

RISEN CHRIST MINISTRIES AND EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS (as of 11/20/2022)

This list is not exhaustive. These are things we have done, are presently doing, and will be doing (again)... We encourage our members to use their "Spiritual Entrepreneurship" to see how they can use their time/talent/resources here. They may choose to do a "one-off" thing, or participate in regular ministry listed. See Pastor Rennie for more information.

1. Worship Life (#1 PRIORITY IN FAMILY – IN PERSON ALWAYS BEST WHEN ABLE!)

- a. **Sunday Worship @ 9:30** (live-streamed)... The Lord's Supper 2nd and 4th Sundays
- b. **Sunday Bible Study 8:45am-9:25am** (before service)... in Adult Ed Room
- c. **Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7pm**
- d. **Advent Mid-Week Worship Wednesdays with Supper**
5:30pm Supper & 7pm service ... November 30, December 7, 14, 21
- e. **Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm and 7pm**
- f. **Christmas Morning Service 9:30am**

2. Hospitality Ministry – This is a wonderful opportunity to not only participate in being a welcoming church, but to also embrace everyone who enters into our midst as we build a loving, serving community of disciples who are equipped to share Christ's love and salvation inside and outside our doors. This ministry has various aspects that cross over into every other area of ministry. See Pastor Rennie (or Karen Kaufmann – Church Administrator) for more information. Here are just some of the ways to serve (there are other areas under this ministry umbrella, too!):

- a. Greeters
- b. Snacks and beverages after services and other events
- c. Welcome Ministries
- d. Kitchen Ministry
- e. Cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, etc.
- f. Ushers
- g. Security

3. Prayer Ministries (a growing group of intentional prayer-warriors!)

- a. Prayers shared:
 - i. In weekly bulletins
 - ii. Online
 - iii. Emergency communications
 - iv. Phone calls
 - v. Texting network of prayer needs
 - vi. Come and pray 30 mins to an hour before services for people attending, pastor, worship team, etc.
- b. Watch for special prayer meeting dates/times... meeting in church, bonfires, walk-thru and walk-arounds church properties praying...

4. Worship Arts

- a. Praise Teams:
 - i. INSTRUMENTALISTS – If you play ANY instruments, please let Pr. Rennie and Esther know ASAP!
 - ii. SINGERS – For those interested in singing, see Pr. Rennie and Esther. NOTE: some people are gifted with the talent as lead voices and for small praise teams – not everyone is. Some people have voices that are best suited for larger ensemble/choir singing. Schedule a meeting with Pr. Rennie and Esther to see how you can fit in.

- b. Theatre Arts: We are looking for those who have been involved with acting (for other events, also occasionally for a service) and also set design/building. Please, contact Pr. Rennie.
- c. We are planning a short young children's Christmas skit with music for December.
- d. Handbells (we have 4 octaves... signing up interested people now!)

5. Tech Ministries – We have new volunteers in Tech Ministries! Amen. We do NEED more volunteers who would like to be trained to help in these areas (contact Pr. Rennie):

- a. Video/Live-streaming
- b. Sound/Lights
- c. Designing and playing slides using Propresenter for services
- d. Social Media Presence (IT-WEB Team)

6. Christianity 101/Confirmation/Christian Faith Review

- a. Faith Review & Adult Confirmation (one on one and group)... contact Pr. Rennie.
- b. Youth Confirmation (Family Participation required, also one on one with the pastor, and group)... 6th – High School.
 - i. Parents and youth are responsible for completion of assignments.
 - ii. Parents are the PRIMARY coordinators in the Christian Education of their children and required to work with their children weekly at home and attend Sunday Services regularly.
 - iii. At least once per month, the student along with at least *one parent* will schedule a one-on-one meeting with Pr. Rennie to review the work being accomplished at home under the oversight of the parent(s).
 - iv. *Youth Group Classes (will start up again in 2023!)* ... 6th thru High School... in-class review, Bible Study, movies, activities. (with Pr. Rennie and Esther)

7. Men's Ministry

- a. Weekly Bible Study 6am Zoom... Elder Dean Reuschle is the contact
- b. Ushers... If you'd like to serve, please contact Pr. Rennie or the Elders
- c. Gate-keepers (security of the church)... contact Michael Bell
- d. Lectors for services – contact Elder Dean Reuschle or Pr. Rennie
- e. **Saturday Men's Breakfast** – monthly with Special subject and speaker (Open to all men, young and old, and their friends! Invite guests!) PLEASE SIGN UP IN NARTHEX! Contact Pr. Rennie for any information... and if you'd like to assist!
 - i. In October our topic was Faith Informing Our Citizenship, featuring Rev. Ralph Rebandt (he ran for Governor of Michigan in 2022. On November 12 our topic was on understanding Islamic Spirituality and sharing Christ with your Muslim neighbors, featuring two missionaries to Muslims, one who ministers in Chicago area and the other who spent several decades in Morocco.
 - ii. **Saturday, December 17 9:30am** – Topic is from Saint to Santa – the Real, historical St. Nicholas and the later legends, and how he ended up as Santa – Featuring Fr. Joseph Marquis (an Eastern Rite Catholic Priest, speaker, writer, puppeteer, artist, singer, actor and more... who has written books and performed on TV, radio, videos,.. He is Bronner's Santa Claus and was the Santa for Detroit's Thanksgiving Parade for many years.) GET THE WORD OUT AND INVITE MEN, their friends, dads, brothers, neighbors, co-workers, etc.!
- f. Men serving at Women's Advent Tea on Sunday, December 4th. Men will help with(parking, helping serving food, drinks, and clean-up.
- g. Altar Guild – see Bonnie Sheridan for information

8. Women's Ministry

- a. Weekly Women's Bible Study – Please review weekly announcements.
- b. Christian Crafts (get togethers Thursdays 10am-12noon... all sorts of crafts... not just women in church, but also a community outreach)... events and sales throughout the year. Please review weekly announcements.
- c. Letting Our Light Shine – Girls Night Out (once a month)... see Kim Cook for more information
- d. Lectors for services – contact Elder Dean Reuschle or Pr. Rennie
- e. Women's Advent Tea Sunday, December 4th... Sign-up in lobby.
- f. Altar Guild – see Bonnie Sheridan for information

9. Family Life Ministry

- a. Wednesday Bible Study at RC – 12noon (Bring Your Lunch!) and 7pm
- b. Annual October Hay Ride at Farmer Don's... fellowship, horseback riding, food, s'mores, petting zoo, hay ride, and more!
- c. Friends and Family Fun Nights – food, games, karaoke, etc. (Upcoming ones will be advertised)
- d. RC Campers (resuming next year in Summer thru Autumn)
- e. Movie Nights (Upcoming ones will be advertised)
- f. Trip to Creation Museum and the Ark! Please, contact Pr. Rennie if you'd like to help plan a trip.
- g. Seminars for Financial Planning, Estate Planning, Funeral Planning, etc. to be announced. Please, contact Pr. Rennie if you'd like to assist in planning these.

10. Senior Ministry – Monthly activities, get-2-gethas, and meals... look at the weekly announcements for more information.

11. CPH Resource Center and Women's Ministry Crafts – Located in the main-entrance former coat-room.

12. Community Outreach, Events, Seminars

- a. SEMINARS (WITH MEALS)... On NOVEMBER 13TH we had “Understanding Islam and Sharing Your Faith with Muslim Neighbors” 11:30am -1pm... featuring Missionary Rev. Hesham Shehab. MORE TO COME IN 2023! Stay tuned...
- b. Caroling in the Park (December date to be announced)
- c. Sports Outreach (using gym)... pick-up games throughout the week...
See Luke Kaufmann
 1. Futsal (indoor mini soccer)
 2. Basketball
 3. Volleyball
- d. Pickleball – information in announcements
- e. Ping Pong – sign-up in the Narthex... contact Jean McCally for more information.
- f. Men's Basketball – Monday Nights 7pm (looking for a new coordinator! Please, see Pr. Rennie)
- g. Annual Car Show and Picnic in September
- h. Hosting monthly Plymouth Right to Life Meetings and Events... See Pr. Rennie, Karen Kaufmann, Rich and Kathi Boehm for more details
- i. LIFE CHAIN – Each October 1pm-3pm on Ann Arbor Road (signs supplied)

- j. AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center – see Karen Kaufmann for information
 - i. Fundraisers, donations & volunteering for the local crisis pregnancy center
 - ii. Presenting educational information
 - iii. Announcing Life Events
 - iv. Announcement board with current life issues
- k. Connecting throughout the year with urban ministries for various projects and help

13. Christmas Time

- a. Operation Christmas Child – Packing gift boxes that go around the world
- b. Christmas Concerts...
 - i. Harmony Town Chorus concert here on Sunday December 11th @ 3pm
 - ii. Several other Christmas concerts are about to be announced! Keep checking your weekly announcements.
- c. Again... we will have a Christmas Pageant...
- d. Again... Caroling in the Park (December date to be announced)

14. Local, National and International Mission Opportunities Risen Christ and Members Support

(not an exhaustive list)

- a. Mission and Evangelism throughout the world through the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod... RC sends 4% of income to support all the mission and evangelism efforts here and around the world.
- b. Our first missions and evangelism work is right here in our own community!! And you are all participants in this awesome work!!
- c. Messiah for Muslims... RC supports (financially and prayers) the evangelization of Muslims here in the USA through the work of Rev. Hesham Heshab.
- d. Lutheran Heritage Foundation (Pr. Rennie is a Board Member)... LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven in more than 80 countries and 100 languages. LHF has published and distributed nearly 900 titles and 3 million books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them.

15. Rentals – We rent our various rooms on our campus throughout the year. Please, let others know!

- a. New School High Charter School – during the school year
- b. Driver's Ed.
- c. Local youth sports
- d. Sunday afternoons we host a guest church group in the Fellowship Hall named "Emmaus Road."
- e. Weddings, funerals, etc.
- f. Youth Theater productions... announced as they book our facility.

16. Christian School – Risen Christ is going through the assessment steps to be a Christian School right here in our community!! Details are coming soon.

17. Health Ministries – Looking for congregation members who are or have been in the health/medical field(s) to help plan special events throughout the year (blood drives, health checks, special speakers, etc.) Contact Pr. Rennie