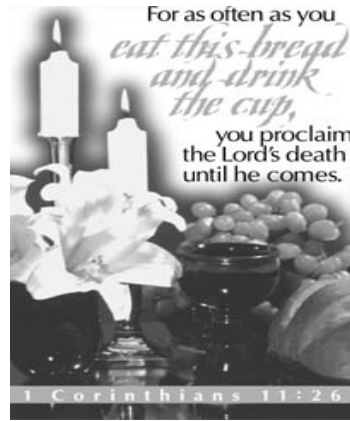


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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 27, 2003

Sweet Corn Social Baptismal Welcome

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church will host a Sweet Corn Social on Wednesday, August 6, from 5:00-7:00 pm at the church, 26214 484th Ave. In Valley Springs. Serving sweet corn, sloppy joes, hot dogs, baked beans, fruit and pie. A free will offering is asked.

Risen Savior welcomes the following new members who were or are being baptized:

Olivia Catherine Kern, child of Paul and Tracy (Andersen) Kern on Saturday, July 19, following the 5:00 pm Mass;

Karson Michael Snoozey, child of Michael and Diana (Gullikson) Snoozy, on Saturday, July 25, following the 5:00 pm Mass; and

Taylor Christofer Lambert, child of Christofer and Tanya (Taylor) Lambert, on Sunday, July 27, after 11:00 am Mass.

Christmas in July

In anticipation of our Craft Fair in December celebrating Christmas Around the World – we will have a craft and ornament making evening on Tuesday, July 29, from 7:00-10:00 pm in the parish hall. All parishioners from high school through adult are welcome to help make crafts. Supplies will be provided. Babysitting will be available at church – call Susie Meyer at 582-2483.

Religious Ed Reminder

Anyone with children in our Religious Education program is reminded that – while the classes are provided to parishioners free of charge -- there are two charges associated with the program:

- 1) There is a \$100 per student charge to all non-registered households, and,
- 2) There is a \$50 per student charge for late registrations -- after the first two classes have been held.

To avoid these charges be sure your household is registered in the parish and register your children for class in advance!

VBS Sign-up

Risen Savior Parish will offer a Vacation Bible School on August 17, 18, 19 and 21 (Sun, Mon, Tues, Thur) from 6:30-8:30 pm. (No class on Wednesday due to Open Houses at the Brandon Schools). Sign-up in the church lobby – across from the Religious Ed office. Vacation Bible School is for Pre-K to Grade 5. Children in upper grades can help.

New Parishioner?

See Fr. Kopel after Mass. We would like to get to know you and welcome you to Risen Savior Parish!

Share! Update

We continue with our Share! First to the Lord Campaign to fund the needed expansion of Risen Savior's facilities.

We are happy to report that 194 households have responded and pledged \$334,656. We continue to ask parishioners to be a part of this important fund drive seeking \$850,000 to construct a classroom addition to handle the ever-increasing numbers of students in our Religious Education program.

We ask every household to participate in this drive in whatever capacity they can. If each of our 500+ households would do something in this campaign our \$850,000 goal is achievable.

Help! Final Call!!

Our Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2003 assessment is \$46,000 -- monies not collected as part of the CFSA drive must be paid out of other parish funds.

As of July 18, we have responses from 340 of 499 households or 68% of all households. We have \$39,042 pledged – \$29,344 in cash and \$9,698 in pledges. This is 85% of our goal.

Pontius' Puddle



Sunday Scriptural Reflection

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Signs are all around us. There are signs of affection from loved ones, tokens of appreciation from the grateful, pats on the back from well-wishers. We all too easily become immune to signs, failing to recognize their deeper meaning.

This weekend's sacred Scriptures teach us that signs are personal demonstrations of God's concern. Signs, by their very nature, evoke awe, gratitude, and praise. Signs are actually a reflection of God's involvement in our living.

Elisha was a great prophetic figure of the ninth century B.C., a successor of the mighty Elijah (see 2 Kings 2:1-18). While Elijah was a solitary figure, Elisha was a colorful leader with a dynamic personality. Elisha had twenty barley loaves and a group of a hundred to feed. In spite of the disproportion between supply and demand, there was food remaining. The leftovers demonstrate Elijah's concern and the fidelity of the Lord's word.

Psalm 145 invites all of creation to extol the Lord for his ongoing concern. This call to praise presupposes that God's actions are individual exhibitions of profound love. The passage focuses on God's open hand, a gesture that satisfies the desires of all living things. The Lord is near to all; Yahweh is an involved Creator/God.

Like Moses on Mount Sinai, Jesus is on the mountain. Like Moses, who is concerned about the availability of food, Jesus must entertain Philip's observation about insufficient funds to buy food for so many. Yet the multitude fails to see Jesus as the sign of God's presence. But, they see only the miracle and want to make him king.

Who are the people we take for granted and hence who are our possible "sign" people? Our loved ones, our friends, our public officials, and many others reveal the presence of a concerned God.

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Coming Events

Tuesday, July 29 Christian Connection Trip to Valley Fair, the deadline for registration is July 13.

Tuesday, July 29 Craft-making Party at Risen Savior from 7:00-10:00 pm in the hall.

August 17, 18, 19, 21 Vacation Bible School at Risen Savior for ages Pre-K through Grade 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm each evening.

August 25, Monday School Begins at Brandon Valley.

Sunday, September 7 Religious Education begins for Pre-K through Grade 5.

Wednesday, September 10 Religious Education begins for Pre-K through Grade 10.

Welcome! New Parishioners

Risen Savior Parish welcomes the following new members to our parish family:

Paul & Nancy Loney and their children Emily, and Sam, who come to us from St. Ann Parish, Augusta, MI.

Please welcome these new members when you have an opportunity at Mass, coffee and donuts or another occasion.



PASTOR
Fr. Jerry Kopel

SECRETARY
Kathy DeCosse

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Carla Gross & Nancy Haugen

YOUTH MINISTRY
Nancy Haugen

NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATOR
Susie Meyer

LITURGY & CHOIR
Mary Goheen

OFFICE: Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There are no weekend office hours.

BULLETIN: The deadline for inserting items is Tuesday Noon prior to the weekend. The Parish Bulletin goes to press on Wednesday. Items for the Parish Bulletin can be delivered to the office, faxed in, phoned in, or dropped into the collection basket.

MOVING: Notify the parish office of any change in your address so that we can keep accurate records.

PENANCE: Saturday's from 4:15-4:45 PM. And other times by appointment.

BAPTISM: Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, at weekend Masses and also by appointment. A Pre-Baptismal class is required for first-time parents – best done prior to your child's birth.

MARRIAGE: Diocesan policy requires six (6) months preparation for all couples planning marriage. A wedding date can NOT be booked until this preparation is underway. Prior marriage by either party usually requires an annulment taking an additional year. Contact Fr. Kopel well in advance of a desired wedding date.

Masses for the Week of July 27-Aug.03, 2003					
Weekday Masses/Services			Weekend Masses		
Monday	6:30 pm	Rosary	Saturday	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Tuesday	9:00 am	NO MASS (Fr. K. at Valley Fair!)			
Wednesday	9:00 am	Newly Married	Sunday	7:30 am	Father Mociun (d)
Thursday	9:00 am	Sick of the Parish	Sunday	9:30 am	Peace in the World
Friday	9:00 am	Newly Baptized	Sunday	11:00 am	Share! First to the Lord
Ministers for August 02-03, 2003					
	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 7:30 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:00 am	
Greeters	Jim/Peg Raley	Harvey/Aurora Addengast	Annie Sternburg	Bob/Terri Foster	
Ushers	Jeff Geaets Bill Harte	Dennis Clark Mike Coughlin	Dan Gary Jeff Tabbert	Allen Kulbel Don Branson	
Lay Ministers	Doug Aaseng Judy Cheever Edie Sadler Jeannie Schneider Delores Schwan	John McGrath Wilma Miss Wayne Miss Brenda Murtha Lynn Doppenberg	Joyce Tabbert Monica Schroeder Donna Jackson Colleen Lunstra Jayne Moe	Jackie Polzin Nancy Pierson Dean Pierson Nancy Haugen Anne Cutshaw	
Lector	Darcie Mallett	Ed Murtha	Debbie Kribell	Jackie Polzin	
Servers	Casey Schneider Brandon Olsen	Leslie Addengast Richard Addengast	Patrick Schroeder Brian Kribell	Sam Beldin Michael Cameron	
Musician	Edane Bowman	Mary Goheen	Mary Goheen	Mary Goheen	
Cantor	Maywin Thoreson	Susie/Robyn	Dave Clausen	Tim Polzin	
Nursery				Kelly Ode	
Driver		Earl/Kathy DeCosse		Don/Gwen Branson	
Homebound Minister	Edie Sadler		Money Counters	August Dan/Connie Plut	

Religious Education/Youth News ~ Carla Gross, Nancy Haugen Coordinators

Christian Connection is off to Valley Fair on Tuesday, July 29. We still have room on our third chartered bus for more students! Contact Carla or Nancy in the education office if you would like to join us! Buses will leave the Risen Savior parking lot at 6:00am and will return at 10:45am. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for the day. You may pack a small cooler to take on the bus. Meals are not included in the fee but Christian Connection will provide a snack on the bus. We are looking forward to a fun day!

Mark your calendar for "All Church Night" at the Birdcage Wednesday evening, August 20, 2003. "Heartfire" a local Christian group will give a free concert after the game. Cost: \$5.00 per ticket. We

have twenty tickets reserved for the game. Contact Nancy in the Education Office if you would like to purchase tickets.

Dive into Bible adventures! 

Come join us for Scuba ~ The Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure, August 17, 18, 19, and 21 ~ 6:30-8:30pm at Risen Savior Church. The final planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6 at 7:00pm in the church hall. Registration forms are available on the table outside the Education Office. Middle and High School encouraged to dive in and help out! Join the excitement of a Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure!

Our Eucharistic Liturgy

“Let us pray . . .” – the Power of Silence

Emmett Collins, C.S.S.R

Why do most of us find silence difficult? Silence would seem to be the easiest thing in the world, no energy is required. Yet there is a fear about the soundless void, the absence of noise or activity around us. Often, almost unthinkingly, we switch on the radio or pick up the phone rather than bear the silence.

Evidence suggests that the greatest strength is often found in silent power. Think about the rays of the sun or the pull of gravity. The closest friends can be happily silent in one another's company. Love eclipses the need for words.

After the priest says, "Let us pray," he pauses for a moment's silent prayer. Several other moments of silence are found in the liturgy. These provide the necessary space for the deeper experience of God's presence within our hearts. Christ knew the power of silence. He often remained quiet in the face of abuse and loneliness. His silence provided a life-giving pause in his ministry of healing and preaching. The power of silence is one of God's greatest gifts, one we can use to great effect as Christians.

The opening prayer at Mass offers us a silent moment in which to recollect ourselves. We stop to make our own prayer and to become conscious of the presence of God. Only after this brief silence does the priest gather or collect our prayers and present them to God. The presider extends his hands as Christ did on the cross, a gesture embracing the needs of all the Church.

The Trinity is at the heart of this prayer that unites us with God's love and strength. The silence invites us to let go of all the distractions that preoccupied us before Mass. We gather now in peacefulness with our brothers and sisters, joining our needs and prayers with theirs. We are confident of God's listening love as we say, "Let us pray."

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From the Pastor's Pen

With regard to the expansion of our facilities, at Risen Savior – our current plan is to seek approval from the Diocese to begin building this coming spring. Those who have volunteered for the five sub-committees that will research our options and needs and work with the architect to develop the plans for the classroom addition design are:

- 1) Exterior Design – Mike Coughlin, Brian Heidbrink, Jim Fjerestad, Bruce Pollard and Eric Thompson.
- 2) Interior Design – Brenda Feltman, Carla Gross, Cindy Swenson, Nancy Ehrhardt, Edane Bowman and Brian Heidbrink.
- 3) Basic Systems – Dean Herll, Patti Loosebrock, Paul Sutherland and Brad Gullickson.
- 4) Technology – Dave Haltar, Dan Meyer, Jay Wichre, Steve Kolbeck and Jered Kremlacek.
- 5) Building Usage – Henry Zach, Jackie Polzin, Nancy Haugen, Brent Anderson.

These sub-committees will meet beginning in late August or early September. The five members of the original 'visioning committee' and the chairpersons chosen by these sub-committees will form the building committee for the classroom addition. The building committee will work with the parish council to bring about the final design.

As part of this process the sub-committees will use a variety of methods to allow parishioners an opportunity to have input into the design of the classroom addition – listening sessions, surveys, one-on-one contacts, open meetings, etc. This is your building – you have a right to put in your two cents!

Expression of Thanks

Thanks to you for the cards, prayers and sympathy to us after the suffering and death of my brother, Robert Fjerestad. Your concern was greatly appreciated.

Jim & Bonnie Fjerestad



"I think we should let him play through."

During the summer many of you will be traveling and thus gone over the weekend. Please remember that our regular parish expenses do not significantly decrease during the summer. While away – consider sending your contribution to the parish at PO Box 80 OR drop it into the collection – *no matter where you attend Mass*. There is an understanding among Catholic parishes that these 'out-of-town' envelopes are normally forwarded to the home parish of the giver.

Stewardship Report

A weekly financial report to Risen Savior Parish

Needed each week to meet regular expenses – \$5,000

INCOME – July 14-20, 2003	OUCH! OUCH!
Adults	\$ 2,731.38
Plate	200.60
Youth (Christian Connection Trip)	25.00
Stipends	25.00
Other (Votive Candles, Copies, Resale, etc.)	14.00
TOTAL FOR THIS WEEK'S INCOME	\$ 3,005.52