



Home Mission Monthly Summary

Report Month Range: Jan 2023 - Dec 2023

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

1685 Lexington Ave
Mansfield, OH 44907-2906
United States

WELSource ID: 27242

Numbers reported are identified by icons:

* Average

~ Total

Personal Contacts

	Pastor	Laity
*First-time contact with new prospects:	6	48
*Prospect law/gospel presentation:	2	18
*Electronic personal contact with prospects:	100	65
*Other contact with prospects:	0	0
*Total prospect contacts:	110	132
Total number of prospects, May 2023:	4	
Total member contacts, May 2023:	234	0

E-news and Social Media Contacts

Type	Report Month	Number Reached	Description
E-news service	May 2023	83	website
	Apr 2023	62	website
	Mar 2023	157	website
	Feb 2023	130	Website (253 page views)
	Jan 2023	98	website
Facebook	May 2023	2519	church site
	Apr 2023	1520	Mornings with Mommy/ Risen Savior page
	Mar 2023	1550	Mornings with Mommy/ Risen Savior page
	Feb 2023	3607	Mornings with Mommy/ Risen Savior page
	Jan 2023	1907	Mornings with Mommy/ Risen Savior page
YouTube	May 2023	66	Sunday services
	Apr 2023	92	Worship services
	Mar 2023	83	YouTube Sunday services

YouTube	Feb 2023	64	Live Stream
	Jan 2023	79	Live Stream

Personal Contacts Comments

Report Month	Comment
May 2023	Member first time contacts and Facebook numbers were high this month. The reason for the number increase was the rummage sale which saw 200-300 people walk into the church. Members were very good at sharing the Love of God with the people. Members also shared rummage sale news with friends on their Facebook pages.
Apr 2023	Member electronic contacts up as they have been advertising the painting night and rummage sale in May.
Mar 2023	Member totals for outreach a little low this month - I missed getting numbers for two weeks.
Feb 2023	Youtube numbers down a little bit because on Sunday the 19th the live stream did not work. Only three Sundays were recorded.

Communicant Membership Changes

~Confirmations - children:	0	~Deaths (communicant members only):	0
~Confirmations - adults:	1	~Transferred to sister congregation:	0
~Received by profession of faith:	2	~Joined other Christian church:	0
~Transferred from sister congregation:	1	~Removals:	0
Total communicants gained:	4	Total communicants lost:	0
Total communicants:	Dec 2022	Net gain/loss	May 2023
	40	4	44

Other Membership Statistics

~Adult baptisms:	0	Total baptized members, May 2023:	52
~Child baptisms:	0	Additional prospects under your spiritual care, May 2023:	4
Total baptisms:	0		

Membership Comments

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Feb 2023	Busy Month for new members. The member that Transferred lives at least an hour away but we are the closes WELS church and he enjoys the congregation. One new Adult communicant. Rejoiced that after months of classes, one adult confirmation. She was a faithful Sunday attender but was never sure about being a member. On a Sunday morning she told me she was ready. The two profession of faith were previous Missouri Synod members so went through some of the differences. They visited another Missouri synod church but enjoyed Risen Savior. They moved to the area from North Dakota.

Worship

*Average weekly attendance:	30	*Average adult Bible class:	17
*Count of unique souls:	41	*Average youth Bible class:	0
*Count of first-time visitors:	3	*Average Sunday school:	0
*Count of repeat prospects:	3	*Bible Information Class prospects:	0
*Count of non prospects:	1	*Bible Information Class members:	0

Bible Study

Attendance Comments

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Apr 2023	In the average weekly church attendance I did not factor in the Easter service. Had 53 people attend Easter Sunday Service.
Feb 2023	Finished up the last BIC and she became a member. No other classes going at the present time. Sunday attendance was down this month because 5 people have been dealing with hospital visits and therapy. These members are regular attendees. They are not able to get out of the house yet. Prayerfully they will be ready to come back to church in March.
Jan 2023	Started Sunday School on Sunday morning during the adult bible study. 4 little ones attend.

Income

~Total local budget:	\$27,180.00	~CMO remitted:	\$4,421.00
~Total local offerings:	\$43,724.00	~CEF payment remitted:	\$18,735.00
~Total special gifts and offerings:	\$707.00		
~Subsidies received:	\$41,250.00		

Expenses

Finance Comments

Report Month	Comment
Apr 2023	Another great month of offerings. A couple of families gave an extra special offering this month and Easter helped.
Mar 2023	We received a special offering of 10,000 dollars from a member this month. To God be praised!

Goals

No Goals

Goal Comments

No comments

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Category	Report Month	Comment
Education	May 2023	Sunday Morning Bible study has been looking at "Hard Sayings of Jesus" Attendance improved this month. Had two breakfast bible studies with good attendance. Have a visitor now joining us on a regular basis. The visitor brings one of the families.

Education	Apr 2023	Started a study entitled "Hard Sayings of Jesus" on Sunday Mornings. Two Breakfast studies held this month. 15 attended the Breakfast and the Word study - (One visitor) This is the study for men and women. The men studies the beginning of the month is of course just for men. Continue to look through different articles from Forward in Christ magazine. Take them through two articles each time.
	Mar 2023	Finished up How to Interpret the Bible study. Each Wednesday had a good number of attendees. (12-15) Some of them also attended Sunday morning so I only count them once. Had the two breakfast bible studies and started a new study on Sunday morning entitled "Hard Sayings of Jesus."
	Feb 2023	Began the Wednesday night bible study "How to Interpret the Bible" average about 13 people. Of Course, Had to cancel the first night because of a possible ice storm. Will finish up the Sunday study - (Burden Bearing) the first Sunday in March. Had a couple of Sunday school classes for four children (same family). After attending three times decided it was too hard to get up and get them ready for a 9 am study. They are the most faithful family for worship but 9 am was too early.
	Jan 2023	Started a new Sunday morning bible study entitled "Burden Bearing". Wednesday evening Bible study also started - a six week series "how to interpret the bible". Had the two breakfast bible studies on the first two Thursdays. Started a Sunday Morning Sunday school. Right now it involves only one family, therefore, it meets only on the Sundays they are able to get to church at 9 am.
Elders	May 2023	After many phone calls and visits - on Sunday May 28th - the member who has been absent from church for over a year walked through the doors. The members were great welcoming him and what a joy to be able to worship with him.
	Mar 2023	Continue to talk with my one delinquent member. Still calls me on Sunday but hasn't shown up for church. I had a student at WLA like him. Wanted to come to school but just never did. One morning I got in my car and went and picked him up. Maybe I need to go on Sunday morning and pick him up - or get someone to do that for me.
	Feb 2023	Called and talked a couple of times to the one delinquent member. Also, stopped for a visit in his home. Still did not attend a church service but I guess I made some progress. He will now call me on Sunday after church saying he is sorry for missing. See what the next month brings.
	Jan 2023	The ministry team spent some time discussing future plans and the process of having everything in order for a new pastor. A plan to share all the things the pastor has doing in the past being shared with the team and members. This will be a blessing for the congregation as it will allow for more opportunities for them to share their gifts and talents.
Facilities	May 2023	The church altar saw a huge change this month. (Pictures attached) For four years I answered the question from visitors "why is Jesus on the cross." I was happy to explain the meaning. Always wondered how many people didn't ask the question and went away with the wrong impression. The altar now jumps out at you and the empty cross. It is the same cross as before but sanded and stained the color of the windows and altar furniture. Jesus was put on the back wall on a board wrapped with clouds. Representing the Ascension. He was put up on the back on Ascension Day. A good number of members helped with the project and one prospect helped with the cloud wrapping.

Facilities	Apr 2023	Continue to teach different members the ins and outs of everything at the church. This month spent time teaching one of the members the process of mowing the lawn. He will take over and do it each month. The ministry team decided to pay him for each time.
	Mar 2023	Septic system went out again. Alarm was going off the day I returned from vacation. One of the new pipes they installed months ago came detached from the pump. They came and fixed the problem and hopefully still under warranty. Preparing for a cleaning day at church on April 1st. Putting together a list of things that need cleaning.
	Feb 2023	No big fixes this month. Did replace some sod where the snow plow dug up the grass. In the process of maybe changing the wall behind the altar. The altar spot lights make the back wall look very faded. Shows up even more on the live stream. Looking at cleaning it up and maybe making the wall a little darker. By making the wall darker then the cross would be lightened up. In the discussion phases at this time. This was something on the initial remodeling plans to fix but was put on the back burner. They wanted me to be involved with one more remodeling project!
	Jan 2023	After fire inspection we were required to have two exit lights fixed. Bought two LED lights and replaced them. Once again the battery powered snow blower has worked great. This machine has saved my back a couple of times. One member comes in once a week to clean floors and bathrooms.
Fellowship	May 2023	Rummage sale and Paint night were great fellowship events along with outreach. They are talking about having another paint night later in the year. There is planning going on for a fellowship in June after my last service.
	Mar 2023	The Wednesday night soup suppers and movie. We averaged between 20-30 members for the two nights. Planning an Easter Breakfast and a cleaning day.
	Feb 2023	The Thursday morning Breakfast bible studies are always good christian fellowship. Planning for two soup suppers and movie during Lent in March.
	Jan 2023	After church on the 8th a lunch was provided for everyone. Along with lunch time was spent putting away all the Christmas decorations. Planning in the works to have fellowship during Lent. Last year we watched "the Passion" and had soup suppers. This year looking at other options as many would like to have the soup suppers.
Member care	Apr 2023	Continue - emails, texts, phone calls to members. One member spent 10 days in the hospital but doing well now. Visited the couple that are shut-ins.
	Feb 2023	Had two members go through surgery and will be returning to church in the coming weeks. A different member spent five days in the hospital with an infection. One of shut ins suffered a brain aneurysm and underwent surgery on the 23rd. Had a funeral for Joyce Myers on the 4th. Was able to share the Gospel with around 70 people at the funeral home. Officiated a wedding on Valentines day - One of the members and a prospect. My very first wedding performed on Valentines day!
	Jan 2023	Spent a number of days with gentleman that lost his wife on Dec. 24th. The funeral has been planned for Feb. 4th. Burial will be at a later date. Working with another couple on wedding plans. They keep changing the dates - looking like it could be in February, original date was May. Met with some other members just for lunch and visited the two shut-ins. Two members had surgery this week - one on her shoulder and another on her foot. Spent time with both and these surgeries will keep them from Bible class and worship for a few weeks.

Member care		
Other	May 2023	Looking over the month the two events we hosted (rummage sale, painting night) were probably some of the best outreach events these past few years. More people entered the church and asked about the church than at any other event. God be praised!
	Apr 2023	A semi truck was loaded the last weekend of April with all our personal belongings. The truck left Ohio and arrived in Phoenix on Wed, May 4th. We left after church on Sunday and drove to Phoenix to meet the truck. Unloaded the truck and I flew back on Saturday. For the next few months will be living with members.
	Mar 2023	Spent 9 days in AZ the beginning of the month. Was able to find and purchase a home for retirement. The one stipulation was that the home could not be more than 25 minutes from our first grandchild. It is only 20 minutes. Will close on the home the 25th of April.
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	Jan 2023	On the 29th a open forum was held after church. At the meeting the congregation was given an update on Risen Savior financial situation. The congregation has been doing well with still 100 thousand in the savings. To still have this amount after spending money on the new spectic system and boiler repair has been a blessing. The ministry plan for the coming months was also shared. The final topic was going to be shared with the congregation was the pastor sharing his retirement plans. The retirement news was not shared in an open meeting rather Pastor spent the week going to the home of the members and personally telling them. Some members were called on the phone. The official date of retirement would be June 30th. Work began on filling out pre-call information.
Outreach	May 2023	My last GriefShare class finished up on May 30th. Outreach Rummage sale on Saturday the 20th. A large group of members pitched in making this a huge success. People donated all kinds of items from small to large. Nothing was priced and everything was free. We did not advertise free until someone asked how much. It was fun to tell people things were free and watch their face. 200-300 people walked through the doors and saw the church. It was fun watching the members interacting with the people. They were able to share the Love of God. Everyone wanted to at least give a donations - 817 dollars was collected. The money was divided between two community events. End of month saw the first of two painting nights - (Pictures attached) Certainly not going to make money selling paintings but it was great fellowship and a number of friends joined the fun.
	Apr 2023	On April 17th concluded the final mornings with mommy program until next fall. Hard saying goodbye to all the kids. Certainly had a bond with the kids and parents over the past years. Working with one of the parents on setting up a piano recital for her piano students. This will be held in May. Advertising for Painting Night and Rummage sale are in full swing already. So far we have 5 visitors attending the painting night. We added another date for painting because so many have signed up. Items for the rummage sale continue to come in for the May 20th sale. Everything will be free at the "sale". will be handing to all that come a message from the church and scripture.

Outreach	Mar 2023	Mornings with Mommy well attend on two of the Mondays. Had two soup and movie nights on Wednesdays. Watched the story of Jesus and his passion (From The Bible Miniseries) Had one prospect show up for both nights. Finish up my GriefShare class. Over the last 3 months had 3 different people attend the class. They did not all faithful attend every class. It has been nice watching the members working on the waitress that waits on us at the breakfast bible study. They continue to encourage her and give her the forward in Christ magazines. Been working on advertising and gathering articles for the outreach/rummage sale in May. The planning has been on going. Getting ready for Easter Sunday and Easter Breakfast - encouraging everyone to bring a friend. One of the members published her first book. She had a signing day one Saturday and invited me to attend. I was able to meet a number of people that attended for the book signing.
	Feb 2023	Had a couple of good Mornings with Mommy days. One of the families attended a church service. Continued my GriefShare class. I have one person making up some classes missed. Should complete the class in March.
Stewardship	May 2023	Work continues on recruiting members to various task around the church. altar committee, oil in candles, Lord's supper, cleaning, purchasing various materials, running the sign, printing bulletins, etc.
	Apr 2023	Another great month of offerings. A couple of families gave extra for the month. Also, Easter Sunday helped. More and More people are stepping up with their time helping around church.
Worship	Apr 2023	Certainly enjoyed passion week and Easter service. 53 Worshiped on Easter. 14 Visitors - all friends or family of members. Served breakfast to over 40 people. Averaged 30 people for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Soloist and Trumpet player helped with edifying the services.
	Mar 2023	On Sunday the 12th a couple of lay leaders conducted the service. One did the liturgy and another used a sermon I wrote. The gentleman added to the sermon some of his own personal stories. The members all seemed to enjoy the message.
	Feb 2023	Following the synods Lenten series on Sunday mornings. Planning for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Will be going on Vacation in March and have been working with two members that will be leading worship on the 12th. One member will be reading a sermon I wrote - but working with him as he adds some of his own experiences to the message. It will be a blessing getting more people involved.
	Jan 2023	For some reason it always seems to snow or have bad weather on Saturday or Sunday in Ohio. This caused Sunday worship numbers to go down this month. With personal attendance going down the Live Stream viewing increased. This has been a blessing allowing people to not drive in the bad weather but still worship with the members online.

Attachments

Report Month File Name	
May 2023	IMG_6397 (2).jpg
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