



Events

July 1

Blood Drive

July 4

Open House

Pastor Weinkauff

July 8-11

Higher Things

Youth Trip

July 19

Highway Clean-up

July 20

Church Picnic

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Asking Jesus into our heart . . .

Have you made a decision for Jesus...? Pastor Weinkauff

These key phrases you may hear from other Christians but you will not read them in Scripture. As well I said in the Pentecost sermon, "no one ever 'feels' the Holy Spirit in the Bible. He works in words, as Jesus says He does." As historical Christians, and every Christian who has lived since Christ until 1900s America, we do not use the language of "asking Jesus" and "making decisions." The problem is that there is nothing in Scripture about asking Jesus into anyone's heart nor is there anything that would give support to the idea that we make a decision for the Lord. The Scriptures record abundant calls to repent and believe but also with the clarification that no one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12). In other words, conversion is not a matter of our will and decision but of God's work in us by the Spirit working through His Word. See also John 1! This also follows the language of others Christians in the motif of "a personal relationship with Jesus," that this 'me-and-Jesus' talk is not Scriptural. The only prayer Jesus taught us to pray isn't- "My Father..." but "Our Father..."

The danger of making Jesus captive to an emotion, feeling or choice made in a moment is that faith becomes a feeling and a choice which can be unfelt and unwilled as quickly and even more easily than any decision for the Lord. And if Jesus is my personal God, how easy to form Him to my personal thoughts, ideas, and plans.

The danger is also that we remove faith from the concrete of the means of grace and the work of the Spirit -that we must go to God's House as our Lord commands to receive this - from those means of grace, so that even God becomes a mere presence, just a spiritual idea, in the mind and ways one determines to work on earth- rather than the God who fills us with His very person in a place He tells us where He works, that we come to His House that He might fill eternity with us. Thus the Lord calls us to gather together. The more we distance God from the means of grace the more we distance Him from anything we would call real and unchangeable. As we bind ourselves to confess, God only works through where He has declared in His Word and Sacrament. Thus this is why we sing of the faith, why we have liturgical worship as the Scriptures show us!

Faith is a gift (Gen. 15:6, Rom. 3:28, Ephesian 2:8) not a work of man! Yes, your Christians friends will disagree with us on that point. But God is a personal being who is known to us in a personal way through the concrete of the Word and Sacraments. Faith is not an idea or our work or our strength or even an idea of this God. Faith is the trust in the God who has revealed Himself to us and made Himself known to us precisely because without His aid and Spirit, we would be left to a mere idea of Him and not the reality of Him and what He has accomplished for us.

Of all the things dangerous to Christianity, one of them is surely the idea that we make God into a spiritual feeling, that we save ourselves by our decisions, that we decide for Him, that we determine where and how He works! And we determine where God's presence is found (which is always in the abstract) and that He lives in us as an idea in our thoughts. This God is not the revelation of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, not the God of the prophets, and not the God who was made flesh in Jesus Christ. Perhaps evangelicals and Lutheran want-a-be-evangelicals will tire of this view of God; this is not the revelation of God in Scripture and worship liturgy, not as we confess God in our prayers, Lutheran Confessions.

July 4 Welcome at Pastor Weinkauff's

OPEN HOUSE, 6-11 pm, all are invited to Pastor Weinkauff's house, **1915 160th Street**, Basehor. There will be plenty of food and beverages. Many things for children. Watch Basehor city shoot off fireworks at 9:30. You may shoot off fireworks on the closed road by our house. Due to construction on 158th, enter the neighborhood by the Basehor Library.

Elevation of the Elements Pastor Burgdorf

You may have noticed that during the service of the sacrament, during the words of Institution, the bread and wine are elevated, and the pastors kneel before both the host and the chalice. This practice is not unique to us, but is a practice that teaches and confesses what it is we as Lutherans believe.

Luther writes about such practices in his "Introduction to the German Mass" in 1526: We do not want to abolish the elevation, but retain it because it goes well with the German Sanctus and signifies that Christ has commanded us to remember him."

Right before the words of Institution, we sing "Holy Holy Holy" from Isaiah 6, where Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Just as we sing the same words of the angels who attend to God in His temple to give glory to God, so we also raise up the elements to remind ourselves that God is above us, and His Son was lifted up on a cross on our behalf.

The consecration of the elements is the high point of the service, the heart of the Christian faith. It is here that Christ deigns to dwell with us physically, here that heaven and earth touch, here that God himself rests upon our altar.

And so, we affirm with the elevation and with a posture of submission that our Lord Jesus Christ is actually found here, in the bread and in the cup. He said, "This is my Body... this is my Blood," and therefore we believe that this consecrated host and this chalice of wine are truly his Body and Blood. While many deny the possibility of this, since it contradicts what we see and taste, we not only affirm it, but we affirm it with all boldness. The elevation of the elements is an unspoken statement of faith.

We do not elevate mere symbols. We do not kneel in worship to earthly, corruptible things, as a piece of bread would be; that would be blasphemy! But in the Lord's Supper, the bread is not mere bread, and the wine is not mere wine but our Lord's true and most precious body. The elevation of the elements is in keeping with other common practices that Lutherans have long done at the Lord's altar (i.e., kneeling at the altar to commune, making the sign of the cross when dismissed, bowing before approaching the altar). While neither expressly forbidden nor commanded by God, in Christian freedom, we have adopted these salutary practices to remind ourselves that this is no ordinary meal. Here is our God, here is salvation, here the Lord has truly entered into His temple and chooses to dwell with us.



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

Thank you for all who participated this music year, for your dedication and gift of music unto the Lord. What an amazing year!

After Labor Day, choirs resume. Prayerfully consider joining. No experience necessary.



Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8th grade

Amanda Harbord, Board of Education
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Thank you for all who helped, came for VBS!

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers!

Thank you for brining your children to be enriched by God's Word.



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Youth Group
High School
Pastor Burgdorf

July 6
6:00-8:00 pm

Invite any friends.

Higher Things, July 8-11,
Concordia, Seward, NE

Sunday Class 9:15 !



Table Talk

19-39 year old
Pastor Burgdorf

No TableTalk July 4 or
Aug. 1 (Monarchs Game)
Next: September 5

Invite any friends.

Bring any snacks or beverages.

Plan for the FIRST Fridays



Sunday, July 20

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Invite family and friends! Come join the fun at the Congregation Picnic to celebration the 17th Anniversary of RSLC.

Last name: A-M bring a side dish
N-Z bring a bread, salad, or dessert

Smoked meats and chicken sandwiches, ice cream provided by the Board of Fellowship.

Risen Savior Night @



Friday, August 1 6:35 pm

Sioux Falls Canaries vs Kansas City Monarchs

Tailgating with the Pastors begins at 5:00 pm

Signup by: July 20

Cost: \$20 per person Give money to Pastor Weinkauff

Special Promotions: K-State Night (yuk!) & Fireworks after the game





Bible Classes

Sundays 9:15 am Luke

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



July 7
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!) We will decide on which horse is the prettiest, as we discuss Cormac McCarthy's: All the Pretty Horses. We are also voting on what the next books will be for several upcoming months, bring your suggestions.

July 7: The Track of the Cat by Nevada Barr

August 4: Sword and the Scimitar by Raymond Ibrahim

Sept. 8: (1 week later due to Labor Day) All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr



July 17
6:30 pm

Katie's Sisters

Joy Mustapich, coordinator; usually meet 3rd Thurs.

Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Our next gathering will be July 17, 6:30 pm at Rodeo Restaurant, 15510 State Ave, Basehor. All women of the congregation and any friends welcome.



Aug. 1
9:00 am

1st Friday Trustee Work

Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

We will not meeting July 4th, next one August 1, 9:00 following Matins.



Aug. 29
7:00 pm

Men's GameNight

Usually 4th Friday of the month

No meeting in July; Aug. 1, Friday, Monarchs Game, also coincides with KSU night and fireworks. Watch the August newsletter as we may be shooting Aug. 29



July 10
6:00 pm

Women In Mission

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

One of our 2025 mission projects is our Risen Savior Academy, the projected number of students this fall is 60. Our hope is to supply the students with necessary items for study. In the month of July we are asking for support to gather school supplies for the students this August. On July 6 in the narthex we will have a school supply tree. Simply pull a tag and purchase the items on that tag and return it to church before August 1. If you don't like to shop, a donation to RSA would be greatly accepted. May the Lord bless and enrich the lives of these teachers and student.

We have started a 'we have/you need' message board. This is not for rummage sale items, but items you want to donate to another RSLC member. Feel free to post items on this board what your family does not need, to a family that could really use the item.



**July 1
1-6 pm**

Blood Drive

Board of Outreach, Jim & Billie Brush coordinators

July 1, 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.



**July 26
8-9:30 am**

Highway Clean-up

Kevin Carder, Board of Outreach

Join us in service to the community to clean-up our adopted portions of the highway. Meet at the church at 8 am for instructions then we'll head do to the highway. Great exercise too.



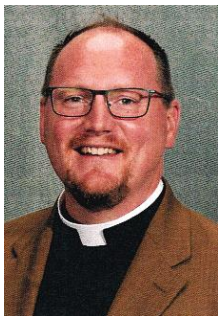
Available Help

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.



Pastoral Continuing Education @ RSLC

Risen Savior is hosting a Concordia Theological Seminary, Pastoral Continuing Education site, Aug. 18-20. It will be on the Medieval Church, its preaching and its implication for today. Some pastors may stay on-site. Members are welcome to come by as much as possible. See a pastor for the schedule of lectures, social time, and worship times. Rev. Dr. Boyle, Seminary Professor will be leading it.

Sunday, Aug. 17 he will be preaching, teaching Bible Class and with us that evening for our Book of Concord study moved to this night.



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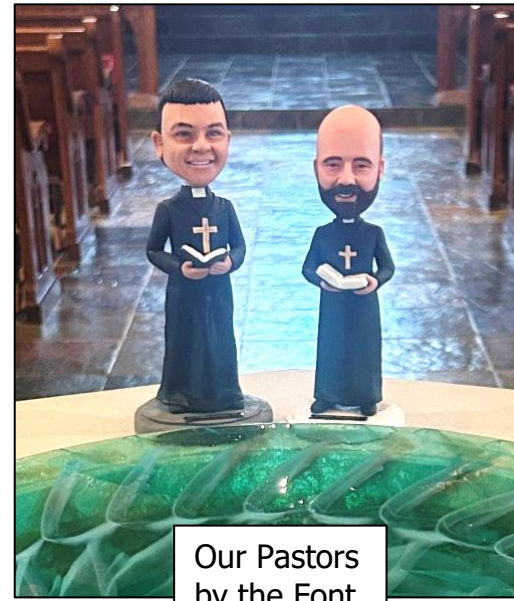
Yearbook signing and picnic celebration June 28, 5:00 pm.

Open House/Parent Orientation Aug. 4, Monday 10:00 am.

- ☐ Our new school year begins August 25, PreK-High School. We already have 60 students planning to come this fall with several more families visiting us!
- ☐ If anyone is interested in homeschooling, invite them to come for a site visit.
- ☐ If you wish to teach a subject or be on a substitute list, please contact our parent coordinator Katlyn Selbe or Pastor Burgdorf.
- ☐ **We could use a key Instructor for Literature, Rhetoric.**



Ascension Day. Following the Divine Service, 30 people stayed for food, beverages, and trivia night competing on the Jackbox and the smart people got nice prizes!



Our Pastors by the Font.



Men's Gamenight in May at KC Bier Co.



Youth Group in June. We begin with chapel, then food, lesson, and recreation time, with another epic kickball game.



July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29^{2nd} Sun. after Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 6:00 Book of Concord <i>Sts. Peter, Paul, apostles</i>	30 8:30 Matins Katie's Sisters @ Katlyn Selbe's home, Tonganoxie	1 8:30 Matins 1-6 Blood Drive	2 8:30 Divine Service 9:00 Bible Study for all <i>The Visitation of Mary</i>	3 8:30 Matins	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 8:30 Matins 9:00 1st Friday Trustee-work 6-11 Open House at Pastor Weinkauff 7:00 TableTalk for young adults	5 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution
6^{3rd} Sun. after Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 6:00 Youth Group	7 8:30 Matins 6:30 Book Club	8 8:30 Matins Service 4:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First	9 8:30 Matins Service 9:00 Bible Study for all	10 8:30 Matins Service 6:00 LWML mtg	11 8:30 Matins Service	12
HIGHER THINGS YOUTH TRIP						
13^{4th} Sun. after Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service	14 8:30 Matins Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30 Board of Elders	15 8:30 Matins 10:00 Newsletter due	16 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all	17 8:30 Matins 6:30 Katie's Sisters @ Rodeo Restaurant	18 8:30 Matins	19 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution <i>Risen Savior est. 2008</i>
20^{5th} Sun. after Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Church Council 5:00 Church Picnic	21 8:30 Matins 3:00 Mustapich Wedding	22 8:30 Matins <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	23 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all	24 8:30 Matins	25 8:30 Divine Service 7:00 Men's Gamernight	26 8:00 Highway Clean-up
27^{6th} Sun. after Trinity 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 6:00 Book of Concord	28 8:30 Matins	29 8:30 Matins <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	30 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all	31 8:30 Matins	1 8:30 Matins 9:00 1st Friday Trustee work 6:30 RSLC @ Monarch's 7:00 TableTalk for young adults <i>St. James the Elder, Apostle</i>	2 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Janice Zugelder 2 Jeanine Bush 2 Brielle Durlinger 3 Gary Hobeimann 5 Everett Ford 5 John & Diane Reinhard 6 Christopher & Chelsey Knoerschild 6 Katherine Fisher 7 Emma Murphy	7 Ken York 7 Mike Adair 8 Kelli Lassman 8 Sandra Knoerschild 9 Dayle Reynolds 9 Lindsay Armintrout 10 Allan & Sue Stork 11 Garrett Ford 11 Marland & Michelle Mortenson	11 Maureen Stinson 13 David & Kerina Adair 14 Sherry Stevens 15 Dietrich Selbe 17 Evelyn McDowell 17 Jim Grimm 17 Lauren Durlinger 18 Kooper Murry 18 Makenzy Curtis	19 Darren Kerr 19 Evie Turney 20 Isaac Maurer 21 Ken & Suzette France-Mack 21 Mox Hardenbower 22 Chris Humphrey 22 Ginger Douglas 23 Andrew & Lauren Kerr 24 Steven & Becca Clary	24 Thomas Miodzik 25 Kaleb Weinkauff 25 Paul Bush 26 Kelly Kasunic 27 Benton Durlinger 27 Taran Kerst 28 Ashley Mars 28 Elisa Torrance 28 Leslie Grimm	29 Brian Mustapich 29 Cathy Johnson 30 Leah Gary 31 Apollos Burgdorf 31 David Ambrecht 31 Ron & Carol Swartz
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Thank You!

- ☒ For all our Mowers and Watering Teams during the summer.
- ☒ To all who helped with VBS.
- ☒ To our Offering counters.
- ☒ Sherry Stevens and all our Altar Guild.
- ☒ To Bruce Knoernschild, Cole Knoernschild, David Kalebaugh, Forrest Erickson and Pastors who removed the St. Luke's Altar.

2025 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of May:

Offerings \$191,331

Expenses \$192,558

Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

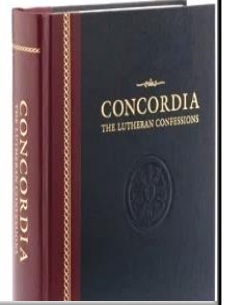
Book of Concord Study

July 27 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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"Our Lord Jesus Christ assures us that the Heavenly Father makes His love for our kind evident in sunshine and rainfall (Matthew 5:45) along with sparrows and lilies (Matthew 6:25-33). So, we may expect to learn about the sanctity of every human life not only from His Word but also from His world. Take heart and have hope, God's people! Even though it appears as though we have been abandoned, that our existence here seems innocuous, not making a difference to our communities, we are not those things. God is not done with us yet. He only asks that we remain faithful because He is always faithful."

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