



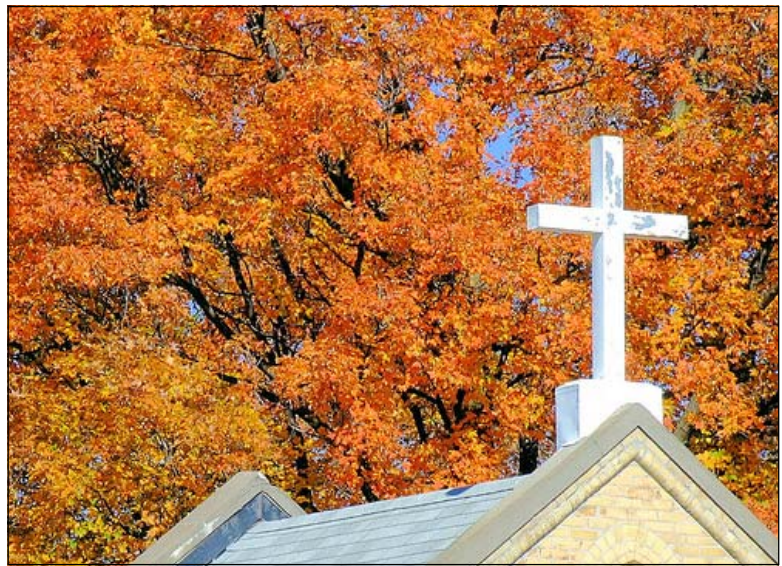
RISEN LIFE

Christ Brings Us All Together

by Pastor Mike

Jeff Kjellberg, our capital campaign consultant, discovered a wide variety of people at Risen Lord during our recent Listening Campaign. You may have discovered that already for yourself. We've always celebrated diversity at Risen Lord. From the beginning, we have invited people to "Come, Just as You Are," which is also the name of a song that has been a church favorite from the very beginning.

And people have come, from all walks of life and backgrounds: rich and poor, church and unchurched, denominational and nondenominational, Christian and non-Christian, teacher and plumber, doctor and firefighter, PhD. and high school graduate, recovering alcoholics and chronic pain sufferers, blended families and traditional families, vegetarians and carnivores, conservative and liberal, Tea Party Express and flaming liberals,



great gift. Let's say it out loud. Let's celebrate that in the midst of great diversity, Christ's love reigns supreme among us.

walls in our society give way to the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Let's make our relationship with Jesus Christ so important that he is the one and only thing that we lean on for a sense of togetherness and purpose and meaning.

Jesus has started a new creation. As we look past the divisions of the current age and take down the walls between us, we become agents of his creative life-giving power in the world. By embracing brothers and sisters in Christ who are different from us, we participate in the life to come. Let's just do it.

Pastor Mike

"Christ's love reigns supreme among us."

Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians . . . Risen Lord has been a safe place for people from all walks of life.

As we approach Thanksgiving this year, let's give thanks to God for this

Let's continue to provide a safe place for all people to be in our company without concern about being judged because of anything in their life. Let's create a greater community where the dividing

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The Rhyme and Reason of Worship

Flags in Worship



One question that churches answer from time to time is “how do you display the American flag?” The short answer is ‘different churches approach it differently.’ But at Risen Lord, we display it regularly on a flagpole outside. In worship, it is used on special occasions.

The longer answer is Lutherans display the flag sparingly in worship so as not to confuse or mix the loyalty and devotion we have for Jesus Christ with our loyalty and devotion for the nation.

In worship, the focus of everything that appears in the sanctuary is to direct our attention to Jesus Christ. We do not want anyone to walk away with the sense that we worship the flag or the nation for which it stands.

The central symbol in worship is the cross where we gather weekly to participate in Jesus’ new creation by sharing in the Lord’s Supper. When we gather, we gather not as Americans, or Chileans, or Canadians, or Russians, Germans, or Chinese. We gather as children of God as one people with one Lord.

As Saint Paul says:

“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:27-28).

Future Catholic Priest to Speak at Risen Lord

November 7

All Saints’ Day is a universal festival of the church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints.

The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints’ Day (Nov. 1) celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

As part of Risen Lord’s celebration, Anders Kilmark will share his testimony about his journey to the priesthood, a journey that has roots in Risen Lord. Anders is currently a senior at

IU and is the son of Cindy and Don Kilmark. Cindy is a lifelong Lutheran, Don — a lifelong Catholic.

Both have come to Risen Lord since its days in the high school. Anders benefitted from belonging to Our Lady of the Greenwood and attending Risen Lord. The result? An emerging priest! Come hear his story.

Also on this day as we celebrate the saints of old in prayer and song we celebrate the saints of this age as children from the church sprinkle baptism water with an evergreen branch (a symbol of everlasting life.) This reminds us that we are joined in baptism not only to Christ, but also made one with all believers in every time and place who have been buried with Christ in baptism.

Women Bluegrass Band for Thanksgiving Eve

**November 24
7:00**

Risen Lord’s Thanksgiving Eve service will showcase Americana music and hymns lead by the Whip-

stitch Sallies, an all women Bluegrass band lead by Risen Lord’s own Allie Burbrink.



Getting What God Has to Say In the Bible



Abraham and the stars of the sky.

The Greatest Story Recap

On Sunday mornings, Pastor Mike teaches a Bible overview class that, over sixteen weeks, will cover the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. If you haven't been able to join the class, here are some highlights of what you missed.

Highlight One

God is up to something good in the world (creation story).

Highlight Two

God declares a mind-blowing promise and blessing (Abraham).

Highlight Three

God moves forward the blessing through ordinary and imperfect people (Isaac/Rebecca/Esau/Jacob).

Highlight Four

God brings the promise through impossible situations (Joseph & brothers).

Highlight Five

God reminds people of the promise during times of suffering (Bondage in Egypt).

Highlight Six

God brushes aside anything that would hinder the people being a part of the blessing (Red Sea, Mt. Sinai).

Highlight Seven

God remains true to the promise when people lose their nerve and walk away from God (Golden Calf and Wilderness).

Highlight Eight

God provides the place for the promise to be fulfilled (Joshua and Conquest of Canaan).

Highlight Nine

God refuses to throw-in the towel when people stray (Judges).

Highlight Ten

God's promise includes foreigners (Ruth).

Highlight Eleven

God's promise continues through human decisions and mistrust (Samuel, Saul).

Highlight Twelve

God announces that a Messiah is coming to fulfill the promise (David).

Highlight Thirteen

God reveals that his purpose is unfolding despite appearances (Kings and Prophets).

Highlight Fourteen

God refuses to give up on the people and offers a new start (Exile to Babylon and return).

Opening the Bible for the First Time, Again

When it comes to reading and understanding the Bible, keep in mind that even though there are lots of pages with lots of material written down over hundreds of years, the Bible is tied together by a single story: the story of God.

In the Bible, God is the subject. He is the principle actor. When you read the Bible know that even though there are many foreign sounding names,

places, and traditions, the story of God runs throughout like a mighty river.

Because God's story unfolds in creation and through the lives of people, we also learn about ourselves and the world around us. When we read and study the Bible as a unit focusing on what the Bible says about God, an incredible, almost unbelievable story surfaces. It's the greatest story!



Giving Children the Gift of Good Memories

10 Great Thanksgiving Traditions to Start This Year

1. *Dinnerware.* Buy special Thanksgiving china to use once a year. Or if you don't have the space or the money for a whole set of dinnerware, buy some special salt & pepper shakers, a turkey platter, or a gravy boat, etc., and use that item only on Thanksgiving.

2. *Crafts.* Plan a special craft project with the kids each year which will evolve with them as they get older: construction paper turkeys for young ones, dream catchers or jewelry for older ones, etc.

3. *Snapshots.* Every year right before you sit down to eat, gather everybody together to take a family photo. Imagine getting to watch your family evolve and change through the years. You'll love looking at these 10, 20, or 30 years from now. One of my favorite Thanksgiving traditions!

4. *Giving.* Donate time or food to a homeless shelter every year, either on Thanksgiving itself, or the weekend after.

5. *Party Games.* Play a special holiday party game after dinner. You can play a card game, a board game (Monopoly tournaments are fun!), have a poker tournament, or keep it simple with a family game of charades or pictionary.

6. *Create A Food Event.* Every year, make a special breakfast (like a French toast casserole or fancy eggs). Or make Thanksgiving des-

Thanksgiving Traditions



"My dad is the boss. . .until Grandma comes over. Then he's just one of us."

--a child in *Kid's Say the Greatest Things about God*

sert into an event in and of itself. Do an Annual Thanksgiving Crepe Feast after dinner, or set up an annual sundae bar.

7. *Make a Memory Book.* Buy a blank book with nice paper and set aside a few pages every year to record your Thanksgiving. Have people write messages. Add the footprint of your sister's new baby. Paste in leaves the kids collected while they wait for dinner, etc. This a family keepsake you'll treasure forever.

8. *Be Lazy After Dinner.* Arrange for something special you do every Thanksgiving after dinner. Have a special cup of coffee spiked with rum, and a special apple cider for the kids. Make a batch of pumpkin pie popcorn and

watch a special movie. Play karaoke, you name it.

9. *Get Active.* While the turkey's in the oven, play an annual game of family touch football. Or take a short walk as a family to wake up after all that turkey. If you get everybody involved, you can even make washing the dishes into a Thanksgiving tradition!

10. *Give Thanks.* Being thankful is what this holiday is all about! Go around the table and have everybody say something specific that they're thankful for. Or make this Thanksgiving tradition into a party game and have people write their "thanks" on a piece of paper, put it into a hat, and have everybody guess who it belongs to.

Finding Risen Lord on the Internet

Can We Be Friends?



Risen Lord has a Facebook page where people in the church chat, post, and share news about the church, their lives, and their faith. If you already use Facebook, you know how easy and enjoyable it is to check-in with others through this social media.

To join Risen Lord's group page, simply sign-in to your Facebook account, search for Risen Lord Lutheran Church and add it to your groups. If you don't yet have a Facebook account, it's free and easy. Just log onto Facebook, enter your email and create a password. It's safe and fun.

Facebook is a great way for people to stay connected and offers great opportunity for Risen Lord to be known in the community.

If you can help maintain the page, please call the office at 535-6727.



Have You Visited Pastor's Sermon Blog?



Pastor Mike maintains a blog for his weekly sermons for anyone who happens to miss worship or wants a hard copy of the message. In addition to the text for the previous week's sermon, you will find music videos that fit the theme of the sermon, timely articles, links, book recommendations and more.

One of the ways that people use the blog is to return to the sermon to "hear" it again because it touched them some way. Or, use it to fill the gaps in their hearing of the sermon. Let's face it: our minds can wander, get distracted, or be interrupted.

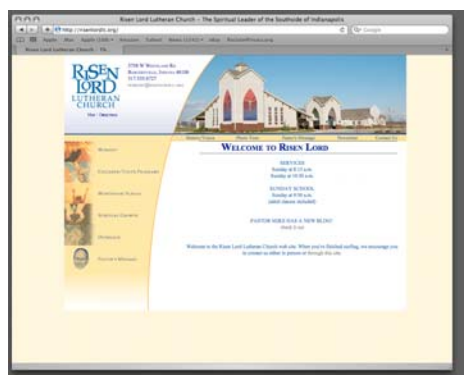
Another way people use the blog is to send a link or a copy to someone that might especially need to hear what was said. Or still another way is to post a comment to the sermon.

However you decide to use it, it is offered as a resource for your spiritual growth and encouragement.

pastormikerisenlordlc.blogspot.com



New Photos?



Risen Lord's web site contains much of the information about the church that prospective members seek. It also has maps to the church, and a link to the Risen Lord Montessori Preschool. One need the site has is in updating the pictures. If you currently have or are willing to take photos of church events, please contact Cindy at 535-6727.

You Heard the Rumors, Now See the Pictures



"Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." - Isaiah

Youth to Gather Food for the Hungry



While Risen Lord's youth won't ever (hopefully) know what it means to be homeless, they will find out what it feels like to push a shopping cart around scavenging for food. On November 14, during Youth Quake, Risen Lord youth will be going door to door in local neighborhoods collecting food for the hungry in Johnson County. All food items will go to the Johnson

County Inter-church food Pantry. Special thanks to Marsh and Kroger for loaning the Risen Lord youth the shopping carts.

Living, Loving, and Laughing Together

Early American Chili Supper



November 24
6:00 PM
Wednesday
Thanksgiving Eve
just before worship

Kick-off your Thanksgiving weekend with a taste of Americana in both music and food. At 6:00 and one hour before a bluegrass worship service, sample a wide variety of chili dishes with sides and desserts.

If you would like, bring a dish to share. When preparing your dish, consider the following:

- Home made bread
- Cornbread

- Turkey Chili
- Buffalo Chili
- Vegan Chili
- Pheasant Chili
- Hoosier Chili

- Apple Cobbler
- Peach Cobbler
- Apple Crisp
- Pumpkin Pie

- Apple Cider
- Cranberry Juice

Or . . .
 Any other Americana type food you can think of!

Dinner Club

November 12
7:00

Get your chopsticks ready! Dinner Club is going to Kabuto Steakhouse on Friday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Kabuto is located at 8719 U.S. Hwy. 31 South, in front of the Cinemark Movies 8.

Their food is great and the chefs very entertaining as they cook all the food right in front of you. Dinner Club is open to all adult members whether they are single or a couple. It's always a great evening of food and fellowship.

If you want to be included, please contact Lin Montigney either by e-mail at linseet@comcast.net or leave a voice mail message at 887-0628 no later than Thursday, November 11th.

Men and Women

Men's Breakfast
 November 13
 Saturday 8:00 AM
 At Flap Jacks
 135 & Whiteland Rd.

Ladies' Dining Out
 November 21
 Sunday 6:00 PM
 at the Fireside Brewhouse
 on Emerson just south of County
 Line Rd.

Skeet Shoot

November 13
3:00

Meet at church to drive to the shooting range. Children must be accompanied by an adult..



A Good Christian Approach to Personal Money Management



Financial Peace University (FPU) is Dave's life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than 1 million families have attended FPU with amazing results. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever!

David L. Ramsey is an American financial author, radio host, televi-

sion personality, and motivational speaker. Ramsey's syndicated radio program is promoted with a tagline that "It's about your life and your money," and it is heard on over 450 radio stations throughout the United States and Canada, as well as on XM and Sirius satellite radio.

In the Indianapolis area he can be heard from 12:00 — 3:00 95.9. FM

Ramsey has been featured on The

Oprah Winfrey Show, 60 Minutes, The Early Show and CBS. He is the host of The Dave Ramsey Show on Fox Business network.

**Financial Peace University
December 2
Thursdays
7:00-8:30pm**

**At Risen Lord Lutheran Church
Childcare is Provided
Registration: \$100.00**

Belle Craddock is leading the class.

Financial Peace U. Free Preview

**November 18
Thursday
7:00 — 7:30 pm
Childcare is provided**

There will be a free informational preview of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class on Thursday, November 18, from 7:00 — 7:30. This 30 minute video will introduce you to the program of financial freedom. Take advantage of this sneak peek of the class to help you decide whether it is for you and your family or not.

"I am so thankful that the course was offered at my church and that I had the opportunity to enroll. I can truly say that was one of the best investments I ever made with my time and money. During this past year, I became debt-free except for my house, and I had my first big-time financial emergency. My entire central air conditioning system had to be replaced. While the whole ordeal was stressful, I was actually able to write out a check for the entire system and installation. I cannot tell you how good it felt to not have to worry about how to pay."

Anita Clark Olathe, KS



Reaching Out with Jesus' Love



Mission of the Month

The Giving Tree

Risen Lord is sponsoring the Giving Tree for Lutheran Children and Family Services Christmas Store. During the month of November choose a pair of ornaments from the basket and read the gift item desired on the back of the ornament.

Pin one of the ornaments to the tree and take the other with you to remind you what to buy. Return the unwrapped gift under the tree along with the ornament so we can use it again next year!

All gifts are due back by **December 1st**. Families in need then go to the store to "shop" for the gifts they need, wrap the gifts themselves, and maintain a sense of self-respect.



Lutherwood Helps the Most in Need

Lutherwood is a licensed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) that specializes in the care and treatment of children who exhibit chronic behavior and/or emotional problems. Although external abuse and/or neglect can be contributing factors, many of residents are struggling to recover from internal neurological, biological or psychiatric disorders. Lutherwood also provides treatment by specially trained and certified staff in the areas of Addictions and Sexually Maladaptive Behavior (SMY).

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Boys and girls age 6-21
- Suffering from the effects of physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse
- Exhibiting symptoms of psychiatric disorders
- Failed hospitalizations or other less restrictive programs
- Referral from child care agencies, juvenile courts, mental health providers and individual families

LUTHERWOOD ACADEMY

Lutheran Child and Family Services in partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools offers a unique on-grounds school that provides:

- Full-day educational schedule
- Eight classrooms
- Special Education

teachers from Indianapolis Public Schools

- Comprehensive curriculum for grades K-12

The primary goal of the program is to prepare the student to return to public school upon their successful discharge.

THE SHARING PLACE

The Sharing Place is a community assistance program that provides free food and clothing to individuals, children and families in need. Clients are eligible to receive free food every 30 days and clothing twice a year.

The Sharing Place is staffed by volunteers from the community, local service organizations and local churches. Food and clothing giveaway programs are made possible by donations from individuals, service organizations, congregations and local businesses.

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The Steward's Way

Jeff Gives Report to the Congregation



Jeff Kjellberg

Jeff reports on Risen Lord's Listening Campaign
October 26

On October 26, Jeff Kjellberg met with the congregation to share the results of the Listening Campaign held during the first part of the month. He began the meeting complimenting the group on the level of energy and participation in the meetings and interviews. He then went on to describe what Risen Lord's assets and opportunities.

Assets

(Things we have going for us.)

Pastoral leadership. There is widespread respect and trust of our Pastor.

A Strong Sense of Community. People are accepted for who they are. Diversity is celebrated. We wrap ourselves around anyone in need.

Worship and Music. We have exceptional music ministry and celebrate "Lutheran heritage" as a gift. It is a point of pride.

Youth Ministry – We have developed a robust youth ministry.

Location. We are in a prime location for further growth.

Opportunities

(Places to focus our energy.)

Facility. We have an awesome building that has reached its capacity. We are actually beyond capacity. It is not clear among our members what to do at this point.

Maturing Church. Risen Lord is maturing as a church. This means that it is transitioning from one type of church to another. There are four basic types of churches:

- 1) Matriarchal = a small church usually driven by a single family.
- 2) Pastoral = A small to mid-sized church where the pastor is the center of all activities. His/her time is usually maxed out 24/7.
- 3) Program Oriented = A mid-sized church that is member driven through a well trained council and various committees and teams. The Pastor's ministry focuses on selected areas.
- 4) Corporate = A large church with multiple staff that operates like a business.

Jeff notes that Risen Lord is a Pastoral church but moving to a Program Oriented church.

Montessori School. The school is a great asset and presence in the community. BUT, we need to have a fuller understanding how the school is a ministry of the church and how we can see the school as an entry point to the lives of young families in the community.

Staffing. The staff is in the same position as the building, utilized to the max.

Mission and Vision. While Risen Lord has a sense of vision and mission, people are by and large challenged to express it. The need is to

bring it forward more publicly and widely so that the body of believers can identify it and celebrate it.

Debt Reduction. The current debt is an obstacle to the development and maturing of the church. There is widespread consensus that debt reduction is necessary and desired.

The following are Jeff's recommendations for moving forward.

Recommendations

Mission – Vision. We need to identify it, embrace it, and communicate it.

Debt Reduction. Conduct a debt reduction campaign with a two year pledge period.

Facilities. In the next two years work toward consensus on expansion of the facility.

School. Reach out to and through the school. Develop a better understanding and action plan of the possibilities the school presents for Christ's mission.

Program Church. Take the next step in maturity as a church. Identify and empower emerging leaders.

This article is a compilation of notes from people who attended the meeting. Risen Lord's church council meets the second Tuesday of every month and will be discussing Jeff's report in the immediate future. Meetings are open.

Building Each Other Up

Expecting: Elizabeth Hatfield, Paul and Kelly Watson

Births: Macie Kay Painter born to Brandon and Stacie Painter October 26

Baptisms:

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: Jennifer Streit and Jonathan Mulzer October 21

Ill, Injured, Recovering: Francie Lambert, Dylan Kwast, Ken and Judy Anspach, Chera Schaub, Megan Loomis, John Kaveman, Barry Fites, Jeff Collins, John Kaufman, Charles Wyeth, Dave Goers, Dick Suchodolski, Hope Parker, Katie Klebes, Marikko, Bud Williams, Kara Welch, Sandy Smith, Rannah Ryan, Chester and Connie Bond, Danny Campbell, Wendy Barr, Becky Morrison

Deaths: Jim Hannah-father of Bill Hannah

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

Other:

September Stats

General Fund Offerings

General Fund — \$19,816
Budgeted — \$22,500

Building Fund Offerings

Building Fund — \$4,243
Mortgage — \$5,594

Average Sunday Attendance

for September 161
for Year 147

Contact Us



Pastor Mike

One of my personal dreams for us is that we would support and pray for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. Please use the information in this monthly newsletter to be there for each other.

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LOOKING AHEAD

November

- November 1 Finance Committee
- November 7 Daylight Savings Time
Ends/Set clocks back
- November 8 Council
- November 12 Dinner Club
- November 13 Men's Breakfast
- November 13 Skeet Shoot
- November 18 Financial Freedom
Class Free Preview
- November 21 Ladies' Dining Out
- November 24 Chili Dinner
- November 24 Thanksgiving Eve
Service
- November 27 Hanging of the Greens
- November 28 No Youth Quake
- November 28 First Sunday of Advent

December

- December 2 Financial Freedom
Class Begins
- December 5 Ladies Salad Supper
and Cookie Exchange
- December 6 Finance Committee
- December 13 Council
- December 26 No Youth Quake

January

- January 3 Finance Committee
- January 10 Church Council
- January 28 7th & 8th Graders
Chicago Trip



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**Sunday Morning
Worship Schedule**

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