



Advent

Pastor Weinkauf

Advent. When we think of Advent, often we think of Advent calendars, counting the days until Christmas, trying to get all of the Christmas shopping done and maybe trying to make it to church on Wednesday nights. But what is Advent really all about?

Advent, for one thing, marks the beginning of the new Church Year. Advent comes from two Latin words (ad and venire) and means "to come to". It is the time when we think about Christ coming to earth. What was it that caused Christ to come to earth to dwell among us (Jn. 1:14)? In a word, it was sin that caused Christ to come down & become one of us. Christ came down to earth to save us from our sin.

Because it was our sin that caused Christ to come down to earth, Advent is traditionally a penitential season. By that I mean it is a time when we pause to reflect on our sin and God's great love for us in redeeming us from this sin. It is a time to prepare. The other penitential season in the Church Year is Lent. During Advent, for instance, we hold off from the Gloria (Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace...) or Hymn of Praise (This is the Feast) in the liturgy.

Advent, however, has a lot of competition. The commercial world does not want us in a reflective mood. They do not want us thinking about our sin. It is hard for us to stay focused on the cause of Christ's coming (our sin) during the world's pre-Christmas. Because of that, often it is hard to appreciate what Christ's coming means for us (our salvation). We would rather skip the penitence and get right to the celebration!

The second part to Advent has to do with Christ's Second Coming. Just like He came to earth the first time, so we know that He will come again. When Christ comes the Second Time, He will come again as our King and our Judge. Because He came the first time, we do not have to fear when He comes the second time.

So what can we do to slow down, and make Advent a part of our daily lives? One thing we can do is come to church on Wednesday nights. This is an opportunity for us to sit and reflect on God's Word. We will have the chance to ponder together many of these questions, and learn from Him about why He came to earth. Maybe, for just a little while, we can forget all of the commercials, all of the ads, all of the stuff about the worldly Christmas today, and remember what the first Christmas (the real Christmas) means for us.

We can also pray. We can pray that our Lord would open our hearts and minds to understand His Son, Jesus Christ. Pray that we might forsake our sin and the darkness of the world, and look to Him, our true Light.

Finally, we can ponder His Word. In church on the First Sunday of Advent you will find an Advent devotion for you to use at home. Try it. It won't take long, and it will help to bring into focus what it means that Christ would come to earth as a poor, little baby.

Being a Christian is not an easy thing. It is seasons like Advent that remind us of Who He is, what He did, and what that means for us today. May this Advent season be a time of penitential reflection, preparation, and joy for you and your family.

The Lord be with you for a blessed Advent & Christmas.

Key Events

Dec. 2

Sunday School
Game Night/
Parent Night Out

Dec. 7, 14

Midweek Advent

Dec. 9, 16

Adventide Socials

Dec. 11

Caroling to
shut-ins

Dec. 18

Cookie Walk
Children's Program

Dec. 24

Services
5 & 7 pm

Dec. 25

Divine Service
10:30 am

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Advent, Christmas Schedule

Advent Midweek

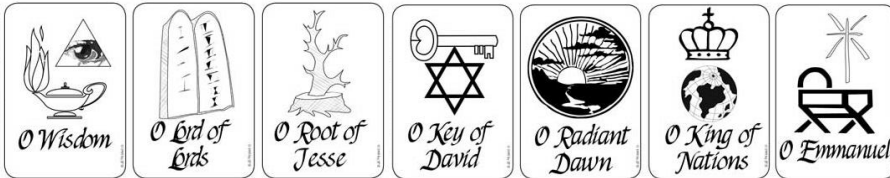
November 27, December 7, 14

Service 8:30 am; Bible Class 9:00 am

Supper 6:00-6:50 pm; meals hosted by LWML or Youth Group

Service 7:00-7:45 pm; Confirmation, Bell Choir 7:45-8:25

The ancient "O Antiphons" is this year's theme, as in the hymn "O Come, O come Emmanuel":



Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 18, 6:00 pm, followed by reception



Christmas Eve Services

5:00 & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Divine Service

10:30 am Only 1 Service this Sunday

New Years' Eve

Divine Service 6:00 pm

No other activities this year as it falls on a Saturday



New Years' Day – Name of Jesus

Divine Service 10:30 am

Only 1 Service this Sunday



Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8th grade

Amanda Harbord, Education

Gamenight/Parent Datenight

Friday, Dec. 2, 6-8 pm

We always have one 1 week after Thanksgiving which can be a great time to shop.

Christmas Program:

Sunday, Dec. 18, 6 pm

Program practice:

Saturday, Dec. 17, 10 am-Noon



Youth Group

High School
Pastor Cockran

Dec. 4

6:00-8:00 pm

Invite any friends.

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Table Talk

19-39 year old

Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.

Led by Kantor Schreiber.

Dec. 2 Help with Sunday School gamenight

You may bring snacks or drinks to share but not necessary.

Adventide Socials

All invited, including children, to gathering at a home from 7-8 pm on 2 Fridays in Advent. Come to one or all, as they are planned in various locations. Bring a snack or beverage to share if you wish. There will be social visiting and then wrap-up with a hymn sing, and prayer.

Dec. 9: Mustapich, 22224 W. 58th St., Shawnee
(just 9 minutes south of the church, off K-& behind Walmart, near Mill Valley H.S.)

Dec. 16: Miller, 2209 Hidden Valley Dr., Tonganoxie
(off Hwy 24, eastside of Tonganoxie, 9 minutes west of church)



**Dec. 9
Dec. 16
7-8 pm**

Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins

Sunday, Dec. 11, 3:00 pm we'll meet at the church and carpool to our stops. We should return to the church by **5:00 pm**. Everyone is encouraged to join us in this special gift for others.



**Dec. 11
3:00 pm**

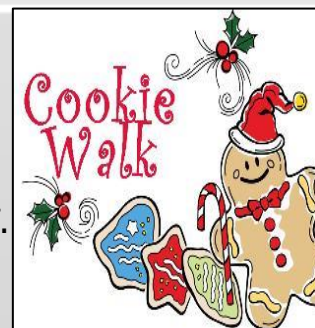
Women in Mission

Chyleen Pauesick, President

We will have our annual Cookie Walk on December 18, before and after and in between services on Sunday morning. We invite all of you to purchase cookies that day (\$8.00 per dozen), and they can be used in your gift trays and for your Christmas celebrations, and you won't have to bake any yourself. You are welcome to bring cookies to donate. They can be here on Saturday 9:00, December 17, for when we set up. If you can't bring them on Saturday, you are welcome to bring them on Sunday before church or Sunday School.

All of the money received for this project is sent to the student co-op at the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Thanks in advance for helping us to make this a wonderful mission project.

Ann has volunteered to have our Christmas party at her house. Address is 1244 N. 129th Terrace, Kansas City, KS 66109. Since this is in an apartment complex, I would suggest some carpooling, to save on parking. Bring a favorite dish of food to share, and we will prepare Christmas bags for shut-ins and people living alone. If you want to shop for an item (20 bags, probably), fresh fruit, snack items, candy can be brought to put in the bags. Fresh fruit is also welcome, and stamps and envelopes. If you have any questions, please call Chyleen 913-515-4765.



**Dec. 18
Cookie
Walk**





Can Food Drive

NOW through December 18

Our annual collection for Lutheran Urban Ministry Agency food pantry. Place cans in the Narthex. Our goal is 700 cans.



Poinsettias

Available for \$10. Deadline **Dec. 18**. They will be placed in the church for the Christmas Services. Forms in the Narthex. Bulletins will note memorial or thanksgiving. You make take yours home after any of the Services.



Katie's Sisters

Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator

Thanks to all who came to the craft night in November! December we will not have Katie's Sisters, but keep a look for our annual secret sister forms in your church mailbox this month! We will gather in January with going out to eat.

No
December
gathering



Book Club

Amanda Uhlmansiek, Coordinator

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...

December 1: Amusing Ourselves to Death by Neil Postman (2005)

January 5: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

February 2: East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Dec. 1
6:30 pm



1st Friday Trustees

Board of Trustees, Richard Uhlmansiek

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.

No December
gathering

Weekly Bible Classes

Sunday 9:15
Gospel of John

Wednesday 8:30 Matins, 9:00 Class
Acts



Men's Gamenight

Usually 4th Friday of the month

No December gathering. All men of the congregation (& friends), over 18, are welcome to come to our monthly Men's Gamenight. This is a collegial time for men to gather, enjoy a time of gregarious behavior.



Risen Savior Classical Academy

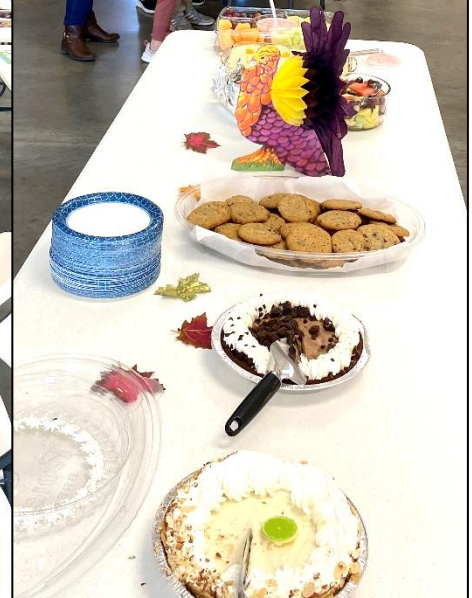


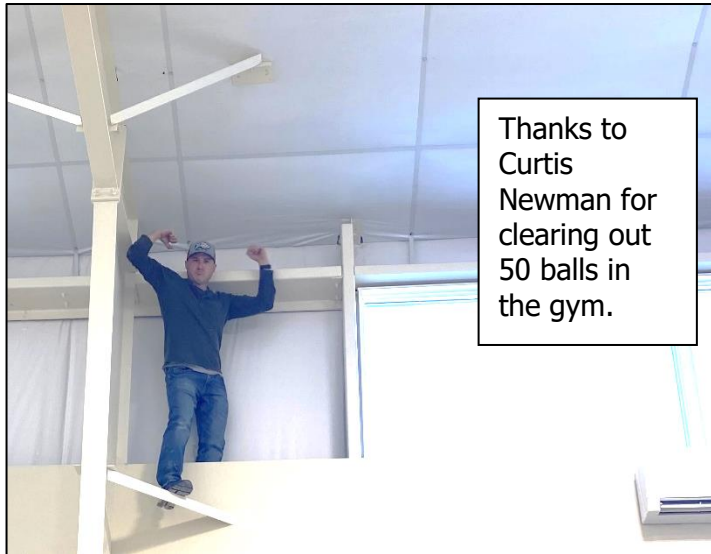
- ❖ HELP. Nursery staffing and some Instructor classes available. These are paid positions.
- ❖ For inquiries, questions, desire to help, please see:
Pastor Weinkauff or our Director Amanda Uhlmansiek 314-489-0704
akuhlmansiek@gmail.com

Special Events held as Reformation Day fell on an Academy day and a potluck lunch for parents, grandparents. and special activities for Thanksgiving. Thanks to Katlyn Selbe, Amanda Uhlmansiek, Amanda Harbord, Curtis & Emily Newman, Lauren Durlfinger for these events.



Turkey Cup won by the House of Vir.





Thanks to Curtis Newman for clearing out 50 balls in the gym.

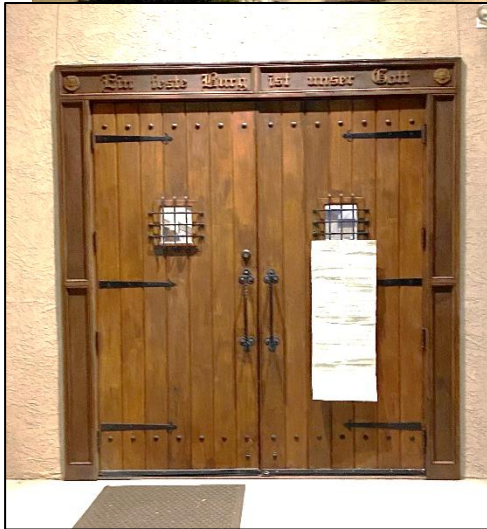
Our Library keep growing and 2 new large shelves added.



November Youth Group activity.



505th Reformation Day! A great crowd, great weather, a great day! German meal, Vespers with hymns of Luther, kids burning indulgences, huge fireworks, gathering with drinks & desserts at the firepits.



Thanks to Phil Swearingen and young men for the set-up and launch of our Reformation Day fireworks.





Another wunderbar Christkindlmarkt! A big thanks to Teresa Miller for the German meal, Jodi Weinkauf for coordinating 32 vendors to fill our main hall and gym, to participate in RSLC's 7th annual craft fair. This event served as another great fundraiser for the Board of Outreach and Fellowship.



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 1 st Sunday in Advent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Church Planning mtg 6:00 p Book of Concord study	28 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	29	30 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 <i>St. Andrew, apostle</i>	1 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club 6:30 p Vocal choir practice	2 6:00-8 p Sunday School Gamenight/ Parent Datentight 6:30 p TableTalk	3 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service
4 2 nd Sun. in Advent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 6:00 p Youth Group	5 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	6	7 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	8 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Vocal choir practice	9 7:00 p Adventide Social	10 6:00 p Divine Service
11 3 rd Sun. in Advent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 3-5 p Caroling to Shut-ins	12 8:30a-3:30p RSCA Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30 p Board of Elders	13 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	14 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	15 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Vocal choir practice	16 7:00 p Adventide Social	17 10 a-Noon Christmas Program Practice 6:00 p Divine Service
18 4 th Sun. in Advent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 9:15 a Cookie Walk 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Church Council 6:00 p Children's Program	19	20 10:00 a Newsletter due <i>St. Thomas, apostle</i>	21 7:00 p Vocal choir practice 7:45 p Bell choir practice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 p Service 7:00 p Service
25 Christmas Day 10:30 a Divine Service	26 <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i>	27 <i>St. John, apostle</i>	28 <i>Holy Innocents'</i>	29	30	31 Eve of Jesus Name 6:00 p Divine Service

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Rae Ann Evans	8 Michaela Turntine	20 Reagan & Marlaime Malone	30 Gary & Nancy Hobelmann
3 Kirk Sullivan	9 Forest & Karen Erickson	20 Ron Swartz	30 Luke Muntzel
3 Lynette Ford	9 Annabelle Hillyer	21 Leah Muntzel	31 Lanis & Anita Yarbrough
5 Gene & Tammy Davidson	9 Jim & Billie Brush	21 Alto Arana	31 Emma Hall
5 David Benzel	10 Klein Selbe	23 Owen Johnson	31 Brenda Fincham
5 Matt & Jean Dedeke	11 Owen Byrd	24 Keagan Murry	31 John & Linda Schreer
6 Oscar Peters	12 Andy Dedeke	28 Neil Wiehe	
6 Bronson Durringer			
8 Annabelle Hillyer			

Thank You

To families cleaning in Nov.

L Ford, Eubanks, Stevens,
Johnson, Cordes, Woelk

To Forrest Erickson for the handrail at Augsburg Hall.

For those who prepare the Offering Deposit.

If you wish to be in the rotation
please see Derek Peters.

For those who usher.

If you wish to Usher see Pastor
Weinkauff or an Elder.

2022 Financial

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

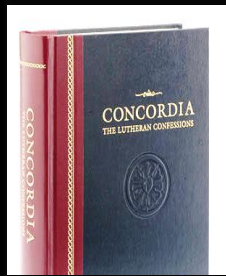
Through end of October:

Budget \$348,750

Offerings \$378,045

Expenses \$323,262

Over \$130,000 this year additional
principle paid on our mortgage!



Book of Concord Study

Next one: Sunday, Jan. 29, 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.



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"Christmas is also a time to contemplate the gift
of mortal LIFE through the miracle of birth.
Christmas is the gift of LOVE that moms and dads
shower on their children by saying yes to life—
sometimes under very difficult circumstances.
Regardless of the challenges, God has a perfect
plan for each life that He brings into the world,
and His will for them is to out-sparkle and out-
shine any ornament. Unlike Christmas
ornaments, each baby is a unique life never to be
replicated in all of history. Each life brutally
ended by abortion will leave the world a lesser
place for it."

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