

October

CrossTalk



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RISEN CHRIST

Lutheran Church & School

Risen Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

As God's church in this place, our mission is to enrich and renew lives by bringing Christ to the community.

Risen Christ Lutheran School Mission Statement

We support the belief that children are the precious gift from God. Our mission is to provide, together with families, a high-quality education for the whole child within a loving, Christ-centered environment.

Risen Christ Lutheran School Vision Statement

The vision of RCLS is that each student will: possess a life-long love of learning, possess a deep love for God, and possess a habit of prayer, possess a strong sense of responsibility and integrity, possess a respect for inherent value of every person, possess a curious mind open to new ideas, and possess a love and respect for life.

Pastor Bradley's Mission Statement

I have been created to let God's Holy Spirit use my life experiences, my unique style, humor, and personality, and my love of Christ to lead others to know and trust the loving embrace of Jesus.

The Church's Mission:

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. *Matt 28:19-20 ESV*



Looking Ahead with Confidence

(Funeral Preparedness Workshop)



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You are going to die. This is not a threat of violence or in any way meant to be mean, it is a simple fact. You are going to die! I am going to die. We are all going to die, to breathe our last breath – unless judgment day comes during our lifetime.

Are you ready?

“Looking Ahead with Confidence” is a workshop designed to prepare you for several aspects of your pending death or the death of a loved one. We will cover financial, logistical, practical, musical, and of course, spiritual preparedness.

The Workshop and Lunch are FREE to all attendees.

Nov 9, 2024 - 9:00 am-2:20 pm

Topics and Speakers:

My Shell: Speaker: Rob Rue

Littleton and Rue Funeral Home and Crematory

830 N. Limestone Springfield, Ohio 45503

www.littletonandrue.com

This Funeral Director will be talking about caring for the physical remains of the body after death; funeral, burial, cremation, etc. There will be discussions about the various options, as well as how to pre-plan for the proper handling of your physical body after death.

My Stuff: Speaker: Matt Buehrer

Thrivent Financial, Main Street Financial, Tipp City, OH

<https://connect.thrivent.com/main-street-financial-group>

This Financial Advisor will talk about making the best plans for assigning your financial affairs as you leave this world. Wills, estate planning, life estates, life insurance, investments, charitable donations, etc., are just some of the matters that can be managed ahead of time.

My Soul: Speaker: Pastor Brad Viken:

Pastor, Risen Christ Lutheran Church and School

41 E. Possum Springfield Ohio 45502

www.risenchristlcms.org

The Pastor will discuss the matters of the soul and what matters now as we prepare for our pending death. We will discuss the assurance of salvation from a Christian perspective and look at scripture for care and comfort as well as planning tools for your Christian funeral.



To reserve a spot: email pastor@risenchristlcms.org

call or text 760-792-2879



“Looking Ahead with Confidence”

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Nov 9 9:00 am-2:20 pm

SCHEDULE

- 9:00-9:25** Registration, mingle and refreshments
- 9:25-9:35** Musical interlude: Singing Songs of Salvation
- 9:35-9:42** Introductions, directions, etc.
- 9:42-9:45** Spiritual Interlude: Glimpses of God’s Promise (3 Minutes of Scripture)
- 9:45-10:45** “My Soul” Speaker 1: Pastor Brad Viken - Risen Christ Lutheran Church
- 10:45-11:00** Break
- 11:00-11:07** Musical interlude: Singing Songs of Salvation
- 11:07-11:10** Spiritual Interlude: Glimpses of God’s Promise (3 Minutes of Scripture)
- 11:10-12:10** “My Shell” Speaker 2: Littleton & Rue Funeral Home and Crematory
- 12:10-12:13** Musical interlude: Singing Songs of Salvation
- 12:13-12:15** Meal Prayer
- 12:15-1:00** Lunch (No Charge)
- 1:00-1:05** Musical interlude: Singing Songs of Salvation
- 1:05-1:08** Spiritual Interlude: Glimpses of God’s Promise (3 Minutes of Scripture)
- 1:10-2:10** “My Stuff” Speaker 3: Matt Buehrer - Financial Advisor, Thrivent Financial (trusts, wills, transfers, estates, etc.)
- 2:10-2:20** Wrap Up (Final words and thoughts, Song, Glimpse, Prayer)

Location: Risen Christ Lutheran Church and School

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ELDERS REPORT PT 1

“I want to see...”

It's already October, which means the harvest will continue and our Reformation celebration comes at end of the month. This year's Gospel reading for Reformation Day (*a Friday*) is from Mark 10:46-52. It tells how a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, heard that Jesus was coming and kept yelling out “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Hearing him, Jesus told him to come, which he eagerly did. Obviously blind, Jesus still asks him the question “What do you want me to do for you?” This might seem like an odd question given the circumstance until you understand that Jesus doesn't ask questions like this to get information. He already knows the answer to his questions. Rather, he asks questions like this to make a point, to drill down to the heart of the circumstances with the person asking, and to bring understanding to those listening. The man's response was “My Master, I want to see.” Jesus's reply was “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he chose to follow Jesus.

Notice that Jesus did not ask the man “What do you *need*” but rather “What do you *want*?” The need was obvious. Jesus was looking beyond the man's circumstances and asking him what was in his heart. The man had already confessed to everyone that he knew Jesus to be the Messiah by using the title Son of David. So now Jesus gave him the opportunity to further confess him as “My Master.” Bartimaeus was already a disciple, a follower, as much as a blind man could be. It was because of his faith, his confessions, that Jesus healed him. This external healing of the man's body served as an outward confirmation of where the man's heart was. He had a heart of faith... faith in Jesus, his teachings, and who he was.

Faith is not the same as *understanding*. Although he knew that Jesus was Messiah, he did not yet understand what that meant. That day Bartimaeus not only received his physical sight but was more importantly afforded the opportunity to “see” even more. He began following Messiah undoubtedly with a faith the size of a mustard seed. But Jesus was able to take such a small thing and do something miraculous, and undoubtedly was later able to bring understanding to Bartimaeus and others around him because of their faith.



ELDERS REPORT PT 2

God continues to ask today “What do you want from me?” He already knows your answer but wants you to answer it for your own sake. He wants each of us to realize the true nature of our own heart. Does your heart cry out “Master, I want to see”? God wants to reveal himself to you in a very personal, real, and powerful way. God knows that what’s on the inside of a person is eternal and what’s on their outside is temporal. Although God does not ignore the external, he is focused first and foremost on what’s inside a person’s heart where faith and trust can reside. Do you want to see and understand him better than you did yesterday; or perhaps to know him for the first time? Do you want him to reveal to you who he is and what he wants to do in your life? It only takes a mustard seed size faith for God to do it. God has promised he would. He is faithful. His heart is bent towards your heart. He has promised that if you ask, it will be given; if you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened to you. So ask, seek, and knock... and watch God work in your life. It is his desire to do so.

If you have the desire to seek after God, that is the Holy Spirit *already* working in you, stirring your heart to achieve His purposes in your life. Your faith, even as small as an un-matured mustard seed, can move mountains. It *will* move His heart.

Peace!

Rob

(GWIB.... God’s Way Is Best!)



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RISEN CHRIST
Lutheran Church



The President's Corner

Bringing Christ To Our Community

The Church Board focus, with your help, is to bring Christ to our community. Both our Vision and Mission Statements clearly give us the task to inform those within the greater Springfield area about the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During our September Board meeting Pastor and the Elders led our discussions on the plans to accomplish this task. Many items were presented that are to be developed in the coming months. As you know, Risen Christ has several programs like our food pantry and Hot Meal Programs that serve our community. The idea is that all of our programs create a connection between individuals and Risen Christ.

Our goal is to implement the ideas discussed with your help. Over the next period of time we ask for your prayers and support as the new thoughts are brought forward. Your commitment for a couple of hours to perform a task will go a long way toward letting our community understand Christ's goal. Look for ways to help as our plans develop.

Board Action Items

† Rev Art Casci was confirmed as Risen Christ's nomination for Circuit Visitor for a two year period starting 2025.

† Our Lay Delegate for the November 10th Circuit Forum will be John Bacevic.

† The barn/shed has seen many improvements to better use space for storage. We continue to look at disposing items that no longer are being used.

† The 2025 draft budget is under review by the Ministry Team for updates. The Board is scheduled to review and approve to present to congregation during our November Voters meeting.

Yours in Christ,
John Bacevic
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Connection Report

Thank you to all the folks who made the Rally Day Pancake Breakfast a success. Everyone enjoyed the Bible trivia game, there were colored bells for the kids. Thank you, Pastor for the Bible tabs.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **FISH BAKE** on Saturday October 5th from 5-7 pm.

The menu includes baked fish, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, pumpkin pie or brownies, or hotdogs for the kids. Donations are appreciated and will go for the Hot Meals and Food Pantry.

October 13, 2024 is LWML Sunday, with the theme "Ready to Serve." The Sister's in Christ will serve as greeters, ushers, and readers. Remember to wear purple and bring your mite box or pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters.

On Saturday October 19, the Miami Valley Zone LWML Fall Retreat will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairborn at 9:30 am. Pastor England will lead the devotion "Sing the Songs of Faith." The ingathering will be for Michael's House Child Advocacy Center. Watch for more information.

Being A Christian is Like, Being A Jack-O-Lantern

GOD picks YOU from the patch and brings YOU in. *John 15:16*

Then He washes all the dirt off YOU. *2 Cor 5:17*

He opens YOU up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate, and greed. *Rom 6:6*

He carves YOU a new smiling face. *Psalms 71:23*

Then He puts his light inside of YOU to shine for all the world to see. *Matt 5:6*



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

“But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.” 1 Corinthians 12:18 ESV

Of course, we know this is true with regard to our human body, any injury to one part of our body puts a burden on the other parts of our body.

That is also true of the “Body of Christ” or it should be! When one member is ill or suffers a loss, each of us should feel that pain or loss. We have many needs for prayers among our RCLC and RCLS families. Perhaps they need our help, but they **definitely** need our prayers. The church office often sends out requests for prayer. Each of us can pray for anyone, anywhere, anytime! But, is there more we can do? Let us try to find any possible way to help and then help in every way! That is why God chose you to be here in your place at RCLC in the Body of Christ, to do whatever you can whenever you can.

Circuit Convocation: October 12, 2024 @
Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairborn.
Topic: “Marriage and Family in the United
States Today” from 8:30 am – 12:45pm.

Our Food Pantry is asking for
donations of Spaghetti Noodles for
the next month. If you have
questions, please contact Greg
Shrader or Chuck Bern.

ESV Scripture for October

Verse of the Month

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of
need. *Hebrews 4:16 ESV*

<u>October 6</u> 20th Sun after Pentecost	<u>October 13</u> LWML Sunday
First Reading: Gen 2:18-25	First Reading: 1 Sam 3:1-10
Epistle Reading: Heb 2:1-13	Epistle Reading: Phil 2:5-11
Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16	Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38



<u>October 20</u> 22nd Sun after Pentecost	<u>October 27</u> Reformation Sunday
First Reading: Ecc 5:10-20	First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7
Epistle Reading: Heb 4:1-16	Epistle Reading: Rom 3:19-28, 1:16-17
Gospel Reading: Mark 10:23-31	Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36





3	Gabriel Kaiser
3	Matthew Rutledge
4	Ben McKee
4	Jody Rizzotte
9	Jim Mote
9	Jeff Parks
11	Kole Vollrath
14	Kaiden Davis
18	Dylan Ackley
20	Jim Brueggeman
23	Bob Shepherd
26	Deb Rutledge
30	Beryl Boggess



7	Elaina Buck
7	Kylee Schafer
7	Noah Schafer
9	Chris Heilmann
9	Veronica Heilmann
9	Kyle Heilmann
11	Sharon Heilmann
15	Paul Bok
27	Susan Motter
30	Cora Wells Kitt
30	Lily Wells Kitt



		Years
10/6	Bill & Beth Ervin	23
10/14	Jeff & Caitlin Parks	6
10/17	Paul & Linda Bok	32
10/20	Jeff & Linda Kaiser	34
10/30	Danny & Sandi Click	26

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
National Principals Month

Positive Attitude Month
Pastor Appreciation Month

- 4 National Smile Day
- 5 National Do Something Nice Day
- 12 Farmer's Day
- 13 Pastor Appreciation Day
- 14 Native American Day
- 15 Pregnancy & Infancy Loss Awareness Day
- 18 Mammography Day
- 28 First Responders Day
- 31 Reformation Day
- Halloween

