



Events

Feb. 2

Purification of Mary,
Presentation of our
Lord

Feb. 9

Transfiguration
of our Lord

Feb. 9

Souper Bowl
Party

Feb. 16

Congregation
Potluck/ Qtrly.
Voter's Assembly

Feb. 25

Blood Drive

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Where His Divine Presence Is Found Pr. Weinkauff

Conder the Wisemen who come looking for the baby Jesus (Matthew 2). They do not worship Him from afar but go to where He is, where the Scriptures tell you He is found. They took great effort and expense to be where He is. And then coming to Jerusalem, with the knowledge of Scripture, knowing the story of the Christ, it is still not enough for the Wisemen.

The Wisemen are compelled by Scripture to go to where Jesus is located, where His divine Presence is found. And there they confess Him with their gifts and worship the Christ. The Wisemen are very Lutheran. That is, the Scriptures, our Scripture alone we confess for all doctrine is not enough. The Bible -in itself of mere knowledge- is not enough for God's people. When has it ever?

God is omnipresent -present everywhere- thanks be to God in His character and promise to be with you. Does it end there? Has this ever been enough for God's people? We are drawn by the Holy Spirit to receive forgiveness, His Word and gifts in His House in His Presence. This is seen in Divine Service of the Old and New Testament. The confession of who God is, how He comes to you, who we are, our need drives us His people to gather before Him in a place of His design. **O Lord I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your glory dwells. Psalm 26**

The problems facing Christians are seldom committing a big, evil felony but which sin do people commit that isn't damnable? We rationalize our sin as "I'm having a bad day" or just not on our best behavior or see sin as a little naughty thing instead of an evil one. We treat the devil as no real threat and forget his sophistication and intuitive knowledge of our weaknesses and failings. So we think we do not need repentance as much as a fair hearing for God (and others) to understand of our faults and circumstances, after all, who's perfect? And who doesn't make the same mistakes? We think 'we are good people', and 'not as bad as the criminal on tv or in the news'; and certainly, you are a better person than the inconsiderate jerk who dings our car with the cart or car door.

How many people then see no urgent need to be in the Divine Presence of the Lord, to come to Divine Service? Thinking, of course, we all have flaws, sure we know about God and pray sometimes and are 'good people.' The trap is thinking 'I am good' surely not an evil person, nor a sinner who has no right to stand before a righteous God. We are just a little in need of some forgiveness because we are just little sinners who need just more understanding -more than we need redemption. But that is the problem. And that is why so many people don't care to go to Church. And think God should certainly understand and agree with my rationalization of my actions.

As this New Year enfolds, may the Holy Spirit draw you and your family and friends to be where our Lord has located Himself, where He promises to come to you, to be in His Presence. Where He commands His people to gather; He comes, not for the good people to make them better but for sinners to make them holy and by His command, be joined to His Presence in preaching and Sacrament.

Full Color Weekly Bulletins & Newsletters

The Trustees have approved a new copier vendor, which includes a new copier/printer machine. The machine looks and runs the same. This change saves us about \$2200/year. We now have unlimited copies. This also means we no longer pay a higher 'click' cost for full color. As you saw in January, our Sunday Bulletins and Newsletters are now full color.

Candlemas? What's that all about?

Pastor Burdorf

February 2nd marks the Feast of the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of our Lord, commonly called Candlemas. It is the day in which our Lord is brought to the temple for the first time. Mary brings her newborn to the temple to fulfill the law. Mary offers a sacrifice for her own purification, as well as on behalf of the newborn Christ to fulfill the law of Moses (Leviticus 12:2-8; Exodus 13:11). This passive obedience of Christ, that is the fulfillment of the demands of the law not merely in the ways he actively chooses, is necessary for the salvation of mankind for Christ fulfilled not only a part of the law but the eternity of the law on our behalf. The law cannot accuse Christ, and by the right of our baptism, we are freed from its condemnation because we have been enjoined to Christ and given His perfect obedience and submission to the law.

Along with the theme of passive obedience, Candlemas also has heavy themes of light and darkness. It is even where we get our holiday which shares the same day, "Groundhog Day"! The emphasis on light and darkness gives rise to an ancient superstition that the weather on Candlemas predicts the weather for the rest of the year eventually giving rise to an ancient German poem:

**When the bear at Candlemas his shadow sees
For another six weeks back in his hole he flees.**

This poem gets carried over to the United States by German immigrants who settle in Pennsylvania and eventually due to a lack of bears and an ample amount of groundhogs ... Punxsutawney Phil emerges.

We of course know the truth. It is no animal that determines our future, but the only begotten Son of God. St. Simeon sings of the Christ child that he is the "light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel". From ancient times Christians have brought candles to the church to be blessed on this day. It's even why we use candles during our divine service! Jesus Christ is the light of the world! He is the true light and it is fitting to remind ourselves of this. In Him, the darkness of sin is cast aside. In Him, those sitting in darkness have seen a great light. In Him, the Gentile is enlightened and called to come into the temple of God and receive life and salvation. Christ Jesus is the light to enlighten the Gentiles, He is the glory of God.

Let us rejoice and celebrate Candlemas with this in mind, going forth with candles rejoicing in the Light of the World, Jesus Christ our Lord. To Him be Glory forever and ever. Amen.

Feb. 2 Sunday Service we will be utilizing the individual candles we use Christmas Eve for an ancient Rite at the start of the Service, just as we did last time (2014) this day fell on Sunday.



Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8th grade

Amanda Harbord, Board of Education

**Gamenight/
Parent
Datenight
Friday,
Feb. 14,
6-8 pm**



higherthings.org

Youth Group

High School
Pastor Burgdorf

**Feb. 2
6:00-8:00 pm
Invite any friends.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Higher Things,
July 8-11, Concordia, Seward, NE**

Sunday Class 9:15!



Table Talk

19-39 year old
Pastor Burgdorf

**Feb. 7 Friday
7:00 pm at Church
Invite any friends.
Bring any snacks or beverages
if you wish.**

Plan for the FIRST Fridays



RISEN SAVIOR MUSIC

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Cathy Manis, Music Director
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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 Sunday, 11:45 am

Bell Choir Practices Wednesday, 7:00 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. There are currently 10 students.



Bible Classes

Sundays 9:15 am Ephesians **Weds. 8:30 am Matins Service**
9:00 am Revelation



Feb. 16
11:45 AM

Voter's Assembly & Potluck

Following the late service, all are invited to a congregational potluck, followed by the Voter's Assembly. The Agenda will be out Feb. 9 to give everyone time to review and give prayerful consideration of the matters before the congregation.

Members last name:

A-M: bring a main dish

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



Feb. 9
4:30 pm

Souper Bowl Party

Board of Fellowship, Emily Newman

Feb. 9, 4:30 pm – Our highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy will be up for grabs. Dream about this highly-coveted trophy sitting on your mantle all year! Make your best soup in a crockpot and bring it for the contest.

- **Enter your soup by 5:00 pm;** votes tabulated and winner announced at Halftime. Usually over 15 soups entered so the competition is fierce and controversial voting irregularities have happened.
- Super Bowl Kickoff is 5:30 pm. Still a great time even if the Chiefs don't make it.
- Bring any food, beverages if you wish; several beverages, snacks will be provided.
- The game will be on our big TVs or come and watch the commercials, eat, and visit.



Feb. 13
6:00 pm

Women In Mission

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Our next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm. We will prepare a hearty stew for delivery to some members in need. This is open to all ladies who can follow a recipe or who would just like to come and visit. Our January meeting was held on the 9th, but due to Kansas winter weather not many members were in attendance, so we decided to vote on our 2025 mission projects when we get together on the 13th.



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

Tea party!
Feb. 20
6:30 pm



February gathering. Annual Tea Party Feb. 20, 6:30!

- DRESS UP in your favorite tea party outfit, hats encouraged.
- We will meet in the hall at church for a fun evening discovering who your secret sister is. We will have games to play as well.
- Please bring your gift wrapped to exchange with your sister. If you don't have a secret sister, still come join in the fun of our tea party and games.
- Please bring a snack or beverage to share if you wish but not necessary.
- We will have a contest for best dressed! Don't miss out!



Feb. 3
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.

Feb. 3: The Emperor's Souls - Brandon Sanderson

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



Feb. 25
1-6 pm

Blood Drive Board of Outreach, Jim & Billie Brush coordinators

Feb. 25, 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.



Feb. 7
9:00 am

1st Friday Trustee Work Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

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.



Sundays
8:00 pm

Men's Basketball

Sundays, 8 pm, through April 6. All men of the congregation, high school and up, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up basketball.



Feb. 28
7:00 pm

Men's GameNight 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.



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.

New Years' Eve @Risen Savior. Food, beverages, and games enjoyed after the Divine Service. With our ball broken last year, a new item to drop was needed. People in Wisconsin drop cheese, in Idaho they drop potatoes, in Florida they drop oranges, and there is a long list on Wikipedia. We held perhaps the ONLY Luther drop in the entire world.



Christmas Eve. Over 430 gathered in the 2 Services. Thanks to: our harpists, violinist, Aimee DeSotel, Rebekah Hillyer, Hannah Hillyer; Bell Choir; Vocal Choir; the Acolyte corps, the Altar Guild; Ushers for all their service. The Processional Hymn, Te Duem hymn featured 22 people in the balcony as 2 trumpets, timpani, violins, Bell Choir and Vocal Choir together.



House Blessing and Open House at the Burgdorf's.

If you wish for a Rite of House Blessing, please see Pastor Weinkauf or Pastor Burgdorf.



Risen Savior Cemetery.

Around the Jesus Statue is a special section of miscarriages, stillborn, infants. The first burial has been made with a granite maker placed. Even if you wish to place a marker for a child not interned here, you may also do so. No cost. Contact Pastor Weinkauf.



Thank you to those who sign-up for the Sunday breakfast snack each week. Since Daylight Donuts give us 100-130 donuts each week!, it is not necessary for one to prepare as much for the crowd.

Daylight Donuts, Basehor, 155th & State. If you have opportunity, please show your appreciation.



RISEN SAVIOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY

VERITAS AETERNA

- Planning will soon be underway for our 8th year.
- Our current 7th year has the most students, most Instructors and volunteers than ever - what a year of God's blessings!
- Due to snow, our 2nd Semester began Jan. 13 and we added May 13 as our last day.
- Open House is tentatively April 7, Aug. 4.
- Another new family is joining us at Semester break and more inquiries keep coming in! People can contact Pastor Burgdorf, Pastor Weinkauf, or Katlyn Selbe for a site visit and sit-in on classes.

Mrs. Stevens Science Class working on group project.



FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Book of Concord 8:00 Men's Basketball	27 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 8:40 Matins	28 Matins 8:30	29 Life March and Conference- St. John, Topeka 8:30 Matins Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation/Bell choir	30 Matins Service 8:30 Youth Chorale 6:30	31 Matins 8:30 Men's Gamenight 7:00	1 Private Confession & Absolution 9-10 6:00 Divine Service
2 Presentation of Jesus 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 9:15 Adult Catechism Class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Youth Group 8:00 Men's Basketball	3 8:30-3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins 6:30 Book Club	4 Matins 8:30	5 Matins 8:30 Bible Study for all 9:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	6 Matins 8:30 Youth Chorale 6:30	7 Matins 8:30 1st Friday Trustee work 9:00 Table Talk for young adults 7:00	8 Divine Service 6:00
9 Transfiguration of our Lord 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 9:15 Adult Catechism Class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 4:30 Souper Bowl party	10 8:30-3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins Noon Lunch with pastor 6:30 Board of Elders	11 Matins 8:30 10:00 Newsletter due 10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First	12 Matins Service 8:30 Bible Study for all 9:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	13 Matins 8:30 LWML meeting 6:00 Youth Chorale 6:30	14 Matins 8:30 6:00-8:00 Sunday Sch Gamenight/Parent datenight	15 Private Confession & Absolution 9-10 6:00 Divine Service
16 Septuagesima 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 9:15 Adult Catechism Class 10:30 Divine Service 11:40 Congregation Potluck 12:20 Voter's Assembly 8:00 Men's Basketball	17 8:30-3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins	18 Matins 8:30	19 Matins 8:30 Bible Study for all 9:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	20 Matins 8:30 Katie's Sister 6:30 Youth Chorale 6:30	21 Matins 8:30	22 Divine Service 6:00
23 Sexagesima 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Book of Concord study 8:00 Men's Basketball	24 St. Matthias, Apostle 8:30-3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins	25 Matins 8:30 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive	26 Matins 8:30 Bible Study for all 9:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	27 Matins 8:30 Youth Chorale 6:30	28 Matins 8:30 Men's Gamenight 7:00	1 Private Confession & Absolution 9-10 6:00 Divine Service

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jeff Armintrout 4 Gary Brooks 4 Tony Fisher 5 Nancy Crain 6 Roy White 6 Ava Stuedemann 7 Joye Minda-Hickman 7 Maverick Rauh	7 Bruce & Amanda Harbord 8 Leah Wiehe 9 Moxie Clark 10 Reagan, Trenton Wiehe 10 James & Erica Turney 13 Zachary Curtis 13 Bruce Knoernschild 14 Aubrey Johnson	14 Terry & Joyce Wade 15 Matt Dedekte 15 Nathan Radke 16 Kathy Davoren 16 Randy & April Luebke 19 Danny Shaw 20 John Scheer 21 Ryan Bush	21 Jeanette Curtis 21 Bridget Harbord 22 Lexxi Arriaga 22 Larry Renn 22 Chelsea Shaw 23 Gianella Johnson 23 Jon & Sheila Goodsmith 25 Olivia Bretz	25 Matthew Muntzel 26 John Burgdorf 26 Sara Tisdell 27 Clayton Zumbrunn 28 Daniel & Marilyn Whitlock 28 Joseph Stuart 29 Chuck & Deborah Middlemas
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Thank You!

- ☒ To Ted & Kim Dunn, Amanda Harbord for the Christmas bags for children.
- ☒ All For all who came out to the Life Conference & March in Topeka.
- ☒ Please accept our sincerest thanks for the kindness and generosity shown to us and our family. We are overwhelmed by your cards and gifts. We are honored to serve you and bless you.
 - Pastor Weinkauff & Jodi
 - Pastor Burgdorf, Claire & children

2024 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

End of 2024:

Offerings	\$497,808
Expenses	\$356,256

Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

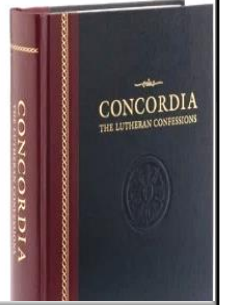
Book of Concord Study

Feb. 23 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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