



RISEN CHRIST REPORTER

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Lincoln



IMAGINE GROWTH... GOD DOES!

“Now to him who is able to do IM-MESURABLY MORE than all we ask or IMAGINE, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

God desires to grow each of us in this New Year 2011. This should give to each of us the confidence that we can have a great year. As Paul says in the verse above, our growth is, “according to his power that is at work within us.” Regardless of what this year will bring, God is working in and through us to bring growth: Growth in strength, faith, confidence, joy and fulfillment in our everyday life even as He numerically grows His kingdom with people of all ages having faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. I am looking forward to another year of this kind of growth in 2011. As you; “In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord” (1 Peter

3:15), realize that we do this as individuals as well as a congregation to make a difference in our community and world.

“When David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep (died)...” (Acts 3:36)

As we IMAGINE GROWTH through the upcoming cottage meetings in our Capital Campaign, believe that you have an important role to play in “serving God’s purpose” just like King David did in the verse above. You matter. Through his “Windows of Opportunity,” God desires each person grow in his grace, renewed by Christ daily. We also literally want new people to become members of our congregational family. Let’s all IMAGINE GROWTH... GOD DOES!

God bless us all, Pastor Martin



GOALS: THAT EVERY MEMBER UNDERSTAND, VALUE AND FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION, PHILOSOPHY AND VISION OF OUR FAMILY-DRIVEN OUTREACH THROUGH THE FOUR FOUNDATIONS OF OUR MINISTRY. (THE 4 S'S)

- o Stewardship
- o Study/Worship
- o Servicehood
- o Social

STEWARDSHIP - Michael Bell

SCRIP Available to purchase on Sundays in the Welcome Area (gift certificates, gas, food, retail stores, etc.)

SIMPLY GIVING Call the church office to obtain a form to start "Simply Giving".

JOYFUL RESPONSE A free, electronic stewardship service offered by LCEF allowing for convenient electronic deposits of offerings. For more info, call (800)843-5233.

HONORARIUMS and MEMORIALS Remember the ministry of Risen Christ.

FACILITIES RENTAL INFORMATION: Do you know individuals or organizations that may be interested in renting space for meetings, concerts, weddings, showers, etc. These can be held at the church any time except Sunday mornings.

ings. Pictures and room dimensions are available on our website www.risenchrist.info under the Rentals tab.

KROGER & MEIJER Community Rewards programs: Enroll today to support Risen Christ Lutheran Church with your purchases at these stores. Information available at church. Kroger Community Rewards program needs to be renewed **annually** on May 1st. Shoppers need to re-enroll.

Use GOODSEARCH & GOODSHOP at www.goodsearch.com for your online searches and shopping. By installing the toolbar on your computer you can see how much money goes back to the church for each search or online purchase made. About a penny per search and up to 37.5% of online purchases at thousands of retailers.

STUDY - Karl Carter

MEN'S EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We meet every Wednesday morning at Denny's restaurant on Ann Arbor Road at I-275 from 6 to 7 AM. All men are welcome. We are beginning this new year with a study entitled "Climbing Higher." This study begins on January 5th.

God calls us to climb higher spiritually, using the disciplines of prayer, Scripture reading, commitment, faith, obedience, witnessing, and love. This seven-lesson study explores how these disciplines can mold our walk of faith.

All men are welcome, just come whenever your schedule allows. This is a great way to get through your week with this "mid-week pick-me-up." There is no homework, just show up. If you have any

questions please call Dean Reuschle at 734.455.3536.

NEW SMALL GROUP - THE TRUTH PROJECT

(COMING IN JANUARY)

See page [8](#) for details.

BETH MOORE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

New—Starting in February 2011
Watch for more information on a new Beth Moore Bible Study on the Psalms.

Study will be led by Gretchen Hasse 734.420.2054 - gretchenhasse@yahoo.com

SERVICE - Becki Bachert

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

volunteers needed.

Contact Laura 734.459.7108 or
laurabrowning@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER

Current issue at:

www.risenchrist.info/News/News.htm

Archives are now available there also.

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS

meet Thursdays 10am to sew/stitch for Baptisms and other ministries

BASKETEERS

meet Wednesdays 10am to weave baskets for Baptisms etc.

LUTHERAN HOME

volunteering (bingo, fingernail painting, walks, crafts, etc.) in the "Memory Unit" needed.

PRAYER MINISTRY

please contact Pastor Martin 734.453.5252 if you

would like to serve by praying as a part of a prayer chain

MEALS MINISTRY -

let us know if you can help or if you or someone that you know is in need. Call 734.453.5252

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY -

let us know if you can help with or if you or someone that you know is in need of transportation to or from anywhere

VISITATION MINISTRY -

let us know if you can help visit shut-ins as needed and if you or others are in need of an uplifting visit, card, or phone call.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Any musician or vocalist interested in finding out more about possible utilization in music ministry during worship please contact Pastor Martin. 734.453.5252 dmartin@risenchrist.info

SOCIAL - Laura Browning

YOUTH EVENTS - FAMILY FUN NIGHT Join family and friends for some activities and fun. Contact Mike and Lesley Giffin 734.722.6162

PICKLEBALL Risen Christ member Jim Perrine continues with the Pickleball Ministry at Risen Christ. If you haven't tried it yet, you may love this sport which combines features of badminton, tennis and ping-pong. It's really fun and is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. This is a sport for ALL ages. Many of our seniors are looking forward to learning.

For more information contact Jim jiba65@att.net

MEN'S BASKETBALL Mondays 7:30-9pm. For more info contact Jeff Sipe (c) 727-804-0067

DRAMA MINISTRY

Anyone interested in finding out more about possible utilization in drama ministry, Pastor Martin. 734.453.5252 dmartin@risenchrist.info

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT Join us at the Plymouth Whaler's Hockey Game Friday, January 28th at 7:05pm. Tickets are just \$5/person. Sign up at church. Questions? Contact Michael Bell at 734.576.1429

As always, please contact us with any ministries or events that you think might be worthwhile to consider undertaking in any of the above ministry categories.



DAYTIME STITCHERS

Instead of sitting home on cold winter mornings, why not come join "The Stitchers" for a morning of stitching? You don't have to knit or crochet. Bring your favorite needlework and enjoy good conversation as we prepare hand made items for our Baptism Basket Ministry . We meet Thursday mornings from 10:00 till 12 noon at Risen Christ. If you are not a "stitcher", but would like to learn to knit, crochet, or cross-stitch, we would love to have you join us. If you are a "seasoned stitcher", we would welcome your talents. Think about it. Coffee (or tea), conversation, and stitching with friends as we serve our Lord--what could be better?

Thank you to everyone who purchased items at the Risen Christ Christmas Sale in December. As this goes to press, we have earned \$1525 for our ministry at Risen Christ .

Karen Day

Young at Hearts

(11:30 Fellowship - Noon Luncheon)

- January 10 - Pastor Martin - Bible Study
- February 14 - Depression Glass
- March 14 - Speaker from Botsford Hospital
- April 11 - To be determined
- May 9 - Pie Co.
- June 13 - Bar-B-Que

you can also call 734- 455- 7820. In God's Service, Carole Yeskie
If you have any questions, e-mail me at hcyeskie@att.net, or

2010 Fund Raisers

On behalf of our church members, thank you to the many groups and individuals that raised money to support our ministries in 2010:

Chas McCartney and the Evangelism Board raised over \$2,400 from local businesses to purchase the Welcome Center and TV Monitor.

Young At Hearts Used Book Sale raised \$1,500.
Helen Yancy's greeting card sales raised \$1,525.
Lisa Rodriguez Salon Bella Vi cut-a-thons raised over \$1,300. Knitters and Stickers Christmas Sales raised \$1,525.

Mike Bell

TESTIMONIES

Your experiences in life can be very inspirational to other Risen Christ Family members. If you would like to share what God has done in your life which may bring joy and encouragement to the faith of others, please contact Pastor Martin who plans to utilize your story to bless others. dmartin@risenchrist.info This is one way of making Risen Christ a place; **"Where 'Being Jesus to others' is making a difference to all."**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

IN WORSHIP

Anyone interested in finding out more about possible participation in doing children's messages at our Contemporary/Family Worship at 10:45am please contact Pastor Martin. 734.453.5252

dmartin@risenchrist.info

Additional Opportunities to Support the Church

We encourage all Thrivent benefit members who have not designated their Thrivent Choice dollars to please consider doing so before March 31, 2011. These are tax-exempt dollars that are earned based on certain criteria when they own life insurance, health insurance and/or annuities with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The two page Thrivent Choice instructions are inserted below.

A hearty "thank you" to all who have already taken the time to designate your dollars. So far, Risen Christ has received almost \$500. If church members have further questions or want to learn more about Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, please contact Pat Dierks, our Thrivent Congregational Advocate; Jeff Myers at 734-455-9272 or jeff.myers@thrivent.com or their local representative.

Also consider the programs listed on page 2— under "STEWARDSHIP":

- Kroger Community Rewards (registration required once a year in April),
- Meijer Community Rewards (registration required),
- Scrip (gift card purchases for retail, gas and restaurants),
- Good Search/Good Shop (online search engine and online purchases),
- Cartridges for Kids (church is paid for used printer ink cartridges & old cell phones for recycling)

In all of the programs above, there is no cost to members. Just the time necessary to register or plan ahead for purchases. Members who have questions or need assistance with any of the above should speak to Francine Weidendorf between services at the Scrip Table or contact Michael Bell.



Help direct Thrivent Choice DollarsSM

Online:

Step 1—Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Step 2—Click on "log in" at the top right of your screen and enter your MyThrivent user ID and password. (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register now" to register for full access.)

Step 3—Look for your designated Choice DollarsSM amount on the right side of the screen.

Step 4—Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent ChoiceSM box on your MyThrivent page.

Step 5—Search the catalog of organizations to find your choice.

Step 6—Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to that organization.

Thrivent.com

By phone:

Step 1—Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice."

Step 2—Say or enter your Social Security number.

Step 3—Press 1 to help direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions.

Step 4—A representative will then work with you to help direct Choice Dollars.

**Help choose where
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gives back!**

Directing Choice Dollars is subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice program.
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February 2011

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7:30p Elders Meet

2
6-7am Men's Morning
Bible Study at Denny's
10:00am - Basketeers
4pm 8th Gr. Conf

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10am Knitters/Stitchers-
Adult Ed. Rm
10am Pickleball

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8:15a Traditional Blend
9:30a Classes for all ages
10:45a Contemp/**Family**

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7:30p Men's Basketball

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9
6-7am Men's Morning
Bible Study at Denny's
10:00am - Basketeers
4pm 7th Gr. Conf

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10am Knitters/Stitchers-
Adult Ed. Rm
10am Pickleball

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Lincoln's Birthday



13 [Holy Communion]
9:30am "Imagine Growth"
Capital Campaign Com-
bined Worship Celebration
10:30am Potluck to Follow

14 **Happy Valentines Day**
11:30a Young@Hearts
7:30p Men's Basketball

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7pm Council Meeting

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6-7am Men's Morning
Bible Study at Denny's
10:00am - Basketeers
4pm 8th Gr. Conf

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10am Knitters/Stitchers-
Adult Ed. Rm
10am Pickleball

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9:30am "Imagine Growth"
Capital Campaign Com-
bined Worship Celebration
10:30am Potluck to Follow

21 Washington's Birth-
day



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6-7am Men's Morning
Bible Study at Denny's
10:00am - Basketeers
4pm 7th Gr. Conf

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10am Knitters/Stitchers-
Adult Ed. Rm
10am Pickleball

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27 [Holy Communion]

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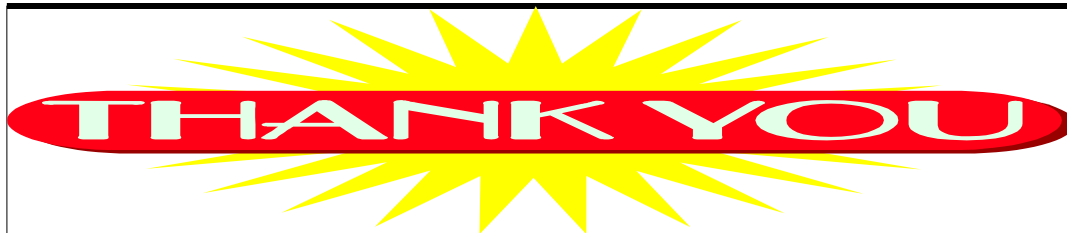
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7:30p Men's Basketball



Pray for Our Family Members Serving in the Military

- Joshua Becker** (grandson of Peter & Barbara Becker)
- Dave Browning** (brother of John & Laura Browning)
- Kyle Dingman** (nephew to Steve & Sandi Dingman)
- Erik Eddy** (grandson to Gordon & Pat Eddy)
- Brandon Jones** (son of Cheri Ott)
- Michael Kopel** (nephew to Lisa Rodriguez)
- Andrew LaBelle** (son of Tracy Taggart)
- Rob Mahaney** (son of Rich Mahaney)
- Kristin & Jonathan McCall** (son-in-law & daughter to Art & Carolyn Butler)
- Andrew McDermott** (grandson of Dana Hughes)
- Brian Merz** (great grandson of Dorothy Bokor)
- Ken Paquin** (son of Scot & Ruth Paquin)
- Stephen Peterson** (nephew of George & Mary Eberlein)
- Sunshine & Mike** (niece & her Husband of Lidia Timm)
- John Rodriguez** (nephew to Lisa Rodriguez)
- Justin Schlanser** (son-in-law to Art & Carolyn Butler)
- Colleen Smith** (sister to James & Dee Boik)
- Nathaniel Smith** (nephew to Dee & James Boik)
- John Wilson** (son-in-law to Sandy Franck)



Thank you to the Sunday School Children and Teens for a memorable performance that celebrated the birth of Jesus. Also, thank you to the many volunteers. Your time and energy that you devoted along with donations to the Children's Christmas Program made it all possible.

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|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Adam Gordon | Kim Pascual | Pat Eddy |
| Beth Pranschke | Kristin Friess | Paul Eiswerth |
| Bonnie Sheridan | Lesley Giffin | Paul Hartge |
| Carole Yeskie | Linda Darga | Paul Pranschke |
| Curt Panizzoli | Lisa Hartge | Sandy Franck |
| Howard Yeskie | Marlene Marion | Sandy Young |
| Jodi Vogeli | Marty Fleszar | Sarah Gordon |
| John Browning | Mike Monti | Shannon |
| Julie Bell | Pastor Martin | MacLellan |
| Kathi Boehm | Pat Dierks | Tim Barry |

..... and all the "secret" cookie makers, bakers and buyers that brought in additional sweets on Sunday.
Judy Panizzoli and Kristi Barry

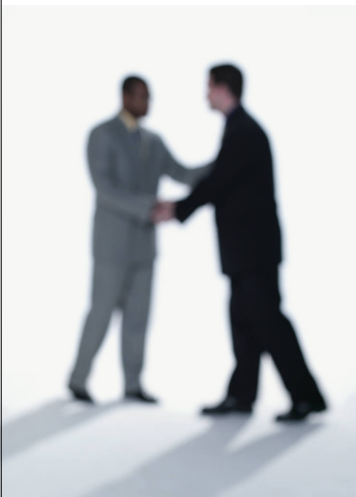
THE TRUTH PROJECT

Coming in January is a Christian worldview seminar called The Truth Project. A 2003 Barna Reseach Group survey revealed a stunning statistic. Only 9% of professing Christians have a biblical worldview. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of sig-

nificance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation. To counter this slide within the body of Christ, Focus on the Family has produced a DVD-based small group curriculum of 13 one-hour lessons taught by Del Tackett. This home study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. We invite you to be a part of this small group experience. More details will be forthcoming. Contact Dean or Kathy Reuschle if you have an interest or have any questions. Phone: 734-455-3536.

A Very Special thank you again to those who have made a commitment to teach the Word at Risen Christ.

- Doris Azure
- Kristi Barry
- John Browning
- Lisa Fleszar
- Sandra Franck
- Lesley Giffin
- Gretchen Hasse
- Beth Pranschke
- Dean Reuschle
- Bonnie Sheridan



Greeters needed at Sunday Worship

Interested in serving as a Greeter before Sunday Worship?
Contact Peggy Barbee
734.416.8843

Talk to your parents before it's too late

Caught in the middle, many baby boomers are raising their children and managing their careers, all while caring for their aging parents. Talking to your parents about care-giving and end-of-life issues is important.



Many people put it off because of being uncomfortable. Reduce the stress and start discussing the location of information, not the contents.

One tool that can help is a financial inventory. The inventory, which you should update on annually, includes:

- **Legal documents:** property deeds, wills, trusts, living wills and health care and financial directives, birth, marriage and military discharge certificates.
- **Contact information:** attorneys, accountants, financial planners, physicians and anyone who provides financial, legal and medical advice and care.
- **Current account information:** type, number and institution for all financial accounts, including: checking, savings, retirement, investment, loans and insurance policies.
- **Valuables and collectibles:** location and description of any valuables such as jewelry, silver or gold and collectibles such as stamps and coins.
- **Instructions:** funeral, burial and obituary information and instructions.

This process won't happen in a day. By breaking the information gathering into small, manageable conversations, you can help ensure your parents wishes will be carried out.

For more guidance on talking with your parents, or other loved ones, contact Jeff Myers, Financial Associate, at 734-455-9272 or jeff.myers@thrivent.com today or visit thrivent.com.

Jeffrey R. Myers
Financial Associate



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**Council
2011**

- Art Butler, (P)*
- Open (VP)*
- Open (T)*
- Rich Boehm, (FS)*
- Teddy Pagnucco, (S)*
- Chas McCartney,*
Evangelism
- Lesley & Mike Giffin,*
Family Life
- Michael Bell,*
Stewardship Chair
- Dean Reuschle, Men's*
Ministry
- Lisa Hartge, Women's*
Ministry
- Nancy McClain, Trustee*
Team Rep.
- Jacqui & Kevin Arndt,*
Youth Ministry

Trustee Team

- Kevin Bachert*
- Paul Foster*
- Dave Lawler*
- Mike Monti*
- Mike Pond*
- Paul Pranschke*
- Bill Weidendorf*

**Children's
Ministry Team**

- Sarah Gordon, Coordinator*
- Doris Azure*
- Kristi Barry*
- Julie Bell*
- Laura Browning*
- Lisa Fleszar*
- Sandy Franck*
- Lesley Giffin*
- Judy Panizzoli*
- Beth Pranschke*
- Bonnie Sheridan*
- Kim Wheaton*

Youth Ministry

- Chas McCartney, Coord.*
- Parents*

Board of Elders

2011

- Tony Barbee,*
- Karl Carter*
- George Eberlein*
- Mike Friedhoff*
- Chaz McCartney*
- Jeremy Poegel*
- Howard Yeskie*

Happy
Happy
Anniversary!!!



January Anniversaries

- Paul & Beth Pranschke 1/4
- Jeff & Katina Kovatch 1/9
- Robert & Lois Rinnas 1/24

February Anniversaries

- Richard & Nona Osborne 2/6
- Brian & Cathie Shiek 2/24
- Howard & Carole Yeskie 2/27

Please note: We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is not listed. We may not have a record of your special day! If you need to update, or correct your information there are forms available in the church office. Thank you!

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The best things in life aren't things...they're relationships.



Mar/Apr 2011
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5 Feb 2011

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Worship Formats
Regular Hours—Sept. thru May
8:15 am Traditional Blended Worship
9:30 am Adult Bible Study
10:45 am Contemporary Family Worship

(Communion Served Second & Fourth Sundays)