Going”
- Receive 2010 summer camp promotional materials to share with your church
- Hear from our Camp Managers on how you can help with 2010 property projects

We begin serving breakfast at 9:00 am. Go to www.lomik.org if you need directions. Please RSVP by phone or email.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Well, here we go again! March not only ushers in spring but also Daylight Saving Time in Indiana. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 which changed the dates we adjust our clocks for Daylight Saving Time states we change our clocks at 2:00 am on the second Sunday of March, the 14th. Come fall we will change them **back** one hour on the first Sunday in November, the 7th. Don’t forget to change the clock in your car also! This is also a great time to check your smoke/fire detectors and put in fresh batteries if needed.

Spring Ahead, Fall Back

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 for more information or pickup a program guide at the information desk.

Dinner Club

Risen Lord Dinner Club will meet on Thursday, March 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at Bonefish Grill. The address is 1001 N. State Road 135, Greenwood, and is located in the shopping center where Stein Mart is. All adults are welcome to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Please either e-mail Lin Montigney at linseet@comcast.net or call her at 887-0628 by Wednesday, March 10th, so she’ll have an accurate count of who will be there.

Hope to see a lot of our regular folks plus some new ones as well!

Ladies Dining Out

Ladies — your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and good food.

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 Stone Creek!



MATURING STEWARDS DO THE RIGHT THING

Jeff Foxworthy says that if you know all four seasons—almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction—you might live in Wyoming. A lot of other people in wintry states might say the same thing. But in March we observe the beginning of spring. As the trees and bushes bud, the grass starts to turn green, and the soil takes on a smell of new life, we look forward to the beginning of a new cycle with warmer weather and a new start for seedtime and harvest.

Sometimes as God's stewards we may feel that stewardship is more of the same old, same old. But, just as spring starts a new cycle of life, so also Easter with its joy and celebration starts a new cycle of life for us as God's stewards. During the reflective season of Lent we look forward to the joy and celebration of Easter. This is a great reminder that we are "Easter people," that is, people of hope. Hope is stronger than memory. Memory mostly

makes us think about past failures, unfulfilled promises, frustration and disappointment, but hope refreshes us with a new start, not just at spring time, but for every new day.

During Lent we reflect on the extravagant love of Jesus as He went all the way to the cross and death as the perfect sacrifice for our sins and failures. Philippians chapter two reminds us: "Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (vv8-11 NIV)

One day every knee will bow before Christ, even the knees of those who did not believe in Him, and confess Him as Lord of lords and King of kings. Those who do not

believe will be forced to bow their knees when they see Jesus coming in glory and then they will go away to everlasting sorrow. By contrast, our knees will bow in humble adoration and our voices will proclaim "How great Thou art!"

Just as the earth comes back to life in spring time, so also we are renewed day by day to live as God's redeemed stewards who freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. This new life is not boring! It is exciting as we experience God's power in our lives and look for opportunities in which we can manage our time, talents, relationships and financial resources in a way that honors Him and provides so many blessings to others and ourselves. Let's "spring" to new life as God's redeemed stewards who, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, manage all that we are and have to God's glory!

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 March this year we will be gathering donations for Christian Help Inc. CHI works to keep Johnson County families from becoming homeless. The following is a list of items that the Christian Help ministry can use: [Laundry Soap](#), [Dish Soap](#), [Diapers size 4 and up](#), [Gas Cards](#), [Shampoo](#), [Baby Wipes](#), [Men's Razors](#), [Light Bulbs](#), [paper towels](#), [cleaning supplies](#). These directly support the families we work with or our office operations. Any one with donations can bring them to the Mission of the Month corner in March and direct any questions to Joe Slater.

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED!

Q. *What were the results of the Souper Bowl for Caring Mission?*

A: Great! Read on....

The Youth Quake 4-6ers did a great job for the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County!! With the great support of parents and the congregation, the 4-6ers raised \$450 and collected over 300 food items for the food pantry. Nationally, 5,200 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring and raised over \$5,600,000 during the event. We are thankful to be helping others who live in Johnson County. The 4-6ers continue to ***"Pay it Forward"***.



For Global results go to www.souperbowl.org. They are still adding to the tally!!!

LOOKING AHEAD

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

June

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



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**Sunday Morning
 Worship Schedule**

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