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**RE: Articles of Incorporation
Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the Articles of Incorporation for Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, along with a check in the amount of \$122.50. Once these articles have been filed, please return a certified copy to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

ICARD, MERRILL, CULLIS, TIMM,
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Paul D. Beitlich

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cc: Rev. Daniel Witte

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September 19, 2001

ICARD, MERRILL, ET. AL.
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SUBJECT: RISEN SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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We have received your document for RISEN SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RISEN SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, W.E.L.S., INC.

(A Religious Corporation Not-for-Profit)

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

In order to form a religious corporation not-for-profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned by these Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles") hereby certifies as follows:

PREFACE

A union of Christians for the purpose of expressing fellowship in Word and Sacrament is to be established on the basis of loyalty to all that our Lord has revealed and conveyed to us in His Holy Scriptures, Matthew 28:18-20; John 8:31; Galatians 1:6-10. Therefore we, an assembly of Christians who profess the Evangelical Lutheran Faith, do hereby establish this charter for the purpose of forming a congregation in Bradenton, Florida, to be known as Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SYNODICAL AFFILIATION

This congregation affirms that it shall affiliate with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod because that Synod holds to the truths of God's Word in doctrine and practice and is bound to the confession of faith set forth in the Articles of Faith of this charter.

ARTICLE I.
DEFINITIONS

All terms which are defined in the Constitution for Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, W.E.L.S., INC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Constitution") shall be used herein with the same meanings as defined in said Constitution.

ARTICLE II.
NAME

The name of this church body shall be Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, W.E.L.S., INC. (hereinafter referred to as "Risen Savior"), whose present address is 25620 State Road 70 East, Myakka City, Florida 34251.

ARTICLE III.
PURPOSE

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are to take title to, operate, administer, manage, lease and maintain the Church properties, in accordance with the terms and purposes set forth therein; and to conduct any lawful business permitted under the laws of the State of Florida for corporations not-for-profit in order to carry out the covenants and enforce the provisions of any Risen Savior Church Documents.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this congregation shall be: To proclaim the Law and the Gospel; to lead sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ for life and salvation; to strengthen believers in faith and sanctification through the means of grace; to equip believers as disciples, stewards, and witnesses for sharing the Gospel of Jesus with our fellow men; and to provide agencies for the Christian training of youth which will nurture an outlook on life that is consistent with the Word of God.

ARTICLE IV.
POWERS

Risen Savior shall have the following powers and shall be governed by the following provisions:

A. Risen Savior shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit which are not in conflict with the terms of the Constitution and WELS Documents.

B. Risen Savior shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of Church and WELS including, but not limited to, the powers outlined in the Church By-Laws and Constitution.

ARTICLE V.
MEMBERS AND VOTING

To become and remain a communicant member of this congregation, it is necessary that one:

1. Have received a Christian Baptism in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2. Declare his adherence to the Articles of Faith set forth in the Church Documents .

3. Be familiar at least with Luther's Small Catechism and profess acceptance of the same, following completion of a course of study in the way of salvation as presented in Holy Scripture.

4. Strive to lead a God-pleasing life.

5. Participate in public worship regularly unless prevented by illness.

6. Receive the Lord's Supper frequently.

7. Acknowledge that every believer is called to participate in the work for which the Church exists, namely, education and evangelism.

8. Permit oneself to be fraternally admonished for one's spiritual well-being in accord with Matthew 18:15-18.

9. Be free from involvement in non-Christian religious associations (such as lodges) which espouse false religious ideas and contradict the truth that salvation is by grace alone through the merit of Christ.

Voting membership in the congregation shall be vested in male communicant members. The voting age shall be determined by the local congregation but shall not be less than 18 years. The voting members may meet as determined by resolution to conduct the necessary business matters of the congregation, provided that notice of such a meeting has been given to all members. The voting members shall establish such offices and elect such temporary officers as are deemed necessary for conducting the congregation's affairs until incorporation is effected. Their duties and terms of office shall be established by resolution in advance of election. Note that the positions of treasurer and financial secretary shall not be held by the same person.

ARTICLE VI.

TERM

The term for which this Church is to exist shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VII.

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of Risen Savior is as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Paul D. Beitlich, Esquire

Icard, Merrill Cullis, Timm, Furen &
Ginsburg, P.A.
2033 Main Street, Suite 101
Sarasota, Florida 34237

The rights and interests of the Incorporator shall automatically terminate when these Articles are filed with the Secretary of State of Florida.

ARTICLE VIII.
BOARD OF ELDERS

A. The number of members of the first Board ("The Board") shall be three (3).

B. The names and street addresses of the persons who are to serve as the Elders of the First Board are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Craig Ervin

9708 Braden Road, Bradenton, FL 34202

Bob Rodgers

4718 Oak Run Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243

James Schultz

6127 Cypress Circle, Bradenton, FL 34202

The First Board of Elders shall be the Board until the first Annual Members Meeting. Declarant shall have the right to appoint, designate or elect the members of the First Board until the first Annual Members' Meeting, and in the event of any vacancy, to fill any such vacancy. Declarant reserves the right to remove from the First Board any Elders it designates or elects.

Pursuant to Section 617.0202, Florida Statutes, such Board Members shall be elected as stated in the Corporate Bylaws.

C. 1. At the first Annual Meeting and at all Annual Members' Meetings thereafter, the number of Governors shall be not fewer than three (3). Three (3) shall be elected for a two (2) year term. After each successive Annual Members' Meeting, the term for newly elected Elders replacing those Elders whose term has expired shall be for a two (2) year term.

D. The resignation of an Elder who has been designated, appointed or elected by Declarant, or the resignation of an officer of Risen Savior Lutheran Church who was elected by the First Board, shall remise, release, acquit, and forever discharge such Elder or officer of and from any and all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, debts, dues, claims, bonds, bills, covenants, contracts, controversy, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity which Risen Savior

Membership had, now have, or will have; or which any personal representative, successor, heir or assign of Risen Savior or Members hereafter may have against such Elder or officer by reason of his having an Elder or officer of Risen Savior.

ARTICLE IX.

OFFICERS

A. The affairs of Risen Savior shall be managed by the President of Risen Savior, assisted by one (1) or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer and, if elected by the Board, one (1) or more Assistant Secretaries and one (1) or more Assistant Treasurers, which officers shall be subject to the direction of the Board and Members.

B. The Members shall elect the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer; and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall, from time to time, determine appropriate. Such officers shall be elected annually by the Members at the first meeting of the Members; provided, however, that such officers may be removed by the Board and other persons may be elected by the Board as such officers in the manner provided in the By-Laws. The same person may hold two offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the President shall not hold another office.

C. First Officers: The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers by the Members are as follows:

President:	James Schultz
Vice President/Secretary:	Craig Ervin
Treasurer:	Bob Rodgers

Every Elder and ever officer of Risen Savior shall be indemnified by Risen Savior against all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys' fees through all trial and appellate levels, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding, arbitration or settlement to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been an Elder or officer of Risen Savior, whether or not he is a Elder or officer at the time such expenses are incurred. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a settlement, the indemnification provisions herein shall not be automatic and shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in instances where the Elder or officer admits or is adjudged guilty of willful malfeasance in the performance of his duties, the indemnification provisions contained herein shall not apply. Otherwise, the foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all of indemnification to which such Elder or officer may be entitled by common law or statute.

ARTICLE X.
BY-LAWS

By-Laws of Risen Savior shall be adopted by the First Board and thereafter may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided for in the By-Laws. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the provisions of the By-Laws, the provisions of these Articles shall control.

ARTICLE XI.
AMENDMENTS

A. These Articles may be amended by the following methods:

1. (a) The Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members, which may be either the Annual Members' Meeting or special meeting. Any number of proposed amendments may be submitted to the Members and voted upon by them at one meeting.

(b) Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Member within the time and in the manner provided in the By-Laws for the giving of notice of meetings of Members ("Required Notice").

(c) At such meeting a vote of the Members shall be taken on the proposed amendment(s). The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of all Members entitled to vote thereon.

2. An amendment may be adopted by a written statement (in lieu of a meeting) signed by a majority of the Members setting forth their intention that an amendment to these Articles be adopted.

B. A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and a certified copy shall be obtained by the Secretary.

C. A certified copy of each such amendment shall be attached to any certified copy of these Articles and shall be part of such Articles and an exhibit to the Church Declaration upon the recording of the Church Declaration; or, in lieu thereof, "Restated Articles" may be adopted and a certified copy thereof shall be attached as an exhibit to the Church Declaration upon recordation thereof.

ARTICLE XII.
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

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The street address of the initial registered office of Risen Savior 25620 State Road 70 East, Myakka City, Florida 34251, and the initial Registered Agent of Risen Savior at that address shall be Rev. Daniel Witte.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Paul D. Beitlich, the Incorporator of Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, have hereunto affixed my signature this 13th day of September, 2001.


Paul D. Beitlich

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation of Registered Agent of Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, as set forth in Article XII of these Articles.
W.E.L.S., INC.


Rev. Daniel Witte

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

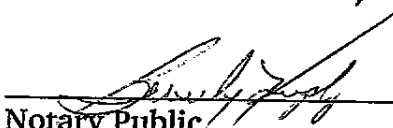
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared *Paul D. Beitlich*, to me known to be the person described as the Incorporator of Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed, and he did not take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 13th day of September, 2001.

Personally Known [] or
Produced Identification [X]

Type of I.D. Produced:

Florida Drivers License


Notary Public

Printed Name:

BEVERLY KINGSLEY

My Commission Expires:



Beverly Kingsley
MY COMMISSION # CC990332 EXPIRES
March 20, 2005
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared *Rev. Daniel Witte*, to me known to be the person described as the initial Registered Agent of Risen Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, W.E.L.S., INC., and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed, and he did not take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 13th day of September, 2001.

Personally Known [☒] or
Produced Identification [☐]
Type of I.D. Produced: _____



Notary Public

Printed Name: **BEVERLY KINGSLEY**

My Commission Expires: _____



Beverly Kingsley
MY COMMISSION # CC970332 EXPIRES
March 20, 2005
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