

April 16, 2017

Risen Christ Lutheran Church

(LCMS)

GoodNewsletter



The Mission of Risen Christ Lutheran Church and School is to worship God, study, teach, and spread the Gospel, united by Christ's Word in Spirit-filled ministry and love.

(Deadline to submit articles for publication in the weekly newsletter is noon Wednesday.)

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY: "Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances"

1 Thess. 5:17-18a

*Note: If you are going to be hospitalized or are ill at home and would like our staff's participation and/or your name included in the Sunday prayers, **please contact the church office and make us aware. Unless you notify us, we cannot participate in your care.** Please do not assume that by telling one person that the message will get to the Church Secretary. Please use the Prayer Request cards and **update us every 2 weeks** that we might continue to lift you up in prayer.*

*** Indicates Member**

"For I am the Lord who heals you" (Ex. 15:26)

Cancer:

Bonnie Kowalkowski 4/2 (former member) leukemia

Jack Bacot 3/26 (Juddie's son), cancer—surgery well

***Bill Huber** 3/19, lymphoma – starting radiation

Dawn Shepherd 3/26 (Bill & Rosemarie's niece)

Irene Scarpa 2/26 (friend of Betty Gilbert) breast

Myra Hendershot 1/22 (B. Shives' mother) lung

***Dawn Davidson** 3/26, Stage 4 metastatic melanoma,

Margaret Wolfe 12/18 (friend of Halvorson's) breast cancer – starting radiation treatments

Andrew Hailo 11/20 (14 yr. old son of a friend of M. Valuet) aggressive form of bone

Amy Middlecamp 11/20 (niece of C. Krohn) breast

Angie Grasso 11/6 (Will Witt's aunt) colon

Robin Vreeland 11/6 (friend of K. Witt) colon

Theresa Kraft 7/31 (visitor to 10:30 service)

Patricia Heinz 7/17 (friend of Brickley's), lung

Melissa Fehnel 6/26, (M. Barrall's niece), possible brain

Rita Beckham 8/14 (friend of C. DiStefano) breast, lung

Sheri Boesch 8/14 (friend of M. Williams) brain

Anita Hans 8/28 (friend of Setzer's) ovarian

Lindsey Varney 12/25 (relative of niece of R. Loftis), St. Jude's w/inoperable brain tumor, no chemo resp.

Shut-Ins:

***Joe Kneidinger, *Rev. Al Kresken, Marv & Barb Anderson (former snowbirds)**

***Diseases & Injuries:**

***Kerrin Gehring** 4/2, ALS

***Colleen Alton** 4/9, add'l testing for mammogram & opacities that showed up on lungs

Mary Deal 4/2 (Judy Diener's sister) doctor's trying to ascertain cause of problems

Clara Ray Morton 2/5 (10 mo. old baby of former neighbors of Valuet's) non-curable heart failure

Shannon Hazelton 4/9 (friend of Setzer's) severe stomach illness

Marilyn Sable 3/19, surgery on left thumb & pinky

***Mark Buckner** 1/22, severe back problems, at home

Garrison Murph (L. Edwards' 7-yr.-old neighbor) SMA (no cure)

Tim Hanley 3/19 (S. Hanley's brother), spinal surgery

Adoption:

The final coming adoption of **Addison Marie** (Halvorson Family)

Bereavement:

Family & friends of **Lafayette Parker** (friend of Jan Jan Snyder) for passed away 4/12

Other Concerns:

Our School Ministry

St. Martin Lutheran Deaf School in Michigan

The Persecuted Church

Dr. Kristen Schmaltz 7/19, Missionary to Guinea, W. Africa

***Jenna Alton** 4/9, unspoken concerns

Roy Scofield 2/26 (C. DeStefano's friend) complications following serious joint surgeries over the last year

Kyle Reddington 10/23 (Valuet's granddaughter), serious personal issues

Dan Smith 7/31 (C. Stull's & C. Ruisi's cousin), military deployment

Roberta Shafer & family 4/10, unspoken concerns

Robbie Daniels 4/10, personal concerns

Ryan Speigle 10/9, (C. Ruisi's son) serious personal concerns

Bill & Nicole Lohmeyer, Missionaries to Dominican Republic (receive monetary support from Soc. Min. & LWML)

Our New President, The Iraqis, Our Military

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**Our Christian Stewardship
For the week of April 9, 2017**

Weekly Attendance:	2017: 209	2016: 234	
	8:30 a.m. Service	79	8:30 a.m. Service
	10:30 a.m. Service	130	10:30 a.m. Service
	Wednesday Service	n/a	Wednesday Service
			92
			122
			20

General Fund: (Actual Giving)	<u>Apr. 9, 2017</u>	<u>Oct.'16-Sept.'17</u>
		<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Worship Offering	\$ 6,655.00	\$ 216,998.07
Other	\$ 525.00	\$ 24,731.19
Total General Fund Income	\$ 7,180.00	\$ 241,729.26
	<u>28 Week Avg.</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
2016-17 Budgeted Expense* (\$457,788.00)	\$ 8,803.62	\$ 246,501.36
2016-17 Actual Expenses*	\$ 8,198.61	\$ 229,561.00
2016-17 Actual Received	\$ 8,633.19	\$ 241,729.26
* Unaudited		

Mortgage balance as of 4/13/17: **\$1,045,796.66**

Apr. 16	Sonrise	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Acolyte		Luke Schutte	Kayla Burdick
A/V Tech	C. Ruisi & John Diener	B. Shives, L. Pascoe, H. Roeschke	C. Ruisi, J. Diener & S. Hanley
Greeters		S. Abbondandolo & C. Buffkin	Midge Valuet & Rosemarie Shepherd
Ushers		Gale Buffkin & Bill Godbey	Gary Halvorson & Drew Terranova
Readers		John Klemmer	Max Morgan
Comm. Asst.		John Klemmer	Al Undly
Altar Guild		Maria Pascoe	TBD
Bereavement		Susan Engelhardt & Theresa Klemmer	

Apr. 19	7:00 p.m.
Comm. Asst.	Joe Ruisi
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Jackson

Apr. 23	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Acolyte	TBD	Elijah Smith
A/V Tech	A. Lewis, B. Shives & H. Roeschke	D. Davidson, Wayne & Colleen Alton
Greeters	Joe & Wendy Bumgarner	Betty Gilbert & Sue Pluck
Ushers	Rodey Braham & Gordon Much	Gary & Diane Moldenhauer
Readers	Sue Phanco	Cindy Burgio
Comm. Asst.	John Klemmer	Al Undly
Altar Guild	Maria Pascoe	TBD
Bereavement	Susan Engelhardt & Theresa Klemmer	

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

4/16 Linda Bliss
4/16 Wendy Bumgarner
4/19 Jake Williams
4/20 April Lentini
4/20 George Marshall
4/21 Greg Loftis
4/22 Tommy Cook

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

4/20 Robert & Carol Buffkin
4/20 Dave & Cindy Burgio ('72)
4/20 Max & Liz Morgan ('02)
4/22 John & Barbara Barry

The Week at Risen Christ

Sunday, Apr. 16 (EASTER)	Sonrise Service – Hilton Hotel Liturgical Worship Praise Team Rehearsal (PH) Praise Worship	6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Quilting Choir Rehearsal (S) Church Council Meeting (PH)	9:00–11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Re-Sell-It Shoppe Lifelight Bible Study (PH) Mid-Week Worship Service	9:00 a.m.–Noon 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Braille (N)	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday	LWML Southern Zone Rally at Risen Christ	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, Apr. 23 (CONFIRMATION)	Liturgical Worship Praise Team Rehearsal (PH) Bible Study (PH) Praise Worship Youth Group (PH)	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

**School Calendar of Fund Raising
and Other Events**

Mark your calendars:

Apr. 7 (half day) – Apr. 17 – Spring Break (school resumes 4/18)
Apr. 29 – Taste of the Coast – House of Blues



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Greetings South Carolina Advocates!

I pray you are finding blessings and enjoying special fellowship with our Lord **this Lenten Season!** This is the time of reminders during our Thrivent year. **March 31 is the deadline for all accumulated 2016 Thrivent Choice dollars to be distributed!** PLEASE make every effort to **remind our Thrivent members** to be sure they have directed their Thrivent Choice dollars! This is also a great time to **remind all Thrivent benefit members about Thrivent Action Teams.** This wonderful benefit of membership costs members nothing, and creates a special opportunity to be a blessing to others! Just a reminder:

- **Each benefit member is eligible for TWO ACTION TEAMS each calendar year (seed money of \$250 x 2 = \$500 per benefit member).**

- **Associate Thrivent members are eligible for one Thrivent Action Team for three years.**

Thrivent Action Teams are wonderful tools to help us experience the joy of generosity. Distributing our Choice Dollars and using our Thrivent Action Teams to serve others are excellent stewardship practices that can enrich this Lenten season for so many! So please, make every effort to help members enjoy one of the ways Thrivent makes a unique difference in your church, community and the world.

RISEN CHRIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

“Taste of the Coast”

Saturday, April 29, 2017

House of Blues

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The school is seeking restaurant recommendations and sponsorship opportunities for businesses.

Dawn’s Melanoma Recovery Fundraiser

With the help of many volunteers, we served a pasta dinner to over 100 people. The proceeds of the dinner are being donated, along with additional monetary donations and the proceeds of a silent auction, to Dawn Davidson who has Stage 4 Malignant Melanoma. Dawn has outstanding medical bills amounting to over \$15,000 and is in need of an alternative treatment that is not covered by insurance. Dawn has been an active member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Myrtle Beach, SC, for approximately twelve years, and has always been one of the first to volunteer when help is needed. She is a Sunday morning A/V tech, has been Youth Leader in past years while her son was a teenager, and has baked and decorated many cakes for special occasions and celebrations. It was inspiring to see so many others stepping up to help Dawn now in her time of need.

Donations are still being accepted. A “Go Fund Me” account has been set up to accept donations for Dawn. Here is the link to the “Go Fund Me” Account: www.gofundme.com/dawns-melanoma-recovery. Checks may be made to “Risen Christ Lutheran Church” with Dawn Davidson Fundraiser in the memo area. We will give her one check from all of the donations. Thank you!

If you wish to make a donation through the church she will receive 100% of the gift.

The AV Room is in need of volunteers to operate the various positions for each worship service production. Currently, we are in need of 10 people for the early (8:30) service and 8 people in the late (10:30) service. If this quota is reached you will only be required to serve once in 5 weeks. **No experience is necessary. We will train you until you are familiar with the equipment.** Training will be provided for the three current positions: Sound, Multi-Media, and Video Production/copy.

Every Sunday there will be three (3) experienced people in the booth & one person in training, as seating is limited. The trainee will operate equipment with an experienced person guiding them until they become familiar with the equipment.

Remember, once these volunteer quotas are met you will only be required to serve once in 5 Sundays. Thank you!



The Lutheran Hour – April 16 "Empty Tomb Hope!"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 The assurance of Christ's resurrection turns wonder into reality and gives us an eternal hope. (Matthew 28:1-10)



Keep those Box Tops Coming!

Since 2002 when RCLS started collecting BoxTops for Education, we have received \$5,356.89. So far this year we have received \$391.



Lutherans For Life *Life Thoughts for Lutherans*

April 16 "The grace of God is more than a message: it's a Person ... His love given in crucified sacrifice changes minds, claims imaginations, heals hearts, and saves souls. His power shown in resurrected presence assigns infinite value to all bodies and ultimate sanctity to every human life. Not only will He treat the culture, He will cure the people, because He has defeated the devil and hell itself." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



**SOUTHERN ZONE
 SPRING RALLY**

Saturday, April 22, 2017 **Theme - KOINONIA**
 Risen Christ Lutheran Church Fun, Food & Great
 10595 North Kings Hwy. Christian Fellowship
 Myrtle Beach, SC **ALL LUTHERAN WOMEN INVITED!**



Marriage and Parenting Seminar
 May 5 (7-9 PM) and May 6 (9 AM – Noon)
 Childcare provided by CDC Staff
 Led by Pastor Curt Cizek, Pastor at Risen Christ
 Please call 843-272-8163/5845 to reserve your place



**LOOKING FOR
 VOLUNTEERS**

It is time to sign up for Altar Guild duty for 2017. 10:30 service should sign-up with Lil Tuttle and the 8:30 service should sign-up with Barbara Shives. We are still in need of new members in both services. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.



**SUMMER CAMP
 at**



**RISEN CHRIST
 CHRISTIAN
 ACADEMY**

We have entered the final quarter for this school year and summer is right around the corner. It is amazing how fast the year has gone by. We will once again be offering a summer camp this year beginning on Monday, June 5. The cost is \$100 a week per child. Miss Jessica and Miss Dee are planning some great activities, field trips so make sure you get your registration in to the office to reserve your spot at summer camp. You can print out a registration form here or we have tri-fold brochures with registration forms attached in the office. There are also some available on the Welcome Center in the church narthex. Don't forget to check out our new website. risenchristacademy.com



COASTLINE
Women's Center

Pregnancy and Family Support

Coastline needs our help to minister to the mom's who have chosen life. We look forward to receiving items that will help us fill Abigail's Closet and meet the needs of the parents in our "Earn While You Learn" program. The following is a list for Risen Christ Church of our their much needed items: *bibs of neutral color, travel size lotion, wash, oil, *no baby powder, regular size baby wash, shampoo, & baby oil, towels, crib sheets, new-born diapers & size 4 diapers, wipes, and receiving blankets.* A "Baby Shower" is being planned for Sunday, May 14, 2017. Donations can be made over the next few weeks, as a Pack'n Play will be set up in the Narthex.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**How Your Maintenance
(Capital Improvement)
and
Beautification Funds
Are Being Spent**

Funds Raised (thru April 2, 2017):	\$64,071.36
Contributions April 9	\$ 200.00
Total Paid to A.O. Hardee (areas 1 and 3)	(\$41,950.00)
Amount transferred from Undesignated Memorial Funds/Bequests	+ \$10,673.43
Funds Available	\$32,994.79

Next Projects:	
Remove/replace areas of damaged asphalt /	
Seal and restripe parking stalls	\$17,000.00
Drainage areas 2 and 4	<u>\$39,175.00</u>
Total	<u>\$56,175.00</u>

- Future projects in 2017 through 2022 (costs are yet to be determined):
- Paint exterior of Kresken Building
 - Paint exterior of office and classroom building
 - Re-roof Kresken Building
 - Re-roof office and classroom building
 - Paint exterior of Church
 - Re-carpet Church and school offices
 - Re-roof Sanctuary
 - New lighting system for Sanctuary
 - Paint interior of Sanctuary

WILDFIRE SEASON IS UPON US – PREPARE EARLY AND BE SAFE

Spring has arrived in Myrtle Beach and with it comes pollen and the threat of wildfires. Many of us remember the 2009 wildfire that started on Highway 90, spread and crossed Rt. 31 and destroyed homes in Barefoot Resort. The following information was taken from the American Red Cross website and provides information on community and personal wildfire preparation measures for each of us. Be safe and be aware!

How to Prepare for a Wildfire

- Post emergency phone numbers by every phone in your home.
- Make sure driveway entrances and your house number or address are clearly marked.
- Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as a small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool.
- Set aside household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, ax, hand saw or chain saw, bucket and shovel. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive.
- Select building materials and plants that resist fire.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.

Plan ahead and stay as safe as possible during a wildfire

- Plan and practice two ways out of your neighborhood in case your primary route is blocked.
- Select a place for family members to meet outside your neighborhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.
- Identify someone who is out of the area to contact if local phone lines are not working.

Supplies to take with you if you need to evacuate

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply)
- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply)
- Cell phone and charger
- Flashlight [Available on the Red Cross Store]
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible) [Available on the Red Cross Store]

Group Life (Sept.-May)

Risen Christ Lutheran Church & School ---CHRIST CARE GROUPS (SEPT.-MAY) God said “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Mathew 18:20. This is happening every day in our small groups. Won't you prayerfully consider participating in one of these wonderful opportunities? -- Please phone me with any questions, or feel free to contact the leader of the Christ Care Group you sense God is leading you toward.

In His service, Christie Gallagher - (cell) 843-458-7920, cgallagher@proconglobal.com

Men's Group – Will Witt

1st and 3rd Saturdays (Sept – May) PH (May-Aug. Summer Schedule – 3rd Sat. of each month) Akels Restaurant, MB. Breakfast at 8:00
Material – “The Truth Project” Mission Project – The Lutheran Hour **All men are welcome!**

Couples Group –Dennis Setzer

1st and 3rd Mondays (Sept – May) at 6:30pm - Members Homes or PH, with a Dinner Theme Material – “See Through the Scriptures”
Mission Project –TBD **All couples are welcome!**

Ladies Group South – Linda Stock

2nd and 4th Thursday Sept.- May 1:30 pm Covenant Towers

Material – Women of the Bible--Mission Project –Samaritan's Purse

Ladies Group North – Betty Campbell

2nd and 4th Thursday (Sept – May) at 1:30pm - Members Homes. Material – Hebrews
Mission Project –Card Ministry for Sick, Shut-ins, Birthdays, and other events/situations

Ladies Evening –Cindy Ruisi

2nd and 4th Tuesday (Sept. – May) at 7:00 pm at the church (C) with Refreshments

Material – Lifelight Ruth/Esther

Mixed Group – Ron Stock/Rebecca West

Every Wednesday (except holiday breaks) Sept– May - 10:30 a.m. in the church Parish Hall. Lifelight Bible Study.

Six (6) Month Financial Update for Church

	Actual	Budget	Variance Positive (P) Negative (N)
Church Income-			
Offerings	\$ 201,636 (A)	\$ 217,090	\$ 15,454 N
Other Income	\$ 1,443 (A)	\$ 2,200	\$ 757 N
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,057	--	
Member Contrib. for School	\$ 15,512	\$ 13,100	\$ 3,169 P
Capital Fund Drive	\$ 22,394	--	
Non-Budgeted Designated (1)	\$ 17,536	--	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 263,578	\$ 232,390	
Church Expenses-			
Operating Expenses	\$ 194,082 (B)	\$ 194,163 (B)	\$ 81 P
Member Contrib. for School	\$ 15,512	\$ 13,100	\$ 3,169 P
Capital Expenditures	\$ 41,950	--	
Misc. Non- Budgeted (2)	\$ 18,262	--	
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,057	--	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 274,863	\$ 207,263	

(1) Monies received for a specific purpose

(2) Payments made from Designated Funds or offset for (1)

The above shows the total monies received and paid out by the Church (does not include School) for the first six months and shows that we are blessed by the support of our congregation for their generosity. If you only look at the items marked (A) and (B), you will see the actual operating income and expense for the Church.

Operating Income \$ 203,079 vs Budget of \$ 219,290

Operating Expenses \$ 194,082 vs Budget of \$ 194,163

Our expenses are being controlled and staying within the Budget, However, our Income is down about 7%. This reduction of Income is due to the following factors: loss of members, smaller "Snowbird" families, budget error in estimating factor of losing a Pastor. We did meet our Budget in March which helped reduce this overall 7% reduction from 9% for year-to-date February or the first five months. Unfortunately, I do not see us making up the \$15,454 we are presently behind in Offering Income. In fact, if we continue to see a 7% decline for the remaining months, this deficit will increase to around \$20,000. We will make every effort to control expenses.

Respectfully Submitted: Chuck Krohn, Stewardship and Finance Chairman