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## Campaign Newsletter

2nd edition

*The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.*  
John 3:14-15

### Mark these Dates on Your Calendar:

#### Journey Worship 1

October 29th, 30th,  
November 2nd

#### Prayer Event

November 5th

#### Journey Worship 2 with

##### Rev. John Kieschnick

November 5th, 6th, 9th

#### Journey Worship 3

November 12th, 13th, 16th

#### Journey Worship 4

November 19th, 20th, 23rd

#### Commitment Dedication

December 10th, 11th, 14th

#### First Fruits Worship

December 17th, 18th, 21st

## Special Guest Preacher

**November 5th and 6th - Rev. John Kieschnick**  
*Author, Stewardship Consultant, and Pastor Coach*

As a stewardship consultant and pastor coach, Rev. John Kieschnick's direction regarding planning, management, leadership, and stewardship is frequently sought. John delivers on-site consulting and mentoring services to congregations and their pastors, helping them open doors to spiritual, stewardship, and leadership growth.

Prior to joining Capital Funding Services, John served as senior pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston for 33 years. During that time, he shepherded the church from 400 to more than 3,300 baptized members, making it the fifth largest LCMS congregation in the country. Under his pastoral leadership, Gloria Dei conducted seven building and capital stewardship campaigns.

John received a bachelor's degree in education from Concordia Teachers' College (now Concordia University Chicago), River Forest, Ill. After serving two years as teacher/principal/youth director at Calvary Lutheran Church and Day School in Havertown, Penn., John entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill. (now Fort Wayne, Ind.). He received his bachelor's degree in divinity from the seminary in May 1970, and his master's degree in divinity in May 1985.

Throughout his ministry, John has served on a

variety of synodical boards and committees, both national and district (Texas). He has authored numerous stewardship Bible studies and programs, many of which became models for national efforts. He is also the author of, "The Best is Yet To Come." John also helped found the Samaritan Counseling Center in Houston and served as a founding member of the Pastoral Leadership Institute Board of Directors.

John and his wife live in Texas. ○ ○ ○

### Prayer Calendar

#### October

**23rd** - Pray that our members find joy in worship

**24th** - Pray that the Lord's name is praised in our homes

**25th** - Give thanks to God for His work at Risen Christ

**26th** - Pray that we acknowledge God's ownership of everything

**27th** - Pray for the desire to be in the Word daily

**28th** - Praise God for His faithfulness

**29th** - Thank God for Sunday School teachers & youth leaders

**30th** - Pray that our worship brings glory to God

**31st** - Pray to be a witness in our community

#### November

**1st** - Pray for wisdom & knowledge for our leadership teams

**2nd** - Pray that Jesus help us to live within our means

**3rd** - Pray that Risen Christ draws people closer to God

**4th** - Pray for humble & bold prayers at the Prayer Vigil

**5th** - Pray that we take time to be with God in prayer (**PRAYER VIGIL Today**)

**6th** - Pray that more will want to learn of God's love

**7th** - Pray that the Lord's name is praised at work & school

**8th** - Thank God for our Pastors & their families

**9th** - Pray that we learn to live as a living sacrifice

**10th** - Praise God for Christian homes & families

**11th** - Thank God for those who work to make Risen Christ run

**12th** - Pray that our children know & praise God as long as they live

**13th** - Pray that God would continually pour out His Spirit on us

**14th** - Thank God for always leading, guiding, & loving us

**15th** - Pray that friends and family honor God

**16th** - Pray to be good stewards of God's blessings

**17th** - Pray that we give freely from God's gifts

**18th** - Pray that we commit our lives to God's purpose

**19th** - Pray that we see & do God's will

**20th** - Thank God for the freedom to Worship Him

**21st** - Thank God for His compassion & forgiveness

**22nd** - Thank God for the encouragement of Christian friends

**23rd** - Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**24th** - Pray, praise & give thanks (**THANKSGIVING**)

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Sign  
up and join  
us as we Pray  
Together!



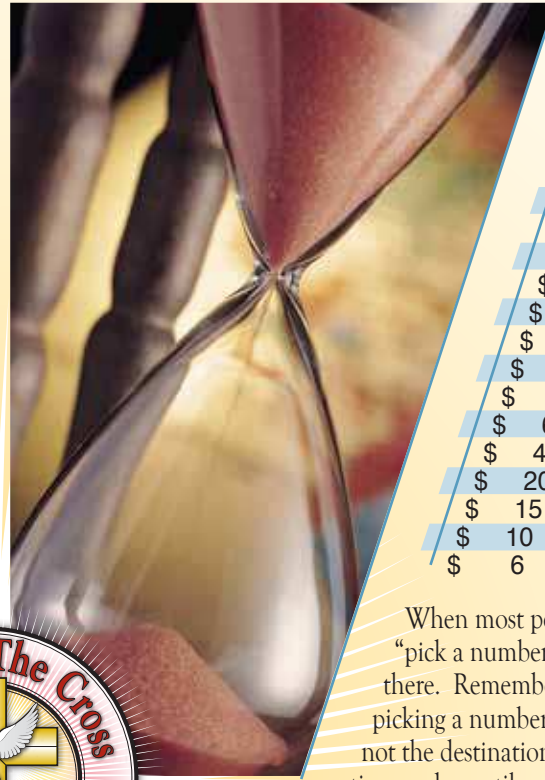
# Prayer Vigil - November 5th

God's People – Called to Pray

Maybe you saw it in the last campaign newsletter or maybe you saw it on our information center advertising the Prayer Vigil on Saturday, November 5th from Noon – 6:00 p.m. Maybe you have already signed up for a prayer time slot. Hopefully everyone has heard and will block out a time in our busy schedules to come for personal, quiet prayer for whatever is on our hearts.

A "Prayer Host" (leader) will be present to welcome us, give us a "Prayer Folder" with ideas for prayer, and introduce us to our time of prayer. We will be encouraged to also "be still" as the Scripture says, and listen to His Words by reading silently a passage or two from the Bible. Some from other churches who have been through similar experiences have called this time "the spiritual highlight" in their campaign participation. It is not too late to sign up and make the time commitment for yourself. Or if you have not signed up but can come at the last minute, please do come. God will truly be glorified as we "Lift High the Cross" in prayer!

**Prayer Vigil -  
November 5th,  
12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.  
Risen Christ  
Lutheran Church**



When most people look first at such a chart and are asked to give, they "pick a number" that they are OK with. That is OK, but let's not stop there. Remember, we are being invited to take a "faith journey." Start by picking a number from the chart. That is your starting point on the journey, not the destination. Then begin your journey by "doing" three talks several times a day until you fill out your Commitment Card. Those "talks" are:

† Self-Talk: "I can give \$\_\_\_\_\_ and am comfortable with that. But I don't want to be satisfied or comfortable. So I am willing to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be a part of "Lift High the Cross" through sacrificial giving." (Repeat this new figure frequently to set it in your mind.)

## Let's Celebrate Our Ministry!

Our capital stewardship journey has a strong focus on our vision and our response through over-and-above giving. But it is important that we do not "steal from Peter to pay Paul." We need to continue and even increase our regular tithes and offerings. Yes, they are our gifts given to God to glorify Him just as are our three year commitments through "Lift High the Cross." But our offerings support the on-going ministries of Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

We as a congregation have developed specific ministries to fulfill the commission God gave us. It is easy to take them for granted. It is easier to not even be aware of all the ministries of Risen Christ. Yet many of our brothers and sisters in Christ give of their time and talents so that we can function as the body of Christ proclaiming a new beginning in the family of God through faith in Jesus, the risen Christ!

### A Chart of Suggested 3-Year Gifts

Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3-Yr Total
\$1,000	\$4,333.33	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$ 750	\$3,250.00	\$39,000	\$117,000
\$ 500	\$2,166.67	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$ 400	\$1,733.33	\$20,800	\$62,400
\$ 300	\$1,300.00	\$15,600	\$46,800
\$ 200	\$ 866.67	\$10,400	\$31,200
\$ 150	\$ 650.00	\$ 7,800	\$23,400
\$ 125	\$ 541.67	\$ 6,500	\$19,500
\$ 100	\$ 433.33	\$ 5,200	\$15,600
\$ 80	\$ 346.67	\$ 4,160	\$12,480
\$ 60	\$ 260.00	\$ 3,120	\$ 9,360
\$ 40	\$ 173.33	\$ 2,080	\$ 6,240
\$ 20	\$ 86.67	\$ 1,040	\$ 3,120
\$ 15	\$ 65.00	\$ 780	\$ 2,340
\$ 10	\$ 43.33	\$ 520	\$ 1,560
\$ 6	\$ 26.00	\$ 312	\$ 936

- † God-Talk: "God, You know the amount I am aiming for is \$\_\_\_\_\_. If this will be pleasing to You, show me the way and give me peace." (Pray earnestly and daily for His presence along your journey.)
- † Other-Talk: (To a close friend, trusted person, or spouse) "The amount I am praying to give right now is \$\_\_\_\_\_."

If you get comfortable with the new figure, set a new, higher amount and repeat the process. When you have "wrestled with God" and are at a figure where you can find no peace and maybe even feel ill at ease, then go back to the previous number. This may be the final amount in your journey with the Holy Spirit.

### 11 Biblical Truths of Giving

Here is a list of eleven stewardship principles distilled from God's Word. Use them in your meditations and discussions.

1. Giving is a response of gratitude for God's grace, not just obedience.
2. God is the owner; we are the managers.
3. The gift is measured by the size of our heart, not our offering.
4. We don't understand sacrifice until we stand at the foot of the cross and see God's love in Christ Jesus.
5. We don't understand the freedom to give until we stand at the empty tomb and hear the words of new life in Christ Jesus.
6. We give in proportion to our blessings – "as we prosper" (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
7. Equal sacrifice, not equal amounts.
8. Giving up something of value for something of greater value.
9. Adjusting our lifestyle so that we can do something great for God.
10. Stewardship requires involvement in the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4, Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12).
11. A Biblically-based Capital Stewardship Campaign, like "Lift High the Cross," is about faith-raising not fund-raising. "God is not in the business of raising money, but raising people to new levels of devotion."

Number of Gifts    3-Yr Amount

Sacrificial .....	1	\$100,000
Sacrificial .....	1	\$ 75,000
Sacrificial .....	2	\$ 50,000
Sacrificial .....	2	\$ 30,000
Sacrificial .....	3	\$ 20,000
Sacrificial .....	4	\$ 15,000
Sacrificial .....	6	\$ 10,000
Sacrificial .....	8	\$ 6,000
Sacrificial .....	10	\$ 5,000
Sacrificial .....	15	\$ 4,000
Sacrificial .....	20	\$ 3,000
Sacrificial .....	25	\$ 2,000
Sacrificial .....	30	\$ 1,500
Sacrificial .....	Many	\$ 1,000

## Lifting High The Cross in Northwest Davenport

Our weekly offerings make many activities possible by many people in our congregation and beyond. Take a few moments to write down a list, or make a mental list, of the many activities, programs, and ministries that take place at and through Risen Christ Lutheran Church: Worship Services, Bible Studies, Fellowship Events, Community Events, Small Group Gatherings, Children's Ministry, and many more ministries happen because of your faithful support of God's work.

Could you make a guess at how many people are involved, touched by, or affected in each of these cases (it is OK if someone is included in more than one)? Risen Christ is truly blessed to be a blessing to others! In your prayers, thank God for all He is doing in and through the members of Risen Christ as we "Lift High The Cross" of Jesus Christ in Northwest Davenport.

### How Are We Doing?

Our consultant, Mr. Mark Marshall, has been getting to know us and our hearts...and our intentions. At our orientation kickoff those present were encouraged to begin thinking what their three-year gift might be. Many have been invited to use resources provided to begin this journey of faith in planning their gift. Mark Marshall has asked the Leadership Team and others present to complete "tentative commitment cards" and hand them in at our review meetings. Some have changed their amounts as they continue their journey of faith and prayer.

Based on those and many other indicators, Mark Marshall has determined dollar ranges of where we are headed financially at this time. In that way the targets are really "mile-markers" rather than a goal. We know our financial goal in this project identified by our need is \$1.4 million. These mile-marker dollar ranges will be announced this weekend in worship. There may be reason for celebration and encouragement. They may show a potential and encourage each of us to reconsider and adjust our level of sacrificial giving.

### Dates Again...Just In Case

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## Thank You!!!

Thank you to all the faithful members of Risen Christ who have helped and assisted with our "Lift High The Cross" campaign. Approximately 100 different people have volunteered the time and talents to serve the Lord as we make this journey together! It is exciting to see what God can accomplish through us as we work together as the Body of Christ!

There is still much more work to be done! If you would like to help out in some way, we can use your help! Please contact Jim Wegener, 563-508-7412, to become part of the "Lift High The Cross" leadership team!

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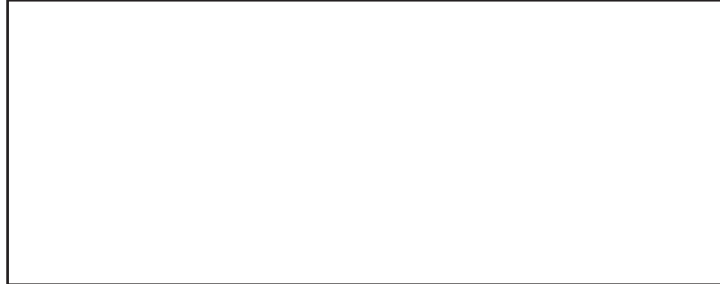
### Worship Services

#### Traditional Worship:

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am  
Wednesday 7:00pm

#### Contemporary Worship:

Saturday 5:30pm



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