



## Events

### Jan. 5

Installation of  
Officers

### Jan. 6

Epiphany  
Monday, 7 pm  
Divine Service

RSCA resumes

### Jan. 19

New Member/  
Adult Catechism  
Begins

### Jan. 29

Life Conference  
and March,  
Topeka

### Church

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## Oh, Blest the House Pastor Burgdorf

*Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!* LSB 862.

The Messiah has come! The weary world rejoices with hope and life anew. Jesus is come into the world! The Son of David, the new Solomon receives a visit from the wise men of the earth who come and bow down before his majesty. Just like the powers from around the world came to inquire of Solomon, the Magi came and bowed down, bearing gifts. Christ, the king of Jews and the Gentiles is Lord of all. His divinity is soon confirmed days later as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord.



The psalmist sings of this mystery: "What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?" (Ps 114). Even the Jordan trembles beneath his feet as the heavens are rent open and God the Father speaks, "This is my Son." Swiftly afterward Jesus is sent out into the desert by the Spirit to undergo temptation. The devil himself cannot overcome him, and before long demons will be trembling in his presence.

With this reality in mind, the Church has made the habit of blessing homes of the faithful. Christ has come and His presence is not a fearful and frightful thing but bestows upon us blessings upon blessings. It is indeed fitting then that the Church throughout time has attached the practice of house blessings to the season of Epiphany. In Epiphany, Christ is revealed as the Only Begotten One, the true Son of the Father, and the Light of the World. The Church gathers to invoke the Christ, who was born of a Virgin, who is worshiped and adored, and whose presence is a blessing that drives out demons and the forces of darkness, to be present with us in the homes of her members.

If you have never seen, or been a part of a house blessing you may be wondering what it entails. The full rite, found in the Agenda of the Lutheran Service Book, (feel free to stop by a Pastors' office and ask about it) consists of a Pastor coming and praying in the home; going room to room and blessing them. While this happens, those gathered, either the family alone or friends and family invited sing hymns appropriate for the season and pray.

Traditionally the door to the home is marked with chalk. 2025 signifies the year, while CMB signifies the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The CMB also corresponds with the initials of the names traditionally given to the wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The + in between is the sign of the cross.

If you are interested in this ancient custom please contact Pastor Weinkauff or Pastor Burgdorf and they would be glad to come and bless your home.



# Epiphany

January 6

Monday

7:00 pm Divine Service



Jan. 18  
10:00 am

## Acolyte Training

All young men, current and new, gr. 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> (should be 23 young men) need to be at a training on **January 18, Saturday, 10:00 am.** Thank you youth and parents to make this a priority.

## A New Year with Prayer

Pastor Weinkauf

**Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. Eph. 6 Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess.5**

I grew up amid the catch phrases about prayer that today make me uneasy. *Prayer changes things. Don't underestimate the power of prayer. Time spent in prayer is never wasted. Prayer connects us to God. Don't pray for that for which you are not also willing to work. God does nothing except respond to the prayer of the believer. 7 days without prayer makes one weak, etc.* What seemed at first to encourage earnest prayer I now believe distorts prayer. Note these phrases all originate among those who do not have Sacraments, so they elevate prayer (and worship style) to be a "Sacrament", their "means of grace."

Since many Christians see the Scriptures themselves as a book of stories, facts designed for motivation -instead of the living voice of God through which the Spirit does His bidding, their prayer (and experiences of life and worship) is how they connect to God. Without the "means of grace" that Christ has given us! Thus they have come to understand prayer as the manipulation of the Divine will and purpose as if God dispenses grace and His works sparingly or God won't do something unless we ask.

The purpose of prayer is not to command God to do our bidding but for us to do God's bidding. Prayer may not change things at all; the act prayer is an act of faith, confidence in the good and gracious will of God which is not our recourse after all other options have been pursued but our first and constant refuge. We do NOT pray to get God to do our bidding but for us to do His bidding. It is good for us not simply to pray our needs but to pray what God has promised (at least remember this in our time of doubt, fear, or terror and that these promises may comfort us as we open our hearts to the Lord).

We often operate as if God were stingy, only reluctantly give us what He Himself has promised. So we depend upon our works of praying to negotiate from God for grace and things He may be holding out on us. How sad it is that prayer in this way becomes a false comfort to us or no comfort at all!

How great are the gifts of God that He has well supplied us with the Gospel and the Sacraments to comfort us in our need, assure us of His gracious favor, and sustain us in the hour of trial. For these our prayers arise from a baptized child given faith, to trust in His good and gracious will and our voices ascend with the wants and desires of our hearts.

Refresh yourself in the Small and Large Catechism on the Lord's Prayer. It is not a long read but worth every word. Blessed 2025!



# Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Amanda Harbord, Board of Education

Thank you for all who helped, attended and children at the Christmas Program!

Next Sunday School gamenight/  
Parent datenight: **February 14**

**Teachers**, thank you!



## Birth Group

High School  
Pastor Burgdorf

Jan. 8

6:00-8:00 pm

Invite any friends.

**SAVE THE DATE: Higher Things,  
July 8-11, Concordia, Seward, NE**

**Sunday Class 9:15!**



## Table Talk

19-39 year old  
Pastor Burgdorf

Jan. 3 Friday

7:00 pm at Church

Invite any friends.

**Bring any snacks or beverages  
if you wish.**

Plan for the FIRST Fridays



# RISEN SAVIOR MUSIC

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

Cathy Manis, Music Director  
cmusicgal@gmail.com 913-416-0007

Thank you to all the returning and new people that fill our balcony!  
If you wish you may join in at anytime. No experience necessary.

**Vocal Choir** Practices Sunday, 11:45 am

**Bell Choir** Practices Wednesday, 7 pm

**Youth Chorale** Practices Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm.

2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade invited to participate in our youth choir

**Musicians** If you wish to play an instrument for Services, please contact Cathy.

**Piano & Organ Lessons?** Please see Cathy. There are currently 10 students.



## Bible Classes

**Sundays 9:15 am Epistles**      **Weds. 8:30 am Matins Service**  
**9:00 am Revelation**



## New Member/Adult Catechism Class

**Jan. 19**  
**9:15 am**  
**Pastor**  
**Weinkauff's**  
**Study**

"Evangelism" the Good News, this Scriptural truth shows us is: preaching, teaching, study of God's Word, liturgical worship, proper use of the Sacraments, as we daily live unto Christ and love to others. **Now is the time** to think of some people to invite/encourage to 'look into' and explore Risen Savior, perhaps bring them to the class starting January 19. **Invite** family and friends to visit Services, Bible classes, and activities at the church. **Share** with them about Risen Savior. Don't assume others would not be are interested. We will meet in Pastor Weinkauff's Study, as Pastor Burgdorf will take the Sunday Morning Adult Class at this time.



**Jan. 29**  
**7:15 am**  
**carpool**

## Life Conference/March to the Capital

The annual Life Conference and March to the Capital is Wednesday, Jan. 29. St. John's-Topeka is hosting the Conference.

- ❖ Conference begins with Matins at 8:30 am.
- ❖ Keynote speaker is Rev. Jeffery Hemmer, author of the book *Man Up!*.
- ❖ Box Lunch provided at 11 am.
- ❖ At 11:45 then drive a few blocks to downtown to "March to the Capital" with about 3000 other Christians, to be greeted by KS Legislature and a few speeches.
- ❖ Over by 1:30 pm. We should be back at the church by 2:30 pm.
- ❖ No cost.



If you wish to carpool, Please let Pastor Weinkauff know by Jan. 26.



**Feb. 7**  
**9:00 am**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Trustee Work

Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees



No January gathering. We gather next Feb. 7 at 9 am on the first Friday of the month; grab a coffee; then address various projects inside and outside the church.



**Jan. 16  
6:30 pm**

## **Katie's Sisters** Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Katlyn Selbe, coordinator; usually meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.

**January we are hosting a baby shower for Hope Radke!** Please join us Jan. 16, 6:30 pm. **Hope is registered at BabyList and Amazon.** Food and beverages provided.

Be on the look out in your church mailbox for information about our annual secret sister gift swap! Return by January 16 to Katlyn Selbe mailbox.



**Jan. 9  
6:00 pm**

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

Welcome 2025! As we start a new year we would like to sincerely thank the members of our Risen Savior family The overwhelming support of our congregation is truly a testament of our strength when working together.

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for our cookie walk. We would like to report that we are sending a check for \$1,000.00 to our seminary pantry to continue to help those that have been called to serve.

Our next meeting, Thursday, January 9, 6:00 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited. We will be voting on our 2025 program planning and our mission outreach.



**Jan. 13  
6:30 pm**

## **Book Club** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month – Jan., 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to Epiphany

**NEW MONTHLY DAY.** Monday, usually 1<sup>st</sup> Monday but backed up 1 week due to Epiphany. 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!) Order now for upcoming gatherings.

Jan. 13: The Three Musketeers - Dumas

Feb. 6: The Emperor's Souls - Brandon Sanderson

March 6: The Blue Zones : 9 Lessons for Living Longer - Dan Buettner



**1/8 - 4/6  
8:00 pm**

## **Men's Basketball**

Starts Jan. 5, Sundays, 8 pm. All men of the congregation, young and old, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up basketball.



**Jan. 31  
7:00 pm**

## **Men's GameNight** Usually 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month

All men over 18 of the congregation and friends are invited as we usually play cards. Usually have prizes. Sometimes other activities are done. Plenty of food and beverages show up.



## **Available Help** If you want to be added, send email to: [weinkauf@rslcms.church](mailto:weinkauf@rslcms.church)

### **Babysitting Needs**



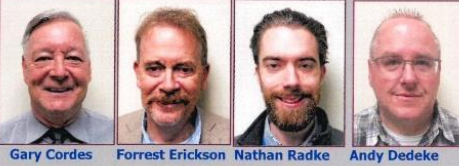
**Bridgett Harbord**, 13. Safe Sitter certified (1/2024) in First Aid/CPR, child care, and safety skills. Available most weekends (day or evening), watch toddler-age and above. Will keep kids busy with activities and play. Call 913.544.4133 (Amanda, mom) or mdy2404@gmail.com.

**Pick-up Truck** If you need to borrow a pickup truck, please contact Pastor Weinkauf.

# 2025 LEADERSHIP



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Cathy Manis

## ORGANIST

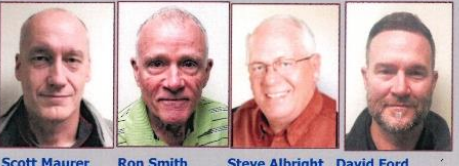


Kim Dunn

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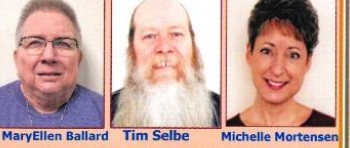
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## Risen Savior Cemetery.

Around the Jesus Statue is a special section of miscarriages, stillborn, infants. The first burial has been made with a granite maker placed. Even if you wish to place a marker for a child not interned here, you may also do so. Contact Pastor Weinkauf.



## Collection for Lutheran Urban Ministries Assoc.

Thank you to all who contributed as 1000 cans/items delivered to them.



## Special Thanks

- Kim Dunn, organist work at Advent Midweek Services;
- Bridgett Harbord organist during some Communion hymns
- Our Altar Guild
- Outgoing Congregation Officers: Steve Mariano, Darrell Hall
- Food Drive gifts for LUMA
- LWML Cookie Walk with over \$1000 given to the Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op
- For all who helped with Christmas decorations
- For all who supported the Advent meals
- For the Kerr & Erickson families for hosting our Adventide socials
- For our choirs and musicians this festival season
- For our caroling group to home-bound members
- For the ongoing service of those pictured on this page
- For Marsha Albright for the two large arrangements (one pictured





**Christmas Program.**

This year the program was based on the Four original Christmas carols of Scripture: Magnificat; Benedictus; Gloria in Excelsis; Nunc Dimittis. Special thanks to Kim Dunn for the cake, Sarah Peters and Amanda Harbord for the Reception. Littlest without speaking parts hung banners at the Altar.



**Sunday School Gamenight** including making ornaments.





**Adventide Socials.** Thanks to the Kerr & Erickson families!



**LWML Cookie Walk.** Thank you for over 100 dozen cookies and all the funds raised (\$1,000!) goes for seminarians at the Concordia Theological Seminary Food Coop.



**Risen Savior Classical Academy.** Cathy Manis, Music Instructor having a class perform a hymn with bells at the Christmas Party.  
Pastor Burgdorf leading Matins, Alpha class with 9 students.







# RISEN SAVIOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY

VERITAS AETERNA

## CONGREGATION INVITED! Kansas Day Presentation. Monday, Jan. 27, 3:00 pm

The congregation is invited to join the RS Classical Academy students to celebrate Kansas Day by learning about our state song (and possibly one of the most well-known songs around the world) "Home on the Range." We will have a special presentation at 3 pm on Monday, January 27 by ElDean Holthus, current steward of the Brewster Higley Cabin where the famous song was written. ElDean is a Native Kansan from Smith County who has been active in his community and church, and a really BIG fan of the KC Chiefs & his son Mitch Holthus, voice of Chiefs. Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about our Kansas history and culture.



Science experiments, Pies in faces at the Thanksgiving Party, Christmas Party.





# JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. of Christmas 8:00 Divine Service 9-15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service	<b>30</b> 8:30 Matins	<b>31</b> Eve of Jesus Name 8:30 Matins 10:00 p Divine Service -12:15 New Years' Eve @ Risen Savior	<b>1</b> New Years' 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all	<b>2</b> 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	<b>3</b> 8:30 Matins 7:00 Table Talk for young adults	<b>4</b> 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
<b>5</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Youth Group 8:00 Men's Basketball	<b>6</b> Epiphany 8:30 - 3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins 7:00 Divine Service	<b>7</b> 8:30 Matins	<b>8</b> 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir practice	<b>9</b> 8:30 Matins 6:00 LWML meeting 6:30 Youth Chorale	<b>10</b> 8:30 Matins	<b>11</b> 6:00 Divine Service
<b>12</b> Baptism of our Lord 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir	<b>13</b> 8:30 - 3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30 Board of Elders	<b>14</b> 8:30 Matins 10:00 Newsletter deadline 10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First	<b>15</b> 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir practice	<b>16</b> 8:30 Matins 6:30 Katie's Sister 6:30 Youth Chorale	<b>17</b> 8:30 Matins	<b>18</b> Confession of St. Peter 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 10:00 Acolyte Training 6:00 Divine Service
<b>19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 11:45 Church Council	<b>20</b> 8:30 - 3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins	<b>21</b> 8:30 Matins	<b>22</b> 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir practice	<b>23</b> 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	<b>24</b> St. Timothy, Pastor 8:30 Matins	<b>25</b> Conversion of St. Paul 6:00 Divine Service
<b>26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Book of Concord	<b>27</b> 8:30 - 3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins	<b>28</b> 8:30 Matins	<b>29</b> 7:15 Life March and Conference. Carpool from church to St. John, Topeka 8:30 Matins Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	<b>30</b> 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	<b>31</b> 8:30 Matins 7:00 Men's Gamenight	<b>1</b> 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service

Pastors at Symposia, Concordia Theological Seminary, Indiana

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Joely Hickman	8 Evelyn Zulauf	18 Kaci Sullivan	23 Ronald & Joanie Jones	31 Evianna Johnson
1 Rylee Hickman	9 Steve Crowell	19 Kevin & Lanette Carder	23 Thomas Schubert	
2 Jim Evans	11 Marc Muntzel	20 Sloane Lingo	24 Kris Ball	
3 Timothy Schubert	11 Emily Stuart	20 Mel Hawk	25 Maggie Armintrout	
4 Nancy Hobelmann	15 David Ford	20 Ralph Hailey	26 Maggie Schilling	
4 Richard Schilling	15 Wendy Dedede	21 Caleb Grimm	26 Brady Sullivan	
5 Richard & Erica Schilling	15 Gretchen Bast	21 Suzette France-Mack	26 Kinsey Swartz	
6 Chris Stevens	16 Amy Galyean	21 Ashlyn Reeves	26 Jessica Zulauf	
7 Jase & Sheridan Hartenbower	17 Allan Stork	22 Max Bohndorf	26 Chelsey Knoernschild	
7 Derron Mayer	18 Eleanor Lenahan	22 Kim Mars	27 Sarah Bretz	
8 Kim Benzel	18 Gary Cordes	22 Lauren Kerr	30 Alex Harper	



# Thank You!

- ❖ All who helped with Christmas Decorations.
- ❖ All who helped and came to Sunday School gamenight.
- ❖ To all who donated to the can food drive.
- ❖ LWML & Youth Group for the Advent meals and all who came.
- ❖ Jodi Weinkauff for making 8! Baptism banners recently.

## 2024 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of November:

Offerings     \$447,881  
Expenses     \$357,508

Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

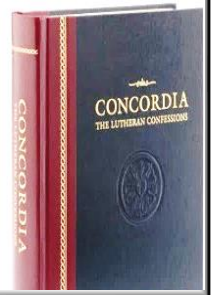
# Book of Concord Study

## Jan. 26 6:00 pm

Join us any time for this continuous study.

All welcome to come for an evening of enrichment in our Lutheran doctrine and Scriptural engagements, food, & refreshments.

*Last Sunday evening of the month.*



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"Let the peace of Christ change how you live—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God's child in the peace of Jesus."

"All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: 'I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14).'"

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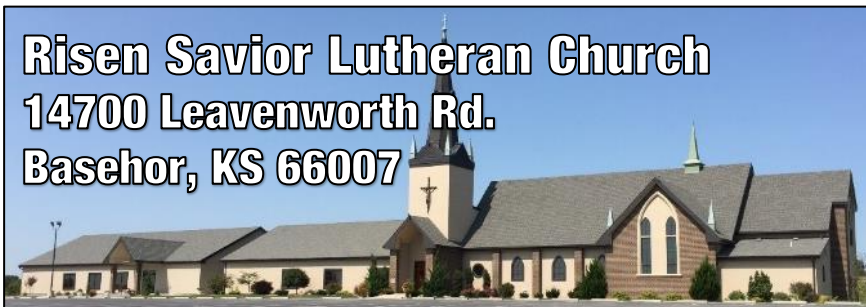


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