



AUGUST

NEWSLETTER

2022

Thank you. I sincerely appreciate the cards and gifts upon my 15th Anniversary of Ordination into the Office of the Holy Ministry. I am humbled by your kindness and greatly treasure all of you. I am honored to serve you and pray the Lord continue to grant unto us many years together at Risen Savior.

A Life of Sacrifice, Duty

Pastor Weinkauff

All your senses, all your instincts and experience, insist that a cross is bad, and that you must follow your own heart and your own feelings in order to find happiness, joy, success, completeness, and glory in your life. Thus all go crashing into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice, often without even realizing the danger; while we forget, ignore what the Lord's Word declares.

You have heard Jesus in His response to James and John: "Can you drink the Cup that I must drink? Can you be baptized with My Baptism?" You can. You must. "You will," He says! But how? The answer is there in the way that He describes the glory of His Life and Ministry in the terms of His Holy Sacraments. And to be sure, His Baptism and His Cup really are the heart and center of everything —of all that Jesus does for you, and gives to you, and shares with you.

As Christian -one who has been baptized into Christ, one who drinks from His Cup and eats from His hand -in these gifts Christ freely gives, you are glorified with the greatness of His Holy Cross. Which means that your entire life — everything you are, and all that you do — is now shaped and defined by that same Cross. So whatever you are, whatever you are called to be and do, you live your life and offer up yourself in self-sacrificing love, doing your duty for others, even to death, as needs may be, all for the sake of Christ.

That all begins with and centers in your own vocations and stations in life, as a husband or wife, as a father or mother, a son or daughter, a brother or sister, a worker or student, a citizen or whatever, as well as a member of Risen Savior.

Look for every possible way and means by which you can lay down your life in service to others. That's usually not through heroic and extraordinary deeds of valor, but in the countless details and little things of life, which afford opportunity to love others. Thus you show yourself to be a servant of the Lord who loves you.

The Lord continues to call and send, among His disciples, pastors, as I have had 15 years with you, who will serve His people with His Word and with His Holy Sacraments. So has He called me and ordained me to serve you at His Font and at His Table, here within His House on earth. So does the Son of Man continue to come, not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life for the many.

And so does He call you and gather you to Himself, in order to lift you up in the forgiveness of His Cross, as often as you have fallen down. Here within His Church, He invites you to recline here at His Table, where He serves you, presenting you with His Cup and speaking to you His Words of grace.

You have a life in a Kingdom without end, that in order to find any true happiness, joy, success, completeness, and glory in your life, -only found in a life in Christ, lived out in a life of service, a life of duty, a life of sacrifice for others.

Key Events

August 1
RS Classical
Academy
Open House

August 13
Dinner Theatre

August 19
Sunday School
Gamenight

August 21
Congregation
Potluck & Voter's
Assembly

August 21
New Sunday
School year

August 22
RS Classical
Academy
5th year begins!

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Disguised as an Angel of Light Pastor Cockran

"She had the voice of an angel!"

"The devil is an angel too, you know."

This is a common joke, but one that carries a great truth behind it. Who is the devil? There are many names for him: Satan, the enemy, serpent, dragon, father of lies, adversary, tempter, and the like.

But most accurately to his original nature, the devil is an angel; that is, a now-fallen angel. He even bears in church tradition the angelic name of Lucifer. Appearing in the KJV of Isaiah 14:12 (cf also Luke 10:18), this name is best translated into English as "light-bearer," reflecting the history of the devil once being an angel of light. While the details of the rebellion of the evil angels (i.e. demons) and their leader is kept largely a mystery in the Scriptures, St. Paul warns us that Satan has the capability of disguising himself as he once was: an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14). Likewise in Galatians, Paul says an angel may appear trustworthy, but if he preaches a contrary gospel to that of the Scriptures, "let him be accursed" (Gal 1:8).

While snakes and dragons and red horns would be easily identifiable, the devil works through deception. Be on guard. He often appears as the voice of an innocent angel. The truly innocent angels are the bringers of truly good news. After all, they told the Shepherds about the Christ child and they announced to the women at the tomb Jesus had risen. So also the devil with his temptations sound like good news, but recognize the difference:

"Go look at that website, no one will see. It will feel good."

"You can join in that simple joke, or add to that story about the one who's not here in order to be part of the crowd and accepted."

"You go to church more than everyone I know, so who cares if you miss today? You need the rest."

"Don't tell your neighbor they hurt you. They know what they did. They don't deserve your forgiveness."

Dear baptized child of God, the devil is a liar (Jn 8:44). He will never give what he promises. He may perpetuate the idea that living apart from God and His Law and Gospel is far better, but he speaks according to his nature: he is a liar. Learn to recognize him and his deceptions, so that you can "resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

He isn't God and will never be God. Thanks be to God, Lucifer is no match for Christ. And to make it clear Satan is condemned, Jesus came to crush his head (Gen. 3:15). The cross is planted into a sinful world and Jesus' crucifixion undoes that old evil foe. So live now like the victors you are. "Pray that you may not enter into temptation" (Lk 22:40). You're not alone. Satan is already finished. He's a snake on his last breath. You have the words of Scripture that reveal him as the liar he is, and you are given a great promise: "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Cor. 10:13).



Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8th grade
Amanda Harbord, Education



Parent Datenight Sunday School Gamenight

Aug. 19, Friday, 5:30-8:00 pm
No cost. Food provided.

New Sunday School Year!
Begins Aug. 21



Youth Group

High School
Pastor Cockran

Aug. 14 -1 week later
6:00-8:00 pm
Invite any friends.

higherthings.org



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.

August 5 6:30 pm

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

Dinner Theatre

Teresa Miller, Board of Fellowship

The stage will be set in Augsburg Hall for an evening of entertainment.

6:00 pm Seating begins

6:15 pm Dinner served

7:00 pm The Show begins

Adults: \$10

Children: \$5

Under 6: Free

Dinner Theatre

**Aug. 13
Saturday
6:00 pm**

Risen Savior Dinner Theatre is an Italian themed dinner followed by a few (fun/silly) skits with congregation participation. I have several skits that need performers of all ages. Additionally, help is need for audio/lighting, stagehands for each skit along with help in the kitchen to serve the meal and Hall clean up after the show. Make it a family fun night! – laughs will be had by all.

**Please feel free to call or text me for your availability:
(816) 536-0157**

Music Conference

Kantor Timothy Schreiber

St. John's, Topeka is hosting their annual Music Conference, Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 am - 4 pm. Register at stjohnlcmstopeka.org.

Cost is \$20 which includes lunch. There will be a Matins and Vespers Service. The Keynote Speaker is Rev. Daenzer, Director of Worship for the LCMS.

Following Vespers at 4 pm is a recital by Kantor Schreiber.

Kantor Schreiber: 402-715-0799 kantor@rslcms.church
Music Lessons are taking place, please contact Kantor with questions.



**Topeka
Aug. 13
Saturday
9 am - 4 pm**

Weekly Bible Classes

Sunday 9:15
Gospel of John

Wednesday 8:30 Matins, 9:00 Class
1 & 2 Kings



Risen Savior Classical Academy

HELP!

**There is a need for an Instructors for our Gamma class (3-4 gr. level);
and on Thursday afternoons for an Art Instructor.**

Please see Amanda Uhlmansiek, our Director or Pastor Weinkauf.

Key dates:

Aug. 1, 1 pm Parent Orientation & Open House

Aug. 22 Our 5th year begins!





Aug. 21
11:45
Potluck
12:20
Meeting

Congregation Potluck & Voter's Assembly

Congregation Potluck & Quarterly Voter's Assembly, August 21, after the 10:30 Service. An Agenda will be printed August 14 for your prayerful review. Any New Business Motions should be submitted for the Agenda. All members over 18 welcome to vote and encouraged to be there.

For our potluck, members last name:

A-M: bring a main dish;

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



Sept. 15
6:30 pm

Katie's Sisters Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator

We will not have Katie's Sisters event in August. We will be getting back together Sept. 15, 6:30 pm for a special activity or outing!



Sept. 9
10:00 am
Basehor
City Park

Risen Savior Moms

Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator

No gathering in August.

We will meet at the Basehor City Park for our next outing, Friday, September 9, 10:00 am.

Usually 2nd Friday of the month. Welcome to all parents, grandparents with children to gather a various parks and venues around the metro area for children to play and moms, grandmas to connect.



Aug. 4
6:30 pm

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...

August 4: The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (1st half only!)

Sept. 1: The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (Finish it!)



Aug. 26
7 pm

Men's GameNight Usually 4th Friday of the month

August 26, 7 pm. 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, godly behavior.

Women in Mission

Chyleen Pauesick, President



**Aug. 11
6:00 pm**

Our August event will be on August 11, 6:00 pm, in Wittenberg Hall. There will be a short meeting, and then Michelle Mortensen will teach the basics of crocheting. If anyone wants to learn this craft, please join us, or if you want to brush up on your skills and learn some new ones. Watch further announcements for any details. All the women of Risen Savior are invited and welcome to come to any of our events. Your friends are welcome, also.

Join us in our Mission Project! As you are cleaning closets and getting the kids fitted for the new school year, please donate those used items for this project. Pray for God's blessing on this ministry. LWML's selected mission project this year is the Orphan Grain Train. We will be collecting items to donate during the month of August. Here is a sample of the items they can use:

New and used clothing – all sizes – all ages - Jackets, shoes, coats, dresses
Small working appliances; School supplies; Layette Kits; Hygiene Kits;
Blankets, quilts, comforters; Sports equipment, small toys, bicycles
Medical equipment – crutches, walkers, braces; Bed and Bath linens;
Cash Donations are also welcomed.

NOTE: They will only accept new underwear and socks.

Collections can be dropped off in Whittenburg Hall under the shelf on the south wall during the month of August. Please see the bulletin board if you would like more information about this mission and the Orphan Grain Train. www.ogt.org

1st Friday Trustees

Board of Trustees, Richard Uhlmansiek



**Aug. 5
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.

Church Picnic

Teresa Miller and Dianne Scharnhorst working hard before the picnic to get things ready.
Kids getting ready for the watermelon eating contest.



Church Picnic Thanks for all who brought food and celebrated Risen Savior's 14th Anniversary. Special thanks to Ronnie Miller for the BBQ meats; Board of Fellowship Teresa Miller and Dianne Scharnhorst for their work; Steve Woelk and Jerry Long for the music.

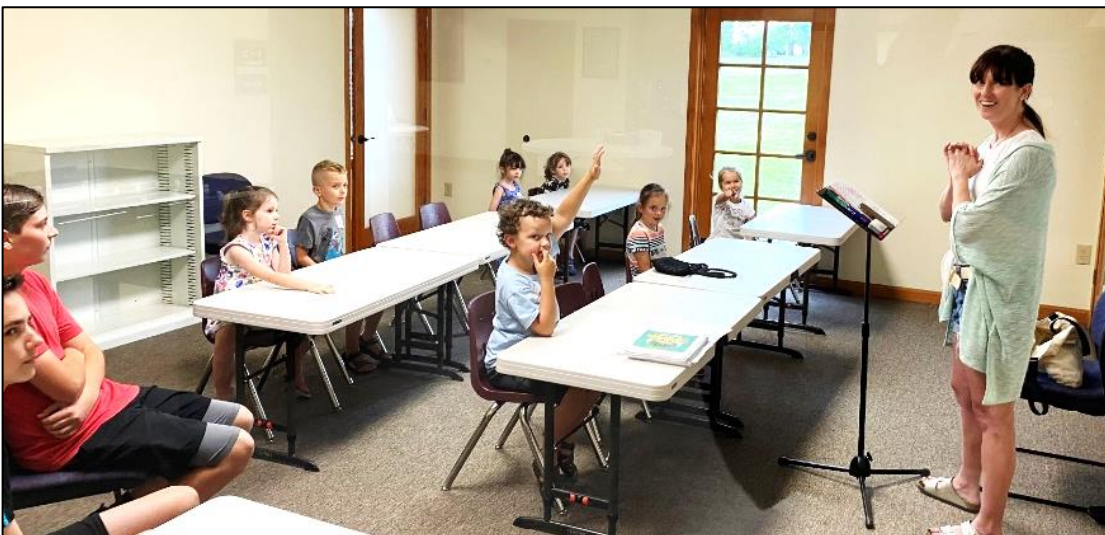




Vacation Bible School

Thanks for all the children who came.
And for our volunteers:

Susan Eubanks, Karen Erickson,
Bruce & Amanda Harbord, Ella Gary,
Makenzy Curtis, Sandra Smith,
Derek & Sarah Peters, Joanie Jones,
Nick & Sarah Bretz, Janise Selbe,
Richard Uhlmansiek, Jodi Weinkauff,
Katie Kasunic, Aidan Savage,
Corin Kasunic, Gus White,
Leslie Grimm, Dalton Johnson,
Dianne Scharnhorst, Liz Friedman





Ordination Anniversaries Thanks to Kim Dunn for the cakes and Teresa Miller for the Reception for Pastor Weinkauf (15th) and Pastor Cockran (5th).



Asphalt work in July

Thanks for regular Offerings and many special gifts to make this all possible!

Parking Lot (\$44,000) Thanks to the Board of Trustees, Richard Uhlmansiek & Nick Bretz.

Cemetery Drive (\$20,000) Thanks to the Cemetery Board, especially Michelle Mortensen. Note: Cemetery funds are completely separate from Church funds.



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8 th Sun. aft Pentecost 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 6:00 p Book of Concord study	1 11:00 a RSCA Instructor meeting 1:00 p RS Classical Academy Parent Meeting/Open House	2 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all	3 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all	4 6:30 p Book Club	5 8-9:30 a 1st Friday Trustee work 6:30 p Table Talk for young adults	6 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution
7 9 th Sun. aft Pentecost 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service	8 Noon Lunch w/Pastor	9	10 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all	11 6:00 p LWML mtg.	12 4:00-5:00 a Men's Group	13 9:00 a St. John's-Topeka Music Conference, til 4 p 6:00 p Dinner Theatre
14 10 th Sun. aft Pentecost 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 6:00 p Youth Group	15 6:30 p Board of Elders <i>Mary, mother of our Lord</i>	16 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	17 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all	18 10:00 a Newsletter due 6:30 p Katie's Sisters	19 5:30-8 p Sunday School gamenight/ Parent datenight	20 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution
21 11 th Sun. aft Pentecost 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Polluck/Voter's Assembly	22 8:30a-3:30p R.S. Classical Academy begins new year!	23 <i>St. Bartholomew, apostle</i>	24 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all	25 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	26 7:00 p Men's gamenight	27
28 12 th Sun. aft Pentecost 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Council budget mtg. 6:00 p Book of Concord study	29 <i>Martyrdom St. John, Bapt.</i> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	30	31 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all	1 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club	2 8-9:30 a First Friday Trustee work 6:30 p Table Talk for young adults	3 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Derrick & Sarah Peters 2 Brooklyn Ford 3 Tom Fehlhafer 3 Pastor & Jodi Weinkauff 4 Anita Yarbrough 5 Jayden Kasunic 5 Mike Blankenship 5 Bob & Eleanor Lenahan 6 Ella Gary 6 Cathy Manis 7 John Kasunic	9 Charlotte Newman 9 John & Kris Ball 9 Jett Hawk 9 Elizabeth Friedman 9 Sarah Howell 9 Tirzah Uhlmansiek 9 Heather Kingery 11 Dalton Johnson 12 Mike & Sharon Blankenship 12 Rebecca Hillyer 12 Reagan Malone 12 Deborah Middlemas	13 Jane Hunter 14 Meredith Hall 15 Lillian Bretz 17 Larry Hunter 18 Luis & Kelcie Arana 19 Hannah Fehlhafer 20 LeRoy & Dianne Schamhorst 21 Kelsey Grisso 21 Kirk & Jeana Sullivan	22 Thomas & Heather Shaulis 22 Courtney Colson 23 Joshua Grimm 23 Richard Uhlmansiek 24 Erika Colacicco 25 Julia Lohrke 26 David & Brenda Benzel 27 Johnathan Newberry 28 Andy & Wendy Dedeker	28 Isaac Kalebaugh 28 Erica Turney 28 Bret Curtis 29 Michael Savage 29 Hannah Hillyer 30 Emily Dunn 31 Terry Wade 31 Gloria Brimhall
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Thank You

To families cleaning in July:

Erickson, Turntine, Friedman,
Harbord, Cordes

For the Sunday breakfast snacks in July:

Miller (3), Bretz, Cockran

To David Ford for electrical
work.

To Marsha Albright for staining
the courtyard benches.

From Birthright Pregnancy
Center in Leavenworth, for our
collection in June
—Margaret McNamee and all the
Birthright Volunteers.

2022 Financial

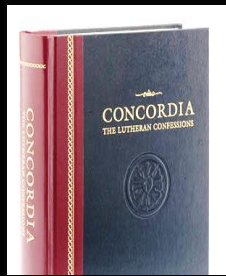
Full report posted in Church Office.
Less Dedicated Gifts/Expenses,

Through end of June:

Budget \$209,250

Offerings \$236,244

Expenses \$204,698



Book of Concord Study

Sunday, Aug. 28, 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.



LutheransForLife.org

**"Pray, dear army of God, for the courage to seize
opportunities to speak of God's saving glory and
the peace it brings!**

**Pray, dear army of God, for those God has sent
into your life that you speak His love and truth!**

**Pray, dear army of God, that God would keep
us steadfast to His Word amid the persecution it
brings!**

**Pray, dear army of God, that the Holy Spirit
equip the next generation of faithful witnesses
to add their voices to ours now and the chorus of
the saints."**

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