

A New Year of Being Made New Pastor Weinkauf

"And He who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new!'" (Rev. 25) Notice the tense of the verb spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ in the verse above. It is not past or future, but present. He doesn't say I have made or will make all things new, but I am making all things new! That is very significant, my friends, for it assures us that our Lord Jesus Christ is no absentee landlord, but an active Savior and very present help in our time of need. It is true that He "made all things new" by His death and resurrection and that He "will make all things new" on the Last Day when He returns in glory, but it is equally true that He is, even now, "making all things new."

He is "with us always" just as He promised to be. He continues to do mighty things in our presence, gifting us with forgiveness, life, and salvation through the precious means of grace He Himself established—His Holy Word and Sacraments. As we continue to come into His presence and receive these gifts from His gracious hands, He continues to make us new, preserving us as His beautiful and immaculate Bride, perfectly holy and righteous in His Father's sight. It is this glorious truth, this beautiful promise, this awesome reality, which allows us to transition into a new earthly year without fear, and full of confidence. We don't know what lies ahead for us in this new year, but we do know that nothing—not financial difficulties, not broken relationships, not illness or injury, not even death—can separate us from the love God has for us who are continuously made new by His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord (Rom. 8). For that reason, we can rest assured that this new year (like all new years) will be one of extraordinary blessing for us, for it will be a new year of being made new by our Lord.

Thus, let us resolve to heed the exhortation given us in Hebrews and "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews. 10). For it is when we "meet together" in the Divine Service that our Lord washes us clean in His Blood and makes us ever new.

We all have an amazing year ahead of us. The Lord is with us. How can it be otherwise? Our congregation has many joyful matters before us in this new year. I commend you all to be fervent in prayer for all that the Lord has set before us to attend to in our homes, in our vocations, in our congregation. May the Holy Spirit work upon us all for renewed "zeal for the Lord's House" (Psalm 69), to read and study His Word, and our lives of service to others!

Blessed New Year!

KEY EVENTS

January 4

Feast of Epiphany
Wednesday
7:00 pm
Divine Service

January 8

Feast of the
Baptism of Our Lord

Installation of
Officers, 10:30

January 9

Classical Academy
resumes

January 22

Adult Catechism/
New Member class begins

January 24

Life Conference &
March to Capitol

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Life Conference & March to Capitol

St. John, Topeka is hosting a Conference that includes the annual Life March.

See Pastor Weinkauff to Register by Jan. 15

Tuesday Jan. 24

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Salemink, Exec. Director Lutherans for Life

- ☑ **Carpool - Leave here at 7:15 am for St. John, Topeka.**
- ☑ **Box lunch provided.**
- ☑ **Return around 2:30 pm.**

This includes a March, 5 blocks to the State Capitol where we will gather with 3,000+ other Christians for a program, greeting of KS Legislators and notable speakers from the Capitol steps.





**Jan. 9
Spring
Semester
begins**

Risen Savior Classical Academy

Amanda Uhlmansiek, Director; Pastor Weinkauff, Headmaster

Nursery staffing and some Instructor classes available. These are paid positions. For inquiries, questions, desire to help, please see: Pastor Weinkauff or our Director Amanda Uhlmansiek 314-489-0704 akuhlmansiek@gmail.com

CHECK OUT THE ACADEMY BULLETIN BOARD in the Augsburg Hall. Special thanks to Amanda Harbord who coordinated our Christmas activities as you will see some photos of the many activities.

Favorite Christmas Hymn Kantor Schreiber

I often get this question: "Kantor, what is your favorite hymn?" This is a fair and honest question, after all, I may seem supremely qualified to offer this input knowing that my opinion comes off the back of ten years of playing the hymns, six of those years being regularly for a Church job. In addition, my time at the University included hours of hymn study and hymn playing strategies, practices, techniques, ideas. This is, of course, all in addition to my personal appreciation and love for our Lutheran "canon" of hymns. However, as many of you who have asked this question in the past know, the answer is this: "I don't have a favorite, there are too many to choose from. However, my greatest appreciation is for the hymns of Paul Gerhardt." Many are familiar with the name, some are familiar with his vocation as a Pastor in Germany and the societal circumstances which he had seen throughout his life. Because of great turmoil and rampant death during his lifetime, Gerhardt's hymns preach to a different Christian than those of Luther and the Reformation Era. Instead of a militant and godly-rebellious people, Gerhardt is the Shepherd of the defeated and dying. This has created a totally different affect in his work. Next time you see Gerhardt's name at the bottom corner of the hymn page, of the language used. Call to mind Luther's classics, and search for those affective differences which Gerhardt and Luther showcase.



**Paul
Gerhardt**
1607-1676

Chief among examples are Paul Gerhardt's Christmas Chorales in LSB, "All My Heart Again Rejoices" and "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is." These hymns as we see them in our hymnal feature texts that are "... rich in imagery that is faithful to the original." (From The Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns Volume 1) Gerhardt's focus is clearly different from many of the Anglican hymnists who have created some of the most recognizable hymns and carols for Christmas. He makes no mention of the Christ-child's "tender and mild"-ness, nor the lowing cattle, nor does he speculate on the weather patterns in Bethlehem at the time of Christ's incarnation. Rather, we hear about what the Incarnate God means for us Christians: Hope. He is not dealing in matters of preservation from "Pope and Turk", but rather preservation from eternal death. I will leave you with a mere glimpse of these beautiful texts, so you will have to find them in your hymnal for the remaining beauty. "Softly from His lowly manger Jesus calls one and all, You are safe from danger. Children, from the sins that grieve you, you are freed; All you need I will surely give you." "The world may hold her wealth and gold; But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true treasure. To him hold fast until at last a crown be thine and honor in full measure."



**Begins
Jan. 22
5 pm.**

Adult Catechism Class Pastor Weinkauf

Starts Jan. 22, 5 pm. "Evangelism" that is, Good News, this Scriptural truth shows us is: preaching, teaching, study of God's Word faithfully, liturgical worship, the proper use of the Sacraments, the daily living out of our faith in Jesus Christ, in the fellowship of the body of Christ, and in love toward others. This is the appropriate, effective means for sharing the faith, confessing Christ, and "growing the Church." That is why we should consider it a joy to share with others -what we have at Risen Savior that the gift of our Lord they are missing or being mis-taught. Now is the time to think of some people to invite/encourage to "look into" Risen Savior, perhaps bring them to the classes. 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.



**See you
Sundays
9:15 am**

Sunday School **3 year old – 8th grade** Amanda Harbord

Thanks to all who help with the Advent meals!
Thank you for all who helped, attended and children for the Christmas Program!
Thanks to the Table Talk group for watching kids at our December gamenight.
Next Sunday School gamenight/ Parent datenight: **February 10**



**No Jan.
youth
night**

Youth Group **High School youth** Pastor Weinkauf

No January youth night.
February 5, 6:00 pm. Invite any friends.
- Thanks to all who help with the Advent meals!
- 2023 Higher Things, July 10-15. Save the date. Letters going out to all families as we need to reserve out spots.



**Jan. 6
6:30 pm**

TableTalk **19-39 yr. old** Kantor Schreiber

January 6, 6:30 pm as we usually meet the 1st Friday. Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.



Men's Basketball

Starts Jan. 8, Sundays, 8 pm. All men (high school & up) of the congregation, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up games.



Katie's Sisters (after Katy Luther, Ladies NightOut) Katlyn Selbe

What a blessing to start our 4th year of Katie's Sisters! You should have picked up the "secret sister" information in your mailbox. If you need extra copies, please let Katlyn Selbe know. Please have it filled out by January 19th to participate. This year we are doing a sock swap!

**Jan. 19
6:30 pm
Kelley's
Grille**

The next Katie's Sisters is January 19, 6:30 pm. We will meet at Kelley's in Basehor for dinner. They are located at 15540 State Ave.

Save your third Thursday of the month (usually) to gather with us for various activities.



1st Friday Trustees Richard Uhlmansiek

**No Jan.
meeting**

No January gathering. Next February 3. 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.



Book Club Amanda Uhlmansiek

**Jan. 5
6:30 pm**

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...

January 5: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

February 2: East of Eden by John Steinbeck



Women in Mission Chyleen Pauesick, President

**No
January
meeting**

The Risen Savior Women in Mission thank all who participated in the cookie walk. Thanks to all who brought cookies and to all who purchased them. We raised more than \$800 and will send that to the student co-op at the seminary in Fort Wayne.

We will be delivering gift bags in January, but will not have a regular meeting.

We appreciate everyone's support.



Men's Gamenight usually 4th Fridays

**Jan. 27
7:00 pm**

January 27, Friday 7 pm. All men of the congregation (and any friends), over 18, welcome to come to our monthly Men's GameNight. A collegial time for men to gather and enjoy a time of gregarious, godly behavior. Sometimes we've gone outside, usually play cards, usually enjoy smoked meats, always have snacks and fine beverages.

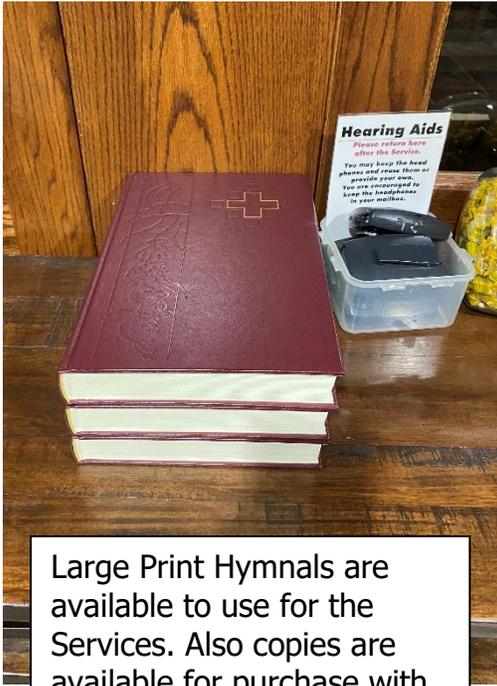
March we will be heading to Ronnie Miller's for games and to watch the NCAA games.

April we are looking to go the Peter's for shotguns, pistol, rifle shooting.



Children's Christmas Program. This years' theme: The Great O Antiphons. Special thanks to: Amanda Harbord, Kim Dunn, Susan Eubanks, and Kantor for their work.





Large Print Hymnals are available to use for the Services. Also copies are available for purchase with the CPH book display.



Food Collection. Thank you as over 700 cans were donated for Lutheran Urban Ministry Agency.

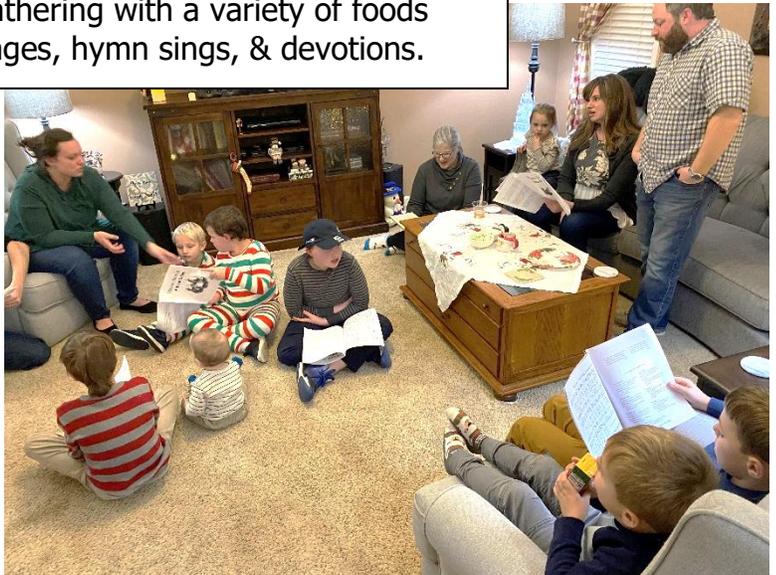
Thanks to all who came out for the church decorating.



Some of the TableTalk group was able to attend the Handel's Messiah at the Kaufman Center.



Adventide Socials. Thanks to the Miller's and Mustapich's to open their houses for a time of social gathering with a variety of foods and beverages, hymn sings, & devotions.



JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Name of Jesus 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service	2	3	4 Epiphany (transferred) 7:00 p Divine Service	5 6:30 p Book Club	6 6:30 p TableTalk	7 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service
8 Baptism of Our Lord 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 6:00 p Youth Group 8:00 p Men's Basketball	9 8:30a-3:30p RSCA Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30 p Board of Elders	10 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	11 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Vocal choir 7:45 p Bell choir	12 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	13	14 6:00 p Divine Service
15^{2nd} Sun. aft Epiphany 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Church Council 8:00 p Men's Basketball	16 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	17 10 a Newsletter deadline	18 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 6:30 p Vocal choir 7:00 p Bell choir	19 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Katie's Sister	20	21 6:00 p Divine Service
22^{3rd} Sun. aft Epiphany 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 5:00 p Adult Catechism Class 8:00 p Men's Basketball	23 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	24 Confession of St. Peter 7:15 a Life March and Conference. Carpool from church to St. John, Topeka for a Life Conference & March to Capitol; back around 2:30 pm	25 Conversion of St. Paul 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Vocal choir 7:45 p Bell choir	26 St. Titus, Pastor 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	27 7:00 p Men's Gamenight	28 6:00 p Divine Service
29^{4th} Sun. aft Epiphany 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 5:00 p Adult Catechism 6:00 p Book of Concord study 8:00 p Men's Basketball	30 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	31	1 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Vocal choir 7:45 p Bell choir	2 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club	3 8-9:30 a 1st Friday Trustee work 6:30 p TableTalk	4 6:00 p Divine Service

Pastor at Symposia, Concordia Theological Seminary, Indiana

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Joely, Rylee Hackmann
3 Timothy Schubert
4 Richard Schilling
5 Nancy Habelmann
6 Richard & Erica Schilling
7 Derron Mayer
8 Miles Vincent
8 Evelyn Zulauf
9 Steve Crowell

11 Krista Byrd
11 Emily Stuart
11 Marc Muntzel
15 Gretchen Bast
15 David Ford
15 Wendy Dedek
17 Allan Stork
18 Gary Cordes
18 Eleanor Lenahan
18 Kaci Sullivan

18 Terry Follin
19 Kevin & Lanette Carder
20 Ralph Hailey
21 Ashlyn Reeves
21 Caleb Grimm
21 Suzette France-Mack
22 Max Bohndorf
22 Kim Mars
22 Lauren Kerr

23 Thomas Schubert
23 Ron & Joanie Jones
24 Kris Ball
25 Angie Armintrout
26 Ben Stinson
26 Maggie Schilling
26 Jessica Zulauf
26 Kinsey Swartz
26 Brady Sullivan
27 Samuel Turntine
27 Sarah Bretz
29 Pat Oyer
30 Alex Harper
31 Evianna Johnson

Thank You

To those families cleaning in December:

A Dedeke, J White, J Kasunic,
W Bremenkamp, T Dunn,
E Bremenkamp

To those who helped decorate the church.

To all who went Christmas Caroling to shut-ins.

To all who supported the Advent meals.

To our outgoing Church Council:

Ted Dunn, Brian Swearingen

2022 Financial

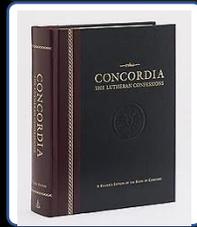
Full report posted in Church Office.
Less Dedicated Gifts/Expenses,

Through end of November:

Budget \$383,625

Offerings \$420,564

Expenses \$358,622



Book of Concord Study

Sunday, Jan. 29, 6 pm

Join us any time. 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

“When an abortion is performed, we proclaim that we know better than God. We disregard His wisdom, for He taught us that we should never kill innocent human beings. We proclaim that we do not want or need a gift from God. And in doing so, we seek to make ourselves more powerful than God. We seek to make ourselves God. Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn. This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials.”

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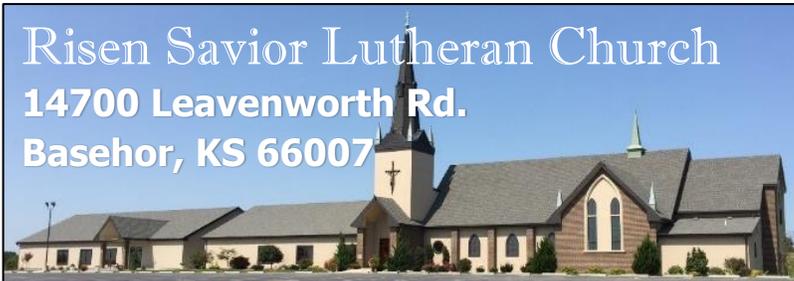


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