

All Life Is Sacred Pastor Weinkauf

In our days as much as ever, the 5th Commandment must be confessed. The value of life, from conception in the womb to natural death, is worth Jesus dying for -each and every one. The adoption by God's grace in baptismal waters (Gal. 4, Rom. 8) and our bodies being joined to Christ (John 14, Col. 1, Rom. 8, many more), and even a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6) defines our identity and value.

Consider suicide. According to new government data, some 49,500 people took their own lives last year in the US -highest number ever recorded. While the causes for this increase are complex and variable, choosing suicide has become normal. Today it has become almost routine for people to choose suicide over a life of pain or sorrow or even simple boredom. Life is a gift of God even when that life is filled with suffering or want.

Overall, 23% of high school students surveyed had seriously considered suicide within the past year, up from 16% in 2011. Some 18% said they had a plan. This was true for nearly every demographic group across America. Clearly suicide is claiming younger victims and it has become one of the leading causes of death for the young.

Consider Euthanasia. Legal in 10 US states and Canada, most of Europe, but 'passive euthanasia' is being practiced throughout the US and world; where patients over-medicate with DNR orders, to end life. Shockingly in all the world, only Russia and Kenya have made all forms of euthanasia illegal. The more our society normalizes life-ending choices from womb to infirmed to aged, the more people will choose to end their life they believe not longer worth living. Added to these statistics is a report on overdose deaths, with 150,000 Americans dead in 2022.

Common is the sense of helplessness that accompanies the lives of many who face despair, clinical depression, chronic pain or limitations due to disease or frailty and you see people not continue a life they have deemed not worth living. As people fall away from the Christian church in mass -42 million Americans alone have de-churched since 2010, it only makes things exponentially worse.

Yet as you look around the Christian church today the Gospel is increasingly surrendered to the woke new ideas that are concerned with less than the eternal tomorrow, the harder it will be to slow or stop the rate of suicide, euthanasia in our land. The Gospel is turned into social justice, turned into man-centered love, turned into the individual wants and lifestyle, which offers no help and no Gospel at all. That makes things worse.

And then! The overwhelming number of Christians denominations and non-denominationalists support abortion, destroying life God creates as sacred. This de-value of human life is making things worse and people who call themselves Christians give the message it is okay to destroy life.

We as historical Christians can and we must offer hope and help to the despairing and those in chronic pain unlike any people or group. An eternal truth to cling to as life seems to fail or not matter. The true Gospel is strong enough to offer rest and respite to the wounded in spirit and those who suffer pain in mind or body. You have the Scripture to shine the light of Christ into people's dark, hopeless living; a Church and pastor to attend to life as God desires and bring the healing balm of the Lord's Word and Sacrament to bear in their life for all to see their eternity, their value to God, their value of life God holds sacred unto Him.

Key Events

Nov. 5

All Saints' Day

Nov. 11

Christkindlmarkt

Nov. 19

Congregation
Potluck &
Quarterly Voter's
Assembly/
Start of Food
Drive

Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Eve
Service

Nov. 26

Last Sunday of the
Church Year/
Church Planning
Meeting

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Bible Classes



Sundays 9:15 am James, Galatians
Wednesdays
8:30 am Matins Service
9:00 am Micah, Joel, Jonah, Obediah

Risen Savior Classical Academy



K-High School Home School Cooperative
There is an opening to teach a 40 minute class in Composition: Fables on Mondays at 10:20 am, starting in January. Lesson Plans already done for the year. Contact Pastor Weinkauf for questions.

Music @ Risen Savior Cathy Manis

We now have more people in the Vocal Choir and Bell Choir than ever! No experience necessary. Join at any time.

Vocal Choir Practices Sundays, 11:45 am

Bell Choir Practice Wednesday at 7 pm, following Vespers.

Youth Chorale Practices Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm.
2nd-8th Grade are invited to participate in our Youth Choir.

Can Food Drive Kevin Carder, Board of Outreach



Nov. 19- Dec 17

Our annual collection for Lutheran Urban Ministry Agency food pantry. Starts Sunday Nov. 19 and runs through Dec. 17.

Place cans in Wittenberg Hall. Last year 1000 cans were donated.

Germany 2024 Pastor



Sept. 13-24, 2024. Information now posted at **LutherTours.com**. Printed copies available in the Narthex. Pastor Weinkauf will be hosting this 'once-in-a-lifetime' trip, for the third time. An amazing itinerary is planned!

We have 20 already sign-ed up! Members along with people from around the nation may join. We anticipate at least 40 people for the max. discount.

Time to save, sign-up and get your passport.



Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8th grade

November 12, the children will begin practicing songs for the:

Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, Dec. 17, 6:00 pm.

Next Gamenight (great for parent shopping/date) is Dec. 1, Friday, 6-8 pm.



Youth Group High School Pastor Weinkauf

Nov. 5th 6:00-8:00 pm
Invite any friends.

higherthings.org



Table Talk

19-39 year old

ON HOLD as we await the 2nd Pastor. This group meets the 1st Friday. Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.

For Our Lost Children, Lord, We Pray

A Poem from Gottesdienst.org Website

For our lost children, Lord, we pray, Who've wandered from the narrow way,
They've headed off into the night And left behind Your guiding light.
We lie awake upon our beds, Our hearts are full of doubts and dreads;
We groan for them with bitter tears As hell does plague us with our fears.
Will they forget all that is true? Will they fail to return to You?
Will Satan claim them as his own? Will they not enter heav'n's home?
Remind us Lord of Your great love, That sent Your Son down from above
To seek and save all that was lost and rescue them at any cost.
His head was crowned their shame to pay. His feet were pierced for theirs that stray.
His hands were nailed for their misdeeds. His voice was stilled for their false creeds.
He was forsaken on the tree, Lost in the depths of agony,
Was swallowed up by darkest night, and was extinguished from Your sight.
He was lost so they would be found. He was damned so they would be crowned.
He was rejected as He died, That in heav'n they'd be glorified.
Christ died to save our children, Lord, You claimed them with Baptism's Word,
Forsake them not though they've left You, Draw them again, their faith renew.
Dear heav'nly Father to You we sigh, We know You hear our every cry,
Help us to trust Your holy will, With Your love bid our fears be still.



Nov. 16
6:30 pm

Katie's Sisters Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator; usually meet 3rd Thurs. **Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther**

Come and relax before the holidays. We will meeting Nov. 16, Thursday at 6:30 pm for bonfire & smores in our courtyard at church. Feel free to bring a snack, treat, or beverage to share.



Nov. 2
6:30 pm

Book Club Amanda Uhlmansiek, Coordinator 314-489-0704

All are invited to come and listen to the lively discussion! (Even if you haven't finished the book or it hasn't come yet!) 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm. Order now for upcoming gatherings...

Nov. 2: *Quo Vadis* by Henryk Sienkiewicz

Dec. 7: *My Inventions: The Autobiography of Nikola Tesla* by Ben Johnston and Nikola Tesla



Jan. 26
7:00 pm

Men's GameNight Usually 4th Friday of the month

We will not be meeting in November or December, resuming Jan. 26.



**Nov. 3
8:00 am**

1st Friday Trustees Board of Trustees, Nick Bretz

All are invited as we will gather at the first Friday of the month to address various little projects, maintenance, or enhancements inside and outside the church. We will grab some coffee, and work until 9-9:30 am.



**Nov. 9
6:00 pm**

Women In Mission Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Veteran's Day breakfast will be held on November 5. LWML will be serving breakfast for everyone in the Fellowship Hall. We need your service information, please contact Dayle Reynolds 913-680-5366 or Mary Ellen Ballard 913-724-3195.

Our monthly meeting is Nov. 9, 6:00 pm as Mary Ellen Ballard will be presenting on the Red Cross. We will also be planning the Advent midweek meal.



**Nov. 22
7:00 pm**

Thanksgiving Eve Service

In humble thanksgiving for all the Lord has provided, join us, for a Thanksgiving Eve service.



**Nov. 19
11:45 am**

Voter's Assembly & Potluck

Following the late service, Nov. 19 all are invited to a congregational potluck, followed by the Voter's Assembly. The agenda will be out Nov. 12 to give everyone time to review and give prayerful consideration of the matters before the congregation. The agenda includes: 2024 budget, elections.

Members last name:

A-M: bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or bread

N-Z: bring a main dish



**Nov. 26
11:45 am**

Church Planning for 2024 & Beyond

2024 Calendar is now posted for Altar flowers, to reserve the hall, various events.

Church Planning, Nov. 26, 11:45 am. What are some activities, events, long-range plans, outreach opportunities, ideas you see for Risen Savior?

What would you like to see happen next year, or in the next few years here?

We will set the Calendar for 2024 and future plans.

Soup & salad will be served.

All members welcome to come or visit with any Council member about your thoughts and ideas for our future.

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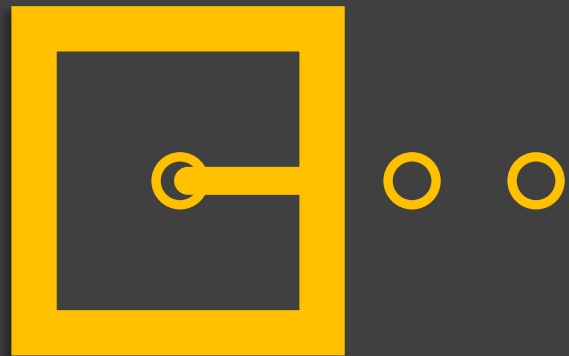
Christmas



Market & Crafts

30+ vendors Vendors contact Jodi Weinkauff 913-369-5940

Nov. 11
Saturday
9 am - 1 pm



Oktoberfest 2023 Emily Newman, Board of Fellowship

We had another great Oktoberfest with 500+ attending! Thank you to all who helped with preparations, helped during the event, and for the clean-up. Receipts for the event and silent auction to benefit our Classical Academy were \$10,000!

Thanks to the Alpen Spielers for the music. Thanks to the new additions this year of the Driscoll Dance Troupe and the "Green Screen Guy" who we will have back in 2024.



Thank you! as many people showed up for the decorating, apple strudel making, bierock making, and clean-up. Special thanks to our Board of Fellowship- Emily Newman, Amanda Ford, Teresa Miller, Jean Dedeke, Sarah Peters; Curtis Newman, Forrest Erickson on the grills.



2023 Keg Toss National Championship in a close competition: 1st Jake Kingery (repeat) holding the Keg and Trophy Stein; 2nd Robert Jansen; 3rd Derek Peters; 4th Clayton Oswald.





The 5 bouncehouses and outdoor games were set-up in the shade as we had our 3rd straight hot Oktoberfest.

Thanks to the many volunteers to make it such a special day for the congregation and community. Special thanks to Tim Selbe for the barrel train.



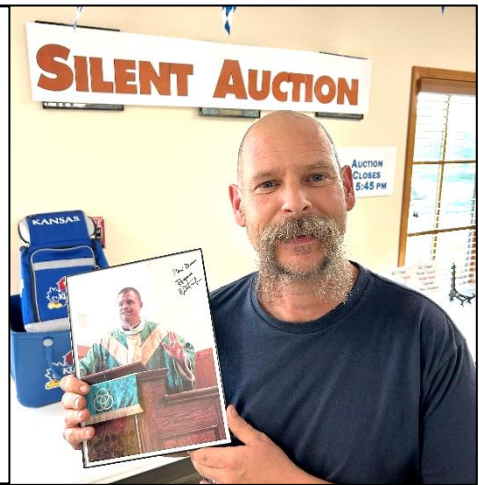


Post Oktoberfest Party watching the Chiefs game.



Some of the Driscoll Dance Troupe.

In a bidding war, Jimmy White won the highly-coveted, rare, signed picture of Pastor Weinkauf in the Pulpit, that sold for more than the Andy Reid signed Chiefs helmet.



Our Classical Academy begins each day with "Dominus vobiscum" and the response "Et cum spiritu tuo" and then Morning Announcements, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Chapel.



Art class with Chelsea Shaw, Chelsea Harper assisting.

Music class with Cathy Manis.



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Festival, Reformation 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Vocal choir practice 5:00 p Adult Catechism Class 6:00 p Book of Concord Study	30 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	31 Reformation Day 5:00 p German Meal 6:00 p Vespers 6:45 p Fireworks & Desserts	1 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Service 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Bell choir practice	2 6:30 p Youth Chorale 6:30 p Book Club	3 8:00 a 1st Friday Trustee Work 6:30 p RSCA moms/homeschool moms social gathering at firepit	4 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service <i>Turn clocks back at bedtime</i>
5 All Saints' Day 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Vocal choir practice 5:00 p Adult Catechism Class 6:00 p Youth Group	6 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	7	8 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Service 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Bell choir practice	9 6:00 p LWML 6:30 p Youth Chorale	10	11 9:00 a -1:00 p Christkindmarkt 6:00 p Divine Service
12 24th Sun. aft Pentecost 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Vocal choir practice	13 8:30a-3:30p RSCA Noon Lunch with pastor 6:30 p Board of Elders	14 10:00 a Newsletter due	15 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Bell choir practice	16 6:30 p Katie's Sisters	17	18 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service
19 25th Sun. aft Pentecost 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Congregation Potluck, Qtr. Voter's Assembly	20 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	21	22 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 7:00 p Thanksgiving Eve Service	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 6:00 p Divine Service
26 Last Sunday of Year 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Vocal choir practice 11:45 a Church Planning mtg 6:00 p Book of Concord study	27 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	28	29 8:30 a Midweek Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:00 p Supper 7:00 p Midweek Service 7:40 p Confirmation 7:40 p Bell choir practice	30 St. Andrew, apostle	1 8-9:30 a First Friday Trustee work 5:00-7 p Sunday School Gamernight	2 9:00 a Church Decorating 6:00 p Divine Service

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Steven & Kathleen Woelk	14 Greg Bast	22 Peyton White	25 Evelyn Kerr
2 Kathleen Woelk	15 John Reinhard	22 Beau Heath	26 Sharon Blankenship
3 Amanda Uhlmansiek	15 Nathan Mauher	22 Diane Reinhard	27 Jacob Muntzel
4 Linda Schaefer	16 Katie Kasunic	22 Bob Lenahan	27 Jim & Maureen Stinson
5 Gus White	16 Mary Lingo	22 Curt Meyers	27 Justin Stuedemann
6 Forest Erickson	17 Robert Jansen	23 Ronnie & Teresa Miller	28 Janet Shrver
6 Curtis & Emily Newman	18 Justin & Anne Stuedemann	23 Brad & Kim Mars	29 Tim Selbe
8 Henry Luebke	18 Maggie Luebke	24 Sharon Mayer	29 Melissa Grimm
8 Kenny Grimm	20 Sue Stork	24 Jim Stinson	29 Murphy Harper
9 John Stuart	20 Faith Kerr	24 Kathy Renn	30 Hope Radke
9 Katlyn Selbe	21 Marland Mortenson	25 Steve & Denise Mariano	
9 Milo Shaw	14 Greg Bast		
9 Mila Shaw	15 John Reinhard		
10 Laurie Fisher	15 Nathan Mauher		
10 Marilyn Whitlock	16 Katie Kasunic		
10 Mary Lingo	16 Mary Lingo		
11 Jean Dedeke	17 Robert Jansen		
12 Aidan Savage	18 Justin & Anne Stuedemann		
13 Karen Erickson	18 Maggie Luebke		
13 Deb Glaum	20 Sue Stork		
14 Peyton Reeves	20 Faith Kerr		

Thank You

To October cleaning families:
**Woelk, Johnson, J White
A Dedeke, Curtis,**
If you wish to join the rotation contact:
Jeanette Curtis 913-370-6823.

For all who helped with
Oktoberfest.

For all who came out to the
40 Days of Life Vigil.

For all who gave came to the
Blood Drive.

For our 1st Friday Trustees
regulars of **Steve Woelk,
Jim Brush, Forrest Erickson**

For our gardener work:
Marsha Albright

2023 Financial

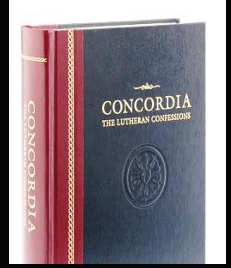
Full report posted in Church Office.
Less Dedicated Gifts and Expenses,

Through end of September:	
Budget	\$334,440
Offerings	\$334,728
Expenses	\$260,194

Book of Concord Study

Sunday, Nov. 26, 6 pm

Join us any time. Extra books always available. All welcome to come for an evening of enrichment in our Lutheran doctrine and Scriptural engagements, food, & refreshments. Childcare provided.
Usually last Sunday evening of the month.



LutheransForLife.org

"For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!' and falls on its face at Jesus' feet, giving thanks to Christ."

"What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, 'Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.'"

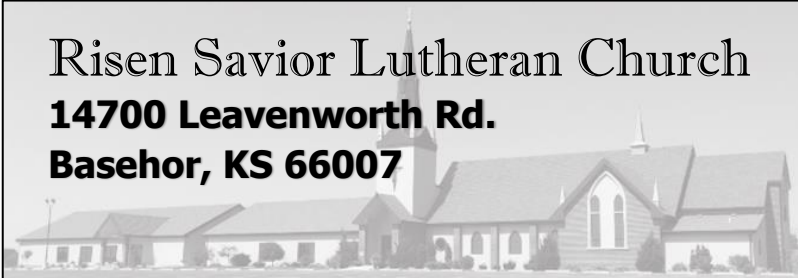
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