



RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Events

Nov. 2

All Saints' Day

Nov. 8

Christkindlmarkt

9am-1pm

Nov. 16

Congregation
Potluck & Quarterly
Voter's Assembly

Nov. 23

Annual Church
Planning Meeting

Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Eve
Service

Nov. 29

Church Decorating

Nov. 30

Advent begins/
New Church Year

Church

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A Fundamental Problem with AI

Pastor Burgdorf

Love it or hate it, AI is making its way into all facets of our daily lives. Whether you are trying to talk to a company on the phone, looking at artwork, or even listening to music, AI creations are everywhere, and many of them are quite convincing. What are we to make of all this as Christians? Is it the beginning of the end? Is it the start of a Terminator-esque apocalypse? Is it completely neutral and fine? How do we consider this and interact with it as the people of God?

First, as we always do, we begin with Christ. In the beginning, before time and space, God the Father spoke the word, and Christ brought into being all of creation. God creates; it is in His nature. He does not create because He is lacking, but because He delights in His creation. At the pinnacle of creation, He places man and invites him to do something radical. He invites Adam and Eve to create, to be fruitful and multiply, to participate in the creation of more men and women.

To man is the gift of creation given. And this gift transcends simple reproduction. Man, made in the image of God, creates beauty. We are given to task of tending and keeping, of shaping the garden God planted, to making it beautiful and caring for it. Even after the fall into sin, God tells man to be fruitful and multiply, to create, and we have been since creation! Music, hymns, sculptures, art, architecture, just to name a few places, we have expressed our dominion over creation and shaped it. And it, as it was in creation, is good.

That brings us to AI. What is the purpose of AI? It is supposed to create. It claims it can produce and create whatever you want. But the simple fact is it cannot. All AI can do is rearrange that which already is. It has no soul, no true thought; it is a poor replacement for man. Sure, you can have it produce an image, change a photo, or even compose a song. But it lacks the essential characteristics of humanity. AI may use our images, but it is not the image of man, and certainly not the image of God. It produces only that which already is; it is purely recursive, able only to rearrange images and pictures and code that man has already created. It is the easy way out, it gives the illusion of creation without the work, and with few of the benefits. As we produce less and less, our ability to produce quality and beautiful things diminishes. As we hand over the AI the production of art and music, our own appreciation and joy in it is taken as well.

Lastly, AI is also anti-incarnational. We are created for communion with one another. We are not islands, nor are we robots. We exist with and through our relationships with each other. Not only does AI rob us of our ability to create, but consider how little we interact with one another. As technology advances, more and more barriers are put up between us. I do not submit that all technology is evil, but rather that we should ponder what is better. Should we allow AI to screen and take our calls? Should we allow AI to answer all of our questions? Or should we simply talk to one another, ask our parents and those around us questions, and converse instead of pulling out our phones for everything?

AI, is not the apocalypse, but it does raise some questions. Ones we as Christians should ponder and answer for ourselves and our children, lest the pagan, or worse AI answer them for us.

Devotional Material

Both in print and on our website, devotions written by Pastor Burgdorf are available, in the Narthex at the brochure rack in place of the Portals of Prayer



What is Worship?

Pastor Weinkauff

Much can be stated about worship and why we do what we do at Risen Savior. Are all Christian worship forms the same God-pleasing? How do various forms confess the faith and the doctrine the people believe? Does God care about worship? Is the worship gathering a place of like-minded people to utilize their talents and enact a style they find fitting? Is the worship in that place itself God's own creation, called into being by God Himself? HOW you answer those questions has profound implications for determining how worship is conducted and how you confess what worship is!

If for example, sin is merely bad behavior, poor choices, wrong decisions, selfish ambitions, then the Christian worship gathers to be devoted to moral improvements, emotional responses, self-help models and the pastor is seen as a motivational speaker, group therapist, leader of the vision to help people fix their behavior, choices, decisions, priorities to be more godly and so the screens, styles, music is all about improving, helping, fixing -You.

If on the other hand, sin actually means bondage and death, we are addressing things of eternal peril and salvation, if it is a place where God is physically present, then there is nothing informal or irreverent, worship takes on an entirely different character. It is an oasis in a desert of death, it is a hospital for the terminally ill, where people come to receive a medicine of immortality, a medicine of heaven for this dying world. It is where a Great Physician is address our disease.

When we step into Church for public worship each week, we step into the presence of God to give us life. To address our greatest need: forgiveness of sins in Word and Sacraments.

A simple experiment on music, google "most popular contemporary worship" songs in the last year(s). With 90%, who does the 'verbs', who is the focus -Me. Could a Mormon, Muslim, Jew sing it too? Yes! Our hymns would offend the non-Christian -and sometime even the Baptist, Non-denominational, even Roman Catholic. Our music teaches, confesses the faith, the focus on God's work, receiving His gifts, rightly teaching doctrine. And that is the most Christ-centered, scriptural, historical, the most proper worship.



RISEN SAVIOR
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS
MUSIC

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

Vocal Choir Practices Sundays, 11:45 am

Bell Choir Practices Wednesday, 7:00 pm after Evening Prayer

Youth Chorale (2nd-8th Grade) Practices Thursdays, 6:30-7:30.
(Sunday School will still be singing 4 times a year)

Musicians. If you play an instrument, please contact Cathy as we would love to have you play for Services. We have several and desire for more!

Piano & Organ Lessons? Several lessons take place throughout the week. Please see Cathy



Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8th grade

Amanda Harbord, Board of Education
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November 9, the children will begin practicing songs for:

Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, Dec. 21, 6:00 pm.

Next Gamenight (great for shopping) Dec. 5, Friday, 6-8 pm.



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Youth Group

High School
Pastor Burgdorf

**Nov. 2
6:00-8:00 pm
Invite any friends.**

Sunday Class 9:15!



Table Talk

1st Fridays

19-39 year old
Pastor Burgdorf

**Nov. 7
7:00 pm**

Invite any friends.
Bring any snacks or beverages if you wish.

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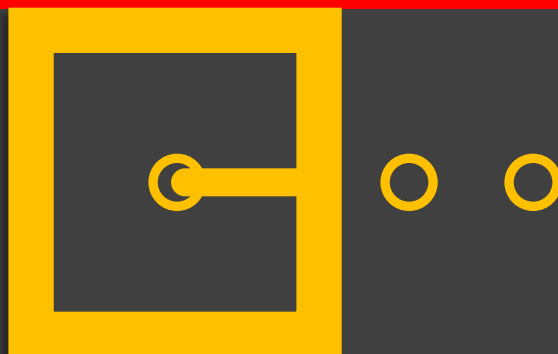
Christmas



Market & Crafts

40 vendors! Contact Jodi Weinkauff 913-369-5940

Nov. 8
Saturday
9 am - 1 pm



Nov. 26
7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Eve Service

In humble thanksgiving for all the Lord has provided, join us, for a Thanksgiving Eve service.



Bible Classes

Sundays 9:15 am Luke

Weds. 8:30 am Matins
9:00 am Romans



Nov. 3
6:30 pm
@ Radke's

Book Club

meets 1st 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!). In November, we will be meeting at:

Nathan & Hope Radke, 10411 Barber Avenue, Edwardsville.

November 3: A Princess of Mars by Edgar Rice Burroughs

December 1: The Other Wise Man by Henry Van Dyke

January 5: Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare



Katie's Sisters

Joy Mustapich, coordinator; usually meet 3rd Thurs.
Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Baby Shower Sunday, Nov. 16, for Claire Burgdorf, right after the Voter's Assembly. They are having a girl and all women are invited to the shower!

Our next gathering will be in January. All women of the congregation and any friends welcome. Watch for mailbox flyers.



Nov. 16

Potluck & Voter's Assembly

Following the late service, Nov. 16 all are invited to a congregational potluck, followed by the Voter's Assembly. The agenda will be out Nov. 9 to give everyone time to review and give prayerful consideration of the matters before the congregation. The agenda includes: 2026 Budget and Elections.

For our potluck, members last name:

A-M: bring a main dish

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



Church Calendar

2026 Calendar is now posted for Altar flowers, to reserve the hall, various events. There are guidelines for facility usage. Members can reserve the halls/gym for activities.



**Nov. 23
11:45 am**

Annual Church Planning

Church Planning, Nov. 23, 11:45 am. What are some activities, events, long-range plans, outreach opportunities, ideas you see for Risen Savior? What would you like to see happen next year, or in the next few years here? We will set the Calendar for 2026 and future plans.

Soup & salad will be served. All members welcome to come or visit with any Council member about your thoughts and ideas for our future.



**Nov. 7
9:00 am**

1st Friday Trustee Work

Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

We will meet Nov. 7, 9:00 following Matins to work on various projects inside or outside and wrap-up by 10:00.



**Nov. 2-
Dec. 14**

Can Food Drive

Board of Outreach, Kevin Carder

Our annual collection for Lutheran Urban Ministry Agency food pantry starts Sunday Nov. 2 and runs through Dec. 14. Place cans in Wittenberg Hall. Last year 1000 cans were donated.



Nov. 13
6:00 pm

Women In Mission

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

LWML will be celebrating our Veterans (active, past, present or family members) on Sunday, November 9 by hosting a breakfast between church services. Many members filled out information for our RSLC booklet in the past. If your information has changed, feel free to fill out a new form for our booklet and those of you that joined our congregation in the past year we would like to include you and your service in our booklet. Please see me for a form or step into the office and pick one up in the LWML box. We look forward to honoring our Veterans!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 pm. All ladies from our congregation are invited to attend.



Men's GameNight

Usually 4th Friday of the month

Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will meet again on January 29.



Nov. 29
9:00 am

Church Decorating

Saturday, Nov. 29 before Advent, we'll be busy putting up the tall tree in the Nave and decorating. All are invited to help. We start at 9:00 am, should be done by 10:30 am.'



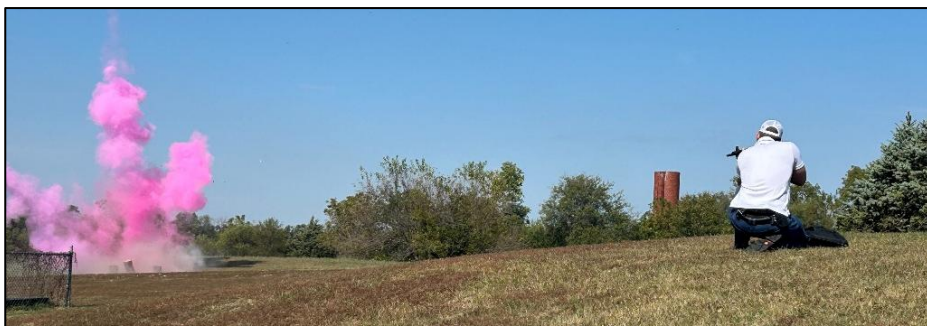
Available Help

If you want to be added, send email to: 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.

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



Robert Jansen (who is with the KCK PD) fires off his rifle behind the church toward an explosive filled pumpkin for a gender reveal for their second child, as they held a party in the hall.

To reserve the halls/gym for family parties, gatherings, and events, the Church Calendar is in the front office.



Thanks to all who sign-up for the Sunday breakfast snack. With a large crowd -not as much needed- **thanks to Daylight Donuts** for donating dozens of donuts for Sunday morning.



RISEN SAVIOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY

— VERITAS AETERNA —

The Oktoberfest Silent Auction to benefit our Classical Academy raised \$3050! Thanks to all who bid or donated. This is the only fundraiser for our Academy as it is a self-supporting endeavor and these special funds are used to purchase items to benefit the Academy (and congregation) classrooms.



Alpha Class, Science was learning about maple syrup and put it on the waffles they made.



Each month the Academy has a field trip. In October it was to Mahaffie Homestead Farm in Olathe, where they had a stagecoach ride and farm exhibits. In November it is an exclusive tour of Arrowhead Stadium.



Lunch begins with Luther's Table Prayer then children as dismissed by their "House" to get their lunch.



Oktoberfest 2025! Thank you to all for an amazing day, all who worked, volunteered, came and supported this event. About 600 people came. \$9200 was raised for the Board of Fellowship. Beer and Auction raised \$4050 for the Academy. Event included: German band, face painting, pumpkin decorating, 'green screen' photos, bounce houses, outdoor games, train rides, keg toss and stein holding competitions, and new special preschool area with activities and bouncehouses. Special thanks to KC Bier Company for once again donating all the beer. What a day to celebrate our Lord's gifts of creation.



Keg Toss National Champion Robert Jansen and Sarah Bretz repeated as the Stein Holding National Champion who received trophy steins.





Preparations include making over 500 bierocks, 500 brats, décor, and apple strudel making party.



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Festival, Reformation 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 5:00 Adult Catechism Class 6:00 Book of Concord Study	27 8:30 Matins 8:30-3:30 Risen Savior Classical Academy	28 8:30 Divine Service Sts. Simon, Jude, Apostles	29 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	30 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	31 Reformation Day 8:30 Divine Service 9:00 1st Friday Trustee 5:00 German Meal 6:00 Vespers 6:45 Fireworks & Desserts	1 All Saints' Day 6:00 Divine Service *Turn clocks back at bedtime
2 All Saints' Day 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Youth Group	3 8:30 Matins 8:30-3:30 Risen Savior Classical Academy 6:30 Book Club @ Radke's	4 8:30 Matins	5 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	6 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	7 7:00 Leadership Breakfast 8:30 Matins 9:00 1st Friday Trustee 7:00 Table Talk for young adults	8 9:00 -1:00 Christkindlmarkt 6:00 Divine Service
9 21st Sun. aft. Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 5:00 Adult Catechism Class 6:00 Youth Group	10 8:30 Matins 8:30-3:30 Risen Savior Classical Academy 6:30 Board of Elders	11 8:30 Matins 10:00 Newsletter due 10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First Noon Lunch with Pastor	12 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 11:00 Bible Study @ Faith Cottages 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	13 8:30 Matins 6:00 LWML 6:30 Youth Chorale	14 8:30 Matins	15 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
16 22nd Sun. aft. Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Potluck/Quarterly Voter's Assembly	17 8:30 Matins 8:30-3:30 Risen Savior Classical Academy	18 8:30 Matins	19 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	20 8:30 Matins 6:30 Katie's Sisters 6:30 Youth Chorale	21 8:30 Matins	22 6:00 Divine Service
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30 1st Sunday in Advent <i>St. Andrew, apostle</i> 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Youth Group	1 8:30 Matins 8:30-3:30 Risen Savior Classical Academy	2 8:30 Matins	3 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:40 Confirmation 7:40 Bell choir practice	4 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	5 8:30 Matins 9:00 1st Friday Trustee 7:00 Table Talk for young adults 6:00-8 Sunday School gamenight / Parent datenight	6 6:00 Divine Service

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays 2 Kathleen Woelk 4 Linda Scheer 5 Gus White 6 Forest Erickson 6 Henry Luebke 8 Kenny Grimm 9 John Stuart 9 Katlyn Selbe	9 Milo Shaw 9 Milla Shaw 10 Laurie Fisher 10 Mary Lingo 11 Jean Dedeker 12 Aidan Savage 13 Karen Erickson 13 Deb Glaum 14 Peyton Reeves	14 Greg Bast 15 John Reinhard 15 Nathan Maurer 16 Katie Molina 16 Joanie Jones 17 Robert Jansen 18 Maggie Luebke 20 Faith Kerr 20 Sue Stork	21 Bill Matthews 21 Marland Mortenson 22 Peyton White 22 Beau Heath 22 Diane Reinhard 22 Bob Lenahan 22 Curt Meyers 24 Kathy Renn 24 Jim Stinson	25 Evelyn Kerr 26 Sharon Blankenship 26 Damian Ariaga 27 Jacob Muntzel 27 Justin Stuedemann 28 Janet Shriner 29 Melissa Grimm 29 Tim Selbe 29 Murphy Harper	Wedding Anniversaries 1 Steve & Kathy Woelk 6 Curtis & Emily Newman 18 Justin & Anne Stuedemann 23 Brad & Kim Mars 23 Ronnie & Teresa Miller 25 Steve & Denise Mariano 27 Jim & Maureen Stinson
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Thank You!

- ☒ Bruce Knoernschild, Gene Davidson, Forrest Erickson for work in the gym.
- ☒ For all who helped with Oktoberfest.
- ☒ For all who came out to the 40 Days of Life Vigil.
- ☒ For all who gave came to the Blood Drive.
- ☒ For our gardening work: Marsha Albright, Gene Davidson and all the watering teams.

2025 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of September:

Offerings	\$350,273
Expenses	\$350,540

Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

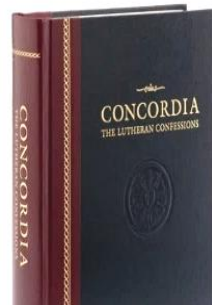
Book of Concord Study

Nov. 30 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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FOR LIFE**

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"We know that there will always be changes in laws and politics, and we can only change that as best as we can. The comfort that we do know is that the Father does not change like shifting shadows. In today's world, changes are swift and inevitable, but our faith and trust in our unchanging God are the comforts that sustain us! Do not rely on laws or government to change people and enact God's will. Talk to people, volunteer, vote, engage people on issues in a kind, gentle loving manners to share that our God is for life."

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