



**New Church Year. Advent. Renew. Recommit.
Reinvigorate your life in Worship and Devotions
...and the Advent Wreath** Pastor Weinkauf

A New Church Year, Dec. 1. Advent Season in the Church Year comes as early as the 400s AD, with the Church setting aside time before the Feast of Christmas for preparation and fasting, similar to Lent for Easter, but Advent is not as solemn. Blue paraments indicate a sorrow for sin while a color of a King. In Scripture the Lord establishes a liturgical calendar with major events, with a time of fasting, repentance before the feast, celebrations. Jesus continues in this liturgical calendar of worship and practice and calls on us "when you fast" (Matt. 6).

The Advent wreath comes to us from a German Lutheran pastor in early 1800s as a tool of preparation during this penitential season. It caught on and within 100 years most every Lutheran and Roman Catholic home in Germany utilize one. It spreads to America and now all types of Christians use the Advent wreath. Candles point to Jesus, the Light of the world. The evergreen wreath reminds that our Savior God grants new and everlasting life in Jesus. The wreath was also a symbol of victory, for a garland wreath was often placed on victors in contests or conquests. So naturally, a Christian can think of the crown of life that Jesus has won for us. The wreath also of the circle showing God and His eternal work. The four candles in an Advent wreath emphasize this period of penitence and preparation. Each week another candle lit daily during devotion of liturgy, Scripture, song, and prayer.

We all need Advent. We need Advent devotions. Whether you are consistent in daily devotions or lacking, Advent brings upon a season to re-new, re-invigorate, re-start a devotional life! We need, we desperately need sacred meditations, preparations in our life unto Christ. It is a time now to gather each day/night, with wreath lit, having family devotions. Even if its just you, do it. I beg you to take the time -make the time! Be enriched by our Lord, grow together as a family together in His Word. And come to the Sacrament! Blessings on your Advent preparation, as we once again celebrate our coming King.

NEW Daily Matins Service 8:30 am

Beginning this New Church Year, Dec. 2 we will hold Matins at 8:30 am, Monday through Friday. For Centuries, the Church observed this daily morning Service of the Word. On the few occasions where both Pastors are at a conference or unavailable it will be noted on the schedule and calendar.

Altar Guild News

Sherry Stevens has been appointed the new head of our Altar Guild. We have been greatly blessed by the service of her predecessors: Cookie Doebele served from 2018-2024, now taking care of her husband with health issues; Bonnie White served as head from 2008-2018.

Thank you to those who currently serve: Kim Dunn, Teresa Miller, Karen Erickson, Ann Doebele, Garey & Phyllis Brooks, Joanie Jones, Marlaine Malone, Lanette Carder.

If you wish to join, even if it is just for portions, like Saturday morning set-up or clean-up after 10:30 Service, please see:

Sherry Stevens, 913-515-4916.
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Pictured left to right, Sherry Stevens, Cookie Doebele, Bonnie White.

**Key
Events**

Dec. 4, 11, 18
Midweek Advent

Dec. 6
Sunday School Game
Night/Parent Night Out

Dec. 13, 20
Adventide Socials

Dec. 15
Cookie Walk
Children's Program

Dec. 22
Caroling

Dec. 24
Services
5 & 7 pm

Dec. 25
Divine Service
10:30 am

Dec. 31
Divine Service
10:00 pm
then gather until
midnight

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Concerning Adiaphora

Pastor Burgdorf

(That which is neither commanded nor Forbidden by Scripture)

Our culture teaches that all ways are equal. Every opinion is equally valid. Every man's truth is equally true. Every path leads equally to God, whomever he or she may be. For the most part, we have resisted this false and dangerous idea, insofar as Christian doctrine is concerned. But it seems that we have fallen prey to a sort of liturgical pluralism and lost our ability to speak with clarity concerning adiaphora. This is not simply a matter of opinion: my style of music versus your style of music. There are objective standards that ought to be used to judge adiaphora. Lutheran chorales are objectively superior to Methodist hymns. The five settings of the Divine Service in LSB are not equal—not musically, not poetically, and not by strength of confession. The visual statement made by a pastor wearing robes is better than that of one wearing skinny jeans. Yes, these are matters of adiaphora. But that should be the beginning, not the end, of a discussion that follows, accompanied by a rigorous examination of the practice in question.



The Lutheran Confessions teach us how to think properly about such matters. Far from being a free-for-all, adiaphora were "introduced into the Church with good intention, for the sake of good order and proper custom, or otherwise to maintain Christian discipline" (SD X:1). They are "profitable for good order, Christian discipline, or evangelical practice in the Church" (SD X:7). That a custom is an adiaphoron is not license for each pastor to tinker with it according to his fancy. Our confessions state: "Nothing in customary rites should be changed without a reasonable cause. So to nurture unity, old customs that can be kept without sin or great inconvenience should be kept... even though they may be burdensome. We have judged that such public unity, which could indeed be produced without offending consciences, should be preferred" (Ap XV:51–52). And where a change is deemed necessary, it should be done "thoughtfully and without giving offense, in an orderly and appropriate way, whenever it is considered most profitable, most beneficial, and best for good order, Christian discipline, and the Church's edification" (SD X:9).

In summary, our confessions teach that customs and traditions neither commanded nor forbidden by Scripture are to be retained for the sake of good order, Christian discipline, and evangelical practice. They should not be changed unless they are shown to cause sin, and only then with great thought and in an orderly manner. Let no one say we are free to do as we wish. In matters of adiaphora, we are bound to carefully consider the traditions we have inherited against the words of Scripture. And where Scripture is silent, we are bound to consider good order and unity within the Church.

Pax Domini,
Pastor Burgdorf

TABLE TALK is back! First Fridays, 7 pm.

Pastor Burgdorf will lead this monthly gathering, designed for young adults (19-39 year old), single or married, member or non-members, to gather with snacks and beverages to engage issues of life and culture in light of God's Word.





RISEN SAVIOR MUSIC

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

Thank you to all the returning and new people that fill our balcony! If you wish you may join in at anytime. No experience necessary.

- Vocal Choir** Practices Sundays, 11:45 am
- Bell Choir** Practices Wednesday at 7 pm
- Youth Chorale** Practices Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm.
2nd-8th Grade invited to participate in our youth choir.
(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.

Piano & Organ Lessons? Please see Cathy. There are currently 8 students.

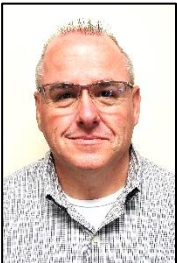


Bible Classes

Sundays 9:15 am Epistles

Weds. 8:30 am Matins Service

9:00 am Revelation



Call Committee Done!

Congratulations to our newly re-elected Leavenworth County Sherriff Andy Dedeke!

Thank you to Andy Dedeke, chair of the Call Committee for their work and members: Forrest Erickson, Steve Albright, Kevin Carder, Gary Cordes, LeRoy Scharnhorst, Scott Maurer, Nathan Radke, David Ford, Ron Smith, Bret Curtis, Pastor Weinkauff

Can Food Drive

Our annual collection for Lutheran Urban Ministry Agency food pantry runs through Dec. 15. Last year 1000 cans were donated.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

**Gamenight/
Parent Datenight**
Friday, Dec. 6, 6-8 pm

**Children practicing songs
now during Sunday School.**

Christmas Program:
Sunday, Dec. 15, 6 pm
Program practice:
Sat., Dec. 14,
10 am-Noon



YOUTH GROUP

High School
Pastor Burgdorf

Dec. 1
6:00-8:00 pm
Invite any friends.

Sunday Class 9:15!



TABLE TALK IS BACK!

19-39 year old, First Fridays
Pastor Burgdorf has arrived!

Jan. 3 Friday 7:00 pm
Invite any friends.

Monthly social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.

Advent, Christmas Schedule

Advent Midweek December 4, 11, 18

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

Supper 6:00-6:50 pm; meals hosted by LWML or Youth Group

Service 7:00-7:45 pm; Confirmation, Bell Choir 7:45-8:25



Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 17, 6:00 pm, followed by reception

Christmas Eve Service

5:00 & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Divine Service

10:30 am



New Years Eve Divine Service

10:00 pm

Then ring in 2025 as we gather in Augsburg Hall for the famous Risen Savior ball drop at midnight.

Food & beverages, games and gym.



Dec. 13, 20
7-8 pm

Adventide Socials

All invited to gathering at a home from 7-8 pm on 2 Fridays in Advent. Bring a snack or beverage to share if you wish. There will be social visiting and then wrap-up with a hymn sing, and prayer.

Dec. 13: Forrest & Karen Erickson, 6940 Kenton, Shawnee
(just 20 minutes south of the Church, right off K-7 & 67th Street)

Dec. 20: Darren & Faith Kerr, 884 Clearview Dr., Lansing
(just 10 minutes north of the Church off 147th Street)



Poinsettias

Available for \$12. Deadline **Dec. 15**. They will be placed in the church for the Christmas Services. Forms in the Narthex. Bulletins will note memorial or thanksgiving. You make take yours home after any of the Services.



Caroling to Homebound Members

Sunday, Dec. 22, 3:00 pm we'll meet at the church and carpool to our stops. We should return to the church by 5:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to join us in this special gift for others



Katie's Sisters Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator; usually meet 3rd Thurs. Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

No Katie's Sisters in December. Thank you for everyone who donated to Claire's welcome basket. We were really able to spoil Claire with a fun filled night together.

January. We will host a baby shower for Hope Radke! Be on the look out in your church mailbox for information about our annual secret sister gift swap!



Dec. 15

Women In Mission Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

We will have our annual Cookie Walk on December 15, before and after and in between Services on Sunday morning. We invite all of you to purchase cookies that day (\$7.00 per dozen), and they can be used in your gift trays and for your Christmas celebrations, and you won't have to bake any yourself.

You are welcome to bring cookies to donate. Bring them Saturday 9:00-1:00, Dec. 14, for when we set up. If you can't bring them on Saturday, you are welcome to bring them on Sunday before 9:00 am.

We are having a potluck meal at 1:00 pm, Dec. 14. All invited.

All money received for this project is sent to the student food co-op at the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. Thanks in advance for helping us to make this a wonderful mission project. If you have any ideas for our 2025 mission project, please bring those ideas to any member of LWML.



**Dec. 6
9:00 am**

1st Friday Trustee Work Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

New time due to Matins. We gather next Dec. 6 at 9 am on the first Friday of the month; grab a coffee; then address various projects inside and outside the church.



**Dec. 5
6:30 pm**

Book Club meets 1st Thursday 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...

Dec. 5: On the Incarnation by Athanasius

Jan. 2: The Three Musketeers - Dumas

Feb. 6: The Emperor's Souls - Brandon Sanderson

March 6: The Blue Zones : 9 Lessons for Living Longer - Dan Buettner



Men's GameNight Usually last Friday of the month

We will resume in January. 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.

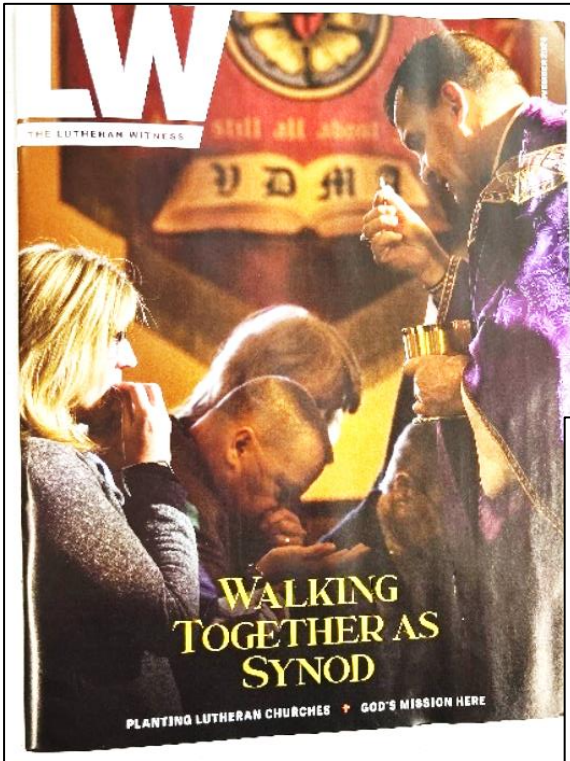


Available Help If you want to be added, send email to: weinkauf@rslcms.church

Babysitting Needs

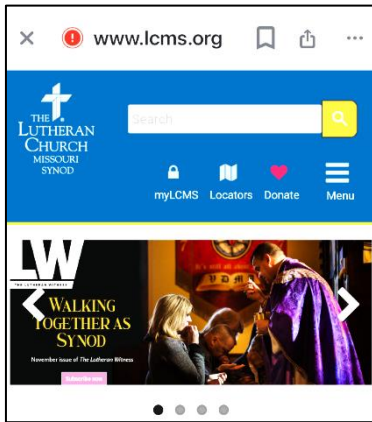
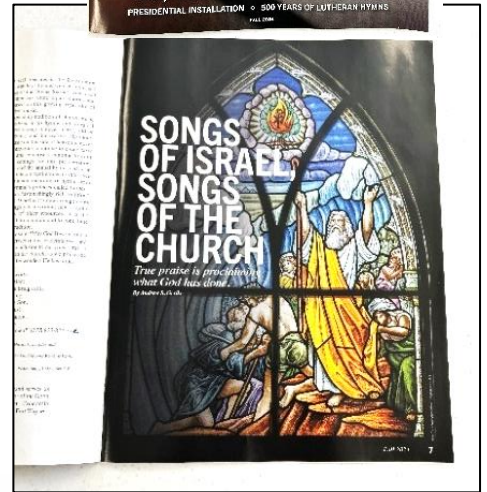
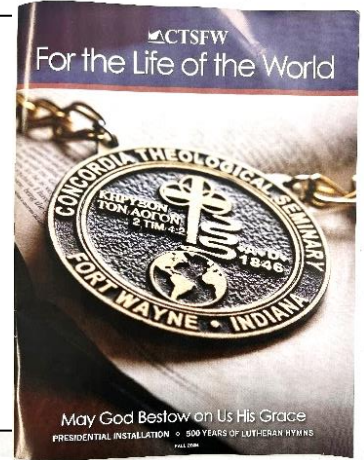
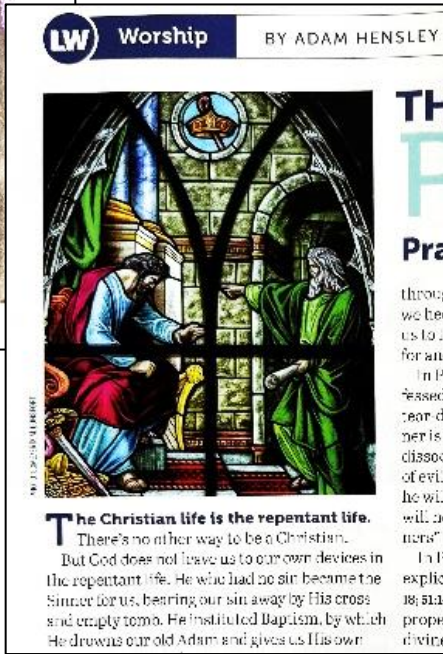
Bridget Harbord, 13. Safe Sitter certified (1/2024) in First Aid/CPR, child care, and safety skills. Available most weekends (day or evening), watch toddler-age and above. Will keep kids busy with activities and play. Call 913.544.4133 (Amanda, mom) or mdy2404@gmail.com.

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



Risen Savior for the 5th time was featured on the cover of the Lutheran Witness! No other congregation in the LCMS has had this happen! A stained glass window (David & Nathan, Psalm 51 on the scroll) was also featured with an article on the Psalms in the same November issue. The cover picture has also been displayed as one of the key monthly photos at LCMS.org.

Also the quarterly publication from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN used another of our stained glass windows in their publication.



RISEN SAVIOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY

VERITAS AETERNA



An amazing year of instruction is underway! We utilize 4 non-member Instructors. Special thanks to our Risen Savior member Instructors: Sherry Stevens, Mary Cardwell, Sara Tisdell, Janise Selbe, Amanda Harbord, Katlyn Selbe, Cathy Manis, Chelsea Harper, Lauren Durlinger, Chelsea Shaw, Lanette Carder, Pastor Weinkauf

Pictured is Mary Cardwell teaching Latin to the Beta class. She has taught Latin for 25 years and brings her expertise to our Academy.

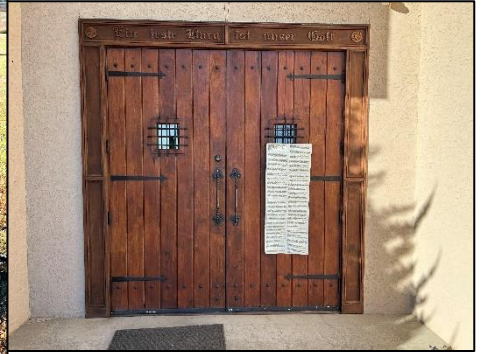
Installation of Pastor Burgdorf. Thanks to the Board of Fellowship for the meats and all who came.



Pastor Kinney (former vicar of RSLC and seminary classmate of Burgdorf) agreed to preach with short notice as Pastor Burgdorf's brother took ill.



Reformation Day 507. Thanks to the Board of Fellowship for the German meal. Gus White and Aidan Savage for the firework set-up and other youth who helped launch. Following Vespers, children are picture burning indulgences at the firepit. Large scale fireworks, desserts, & beverages.



Christmas Market. 35 vendors packed our facility (10 vendors turned away) and a constant crowd all day! Thanks to the Board of Fellowship for the meal and Jodi Weinkauff for the vendor coordination. Food sales and table rental raised about \$2000. Thank you to all who came out and supported this community event. Several people toured our church and engaged both pastors.





Election Day. North Basehor city votes at Risen Savior, as 1800 people voted (1700 voted early). Numerous comments throughout the day for appreciation for our kindness in community service.



Thank you to the Youth Chorale, here as they recently sang Psalm 8 at the Divine Service. Currently we have 8 youth. Children 2-8th grade welcome to join anytime.

Top Reasons to Join:

- 1) Singing to Lord!
- 2) Learn great music of the faith.
- 3) Hangout with the coolest kids at church.
- 4) Learn vocal parts and techniques.
- 5) Loudly practice at home and no one can tell you to be quiet.
- 6) You're high up in the balcony, so no one sees you.



Thank you to those who sign-up for the Sunday breakfast snack each week. Since we have a large supply of donuts every week, it is not necessary for one to prepare as much for the crowd, so please consider signing-up to provide either store bought or home cooked items.

Daylight Donuts, 155th & State, Basehor has been providing 10-12 dozen donuts every week -FREE, \$100+ value! As you have opportunity, patronage Daylight Donuts for their kindness to us.

Pastor Burgdorf's eviction day after 2 weeks at Pastor Weinkauf's house, moving into his new home in Lansing. Thanks to the 30 people! who cleaned and helped with the move, especially the trucks of: David Kalebaugh, Andy Dedeke, Gary Cordes, Forrest Erickson, Chris Humphry, Chuck Middlemas, Bruce Knoernschild, Nick Bretz, David Adair, Mike Adair, Pastor Weinkauf.



Pastor Burgdorf at his first Youth Group. Both pastors and youth had another epic game of kickball under the lights following the chapel service, food, and study. No one was (seriously) hurt this time.

Book of Concord, following the study a variety of food and beverages await.



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 st Sun. in Advent 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Youth Group	2 8:30-3:30 Risen Savior Classical Academy 8:40 Matins	3 8:30 Matins	4 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:40 Confirmation 7:40 Bell choir practice	5 8:30 Matins 6:30 Book Club 6:30 Youth Chorale	6 8:30 Matins 9:00 First Friday Trustee Work 6:00-8:00 Sunday School gamenight, Parent datenight	7 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
8 2 nd Sun. in Advent 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir	9 8:30-3:30 Risen Savior Classical Academy 8:40 Matins Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30 Board of Elders	10 8:30 Matins 10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First	11 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:40 Confirmation 7:40 Bell choir practice	12 8:30 Matins 6:00 LWML 6:30 Youth Chorale	13 8:30 Matins 7:00 Adventide Social	14 10:00-Noon Christmas Program Practice 6:00 Divine Service
15 3 rd Sun. in Advent 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 11:45 Church Council 6:00 Children's Program	16 8:30 Matins	17 8:30 Matins 10:00 Newsletter due	18 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:40 Confirmation 7:40 Bell choir practice	19 8:30 Matins 6:30 Katie's Sister 6:30 Youth Chorale	20 8:30 Matins 7:00 Adventide Social	21 St. Thomas, apostle 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
22 4 th Sun. in Advent 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 3:00 Caroling to Homebound	23 8:30 Matins	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 Service 7:00 Service	25 Christmas Day 10:30 Divine Service	26 St. Stephen 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	27 St. John, apostle 8:30 Matins	28 Holy Innocents' 6:00 Divine Service
29 1 st Sun. of Christmas 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service	30 8:30 Matins	31 Eve of Jesus Name 8:00 Divine Service -12:15 New Years' Eve @ Risen Savior	1 New Years'	2 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	3 8:30 Matins	4 6:00 Divine Service

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Rae Ann Evans	6 Lawrence Burgdorf	13 Mary Ellen Ballard	20 Reagan & Marlaime Malone	30 Gary & Nancy Hobelmann
3 Kirk Sullivan	6 Oscar Peters	14 Cole Knoernschild	20 Ron Swartz	30 Luke Muntzel
3 Lynette Ford	9 Jim & Billie Brush	15 Ashlynn Kasunic	21 Leah Muntzel	30 Doug & Kelli Lassman
3 Kyler Paine	9 Forest & Karen Erickson	18 Jon Goodsmith	21 Alto Arana	31 Bianca Oswald
5 Matt & Jean Dedeke	9 Annabelle Hillyer	19 Jerry Long	23 Owen Johnson	31 John & Linda Scheer
5 David Benzel	10 Klein Selbe	19 Erick & Sarah Bohndorf	24 Keagan Murry	31 Emma Hall
6 Bronson Durrflinger	12 Andy Dedeke	28 Neil Wiehe		
	13 Easton Oswald			

Thank You

To November cleaning families:

Curtis; J Kasunic; L Ford; Stevens; M Benzel

If you wish to join the rotation contact: Jeanette Curtis 913-370-6823.

For all who helped with **moving Pastor Burgdorf.**

For all who came out to the **Christmas Market.**

The Board of Fellowship for: Reformation Day meal, Burdorf Installation meal, Congregation Potluck work, Christmas Market meal.

2024 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of October:

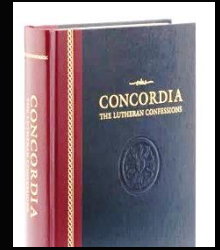
Offerings	\$395,384
Expenses	\$286,024

Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

Book of Concord Study No Dec. Next Jan. 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.

Usually last Sunday evening of the month.



LutheransForLife.org



"Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just 'looking for love in all the wrong places,' if you'll pardon the expression. Don't look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God's love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas 'God so loved the world that He gave ...' Merry Christmas! And may the certainty of God's love for you in Jesus Christ give you strength, comfort, and confidence this day to face whatever comes tomorrow. For, nothing can overpower the persevering power and blessing of Christmas."

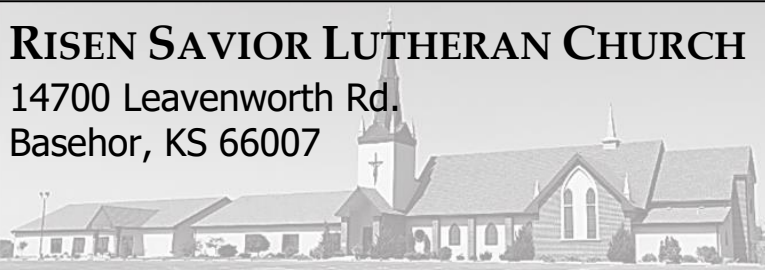
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