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Installation of
Officers

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RSCA resumes

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Epiphany
Divine Services
Tuesday 8:30 am
6:30 pm

25

New Member/
Adult Catechism
Begins

28

Life Conference
& March, Topeka

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Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year Pastor Weinkauff

Now greet the swiftly changing year, With joy and penitence sincere.

Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace, Another year of grace.

Remember now the Son of God, And how He shed His infant blood.

Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace, Another year of grace.

This Jesus came to end sin's war; This Name of names for us He bore.

Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace, Another year of grace.

With Him as Lord to lead our way, In want and in prosperity,

What need we fear in earth or space, In this new year of grace! LSB 896

This marvelous hymn, 17th Century Europe, once 15 stanzas, reduce to 7 in our hymnal. You only have 4 verses here, but what may strikes you is the repeated last line, *Another year of grace...In this year of grace.*

Will 2026 be an amazing year for your family, with the economy improving, interest rates lower, gas prices coming down, world peace? We have the 250th US anniversary celebrations, Winter Olympics, FIFA even in KC and what family celebrations? Or you know the upcoming year will have some ongoing trials, upcoming life changes, you know certain things may unravel, your job uncertain, and the country may have great challenges.

Do not let the world and an unknown future drive your emotions and create anxiety. Do not let the news upset you. Do not let your environment determine your attitude and treatment of others. Do not let the world or evil things, uncertain things rob you of the joy of Christ.

Some may find it hard to sing hymns with gusto such as the sentiment of that hymn 896 and others like it, oh what the new year will bring?

Maybe we have been troubled by the fear or dread of the future for a long time. The hymn so wonderfully draws us out of our angst and into the knowledge of Romans 8 and its poignant question: If God be for us, who can be against us? We struggle to believe those words. We want to but our knowledge of all the things that are wrong in the world and in our lives are too much for us and we tend to surrender our hope to the dread. How sad it is!

Whether the world is looking up or things are unraveling, whether the new year brings new hope and prosperity or going to hell in a hand basket, God is with us. Think back in January 2020, could anyone imagine what was soon to happen in the next month and the following 2 years.

Where is your hope, where is your encouragement to be found? You have certainty in your Lord's works and promises enfolding for you right now.

Consider what you have to offer your family, your neighbor, your co-workers, the stranger in 2026, what great opportunities lies ahead. We live under the banner of His love, by the power of His grace, confident of His favor, and with hope toward the eternal future Christ has prepared for us. We ought to do more than provide 'lip service' to this hope. We ought to not join in with the world more than anxious thoughts. Be able to give answer to the hope in us –you should have it to offer! The gifts of God exceed not only what we need for the coming year but also -what we dread. So go ahead and sing the hymn. Sing it loud. Sing it boldly. Gratitude is the answer to our fears. We live by grace just as we have been saved by grace. Thanks be to God! Another year of grace!

Another 500th Anniversary!

Our 2026 Calendar celebrates the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's German Mass, the Deutsche Messe, first used Christmas 1525 in Wittenberg.

Martin Luther's
Deutsche Messe und
Ordnung des Gottesdiensts
German Mass and
Order of Worship

Introit A Scriptural song or Psalm
Kyrie eleison -Lord have mercy.
Collect
Epistle
Hymn
Gospel
Creed
Sermon
Lord's Prayer
Exhortation to those who commune
Consecration of the Bread.
Elevation of the Body of Christ
Distribution of the Body of Christ
Sanctus -Holy, Holy, Holy
Consecration of the Wine
Elevation of the Blood of Christ
Distribution of the Blood of Christ
Agnus Dei
Thanksgiving Collect
Aaronic Benediction

Using the historical Divine Service of the Church, the pattern of worship God's people has been using for thousands of years, Luther will introduce to the German people the Divine Service form in their own language, with key exceptions to address errors Rome introduced.

First, it cut out the doctrinal errors of Rome that were introduced in medieval times, while retaining all the ancient parts. Parts cut were that ascribed the Sacrament was a "re-sacrifice of Jesus" and turned the Sacrament and other parts into a work of man. By participating, you would merit God's grace. Also he cut parts unbiblical, based in superstition and/or teachings of man.

Secondly, it was completely written in the German language. This marks the first time in 1000 years! that the Divine Service is completely in the language of the people; since the Early Church when Latin was the common language of the people.

Thirdly, it continued the efforts to have the hymns and liturgy chanted and sung by the congregation as most singing in the medieval church had gravitated to be done by choirs only.



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 (2nd-8th 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.



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 6 Tuesday 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Divine Services



BIBLE CLASSES

Sundays 9:15 am Epistles

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL 3 yr. old - 8th grade Amanda Harbord, Board of Education

Thank you for all who helped, attended and children at the Christmas Program!

Next Sunday School gamenight/Parent datenight: **Friday, February 13**

Teachers -thank you! If you wish to be a sub. or rotate as a teacher, please see Pastor Amanda Harbord.



Jan. 8
6:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP High School -1st Sunday

Pastor Burgdorf

Monthly Gathering: **Jan. 8, 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!



Jan. 8
6:30 pm

TABLETALK 19-39 yr. old -1st Thursdays

Pastor Burgdorf

NEW TIME/DAY. Monthly Gathering: **Jan. 8, 6:30 pm** Invite any friends. Bring any snacks or beverages if you wish. We will usually gather the FIRST Thursdays!



Jan. 25
9:15 am
Front
Office

NEW MEMBER/ADULT CATECHISM CLASS

"Evangelism" the Good News, this Scriptural truth shows us is: preaching, teaching, study of God's Word, liturgical worship, proper use of the Sacraments, as we daily live unto Christ and love to others. **Now is the time** to think of some people to invite/encourage to 'look into' and explore Risen Savior, perhaps bring them to the class starting January 25. **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. Pastor Weinkauff classes will meet in Church Office, as Pastor Burgdorf will take the Sunday Morning Adult Class at this time.



Jan. 16
El Porto
6:30 pm

KATIE'S SISTERS

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

Our January outing is **6:30 pm , Jan. 16, El Porto**, 13035 Canaan Center, Bonner Springs (just off K-7 and I-70) for Taco Thursday.



Feb. 7
9:00 am

1ST FRIDAY TRUSTEE WORK

Curtis Newman, Board of Trustees

No January gathering. We gather next Feb. 7 at 9 am on the first Friday of the month; grab a coffee; then address various projects inside and outside the church.



Jan. 28
7:15 am
carpool

Life CONFERENCE/MARCH TO THE CAPITAL

- ❖ The annual Life Conference and March to the Capital is Wednesday, Jan. 28. St. John's-Topeka is hosting the Conference. No cost.
- ❖ Conference begins with Matins at 8:30 am.
- ❖ Box Lunch provided at 11 am.
- ❖ At 11:45 then drive a few blocks to downtown to "March to the Capital" with about 3000 other Christians, to be greeted by KS Legislature and a few speeches.
- ❖ Over by 1:30 pm. We should be back at the church by 2:30 pm.



If you wish to carpool, Please let Pastor Weinkauff know by Jan. 25.



Jan. 9
6:00

WOMEN IN MISSION

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Welcome 2026! As we start a new year we would like to sincerely thank the members of our Risen Savior family. The overwhelming support of our congregation is truly a testament of our strength when working together.

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for our cookie walk. We would like to report that we are sending a check for over \$1,000.00 to our seminary pantry to continue to help those that have been called to serve.

Our next meeting, Thursday, January 9, 6:00 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited. We will be voting on our 2026 program planning and our mission outreach.



Jan. 5
6:30 pm

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!) Order now for upcoming gatherings.

January 5: Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare

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*



1/4 - 3/22
8:00 pm

MEN'S BASKETBALL

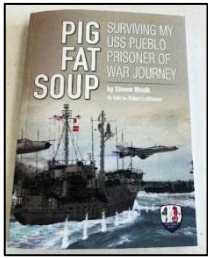
Starts Jan. 4, Sundays, 8 pm. All men of the congregation, young and old, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up basketball.



Jan. 30
7:00 pm

MEN'S GAMMENIGHT Usually 4th 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.



Member New Book Published !

Our member Steve Woelk, Ret. US Navy, Purple Heart, POW, has published his story of surviving the USS Pueblo attack and as a Prisoner of War. We will host a book signing event next year, perhaps at the February Potluck/Voter's Assembly. Contact Steve if you wish to get a signed copy, \$20. 913-544-7538 kshmbboy@gmail.com



AVAILABLE HELP

To be added, send email to: weinkauf@rslcms.church

Babysitting Needs

Bridget Harbord, 13. 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.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Outgoing Congregation Officers:
Nathan Radke, Scott Maurer, Brett Curtis
- Kim Dunn, organist work at Advent Midweek Services
- Amanda Harbord for the Sunday School GameNight food.
- Our Altar Guild
- Food Drive for LUMA
- LWML Cookie Walk with over \$1000 given to the Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op
- For the ongoing service of those pictured on this flyer.
- Bridgett Harbord, organist during some Communion hymns
- Aidan Savage, organist during some Communion hymns



Monthly Book of Concord study with a variety of food & beverages.

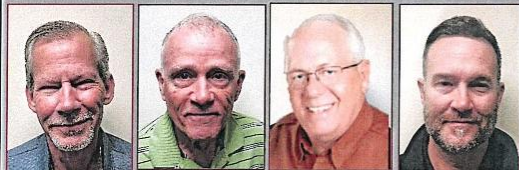


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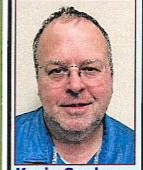
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Pastors at the new Basehor store, Fairway Meats & Grocery on their Grand Opening Day.



Christmas Decorating, thanks to 14 who came and Altar Guild

Sunday School Pre-K class.



Sunday School Gamenight, 25 kids showed up, also including making ornaments. Thanks to Amanda Harbord for the food and ornaments.



Pastors celebrate St. Nicholas Day with the rarest beer in the world, St. Nicholas Beer, brewed only on his feast day, Dec. 6, from Austria.





LUMA Food. Thanks to all who donated.

Caroling to homebound members, included a stop before all the residence at Faith Cottages. Thanks for all who came out to carol.



LWML Cookie Walk. Thank you for 100 dozen cookies and over \$1,000! raised for seminarians at the Concordia Theological Seminary Food Coop.

Adventide Socials. Thanks to the Bretz & Pettit families! And the great crowds at both! With plenty of foods, beverages, then with a hymn sign and evening devotions.



Children's Christmas Program. Of The Father's Love Begotten, based on the ancient hymn, LSB 384. Special thanks to Amanda Harbord for the program directing and reception, Kim Dunn for the cake.





RISEN SAVIOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY

VERITAS AETERNA

Thanksgiving Party. Christmas Party. Many thanks to the Party Planning Committee for the food, drinks, desserts, décor and games as families gathered. Thanksgiving Party had the lower levels had a turkey disguise game, (turkeys depicted as other characters and costumes), and prizes awarded.



Reminisce of St. Nicholas, **Iota Class** excited as their shoes outside the room, that someone put gold coins (of chocolate) and oranges in their shoes.



Christmas Party included goodies, a gift exchange and display of 1st semester artwork and class presentations.



All students had an ornament with our logo on one side/their school pic on the other.



JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 <i>Holy Innocents</i> 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service	29 8:30a Matins	30 8:30a Matins	31 Eve of Jesus Name 8:30a Divine Service 10:00p Divine Service activities til 12:15a	1 <i>New Years'</i> 8:30a Matins 6:30p Youth Chorale	2 7:00a Leadership Breakfast 8:30a Matins 9:00a 1 st Friday Trustee	3 9-10a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00p Divine Service
4 2 nd Sunday of Christmas 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service 11:45a Vocal Choir 6:00p Youth Group 8:00p Men's Basketball	5 8:30a - 3:30p RSCA 8:40a Matins	6 Epiphany 8:30a Divine Service 6:30p Divine Service	7 8:30a Matins 9:00a Bible Study for all 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Bell choir practice	8 8:30a Matins 6:00p LWML meeting 6:30p Youth Chorale 6:30p TableTalk for young adults	9 8:30a Matins	10 6:00p Divine Service
11 Baptism of our Lord 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service 11:45a Vocal Choir 8:00p Men's Basketball	12 8:30a - 3:30p RSCA 8:40a Matins Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30p Board of Elders	13 8:30a Matins 10:00a Newsletter deadline 10:00a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	14 8:30a Matins 9:00a Bible Study for all 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Bell choir practice	15 8:30a Matins 6:30a Katie's Sister 6:30p Youth Chorale	16 8:30a Matins	17 9-10a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00p Divine Service
18 Confession of St. Peter 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service 11:45a Vocal Choir 11:45a Church Council 8:00p Men's Basketball	19 8:30a - 3:30p RSCA 8:40a Matins	20 8:30a Matins	21 8:30a Matins 9:00a Bible Study for all 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Bell choir practice	23 8:30a Matins 6:30p Youth Chorale	24 8:30a Matins	25 St. Timothy, Pastor 6:00p Divine Service
Pastor Weinkauf at Symposia, Concordia Theological Seminary, Indiana						
25 Transfiguration of our Lord 8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30a Divine Service 11:45a Vocal Choir 6:00p Book of Concord 8:00p Men's Basketball <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	26 8:30a - 3:30p RSCA 8:40a Matins	27 8:30a Matins	28 7:15a Life March and Conference. Capool from church to St. John, Topeka 8:30a Matins Service 9:00a Bible Study for all 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Bell choir	29 8:30a Matins 6:30p Youth Chorale	30 8:30a Matins 7:00p Men's Gamenight	31 6:00p Divine Service

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Joely Hickman	11	Marc Muntzel	20	Ralph Hailey	26	Brady Sullivan	Wedding Anniversaries	
1	Rylee Hickman	11	Emily Stuart	21	Caleb Grimm	26	Kinsey Swartz	5	Richard & Erica Schilling
3	Sam Murphy	15	David Ford	21	Ashlyn Reeves	26	Jessica Zulauf	7	Jase & Sheridan Hartenbower
3	Timothy Schubert	15	Wendy Dedekle	22	Max Bohndorf	26	Chelsey Knoernschild	19	Kevin & Lanette Carder
4	Nancy Hobelmann	15	Gretchen Bast	22	Kim Mars	27	Sarah Bretz	23	Ronald & Joanie Jones
4	Richard Schilling	16	Amy Galyean	22	Lauren Kerr	30	Alex Harper		
6	Chris Stevens	18	Eleanor Lenahan	23	Michelle Mlodzik	31	Evianna Johnson		
7	Derron Mayer	18	Gary Cordes	23	Thomas Schubert				
8	Kim Benzel	18	Kaci Sullivan	24	Kris Ball				
8	Evelynn Zulauf	20	Sloane Lingo	25	Angie Armintrout				
9	Steve Crowell	20	Mel Hauk	26	Maggie Schilling				

THANK YOU!

- ☒ Sarah Bohndorf for Church Librarian work
- ☒ For all who helped with Christmas decorations.
- ☒ For all who supported the Advent meals
- ☒ For the Bretz & Pettit families for hosting our Adventide socials.
- ☒ For our choirs and musicians this festival season.
- ☒ For our caroling group to home-bound members.

2025 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of November:

Offerings	\$443,042
Expenses	\$426,802

Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

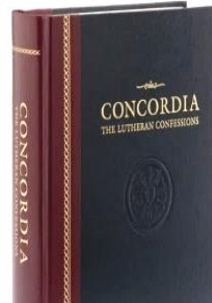
BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY

January 25 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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"Look back at how God changed you. Look ahead to what God promises for you. The future looks bright when you're connected to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. May the Lord continue to strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life."

"Let the peace of Christ change how you live—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God's child in the peace of Jesus."



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