

# RISEN LORD

## The Deeper, Richer Side of Faith

From Pastor Mike

One of my favorite verses from the Bible comes from Colossians 3:16 *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”*

It is a verse that I have treasured in my heart for at least a decade. *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”* We get from this verse the insight that God’s word is not just print on paper, hard to

That’s been my experience personally. And it is an experience I would like to share with you even more than we are currently. Risen Lord has done many things very well. But I am sensing an opportunity and desire to expand and deepen our teaching for children and adults.

But we need your help and input with this. Pray and talk about the idea of pulling the 8:30 service back to 8:00 to allow for a full hour of Sunday School

*“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly ...”*

read phrases, and odd-sounding names. God’s word is living and active. It is something that dwells, lives, and sets-up-shop within us. It enriches us, adding value and beauty and depth.



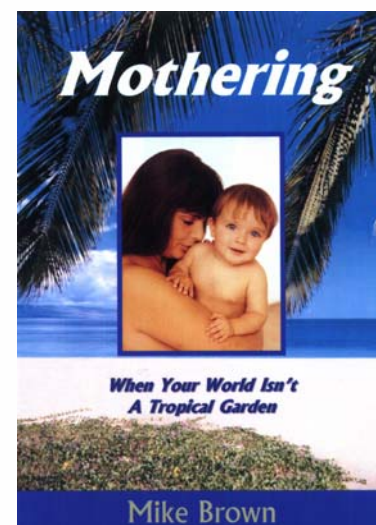
for children and adults.

The Sunday mornings could go like this:

- 8:00 Worship
- 9:00 Sunday School for children  
Adult Class in Library (Linda)  
Adult Class in Sanctuary (Pastor)  
Bell Choir for MS & HS?
- 10:00 Worship  
With Children’s Choir after  
Children’s Message  
& before communion

Please share your thoughts with me and others. Sincerely,  
Pastor Mike

## Risen Lord Loves Moms



Pastor Mike’s booklet for mothers is being made available to all moms on May 10 Mother’s Day in honor of their special day. Come mothers and receive your special gift as Risen Lord’s way of saying “thank you” for all you do.

In addition to this practical booklet, Risen Lord will give thanks to God for women with the annual carnation gift and the red carpet treatment. At the two main entrances, one from the South and one from the West, Risen Lord is rolling out the red carpet for all women, literally. Men, please use the other doors. Let’s honor the women.

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## Father/Son Fishin' Mission

**Friday, Saturday, (Sunday)  
May 29 –31**

The Men's Fishin' Mission is back! It is evolving into a retreat for fathers and sons where they can spend some time together and cement their relationship with some camping, fishing, and enjoying



God's creation together.

Shedron Lodge has been reserved at Lutheran Hills for Friday May 29 through Sunday May 31. If you have not been to Lutheran Hills before, it is located in the beautiful hills of Brown County. You can view Lutheran Hills at [www.lomik.org](http://www.lomik.org). The cost is \$15.00 per person.

*What to bring:  
bedroll  
Personal hygiene items  
fishing equipment.*

All the canoes, rowboats and life jackets are provided by Lutheran Hills. Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway.

## Grief Support Group

Beginning May 7, Risen Lord will host a six-week grief support group sponsored by community Home health Services Hospice. The group will meet on Thursday mornings from 11:30 to 1:00 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. An evening group (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.) will begin on August 6.

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.

## Dinner Club

Dinner Club will meet on Friday May 8th at 7:00 p.m. at The Polo Club Steakhouse (formerly Steak and Ale) located at 4302 S. East Street in Southern Plaza. This place has great food and still has the famous Steak and Ale salad bar that is always a treat!

Dinner Club is open to all adult members so please join us if you can. For reservations, call Lin Montigney at 887-0628 or e-mail her at [linseet@comcast.net](mailto:linseet@comcast.net) before May 8th.

## "The Creation" Music Sunday



**"The Creation"  
A Rock Cantata**

**May 17  
8:30 & 10:00**

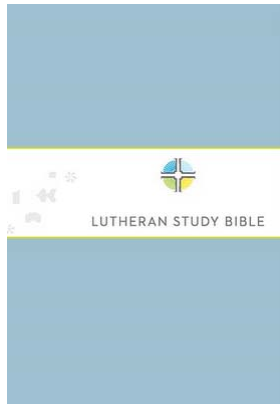
Sunday, May 17th is our annual Music Sunday. It's the choir's opportunity to wrap-up our year by doing some extra-special music. This year we are doing something different. We are performing "The Creation" (A Rock Cantata).

"The Creation" is a 15-minute choral description of creation. It involves choir, solos, piano, bass, guitar and drums. The style is similar to that of the musical "Godspell". This is a big undertaking, and the choir has been working very hard to put this together. We hope you are brought to a new understanding of the creation, and are moved by this presentation.

On a different note, if you are interested in being involved in the music ministry in any way this summer please let me know. We are open to vocal or instrumental solos, and are planning men's and women's choir Sundays also. Watch for info in the newsletters and bulletins. Thanks, and may God bring His word alive in you through music.

Dan

## Order Now The 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. Study Notes are grouped into four categories:

- The World of the Bible explores the historical, cultural, and geographical background of a particular passage
- Biblical Concepts explain key words or themes in the context of other parts of Scripture.
- Lutheran Perspectives highlight Lutheran theological insights and catechetical connections drawn from particular passages
- Faith Reflections provide commentary and questions that encourage life application.

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.

## Upcoming Class for New Lutherans

**June 11  
7:00 pm**

Pastor Mike begins a new class for new Lutherans on June 11, using the booklet "Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life".

The class is offered especially for three groups of people: 1) people considering making Risen Lord their church home, 2) people who recently made Risen Lord their church home, and 3) people who have always had Risen Lord as their church home.

Lasting for four weeks, the class will help participants see Lutheranism as a way of life in the Christian faith. The class will answer the question that since there are many different kinds of Christians, so what makes being Lutheran so special? Childcare is pro-

## Recycling at Risen Lord Church

Springtime is here and we are all in the mood for spring cleaning. Instead of loading up your trash cans with recyclable paper, bring it with you on Sunday mornings and drop it in the yellow and green Paper Retriever® bin at the east end of the parking lot. Risen Lord Church does benefit from the paper recycling. We receive a check each quarter based on the weight of the paper in the recycle bin. It is not a lot, \$16—\$18 each quarter. The money goes towards flowers in the landscaping around the church. Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees, 6,000 gallons of water, electricity, and landfill space.

The types of paper that can be recycled here is: school/college papers, newspapers, office waste, junk mail, magazines and catalogs. No corrugated cardboard or phone books. Preschool and the church office recycles. Join in the recycling and ask your neighbors and friends too!

## Jews, Christians, Muslims Unite

In 2005 Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis began an ambitious project in the "House of Abraham" (HOA) where by members of local Jewish, Christian and Muslim congregations had the opportunity to work hand-in-hand to directly address the issue of homelessness in our community.

Since that time, three beautiful homes have been built for deserving families and many rich bonds of trust have developed within our beautifully diverse religious communities.



Judaism, Islam, and Christianity are the three religions that all trace their roots back to the Old Testament Abraham. They are each monotheistic and are finding new ways to work together in the world. The Habitat build is one. Consider joining this October. The build will start on October 7 and complete on November 20. If you would like more information regarding the House of Abraham Build, please contact Joyce Walters at 317-921-2121 extension 110.

## Senior Youth News



### Youth helping with Easter Egg Hunt on April 11

News from the High School Youth Group is all good! Dates to remember:

- May 2 Youthquake 5-7:30  
(cooking)
- May 17 After church
- May 24 Youthquake pitch-in.  
5:30-7:30

Come join us....it's always good eating, good talking and good fun! Peace, Genie

## Youth Quake News

May 3 Youth Quake at church  
May 10 No Youth Quake-Mother's Day  
May 17 Youth Quake at church  
May 24 Last Youth Quake, Pitch In,  
—sign up to follow

We will be planning June and July activities. More details to come in future newsletters.

## Confirmation Sunday June 7

Five youth from Risen Lord's Timothy Club will be making confirmation of their faith on June 7. Rachel Brown, Erin Drake, Katie Hannah, and Austin Wilson and Taylor Scott will publicly affirm God's continuing work in their lives and faith. Taking place during the 10:00 service, confirmands will be surrounded by friends and family in support and cheer.

They will receive a special blessing from the congregation, certificates and a confirmation quilt prepared by women of Risen Lord.

Join us this day for a truly memorable service inspired by Risen Lord's choir and the musical talents of some of Risen Lord's youngest musicians.

## Senior Day 2009

XYZ SENIOR CITIZEN DAY  
AT LUTHERAN HILLS

July 31  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The program includes morning Bible study led by the Indiana-Kentucky Synod committee on Ministry to Older Adults and a noon luncheon. Attendees are invited to the afternoon performance of our Performing Arts Camp. There are **no** fees!

RSVP to Carolee Fischer at 888-4768. We have to register at least one day in advance. More information can be found at [www.lomik.org](http://www.lomik.org). We will meet at the church and carpool to Lutheran Hills in beautiful Brown County.

## Children's Day At Lutheran Hills

"Children's Day" is a camp **OPEN HOUSE** for the entire family that introduces youngsters and parents to camp by giving them a half-day (10:00 — 3:00 p.m.) camp experience. Kids are divided into age groups and get their own camp counselor for the day! It is hosted by the college-aged members of the 2009 summer camp staff. There are no fees and you do not need to register. Just be at Lutheran Hills at 10:00 am on Saturday June 13. Activities include a camp tour, arts and crafts, lunch, swimming (bring swim suit), games, and a closing campfire program. You can check out "Children's Day" on the Outdoor Ministries' website: [www.lomik.org](http://www.lomik.org) Map's to Lutheran Hills are available on the bulletin board.

# MATURING STEWARDS DO THE RIGHT THING

**“Mayday, Mayday, Mayday!”**

The above words really have nothing to do with the month of May except for using “May” as a part of the words. They come from a French phrase which means “come and help us!” and have become an international code asking for help for airplanes and ships in trouble and danger. “Come and help us” may be what many of us are thinking and saying in light of today’s gloomy economic conditions. Sadly, too many people are losing their jobs and homes and others are pulling back on their spending and giving because of what is happening financially.

“Why would God allow this?” is a question on the hearts and minds of many people, including faithful Christians. First of all, God did not cause this present condition. It is rather the result of some unwise behavior by many people in the business, financial and political realms. Perhaps we need to frame

the question more like this: “What might God be trying to tell and teach us during such economic times as these?”

One thing that He may be trying to teach us is to distinguish more carefully and thoughtfully on the difference between our wants and needs. More often than not we have what we need but don’t have everything that we want. The desire to have everything is what gets us into financial difficulty.

Another thing that God may be teaching us is to concentrate more on what is really most important. The truth is that God has already come to answer our “Mayday, Mayday, Mayday!” call by sending His only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Romans 8:32 offers us the assurance of God’s care and concern for us: “He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?” (NIV) Jesus in His Sermon

on the Mount (Matthew 6:25-34) encourages us not to be overly concerned with material things because our Heavenly Father knows what we need when it comes to food, clothes, shelter and such things. Will God fulfill all our wants? Probably not, but He will take care of our needs. Because of this assurance Jesus instructs us to “seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to us as well.” (Matthew 6:33 NIV).

So, in troubling times like today’s economy, we can live with the blessed assurance that God loves us and will take care of us so that we can live as His faithful stewards and continue to support generously the work of His church. Nothing done or given for the support of God’s work is ever done or given in vain! Or, to put it another way, “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack for God’s supply!”

**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).***

The month of May brings thoughts of spring time, prom, graduation and athletics. It also brings a need for restocking the shelves at many of Indiana’s community centers and food pantries. That is why Risen Lord Church had chosen to support The Sharing Place at Lutheran Child and Family Services this month. We are accepting donations for any non-perishable food items. All donations will be given to the Sharing Place who in turn will use them to help feed those who are in need of assistance. There is a basket in the Mission Corner for donations.

## I’M GLAD YOU’VE ASKED!

**Q. What is confirmation?**

**A. Confirmation is both an event and a process.**

Normally it refers to the day when young people, usually after the 8th grade stand up in front of the congregation and make a public profession of faith in Christ Jesus.

Actually, it represents two years of in-depth study of the Bible and Christian history with special attention to Lutheran heritage. During this time of study, often during 7th and 8th grades, students grow a deeper faith in Christ and wider understanding of scripture and the church.

On Confirmation Sunday, five of Risen Lord’s youth will wear white robes in remembrance of their bap-

tism. They will be carrying banners that they have made representing their faith story with a key verse from the Bible displayed that captures their personal sense of God’s work in their lives.

When they were children (often babies), their parents made the decision that they would be a part of the household of faith and the family of God. Now, with informed consent and as young adults, they affirm their life in the church and God’s continuing work in their lives.

Rather than an ending, confirmation represents a beginning. It is the beginning of their adult participation in the body of Christ.

# LOOKING AHEAD

## June

June 6 Wedding: Myers/Bingham  
 June 7 Confirmation Sunday  
 June 13 Children's Day  
 at Lutheran Hills Camp  
 June 21 Father's Day

## July

July 19-23 Vacation Bible School  
 July 31 XYZ Senior Citizen Day  
 At Lutheran Hills Camp

## August

August Youth Quake kick off



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### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

