



# RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Basehor, Kansas - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

## OKTOBER Newsletter 2025

### Events

**Oct. 5**

Oktoberfest!

**Oct. 14**

Blood Drive

**Oct. 17**

40 Days of Life Vigil

**Oct. 26**

Festival of the  
Reformation

**Oct. 31**

Reformation Day  
German meal,  
Vespers,  
fireworks

### Church

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## You Are a Chosen Race

Pastor Weinkauff

St. Peter famously calls the people that gather, that rightly call on the Lord as a household built together, **a chosen race**, echoing Exodus 19, **a kingdom of priests and a holy nation**. He describes us **rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious**. A band of brothers and sisters who call God Father, Jesus Savior and brother, and the Spirit Holy. We are nothing of importance to the world. St. Peter does not stop there, he goes on, calls us: **royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light**. Both Old and New Testament has priests, and because of the gift of God they are a priestly people. By God's design with many references, He sends and places a Priest, a spiritual Father, a Pastor before them to serve them in His stead. We must gather as God's people for this is what He establishes. St. Peter calls us a holy nation, but it is a nation of sinners whose only claim to holiness is the righteousness of our Savior, who clothes us in Himself and work of the Holy Spirit in baptism. He says we are a people for God's own possession, to live in obedience to Him who made us and saved us. Our purpose is not to fulfill our own wills and desires to proclaim the **excellencies of Him who called us from the darkness of sin and death into His own light and life**.

We are a **chosen race**. This transcends our skin color, our place of birth to a place in His kingdom. St. Paul writes ethnicity has been transcended by a new and different identity -a catholic and universal one. And we see in Revelation of St. John we have different skin colors and ethnos but are united in a greater family now and always as brothers and sisters. Gentiles do not become Jews but both Jew and Gentile become the chosen race/people of God. Jews embrace the fulfillment of all Scripture and Covenants in the Christ, to confess Jesus, the one true God, and no longer live like Jews in the Old Covenant; Gentiles no longer live like pagan Gentiles, but all embrace the one true God, one family, one faith.

The Gospel is still an ethnic Gospel, but it transcends the ethnic divisions of this world. We are adopted into Christ and into the family of Abraham and David, with rights of identity and inheritance.

The chosen nature of Israel's identity was always about Christ, and in Christ and the chosen nature of the Gentile's ethnicity is about Christ, and in Christ as well. We see Israel's history and its lessons as our own just as we are bound together in the new blood of Christ that cleanses us from all our sin and marks us as belonging to Him. This is the mystery long hidden through the ages to Gentiles-- **the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**. Col. 1. And, **Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith**—Romans 1:25-26.

## New Devotional Material

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



# A Kingdom at Hand

Pastor Burgdorf

The night air is becoming cooler, leaves seem to anticipate the changing color, and we see the telltale signs of fall approaching. We are reminded that winter is not far off. And this changes how we live. People are busy trying to enjoy the last days of summer, getting projects done before the snow comes. Whether we want it to come or not, we know sooner rather than later, once again, snow will cover our yards and the trees, and so it is best to prepare for it now.

It is of no surprise to us, it's of no surprise to anyone. Of course, we change our lives to fit what is coming, of course, we prepare for what is ahead. But sadly, quite often, we forget what truly lies ahead. It is easy to get preoccupied with all that needs to get done around the house, the property, and we forget what is truly needed. Quite often, we use the changing seasons, along with a whole host of other things, as reasons to avoid coming to Church, to forgo reading our Bible daily. "After all", we say, "These things are not pressing, I still have time".

But this is not the case. Jesus says, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Christ has come and has ushered us into the end times. He has dealt the fatal blow against sin, death, and the devil. He has dealt the fatal blow against your sinful flesh and has called you into a new life. Not a new life that begins when you die, not a new life that begins on judgment day. No, Christ has called you now. By His blood and His passion, He has called you to live according in the season of Easter. To live in His ways and in His truth. To rejoice for He is indeed risen and is coming again.

Let us take note of the changing seasons and let it be a reminder to us of all that is coming. Fall, winter, yes, but more importantly, our Lord who has promised to return and to raise up all the faithful whom He has called into His glorious light.



**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** (2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Amanda Harbord, Board of Education  
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**Sunday School  
will sing  
Reformation Sunday,  
10:30 Service.**

**Thank you to all our teachers!**



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# Youth Group

**High School**  
Pastor Burgdorf

**October 12**

**-1 week later due to  
Oktoberfest**

**6:00-8:00 pm**

**Invite any friends.**

**Sunday Class 9:15!**



# Table Talk

Plan for the 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays

**19-39 year old**  
Pastor Burgdorf

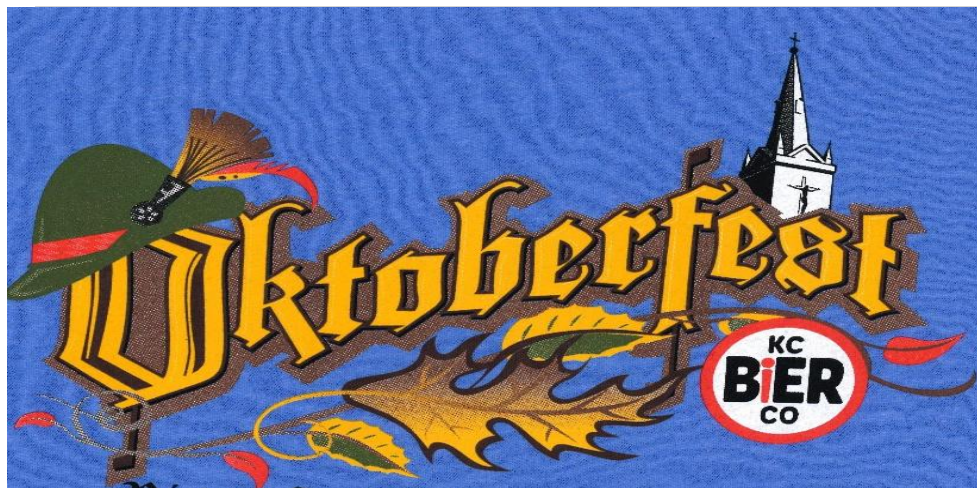
**October 3**

**7:00 pm**

Invite any friends.

Bring any snacks or beverages if you wish.





Emily Newman, Board of Fellowship



# Oktober 5 4-7 pm

**Get your dirndl & lederhosen! Start practicing those polka moves!** We are anticipating another large community turnout for Oktoberfest! We will need the help of the congregation in many areas of this event. **Invite family and friends.**

Oktoberfest will have our usual spread German foods, bounce houses, games for all ages, live German music performed by the Alpen Spieler.

Men's Keg Toss; Women's Stein Holding Competitions

We will have a face painting artist, a photo booth set up with a 'green screen' for a variety of background for free pictures.

Biergarten, pumpkins to decorate, facepainting, etc.



**SILENT AUCTION** to benefit our Classical Academy also to be held.

## 508th Reformation Day

## Oct. 31

**Meal 5:00 pm**

German meal. There is no cost for this meal.

**Vespers 6:00 pm**

Evening historical liturgy with hymns of Luther.

**Fireworks 6:45 pm**

After the Service, you are invited to stay for huge

**Beverages**

fireworks, beverages around our firepits to enjoy

**Desserts**

the night here! Plenty of desserts and left-overs too.

We burn the papal excommunication letter & indulgences too.

If your children desire to 'trick or treat' there is still plenty of time and nearby neighborhoods.

## Bible Classes

**Sundays 9:15 am Luke**

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





**Oct. 6  
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!)

October 6: Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (either edition)

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



**Oct. 16  
6:30 pm**

## Katie's Sisters

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

Our next gathering will be Oct. 16, 6:30 pm. All women of the congregation and any friends welcome. Watch for mailbox flyers.



**Oct. 17  
Friday  
7a - 5p**

**Stop by  
anytime.**

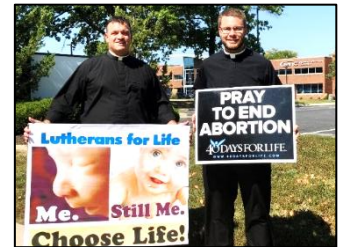
## 40 Days Life Vigil

We take part in this nationwide, worldwide campaign during Lent and in the fall. All welcome, join us at any time during this vigil, Friday, Oct. 17.

**4840 College Blvd., Overland Park.**

Between Metcalf & Roe.

We simply stand on the sidewalk by the road, outside the Abortion Clinic; in an act in love, charity confessing Christ.



**Oct. 3  
9:00 am**



**Oct. 24  
7:00 pm**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Trustee Work

Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

We will meet Oct. 3, 9:00 following Matins to work on various projects inside or outside and wrap-up by 10:00.

## Men's GameNight

Usually 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month

We will be playing cards, enjoying food and beverages. All men and friends over 18 welcome.



**Oct. 9  
6:00 pm**

## Women In Mission

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

October 12 we will be celebrating LWML Sunday. Why Mites? The story of the Widow's Mite. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12). The mites we collect are used for various mission projects throughout the year. If you need a new box, please take one from our bulletin board. Updated mission projects will be posted on the LWML bulletin board. We will have a short business meeting followed by devotions featuring "Fruits of the Spirit". Our next meeting will be on Oct. 9 at 6:00 pm, all ladies are welcome to join us. Deb Glaum is our study leader as she has a series on the fruits of the Holy Spirit.





Oct. 14

# Blood Drive

Board of Outreach, Jim & Billie Brush coordinators

**Oct. 14, 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.



## Available Help

If you want 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 8<sup>th</sup> year is underway!** We currently have 59 students.

Special thanks to our members who serve: Emily Newman, Mary Cardwell, Chelsea Harper, Katlyn Selbe, Claire Burgdorf, Jennifer Zarda, Cathy Manis, Pastor Weinkauf, Pastor Burgdorf. In addition we also have serving as Instructors: Colin Cardwell, Dixie Spurlin, Kendra Schoen, Lisa Hiestand, Lavonne Glassbrenner.



Opening  
Chapel  
Service



New  
embroidered  
polo shirts







Lunchtime, the meal begins with Luther's Table Prayer.



Pastor Burgdorf teaches all the Christian Studies classes.



Rev. Dr. Boyle, Seminary professor, preached and taught Sunday, Aug. 17. He also led a Pastor's Continuing Education hosted at Risen Savior, with 15 attending, with lectures and several services during the day.



Farewell to our summer Vicar, Seminary Joshua Hallock. He stayed at Pastor Weinkauf's during the summer and has now returned for his second year at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne.



Pastor's Continuing Education is a retreat as well that between lectures there are prayer services. Several pastors stayed at the church overnights, utilizing our showers and facility.

Dr. Boyle with us for our monthly Book of Concord study with 45 in attendance, as following the study we enjoy a spread of food, beverages, and conversation.



With four evenings with Dr. Boyle and with Dr. Grobein, many pastors make use of our courtyard well into the night.



Rev. Dr. Grobein, Seminary professor, preached for the 1700<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Council of Nicaea Sept. 14. It was followed by meal and presentation by Rev. Broadus. 16 Pastors made it to the event.





# OKTOBER 2025

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>28 15<sup>th</sup> Sun. aft Trinity</b><br>8:00 Divine Service<br>9:15 Sun. School/Bible class<br>9:15 New Member Class<br>10:30 Divine Service<br>11:45 Vocal Choir<br>6:00 Book of Concord study | <b>29</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>8:30-3:30 Risen Savior<br>Classical Academy<br>St. Michael & All Angels | <b>30</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>9:00 Bible Study for all<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>7:00 Confirmation<br>7:00 Bell choir<br>KS DISTRICT PASTOR'S CONFERENCE           | <b>1</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>9:00 Bible Study for all<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>7:00 Confirmation<br>7:00 Bell choir  | <b>2</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>6:30 Youth Chorale                          | <b>3</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>9:00 1st Friday Trustee work<br>7:00 TableTalk for young adults  | <b>4</b><br>9-10 Private Confession & Absolution<br>9:00 Oktoberfest prep; strudel making<br>6:00 Divine Service |
| <b>5 16<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Trinity</b><br>8:00 Divine Service<br>9:15 Sun. School/Bible class<br>9:15 New Member Class<br>10:30 Divine Service<br>11:45 Vocal Choir<br>4:00-7:00 Oktoberfest     | <b>6</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>8:30-3:30 Risen Savior<br>Classical Academy<br>6:30 Book Club            | <b>7</b><br>8:30 Matins  | <b>8</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>9:00 Bible Study for all<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>7:00 Confirmation<br>7:00 Bell choir  | <b>9</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>6:00 LWML<br>6:30 Youth Chorale             | <b>10</b><br>8:30 Matins  | <b>11</b><br>6:00 Divine Service   |
| <b>12 17<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Trinity</b><br>8:00 Divine Service<br>9:15 Sun. School/Bible class<br>9:15 New Member Class<br>10:30 Divine Service<br>11:45 Vocal Choir<br>6:00 Youth Group         | <b>13</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>8:30-3:30 Risen Savior<br>Classical Academy<br>6:30 Board of Elders     | <b>14</b><br>10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First<br>11:00 Bible Study @ Faith Cottages<br>10:00 Newsletter due<br>Noon Lunch with Pastor<br>1:00-6:00 Blood Drive | <b>15</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>9:00 Bible Study for all<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>7:00 Confirmation<br>7:00 Bell choir   | <b>16</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>6:30 Youth Chorale<br>6:30 Katie's Sisters | <b>17</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>7-5 40 Days of Life Vigil in Overland Park  | <b>18</b><br>9-10 Private Confession & Absolution<br>6:00 Divine Service<br>St. Luke, Evangelist                 |
| <b>19 18<sup>th</sup> Sun. aft. Trinity</b><br>8:00 Divine Service<br>9:15 Sun. School/Bible class<br>9:15 New Member Class<br>10:30 Divine Service<br>11:45 Vocal Choir<br>11:45 Church Council      | <b>20</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>8:30-3:30 Risen Savior<br>Classical Academy                             | <b>21</b><br>8:30 Matins   | <b>22</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>9:00 Bible Study for all<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>6:30 Katie's Sisters @ Kaitlyn Selbe's house<br>7:00 Confirmation<br>7:00 Bell choir | <b>23</b><br>8:30 Divine Service<br>6:30 Youth Chorale                 | <b>24</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>7:00 Men's Gamenight  | <b>25</b><br>6:00 Divine Service   |
| <b>26 Festival, Reformation</b><br>8:00 Divine Service<br>9:15 Sun. School/Bible class<br>10:30 Divine Service<br>11:45 Vocal Choir<br>5:00 Adult Catechism Class<br>6:00 Book of Concord Study       | <b>27</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>8:30-3:30 Risen Savior<br>Classical Academy                             | <b>28</b><br>8:30 Divine Service<br>Sts. Simon, Jude, Apostles   | <b>29</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>9:00 Bible Study for all<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>7:00 Confirmation<br>7:00 Bell choir   | <b>30</b><br>8:30 Matins<br>6:30 Youth Chorale                         | <b>31 Reformation Day</b><br>8:30 Divine Service<br>9:00 1st Friday Trustee Work<br>5:00 German Meal<br>6:00 Vespers<br>6:45 Fireworks & Desserts | <b>1</b> All Saints' Day<br>6:00 Divine Service<br>*Turn clocks back at bedtime                                  |

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Birthdays</b><br>1 Michelle Cass<br>2 Cory Beauford<br>5 Dorothy Tisdell<br>6 April Luebke<br>6 Corinne Swartz<br>7 Jimmy Harbord<br>7 Elsie Johnson<br>7 Jodi Weinkauf | 8 Nora Turney<br>10 Murphy Clary<br>11 Josh Durlinger<br>11 Wes Harbord<br>12 Julia Cordes<br>14 Camila TenEyck<br>16 James Turney<br>17 Eric Reinhard<br>17 Sheila Goodsmith | 18 Christie Kasunic<br>19 Brian Huesers<br>19 Dianne Schamhorst<br>20 Beverly Saving<br>20 Billi Jo Fielder<br>21 Benjamin Schilling<br>21 Clark Jahnke<br>21 Jeana Sullivan<br>24 Alena Swartz | 24 Cora Ambrecht<br>24 Paisley Burgess<br>24 Robert Schubert<br>24 Ronnie Miller<br>25 Akalaha Hauk<br>25 Frances Brown<br>25 Jenni Grisso<br>27 Bonnie White<br>28 Lena Dowdall | 30 Anne Stuedemann<br>30 Emma Gardner<br>30 Steve Friedmann<br><b>Wedding Anniversaries</b><br>1 Steve & Marsha Albright<br>5 Nick & Sarah Bretz<br>6 David & Ashley Armbricht<br>7 Tony & Laurie Fisher | 8 Cory & Cathi Beauford<br>9 Darrel & Ashley Hofstetter<br>10 Josh & Christina Long<br>16 Jerod & Julie Kasunic<br>22 Steve & Judy White<br>24 Steve & Rachel Crowell<br>25 Steve & Elizabeth Friedman<br>26 Larry & Kathy Renn<br>28 Clayton & Bianca Oswald |
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## Thank You!

- ☒ For all who helped with the Highway clean-up.
- ☒ Dianne Scharnhorst & Kathy Woelk for prep, serving, clean-up at Nicene Creed dinner.
- ☒ Our mowers that save the church \$10,000+ if we had to contract it out.
- ☒ Those who worked on the St. Luke's Altar.

## 2025 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of August:

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| Offerings | \$317,740 |
| Expenses  | \$303,984 |

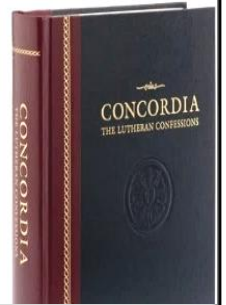
Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

## Book of Concord Study

**Oct.26 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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"We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things."

"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!"

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