

Risen Savior Lutheran Church



April 18, 2021, 500th Anniversary of Luther's "Here I Stand"

Here We Stand.

2021

DECEMBER

Events

Dec. 1,8,15

Midweek Advent

Dec. 3,10,17

Adventide Socials

Dec. 4

Sunday School Game
Night/Parent Night Out

Dec. 12

Caroling to shut-ins

Dec. 19

Cookie Walk
Children's Program

Dec. 24

Services 5 & 7 pm

Dec. 25

Service 10:30 am

Dec. 31

Activities 8 pm
Service at 10 pm
Ends at 12:15 am

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Cleansed from Distractions

Pastor Cockran

Of all the images that come to mind of Decembers long past, one that tends to rise up in my mind with certain joy is lounging on the couch with a full stomach, surrounded by family and friends. However, if I am being honest, what also rises in my mind are the images of the hectic hours ahead of relatives arriving, where the family engages in breakneck speed-cleaning.

In a certain way, this routine of "clean first, rest second" mirrors the annual Advent fast unto the Christmas feast. Advent is a time of anticipation and especially preparation. Namely, we prepare for soon being filled with Christ incarnate and the kingdom of God by first being cleansed of our sins through repentance (1 Jn 1:8-9). One of the marks of Christian maturity is desiring to see even more of one's own sin, since it leads us to see even more of our Savior's mercy and love in forgiving us of our sin. Then, bearing fruits in keeping with repentance, this leads us to flourish even more in conforming ourselves to how God made us to live and have our being.

One particular category of sin that affects us deeper than we realize are what the ancients called acedia (pronounced 'uh-see-dee-uh'). The common English word "sloth" really does not do it justice. Rather, this is best thought of as spiritual lethargy, a sluggishness of soul, even being distracted and so indifferent against the Word of God and the true, good, and beautiful that flows from the Word. When we think of the story of Mary and Martha (Lk 10:38ff), we would not naturally think of Martha as "slothful." However, she does engage in acedia as she uses her cleaning and hosting as a distraction taking her away from the words of Jesus.

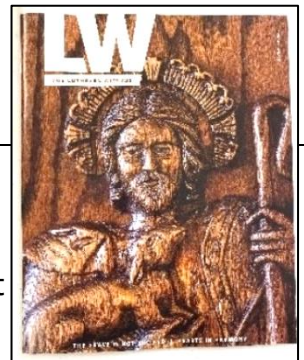
What is causing you to be indifferent to the word? What causes you to be distracted? Well, this Advent, let us take stock in that which causes us to lose out the most on the gifts God has to give, and how we can safeguard our time and focus for that which matters most. Consider especially how much you participate in the average American devotion of eleven hours of the day to consuming digital media (Nielsen, 2018). Take a step back and assess the enslaving grip that certain technologies may indeed have on your soul and also affect your relationships. Begin to cut away at your addictions. Many resources are available, as I am presently digging through a few of them and am happy to share what resources I have found most helpful. Just ask!

Fill your cleansed soul with what is true, good, and beautiful. Attend the Advent midweek services. Gaze at the beauty of the stained glass. Ponder the stories and seek the Scriptures that the images depict. Compare such images to the images of deception that often fill our screens that are bankrupt of beauty. This is only the beginning. God's got more to give than you can imagine. It's time to cleanse our hearts of distractions as we look forward to the coming of our King.

A quick advertisement: at our Risen Savior Classical Academy, we believe that students need willing spirits, writing supplies, and good books in order to thrive. We strive as much as possible to limit digital technologies. Consider how you can take part in sharing with the next generation that which our forefathers found to be true, good, and beautiful.

Lutheran Witness Cover

Once Again! Our pulpit wood carving is featured on the November cover. No other information or details about Risen Savior is noted, but indeed an honor that for the 4th time we have been on the cover, 5th time photos of us in the monthly magazine of the LCMS.



Time Pastor Weinkauff

New Church Year now. New Year ahead. One of the faults and results of the Fall in Eden was to fully embrace time, particularly the present moment, and a sense of personal destiny. Adam and Eve were not simply making a choice about God but about themselves for the moment. They literally seized the day from the hands of God who created time itself. All of man since, desires to define time and to make each person the center of that definition. You see it everywhere, even among us: It is my time, my destiny, my future, my life.

In our distorted view of time, we have invented such things as: "personal fulfillment," "life worth living", "bucket lists", feelings to define truth, we have seen the mottos of YOLO (you only live once) and "you be you" for our days. We have wrested this thing called time from the hands of God and made it our own. But we have chosen an illusion of time in which we can make chart our destiny, right our wrongs, judge for ourselves, and make our peace with death. Nowhere is this more telling than the way people respect life and God given-time itself from the moment to concept to natural death.

Christians are not without being tempted by this false and misleading view of time in which WE are its center. The reality is that time without God is nothing but a curse. Without God as its center, it is the worst of all possible burdens, a fruitless endeavor destined for predictable end, God's wrath. It is not simply that God rescues us from the burdens of time gone wrong with the resurrection but that God takes back time from us and gives us His time back. For me to live is Christ as Paul states.

We fight daily with an urge to spend time for ourself, to consume instead of produce, to find ease instead of service, and not ever have difficult times. In doing so, we are urged along by St. Paul to walk worthy -not of this life- but of the God who rescued us from sin and delivered to us -a life beyond imagination with Him.

We pursue this life not on our own or for ourselves but as a people set apart for the good works that shine Christ's light into our darkness and find our purpose not in us but in the Lord who made us for Himself.

Stewardship is the living out of this sanctification – God's holy work in us, the acknowledgement that everything we have that is good has been given to us by God and is good only when we use it for His purposes. Stewardship is our use of time first of all -- gift, blessing, and vocation. Everything else in our stewardship pales in comparison to time and flows from the right ordering of our days. Indeed, Psalm 90 is especially devoted to our Lord work to us in our time, as we pray: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. And Wisdom has come in the flesh for you.

Sunday School



Gamenight/Parent Datenight
Saturday, Dec. 4, 5-7 pm
We always have one 1 week after Thanksgiving which can be a great time to shop.

Christmas Program:
Sunday, Dec. 19, 6 pm
Program practice:
Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 am – Noon

Youth Group

High School



Dec. 5
6:00-8:00 pm
Invite any friends.

Save the Date:
Higher Things,
July 25-30, 2022

higherthings.org



Table Talk



Young Adults,
designed for 19-30 year old

Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word. Some beverages and snacks provided. Feel free to bring something but not necessary.

Next gathering:

on hold

1st Fridays

Divine Services



Dec. 5 2nd Sunday in Advent

Malachi 3:1-7b; Phil. 1:2-1; Luke 3:1-14
The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord
Hymn: 518-344-346-353-936-352

Dec. 12 3rd Sunday in Advent

Zeph. 3:14-20; Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28
The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice
Hymns: 338-346-515-335-636-349

Dec. 19 4th Sunday in Advent

Micah 5:2-5; Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace
Hymns: 355-357-332-356-353-362

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Heb. 1:1-6; John 1:1-14
The Living and Life-Giving Word of God Dwells among Us in the Flesh

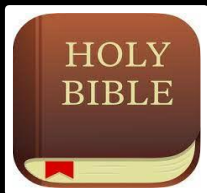
Dec. 26 Feast of St. Stephen

Hymns: 518-667-372-624-389-733

Dec. 31 Name, Circumcision of Jesus

Hymns: 898-899-390

Bible Class



Sunday 9:15 am
Genesis

Wednesday 9:00 am
2 Corinthians

Advent, Christmas Schedule

Advent Midweek Services Dec. 1, 8, 15

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

Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 19, 6:00 pm, followed by reception

Christmas Eve Services 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Divine Service 10:30 am

New Years' Eve Divine Service 10:00 pm

Activities begin at 8 pm, wrap-up at 12:15 am.

Poinsettias

Available for \$10. Deadline **Dec. 19.**

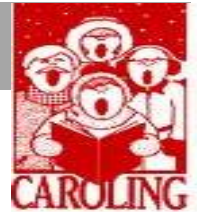
They will be placed in the church for the Christmas Services. Forms in the Narthex. Bulletins will note memorial or thanksgiving. You may take yours home after any of the Services.



Caroling Shut-ins

Sunday, Dec. 12, 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.



**Dec. 12
3:00 pm**

Book Club

Amanda Uhlmansiek
Coordinator

A variety of books to be taken up.
1st Thursday of the month, 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!)

Order now for upcoming gatherings...

Dec. 2: A Narrative of the Life of David
Crockett ISBN:9781490967455

No January Book Club

February 3: The Brothers Karamazov by
Fyodor Dostoevsky.



**Dec. 2
6:30 pm**

New Year's Eve @ Church



Activities for young and old begin **8:00 pm.**

Divine Service **10:00 pm.**

You may come early for the celebration activity or come for the Service. After the Divine Service, stay and ring in the New Year with us. We'll shut down by 12:15 am.

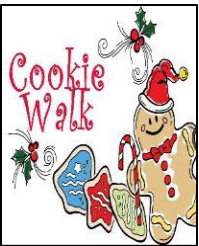
There will be many activities, snacks, and beverages. You may bring some to share as well.

Women in Mission

Chyleen Pauesick
President



Our annual cookie walk on December 19, before and after worship services. You will be able to buy cookies of many varieties (home-made) and use them for your holiday gifts and entertaining and not have to make your own. Everyone is welcome to bring a tray of your favorite cookies to donate. All proceeds will be used for mission work, one of the main ones being the Student Co-op at the Seminary in Fort Wayne. Cookies will be sold at \$7 per dozen. You will pick the cookies that you want.



Dec. 19

Cookie Doebele has made us a beautiful quilt that we will be selling opportunities on. Tickets will be available at the Cookie Walk. Anytime in between, tickets may be purchased from Chyleen Pauesick or Michelle Mortensen. These proceeds will also be used for mission projects. Tickets will \$1 each or 6/\$5, or, better yet, 30/\$20.

Our Christmas Party will be held in Wittenberg Hall, on January 2, 4:00. We will have a potluck meal, so bring anything that you like to make: hot dish, salad, side dish, dessert, or whatever is your favorite. We will then make a beef stew meal to be delivered to 20 of our older adults. All women are invited to join us. You might want to bring a sharp knife or two for cutting up vegetables and meat.

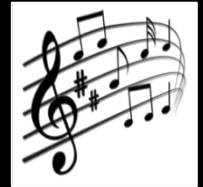
Kantor

If you play an instrument, please contact or introduce yourself to our new Kantor.

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Music Lessons



Watch for updates...

Classical Academy

We are wrapping up our first semester as a two-day Academy and giving thanks to God for our victories! Feel free to drop in on Mondays or Thursdays to see the action.

Prayerfully consider how the Lord could be preparing you to be a part of our endeavor! We have periodic need for supervision during morning and afternoon recess, lunch, and after school.

We also are in need of substitutes and instructors for future years in order to fulfill our goals. Please speak with Pastor Cockran or Amanda Uhlmansiek for more information.

Katie's Sisters -Ladies Night Out

sisters of Katy Luther
Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator



We had a great night out at Frontier Justice. We had many who could not come as they limited us to 20 people. We will return in the spring.

No Katie's Sisters in December.

Check your church mailboxes for information regarding our annual **Secret Sister** gift swap!

January 20 for our regularly schedule gathering we will be eating out.
Location forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Risen Savior Moms Group

No mom's group in December.

January 14, 10 am we will meet at the Basehor Fire Department for a tour just for our group. No need to RSVP.



✠ **COLLENE J. DICKINSON** ✠ **SEPT. 30, 1960 - OCT. 28, 2021**

Collene was given life by her Lord and born September 30, 1960 to James and Carolyn (Meints) Pantle in Winchester, Kansas.

On October 9, 1960, she became a child of God in Holy Baptism at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Wyandotte County. In 1974, she was confirmed at St. Martin Lutheran Church and received the precious gift of the Lord's life-giving body and blood throughout her life. Collene grew up in Basehor and graduated from Basehor High School in 1978.

On December 2, 1995 she was united in Holy Matrimony to Maurice Dickinson and together they made their home in Basehor where they raised their two daughters. For many years she worked for Wyandotte County teaching living skills to mentally disabled adults. Later she taught special education at the elementary schools in the Basehor-Linwood School District.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother David Ray Pantle. Survivors include her husband, Maurice Dickinson, daughters Jennifer (John) Stuart and Caroline (David) Porth and two grandchildren Joseph and Emily. One sister Susan (Jeff) Detwiler, sister-in-law Carol (David) Pantle and brother James (Sandy) Pantle.

On October 28, 2021, God blessed Collene with a holy death and took her to heaven to receive a crown of life. Her body will lay in rest at Maple Grove Cemetery, Tonganoxie, awaiting resurrection of Christ's return. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed by the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God; Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit for our loved one Collene and we look forward to a blessed reunion with all those in Christ.



Monthly Feature Highlight

Advent Socials are back!

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

Dec. 3: Mortensen, 3730 N. 152 Terr., Basehor
(just 3 minutes west of the church)

Dec. 10: Uhlmansiek, 1013 S. 17th Terr., Leavenworth
(just off 20th & Spruce in Leavenworth, 18 minutes north of the church)

Dec. 17: Byrd, 11457 S. Carbondale, Olathe
(just off K-7 & College, 16 minutes south of the church)



David Benzel hand-made this table which has been placed in the Sacristy. A beautiful work of art!



An Academy class getting ready for an art project.

Service Project

Can Food Drive

Nov. 21-
Dec. 19



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

1st Friday Trustees



Dec. 3
8:00 am

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.

2022 Risen Savior LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF ELDERS

Please feel free to contact any Elder for ideas, thoughts, issues.



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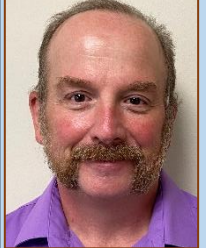
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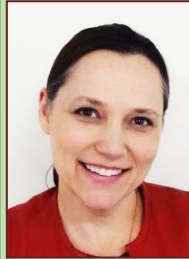
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Funeral Luncheons



Deb Swearingen

504th Reformation Day!

A great crowd of over 125, 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 crew for the firework show and putting out the after-the-show fires on the hill.



Another wunderbar Christkindlmarket! A big thanks to Jodi Weinkauf for obtaining 30 vendors to participate in RSLC's 6th annual German style craft fair. The market was busy with shoppers preparing for the Christmas season, our largest crowd as over 400 people come through. This event served as another great fundraiser for the Board of Outreach & Fellowship.



December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 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	29 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	30 <i>St. Andrew, apostle</i>	1 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	2 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club 6:30 p Vocal choir practice	3 8-9:30 a First Friday Trustee work 7:00 p Adventide Social	4 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution 5:00-7 p Sunday School Gamenight/ Parent Datentight
5 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	6 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	7	8 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	9 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Trail Life 6:30 p Vocal choir practice	10 7:00 p Adventide Social	11
12 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	13 Noon Lunch with pastors 6:30 p Board of Elders	14 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	15 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	16 10:00 a Newsletter due 6:30 p Vocal choir practice	17 7:00 p Adventide Social	18 10 a-Noon Christmas Program Practice
19 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	20 <i>St. Thomas, apostle</i>	21	22 7:00 p Vocal choir practice 7:45 p Bell choir practice	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 p Service 7:00 p Service	25 Christmas Day 10:30 a Divine Service
26 Feast of St. Stephen 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 6:00 p Book of Concord	27 <i>St. John, apostle</i>	28 <i>Holy Innocents'</i>	29	30	31 Eve of Jesus Name 8:00 p Activities begin 10:00 p Divine Service 12:15 a Activities end	1 New Years' Day

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Rae Ann Evans	9 Forest & Karen Erickson	19 Erick & Sarah Bohndorf	23 Owen Johnson	30 Gary & Nancy Hobelmann
3 Kirk Sullivan	10 Klein Selbe	19 Jerry Long	24 Keagan Murry	30 Luke Muntzel
5 David Benzel	11 Owen Byrd	20 Ron Swartz	28 Neil Wiehe	31 Lanis & Anita Yarbrough
5 Gene & Tammie Davidson	12 Andy Dedeker	20 Patrick Walker		31 Emma Hall
6 Bronson Durlfinger	13 Mary Ellen Ballard	20 Reagan & Marfaine Malone		31 Brenda Fincham
6 Oscar Peters	15 Samuel Kingery	21 Leah Muntzel		31 John & Linda Scheer
8 Michaela Turmtine	18 Jon Goodsmith			
8 Annabelle Hillyer				

Book of Concord study



Sunday, January 30, 6pm

No December study. All welcome to join in any time for an evening of enrichment in Lutheran doctrine and Scriptural truth, fine beverages, and foods. Childcare provided. *Usually last Sunday of the month.*



Trail Life™

Christian scouting, ages 5-17
2nd & 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm
Patrick Budy 913-634-5410

Lutheransforlife.org

"The birth of Christ is consolation to the loneliness that began in the Garden of Eden. Jesus came because God cares about lonely people, and so should we. Find opportunities to give lonely people gifts—the gift of your time, presence, and encouragement. Because a Child is born, God joins Himself to our flesh. Every life is sacred. May the glorious Gospel preached to you in the birth of Jesus be the gospel that you preach to yourself and your family this month."



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Thank you!

For those families cleaning the church in November:

Follin Curtis
Johnson Eubanks

To our outgoing officers:

Marland Mortensen, Jerry Long,
Bryan Byrd, Paul Pausick,
James Turney, Caitlin Pettijohn,
Jim Stinson

To David Kalebaugh for the wall repair in the men's bathroom.

To Ronnie & Teresa Miller for the Reformation Day German meal.

To all who support our best ever Christkindle Markt,

Finances

Full report posted in Church Office.
Less Dedicated Gifts/Expenses,
through end of October:

Budget	\$336,000
Offerings	\$338,583
Expenses	\$295,271
Annual expense have now increased by \$34,500/ year with 2 nd Pastor, Kantor, Secretary.	