



## Events

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(Pancake Day)

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Lent begins

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Blood Drive

## Church

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## HOUSE BLESSINGS Pastor Burdorf

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 confirmed by the Baptism of our Lord and the voice of the Father from Heaven.

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. Our Lord has come, and all creation responds to him!

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.

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting indeed that we bless and sanctify our homes. Our homes serve as the central hub of the Christian life. In our homes, we welcome others, show hospitality, nurture, and care for the family God has given us. Let us commend them and all we do to the Lord.

Whether you have had your home blessed before or not, we would be honored to serve you and visit you in your home. 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.



## LENT BEGINS... FEB. 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

### Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18

8:30 am Divine Service  
6:30 pm Divine Service  
(no meal prior)



### Lent Midweeks

Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

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

5:30-6:20 pm Meal served  
hosted by Youth Group or LWML

6:30 pm Evening Service

# IS THE CHURCH NEEDED?

Pastor Weinkauff

This is a significant trend, growing trend in our world. How things are considered obsolete. If you don't see you have any needs, you certainly don't need Church. At least not every week. Our world increasingly does not see the need for God or the Church or piety. You can be spiritual, even daily devotions, as the drumbeat of Death is no longer our enemy, as long as we think we have some control over it. The primary purpose of life is presumed to be happy if we make the right decisions. If one is unhappy, change your life setting and make different decisions. These are decidedly different from the way things were generations ago when death was the feared enemy and happiness was considered rare enough and contentment with one's lot was the goal. You saw people stayed married, endured it for decades out of duty and vow rather than end it, as you see today if a few months are unhappy.

So who needs religion or Church or God when things are going well? The Church, and what our Lord gives from it, is seen as unimportant or obsolete, no longer considered urgent or beneficial; certainly not necessary.

Author Christian Smith, sociologist at Notre Dame, in his 2005 book *Soul Searching*, brought the phrase "moralistic therapeutic deism" (MTD) into our vocabulary. (MTD= a distant God, wants people to be good and happy, making faith a tool for self-fulfillment rather than a demanding path to salvation, but generally doesn't get involved in daily life except to solve problems.) People want to be spiritual but not religious, make up their own idea of God to be their moral teacher, give you therapy when needed). His newer work *Why Religion Went Obsolete* is compelling. He explores obsolescence across various aspects of life -including religion. We are remarkably self-sufficient. What can't Google, Ai, Amazon provide us all that we need?

He shows how a Church, the need of Sacraments, is obsolete or at least not essential to daily life. But spirituality is here to stay, he says. Progressive, liberal 'Christianity' is fully onboard with this marketplace of ideas, doctrine is irrelevant, and a morality that echoes culture. They have entertainment styles for worship, coffee bars, architecture and setting design to make encounters comfortable, reminding us of any public space, comfortable seating, and sentimentality, self-help for messages. Their plea that God is not so bad, and convince people that despite any bad news, life can be relatively good. American Christianity is ALL about you and your relationship with Jesus. Me and Jesus. Google "worship" and most images, only 1 person, usually in a field, and of course their hands are up. But they still lose people, they have fed into the whole idea that Me and Jesus is enough. If not, find a good podcast. Who needs a church?

Look around, but both Christian and non-Christian have no compelling reason to need God in everyday lives, or need for His Word and Sacraments. Certainly, church is already obsolete to the "I am spiritual" and "I already know about Jesus" types.

As historical Christians, Lutherans, we must confess why it is important and how it bears to our everyday lives. What is offered Sunday in Christ, is urgent, beneficial, and necessary for daily life. We confess, "I cannot live without the preached Word and Sacrament (Lord's Supper) and Church." It is imperative people we encounter realize the consequences of sin and death and come face to face with our own inability to fix or repair or go to Ai to remedy what we think is wrong. So the Law must still be preached!

For example, if you saw a neighbor spend 4 days/nights a month at home with their spouse and the rest of the time gone, hanging out with friends, what would you think of their marriage? Do you think they are 'really' married? What do neighbors think, if the Christian life doesn't involve seeing one go for regular attendance? How long does someone stay away from Church and (the Lord's command, necessity of) Lord's Supper and still think they are Christians?

May God work upon us all to see this necessary gift, heed His command to go to His House to receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament. The Church is the Lord's creation for His people, He doesn't make it optional. Lent is soon upon us, to help re-set our lives and see our desperate need for what God commands.



**RISEN SAVIOR MUSIC**  
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

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

Thank you to all the musicians and choirs 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** (2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Practices Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm.

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

**Piano & Organ Lessons?** Please see Cathy.



## BIBLE CLASSES

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



**Feb. 13**  
**6:00 pm**

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

Amanda Harbord, Board of Education

**Gamenight/Parent Datenight Friday, Feb. 13, 6-8 pm.** Food and activities provided. Infants through High School welcome.

**Teachers** -Thank you! If you wish to be a sub. or rotate as a teacher, please contact Amanda Harbord.



**Feb. 1**  
**6:00 pm**

## YOUTH GROUP High School -1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Pastor Burgdorf

Monthly Gathering: **Feb. 1, 6:00-8:00 pm**, Invite any friends.

SAVE THE DATE: Higher Things, July 14-18, Colorado St., Ft. Collins, CO  
Letters are in parent mailboxes on 1/1/26.

Sunday Class 9:15!



**Feb. 5**  
**6:30 pm**

## TABLETALK 19-39 yr. old -1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays

Pastor Burgdorf

Monthly Gathering: **Feb. 5, 6:30 pm** Invite any friends. Bring any snacks or beverages if you wish. We will usually gather the FIRST Thursdays!



**Feb. 8**  
**4:30 pm**

## SOUPER BOWL PARTY

Board of Fellowship, Emily Newman

**Feb. 8, 4:30 pm** – Our highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy will be up for grabs. Dream about this highly-coveted trophy sitting on your mantle all year! Make your best soup in a crockpot and bring it for the contest.

- **Enter your soup by 5:00 pm;** votes tabulated and winner announced at Halftime. Usually over 15 soups entered so the competition is fierce and controversial voting irregularities have happened.
- Super Bowl Kickoff is 5:30 pm. Still a great time even if the Chiefs don't make it.
- Bring any food, beverages if you wish; several beverages, snacks will be provided.
- The game will be on our big TVs or come and watch the commercials, eat, and visit.







**Tuesday  
Feb. 17  
6:00-  
7:00 pm**

## PFANNKUCHEN TAG (PANCAKE DAY)

Pancakes, sausage, and sweets. Pancake races, Pancake tossing. No cost. Come join us, as for centuries people gather and have festivities and eat rich foods on the Tuesday before the Lenten season and fasting begins. Hosted by the Board of Fellowship.

The most famous pancake race at Olney, England, held since 1445.



**Feb. 15  
11:45 AM**

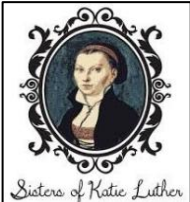
## VOTER'S ASSEMBLY & POTLUCK

Following the late service, all are invited to a congregational potluck, followed by the Quarterly Voter's Assembly. The Agenda will be out Feb. 8 to give everyone time to review and give prayerful consideration of the matters before the congregation.

Members last name:

A-M: bring a main dish

N-Z: bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or bread items



**Feb. 19  
6:30 pm**

## KATIE'S SISTERS

Joy Mustapich, coordinator; usually meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.  
**Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther**

We gather February 19, 6:30 pm. Watch for the flyer in your mailbox.



**Feb. 24  
1-6 pm**

## BLOOD DRIVE

Board of Outreach, Jim & Billie Brush coordinators

**Feb. 24, Tuesday 1:00-6:00 pm.** The need is urgent during these times. Thank you for those who regularly give and please consider being a donor.



**Feb. 12  
6:00**

## WOMEN IN MISSION

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Our next meeting, Thursday, February 12, 6:00 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited.



**Feb. 2**  
**6:30 pm**

## BOOK CLUB meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

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.

February 2: Defenders of the West: Christian Heroes Who Stood Against Islam by Raymond Ibrahim and Victor Davis Hanson

March 2: No More Tears: The Dark Secrets of Johnson & Johnson by Gardiner Harris

April 6: Underground Airlines, by Ben H. Winters

May 4: Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell\*



**Thru 3/22**  
**8:00 pm**

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

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



**Feb. 27**  
**7:00 pm**

## MEN'S GAMMENIGHT 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.



**Feb. 6**  
**9:00 am**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY TRUSTEE WORK

Curtis Newman, Board of Trustees

We gather next Feb. 6 at 9 am on the first Friday of the month; after 8:30 Matins, grab a coffee; then address various projects inside and outside the church.



## AVAILABLE HELP

To be added, send email to: [weinkauf@rslcms.church](mailto:weinkauf@rslcms.church)

### Babysitting Needs

**Bridget Harbord**, 14. 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](mailto:mdy2404@gmail.com).

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



**RISEN SAVIOR**  
**CLASSICAL ACADEMY**  
VERITAS AETERNA

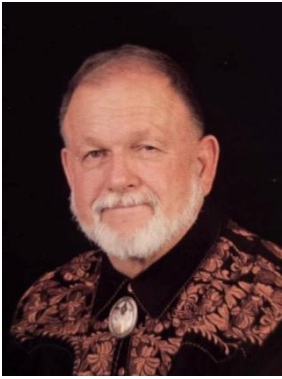
Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester is underway, we added another student, now serving 59 students.

Pictured is the Gamma group Latin class with Mrs. Cardwell playing a vocab game.





**✠ RONALD EDWARD SWARTZ ✠**  
**DECEMBER 20, 1945 - JANUARY 5, 2026**



Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Ronald.

Ronald was given life by his Lord, born December 20, 1945, in St. Joseph, MO to Edward and Lela Swartz. He became a child of God as baptized April 14, 1957 at First Christian Church in Leavenworth. He grew up in Leavenworth. He was all-state in football at Leavenworth High.

In January 1965 Ron met Carol Jermansen. They were united in holy matrimony on July 31, 1967 at First United Methodist Church, Leavenworth. Their marriage was blessed with gift of children, Kent and Heather.

He graduated with a Business Degree from Emporia State College. Ron served his country in the Kansas National Guard as part of the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. When the brigade was federalized and activated for the Vietnam War, he served at Fort Carson, fulfilling his duty with honor. Ron moved back to Leavenworth and proceeded to enter a new profession with Kansas Power and Light retiring in 2002. He enjoyed square dancing with his wife. In addition, he was a square dance caller for 25 years. Ron thoroughly enjoyed wood carving.

Ron was confirmed in February 6, 1972 at Trinity Lutheran, Leavenworth and received the life-giving Body and Blood of his Lord throughout his life. He was member at Trinity and St. Paul in Leavenworth and Risen Savior, Basehor. He remained a dedicated and active member throughout his life. Ron served his church community in many capacities, always willing to share his faith and support others in their spiritual journeys.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; brother Bill (Patricia); sister Joyce Bachtel; niece Janet Matthews; uncle Cecil (Wilma) Swartz; cousins Lara Jones (Dick), Don Stiles, and Debbie Hamilton.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol Swartz; son, Kent Swartz; daughter, Heather Drake (John); and 8 grandchildren. Ron is also survived by sisters Diane Nixon (Dennis), Cheryl Matto (Julius), brother-in-law Don Bachtel, his cousin Linda Morris-Stiles, nieces and nephews.

On January 5, 2026, God blessed Ron with a holy death and welcomed him into heaven to receive a crown of life. His body will be laid to rest at Risen Savior Cemetery where he awaits the resurrection at 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 be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God; Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit for our loved one Ron and we look forward to a blessed reunion with all those in Christ.



The only-one-in-the-world-as-far-as-we know, the world famous Luther Ball drop at midnight for our New Years' Eve at the church party. After the Divine Service at 10 pm; 45 gathered to ring in the new year here and to witness the ball lowered into 2026.

Funeral Luncheon food preparation. Thank you!

God be praised and thank you to all the choirs this Christmas season and all who purchased poinsettias (65).



# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Septuagesima</b> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service 11:45a Vocal Choir 5:00p Adult Catechism Class 6:00p Youth Group 8:00p Men's Basketball	<b>2 Presentation of Jesus</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 8:40a Matins 6:30p Book Club	<b>3</b> 8:30a Matins	<b>4</b> 8:30a Matins 9:00a Bible Study for all 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Bell choir	<b>5</b> 8:30 Matins Service 6:30 Youth Chorale 6:30 TableTalk for young adults	<b>6</b> 7:00a Leadership Breakfast 8:30a Matins 9:00a 1st Friday Trustee	<b>7</b> 9-10a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00p Divine Service
<b>8 Sexagesima</b> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service 11:45a Vocal Choir 4:30p Souper Bowl party 8:00p Men's Basketball	<b>9</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 8:40a Matins 6:30p Board of Elders	<b>10</b> 8:30a Matins 10:00a Bible Study @ Advocacy First 10:00a Newsletter due Noon Lunch with pastor	<b>11</b> 8:30a Matins 9:00a Bible Study for all 11:00a Bible Study @ Faith Cottages 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Bell choir	<b>12</b> 8:30a Matins 6:00p LWML meeting 6:30p Youth Chorale	<b>13</b> 8:30a Matins 6:00-8:00p Sunday School Gamernight/ Parent Daternight	<b>14</b> 6:00p Divine Service
<b>15 Quinquagesima</b> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service 11:40a Congregation Potluck 12:20p Voter's Assembly 5:00p Adult Catechism Class 8:00p Men's Basketball	<b>16</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 8:40a Matins	<b>17</b> 8:30a Matins	<b>18 Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30a Divine Service 6:30p Divine Service <i>Martin Luther, Doctor</i>	<b>19</b> 8:30a Matins 6:30p Youth Chorale 6:30p Katie's Sister	<b>20</b> 8:30a Matins	<b>21</b> 9-10a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00p Divine Service
<b>22 1st Sunday in Lent</b> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service 11:45a Vocal Choir 5:00p Adult Catechism Class 6:00p Book of Concord study 8:00p Men's Basketball	<b>23</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 8:40a Matins	<b>24 St. Matthias, Apostle</b> 8:30a Divine Service 1:00p- 6:00p Blood Drive	<b>25</b> 8:30a Divine Service 9:00a Bible Study for all 5:30p Supper 6:30p Midweek Service 7:15p Confirmation 7:15p Bell Choir	<b>26</b> 8:30a Matins 6:30p Youth Chorale	<b>27</b> 8:30a Matins 7:00p Men's Gamernight	<b>28</b> 6:00p Divine Service
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES						
<b>2</b> Jeff Armintrout <b>4</b> Garey Brooks <b>4</b> Tony Fisher <b>5</b> Nancy Crain <b>6</b> Roy White <b>6</b> Ava Stuedemann <b>7</b> Joye Minda-Hackman <b>7</b> Maverick Rauh	<b>8</b> Leah Wiehe <b>9</b> Moxie Clark <b>10</b> Reagan & Trenton Wiehe <b>11</b> Luke Kasunic <b>13</b> Zachary Curtis <b>13</b> Bruce Knoernschild <b>14</b> Tyler Mars <b>14</b> Aubrey Johnson	<b>15</b> Matt Dedek <b>15</b> Nathan Radke <b>15</b> Andy Shoffner <b>16</b> Kathy Davoren <b>18</b> Kim Shoffner <b>19</b> Danny Shaw <b>20</b> John Scheer <b>20</b> Shawn Goodsmith	<b>21</b> Jeanette Curtis <b>21</b> Bridget Harbord <b>22</b> Lexxi Arriaga <b>22</b> Larry Renn <b>22</b> Chelsea Shaw <b>22</b> Terry Ready <b>23</b> Gianella Johnson <b>25</b> Matthew Muntzel	<b>26</b> John Burgdorf <b>26</b> Sara Tisdell <b>27</b> Clayton Zumbunn <b>28</b> Joseph Stuart	<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b> <b>7</b> Bruce & Amanda Harbord <b>10</b> James & Erica Turney <b>14</b> Terry & Joyce Wade <b>16</b> Randy & April Luebke <b>23</b> Jon & Sheila Goodsmith <b>29</b> Chuck & Deborah Middlemas	



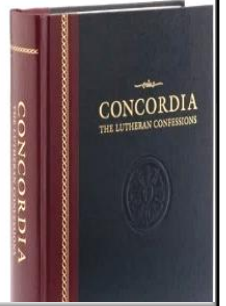
## THANK YOU!

- ☒ Tim Selbe, Sarah Tisdell for work on the St. Luke Altar.
- ☒ Faith Kerr who is our funeral luncheon coordinator and the overwhelming response she received for food and help serving at the recent funeral luncheon.
- ☒ And Kathy Woelk and Dianne Scharnhorst for their years with funeral luncheons.
- ☒ Tim Selbe, Cemetery Board for work marking several plots for stone installs, survey of new section needed, for summer mowing.

## BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY

**February 22 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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**"Our task is to make sure that our fellow Lutherans and our neighbors know how much God loves us just as we are. Look at this fingerprint: God made each of us unique. There is no one else just like you. God knew you before you were born (Jeremiah 1:5). He knitted you together in your mother's womb. You were fearfully and wonderfully made, and God had a plan for your life even before you took a breath in this sinful, beautiful world that He created for you (Psalm 139:13-16)."**

## 2025 FINANCIAL

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of 2025:

Offerings	\$501,067
Expenses	\$455,772

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## Issues, Etc.

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