



RISEN CHRIST  
Lutheran Church

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# CrossTalk

Sharing God's work in our Church and School

## June 2026

### ““RECALCULATING””

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you heard a Navigation System announce “recalculating” after a key turn was missed?

The Board of Directors and Pastor are now “recalculating” too--since the Monday May 18 “Family Meeting” did not accomplish the goal of gathering broad based congregation feedback on the Phase 1 Report. In fact, only 1 household not directly related to the formal Leadership of RCLC attended the Monday, May 18 “Family Meeting.” That means half of the broader congregation has not yet had this important “processing together” conversation.

**YOUR feedback is essential at this time.**

We are convinced that members are interested in the future of Risen Christ—so there must have been other factors impacting the lack of congregation wide participation. So, the Board, Elders and Pastor are seeking “better” ways to gather essential feedback from the broader congregation.

### **NEW PLAN—Connect with Congregation on Sunday Morning**

Because of the importance of this congregation wide conversation we invite you to actively participate in “Following Jesus Together Sunday” on June 7 with a modified morning schedule:

#### **JUNE 7: “Following Jesus Together Sunday”**

10:00      Worship (non-communion) in Sanctuary      (30 minutes)

10:35      Feedback Session in Fellowship Hall      (45 minutes)

AND

Children’s Sunday School

Thank you for prioritizing Sunday Worship AND this 45-minute congregation wide conversation.

In Christ

*Pastor Scott*

*Jeff Parks*

*Gene Baumgardner*

Interim Pastor

Board President

Head Elder

## Groundbreaking for Church and School Ministries

Come watch the Lord continue to grow Risen Christ Lutheran Church and School! Construction has started on the new building edition for the School and Church. Thanks for the hard work and dedication (and continued hard work) of all our volunteers. Thanks to all who have been prayer warriors as well. Please Keep Praying!





# Elder's Page

## A Legacy (CrossTalk ~ 6/2026)

I had the joy of attending my aunt Sue's funeral this past week. She was the youngest of six siblings, five girls and one boy, with my mom being the second. Their's was a rough childhood, often going to bed hungry, living under an absentee tyrannical father and an emotionally weak mother. But God is good, merciful, and gracious, giving their family multiple churches along the way to physically, emotionally, and spiritually provide for the children where mom and dad did/could not. They were all baptized, and many of them, including my mom and Sue, grew and lived in their faith until the day each died.

The older I get the more I hear the term "legacy" kicked about. A legacy is something that is left behind, specifically what an individual might leave to the next generation. Many leave legacies of buildings and bank accounts, some of grief, despair, and brokenness, of an incomplete/unfulfilled life... all of which are destined for disregard and forgottenness. As Christians we are called to leave legacies of personal faith, of relationships nurtured, of Christ planted in the hearts of family and friends, of cups of love poured out beyond its brim and drunk by many, of foundational examples of the Christian walk on which the lives of many can be built. Ours, we hope, will be an everlasting legacy rooted in the love for and faith in our Creator/Savior/Sovereign God.

The service for my aunt Sue began with three of her sixteen grandchildren testifying to her love for them and for her Lord, and the deep impact that she was having in their lives as she passed on her faith to them. They stood as a living testimony to Sue's legacy handed to those family and friends left behind, directly to four generations of siblings and husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

The legacy of the churches God put in the path of my mom and Sue's family was that of planting and nurturing a strong and enduring faith in many of them. The faith of my dad, myself, and many of my seven siblings are all products of the legacy of these churches. Without them and the faith rooted in my mom and Sue's family, we may have never seen the shadow of a church doorway or enjoyed the daily and eternal grace of God, given through the blessings of His Son.

It's plain to see that our RCLC congregation has aged over the years. Where we had twenty-five attending Sunday school thirty years ago, we now have five at best. It's sad, but this is a common trend in most of God's churches across our land and overseas. The good news is that, only by God's grace, our potential as a church to influence Springfield's next generation has actually increased tremendously in the last fifteen years. Because of the faithfulness of many and the endurance of some, and their willingness to walk by faith where God is leading them, Risen Christ Lutheran School has grown beyond the expectations of everyone!



## Elder's Page (Continued)

**Matthew 25:14+** details the parable of the three servants, two of which were faithful in their administration of their master's estate. The two faithful were praised by their master....  
“Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.” It would seem that God is pleased with the way RCLC/RCLS has discharged their responsibility regarding the school He has established. We can celebrate with God because He has now blessed us with the opportunity to serve Him with “many things.” God also tells us in **Luke 12:48** that “From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” We are called to not rest on God's past success but rather to anticipate with joy God's future blessings as we faithfully move forward in the school.

Yes, it was indeed a joy to sit in aunt Sue's smaller rural church and witness the testimonies of her grandchildren, anticipating the lasting influence she will have on many generations that follow. There was even a sense of delight for me feeling the exposure of the shortcomings in my own life that should be more intently focused on spreading the gospel into the hearts of the next generation. Kim and I visited with Sue in the hospital a few days before she died. What a blessing she was to us to again hear from her about a rock-solid faith and her understanding of the role her Saviour and has played in her life. I want to be more like my mom and my aunt Sue in such things. And it's all because of the faithfulness of God's churches pouring God into the lives of a family with six small children beginning 75 years ago.

I ask you... are we each dedicated to fulfilling God's mission in our own personal lives? Have we as God's Church offered all of ourselves to the families and children God has given us, to provide for them spiritually, emotionally, and sometimes physically? Let us not grieve over what God has not given us, but better rejoice and embrace fully what God has indeed given to us... the “many things.”

Always remember that **God's Way Is Best! (GWIB!)**

Peace!

Rob



## *The President's Corner*

Summer is almost here! Well, it IS here, if you are a teacher, or have a son or daughter in school. However, we still have a few more weeks until the "official" start of summer. This summer will come with a lot of changes, as the expansion to the building is worked on, and we continue to move through the next phase of the process being led by Pastor Scott and the Transitional Task Force.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping out, by serving in various roles around the church, or showing up to the meetings to be involved in the transitional process. Thank you to everyone who is praying for us and continuing to be faithful stewards of your time and resources.

If you've been on the fence about wanting to participate or attend the extra meetings, let me encourage you to do so. It may not fit neatly into our well-planned schedules, but there is a lot of benefit to the whole congregation by having as many people involved as possible. This holds true for both the weekly services as well as the transitional process we are undertaking as a congregation.

Please reach out to myself, Pastor Scott, or an Elder if there is an issue keeping you from being able to attend one of these meetings. Whether it is transportation, or child care, or needing to attend virtually, we will do what we are able to help you.

Jeff

# RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Our second grade class recently participated in a hands-on recycling activity led by Sam Perin from the Clark County Solid Waste District. Students learned the complete paper recycling process by transforming used paper into new, reusable sheets. Every student participated in the paper making process which helped them better understand the importance of recycling and environmental stewardship.



# Connection Report

**Welcome June!**

**May you bring sunshine to our hearts and warmth to our souls.**

## **Blessings in a Bottle**

The bottles for Blessing in a Bottle are located in Narthex in a basket for the Pregnancy Resource Clinic. Pick up a bottle fill it with coins, bills or a check and bring back Sunday, June 21st FATHER'S DAY. We will celebrate our Father that day.

## **Donation for Lutheran Metropolitan Missions, Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center, and Project Hope**

The Ohio District LWML Convention is June 26-27th in Westlake, Ohio. As part of the Miami Valley Zone and Human Care Committee, we are accepting donations for Lutheran Metropolitan Missions, Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center, and Project Hope. Items needed are:

- Small toys for young children, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby shampoo, and baby lotion.
- Laura's Home: Twin sheets, tampons, period pads, and deodorant.
- Project Hope: Coffee, powdered creamer, sugar packs cereal, paper plates, and napkins.

There is a purple Box in Narthex marked ingathering. Your donations would be very much appreciated. THANK YOU.

### *The Shepherd Father*

*Like David tending father's sheep. A father guards while children sleep, He watches over every soul, that God has placed within his fold, He leads them to the living Word, He makes sure God's voice is heard, He tends their wounds with gentle care, He lifts them up in fervent prayers. When, wolves come prowling at the gate, He stands his ground, He does not wait, He fights to keep his family safe. With faith as sword and love as grace.*

# RCLC Meals Fundraiser June 16th

## at Rudy's Smokehouse

**\*\*See Coupon & Details Below\*\***

<https://risenchristcms.org/rudys-smokehouse-fundraiser-june-16th/>

RCLC Coupon for Rudy's

- Use on June 16
- Cannot be used with other discounts
- Present coupon prior to ordering to participate in the fundraiser



# Rudy's Smokehouse Fundraiser



Dine to  
Donate!



50% of the Proceeds  
to RCLC Meals



Tuesday June 16th  
during their  
business hours  
(11 AM-8 PM)

**"The generous will themselves be blessed,  
for they share their food with the poor."**

**Proverbs 22:9**

- Huge thanks to Rudy's for consistently supporting RCLC Meals.
- Show your appreciation by enjoying good food!
- Physical or electronic coupon required prior to purchase

**2222 S. Limestone St.  
Springfield, OH, 45505**



# Bake Sale Donations Needed for Garage Sale!!

**\*\*See Following pages for Garage Sale Details and Volunteer Sign-up Sheet for Garage Sale/Bake Sale\*\***

## **Bake Sale Event During Church Garage Sale**

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a bake sale during the church garage sale on June 27<sup>th</sup>! We invite all bakers to participate by preparing their favorite treats to help fill our bake sale table. Acceptable baked goods include cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, fudge, and other homemade goodies.

## **Donation Drop-Off Details**

Donations for the bake sale can be brought to the old Narthex at the church on June 25<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, and on June 26<sup>th</sup> between 9 AM until 8:00 PM. Please make sure to drop off your items during these times.

## **Packaging Guidelines**

To ensure the best presentation, we ask that you sort your baked goods into baggies and/or cover them with plastic wrap. This will help with visibility and keep the items fresh.

## **Where the Proceeds Go**

The money raised from the bake sale will be divided among several important causes: the “Raise the Roof” building fund, the Hot Meals Ministry, and Josh Putka’s mission trip to England this summer through Crusade for Christ.

## **Questions?**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact: Kim Hunt (937) 215-7684 or Marcella Caskey (937) 545-6275





**Risen Christ Lutheran Church**

# **GARAGE SALE BAKE SALE!**

**Saturday: 8:00am – 3:00pm  
June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Time to spring clean & donate your toys, books, furniture, decorations, baby items or linens.

Do not donate clothing, mattresses, stuffed animals, used hats, or used personal items.

*Bring items to RCLC M-Th  
starting afternoon of June 21.*

Call 937-323-3688 before arriving. Make appts.  
for later drop off between 5-7pm

*Volunteers Needed!*

*For questions and to return forms to  
Marti Brueggeman at  
[mbruegge@insight.rr.com](mailto:mbruegge@insight.rr.com) or 423-  
596-5131*

# Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Volunteers: Check which "jobs" you would like to do.

## Help Before the Sale

- \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity (bulletin, PowerPoint, posters, flyers, newspaper, Facebook, radio)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donate paper bags (take to school office)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up items as needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Move items from storage to Fellowship Hall
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sort and categorize items
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pricing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Set up room for sale and/or final Friday afternoon

\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Bring baked goods by Fri. 6/26 by 3pm

## Help During Sale

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cashier (a.m. or p.m.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Monitor tables (a.m. or p.m.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assist customers (a.m. or p.m.)

## Help After Sale

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pack up and clean up
- \_\_\_\_\_ Take items to donation center

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred method of contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Marti Brueggeman at  
[mbruegge@insight.rr.com](mailto:mbruegge@insight.rr.com) or  
423-596-5131 for questions.



When: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time: 9 A.M. - Noon

Where: Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Who: 2026 Kindergarten through 5th grade graduates

(Space will support a maximum of 50 students.)

Contact: The church office for information or to register (937) 323-3688

The morning will be filled with Bible stories, learning and using Evangecube and Faith 5 tools to tell the story of Jesus, as well as songs, crafts, and activities.

While kids discover Jesus' love for them and how they can share the Good News with others, interested adults may want to look for garage sale bargains. Garage sales will be located at Risen Christ and in the RaMar neighborhood located across from the church off Rt. 72.

Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

**\*\*We currently have 14 children registered\*\***

**Help is Needed! If you'd like to help accompany a group of children through each rotation, lead a center, or would like more information, please contact Deb Rutledge at (937) 232-9976.**

To register in advance, please complete the registration form on the next page and return to the Church Office.

**\*\*Please distribute the registration sheet to your family, friends and neighbors who have young children.\*\***



# Registration Form

(One per child)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

## Verse of the Month

Acts 2:46 (NIV 1984)

*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."*

Date	Festival	Theme	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
Jun 7	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Following Jesus-- Together	Psalm 119:65-72	Acts 2:36-47	Matthew 9:9-13
Jun 14	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Following Jesus—Unleashing New Leaders	Psalm 100	Acts 6:1-7	Matthew 9:35-10:8
Jun 21	4th Sunday after Pentecost	Following Jesus—In the midst of Persecution	Psalm 91:1-10	Acts 7:54-8:3	Matthew 10:5a, 21-33
Jun 28	5th Sunday after Pentecost	Following Jesus - Seeing Clearly	Psalm 119:153-60	Acts 9:1-14	Matthew 10:34-42



<b>5</b>	<b>Keith Vollrath</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Dakota Perks</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Anthony Montecalvo</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Stradin Bien-Aime</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>John Bacevic Jr.</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Wesley Mulkey</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Nate Hunt</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Fritz Jeanneret</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Sam McKee</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Greg Shrader</b>



<b>8</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Deb Rutledge</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Fritz &amp; Diane Jeanneret</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Rich &amp; Sandy Davis</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>David &amp; Patty Arnold</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Chuck &amp; Laura Bern</b>



<b>1</b>	<b>Christina Kaiser</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Michaela Kaiser</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Aaron Buck</b>

## **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.

### **Board of Directors**

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President	Jeffery Parks
Vice President	Becky Krieger
Secretary	Abby Wright
Treasurer	Sarah Bussell
Member-At-Large	Sandi Click
Business Manager	Steve Rutledge
Head Elder	Gene Baumgardner

### **Ministry Team Leaders**

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Day School	Rebecca Reid
Outreach	Greg & Chandra Shrader
Connections	Sara Hale
Promotions	Brenda Montecalvo
Stewardship	<i>Help Needed</i>

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### **School Board**

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President	Jim Brueggeman
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### **Other Volunteers**

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Food Pantry	Greg Shrader
RCLC Meals	Johnny Bacevic
Trustees	Paul Bok
Financial Secretary	Steve Rutledge
Music Leader	Jeffery Parks

### ***Church Office Staff***

#### **Pastor**

Scott Sommerfeld

#### **Office Manager**

Steve Rutledge (*Temporary*)

#### **Elders**

Gene Baumgardner

Chuck Bern

Rob Hunt

#### **CrossTalk Publisher**

Steve Rutledge-*Looking for Volunteer*

### ***School Staff***

#### **Administrator**

Rebecca Reid

#### **Dir. Of Records**

Kathy Ackley

#### **Special Ed Director**

Brittany Morgan

#### **Preschool**

Karen Dunn, Corrine Brookins

#### **Preschool Director/Kindergarten**

Megan Ramsey

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher**

Deb Rutledge

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher**

Dawn Wells-Kitt

#### **3rd Grade**

Joetta Garberich

#### **4th Grade**

Korie Bernard

#### **5/6/7th Grade**

Jeff Parks, Mike Garberich

Martha Werner-Brown

#### **School Support Staff**

Kelli Cole, Sarah Leighley

Lisa Mulkey, Betty Ward

Andrew Kiple, Bethany Viken