

RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY NEWS & ACTIVITIES

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January 28 - February 4, 2024

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

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Board of Properties Ministries:	Darrell Doesken
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OFFICE HOURS - The Church Office is open on Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. When coming to the office, please use entrance #1!

TODAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Pastor CJ leads a study on the book "Beautiful Outlaw" - Experiencing the playful, disruptive, extravagant personality of Jesus. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15—10:15 am.

GOOD "FOYER" SOUL - Darrell Doesken leads this Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Gathering Place. This group listens to a song, then they study the Scripture behind the song and how it pertains to us today. For questions, please contact Darrell Doesken at mbd55@hotmail.com.

THE "PRIME" GROUP - (mid-20s-40s - People Right In the Middle of Everything) meets in room 110 on Sunday mornings from 9:15—10:15. Contact Chris or Jennifer Williams if you have questions.

CONNECT GROUP LEADERS MEETING - Connect Group Leaders will meet at 6:00pm. Please be sure your Connect Group is represented at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Pastor CJ.

COUNCIL MEETING - The Church Council will meet on at 7:15pm. Please contact Chris Williams if you cannot attend.

MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - Church office closed on Mondays. Staff work remotely.

WESTSIDERS CONNECT GROUP - This group is studying Proverbs. They meet on Mondays at 6:30 pm at various homes on the west side. If you are interested in joining them, please reach out to Nancy Larson by text @ 316-516-7350 with questions.

TUESDAY

TOGETHER IN HIS WORD - This connect group meets in Room 110 from 10—11:30 on Tuesday mornings. During their weekly meetings, their time includes prayer, Bible study, card ministry, serving, fellowship and a freewill offering for Missionaries Tim & Beth Heiney. Friends are welcome! They are studying the Book of John. Coffee and water are available and feel free to bring snacks to share! Contact Ramona Peshek (ramonapeshek@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or would like to participate.

WEDNESDAY

STAFF MEETING - The church staff meets at **11 am on Wednesdays**. Please refrain from calling the church office during this time.

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL - Praise Team will rehearse at 5:45 on Wednesday evening to prepare for the Sunday morning worship services. See Alan Severt or Chad Harmon if you have questions.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRIES - Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm. There is something for people of every age! **Please use entrance #4 as those doors will be unlocked until 6:45 on Wednesday evenings. Please call the church at 683-5538 if the doors are locked and you need in.**

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRIES

- * **A preschool/nursery room** *Childcare for this age group is currently not available*—If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office.
- * **King's Kids** is for children in Grades K-5. Children participate in activities to strengthen their relationship with God and with each other. **PARENTS** - Please stop by room 100A to pick up your children by 7:30.
- * **Confirmation** is for grades 6-8. This class prepares students for their eighth-grade confirmation. This class meets in rooms 106 & 107. **Parents** - remember to meet your youth at entrance #4 at 7:30.
- * **IMPACT!** is for grades 9-12 which includes Bible studies, community building, servant activities and fun! Meet in rooms 108 & 109.

ADULT CONNECT GROUP MINISTRIES

Adult Connect Groups meet from 6:30—7:25pm

- " **Adult Praise Choir** will meet on Wednesdays, from 6:30—7:25 pm in the Worship Center. Contact Valerie Mack & Nancy Wesche if you have questions.
- " **Adult Bible Study**: Based on the book "Trustworthy: Overcoming Our Greatest Struggles to Trust God" by Lisa Terkeurst. Jeana Jones will lead this study in room 110 from 6:30—7:25 pm.
- " **Bell Choir** - The Adult Bell Choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30—8:15 in the Worship Center. This choir could use 2 more ringers. **Contact Joyce Woods (dandjkeasey@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have questions.**

THURSDAY

FEEDING YOUR FAITH - We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month to prepare a meal for and serve at CrossOver Recovery Center! We meet at 10:00 am to prepare the meal. At noon we'll serve meals followed by a devotion and discussion time. Risen Savior provides this meal to men and women, who are homeless or live at/below the poverty line, working on their recovery from drug & alcohol addiction. Questions? Contact Laurie Casey.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Every Thursday evening at 6:00 pm, there is recreational basketball for men 21 y/o and older in the multipurpose room. Contact Tim Steinert at 210-3335 if you have questions.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED - The Fellowship Hall is reserved on Thursdays from 6—9 pm for Jazz Band Practice.

FRIDAY

#6 OVER EASY - This men's connect group meets each Friday at **8am** at Fairmount Coffee Co. They are studying the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Wiechman with questions.

W.I.L.D. G.I.R.L.S - W.I.L.D. G.I.R.L.S. (Women In Lifelong Development Growing In Relationships and Loving Spiritually) is using the book, "Jesus in the Wild" to study Jesus' time in the Wilderness. We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 9am in Room 100. For more information please contact Carol Garrett 316-712-1031.

SENIOR GAME TIME - Meets twice a month on the first and third Fridays at 10:30am in Room 110. Use Entrance #2. Contact Lois Herbel with questions.

YOUTH QUAKE - The Jr. Youth will meet at the church (Entrance 3) at 6:15pm to leave for the Quake by 6:30pm on Friday, February 2 and will return to the church on Sunday, February 4 around 11:30 a.m. at entrance 3. See Shane Saathoff if you have questions.

NEXT SUNDAY

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS - During both worship services **ALL** Elected Council Members (those newly elected and those continue their service) will be installed during both worship services.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - Get your Blood pressure checked in the Health & Wellness office on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. This is provided by member volunteers who are medical personnel! It is offered from 9—9:20 and 10:15—10:30 am.

MITE LADY - The LWML Mite Lady will be at Risen Savior between services to collect Mites (coins) for mission projects.

POGO CONNECT GROUP - "Parents Of Grown Offspring" will meet on Sunday evening, February 4 at 5:50

at the church. They will have a potluck and have Bible Study using RightNow Media "Living as an Overcomer" by Tony Evans. See Maggie Newton or Karen Wiederstein if you have questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DONATIONS FOR GAMMON ELEMENTARY - Gammon needs donations of individually packaged crackers (no sugary snacks) for their Newcomers Program (they have a late lunch and have difficulty focusing when hungry). Please bring donations to the church office. If you would like to serve by delivering donations, contact Laurie Casey.

THE SECOND SATURDAY - This group will meet on Saturday, February 10th at 5:00 pm at Amoré Italian Restaurant (2315 W. 21st St). Please sign up at the Information Table by Wednesday, February 7th. Contact Joyce Taylor (316-650-9173) or Kris Alvarez (316-641-2431) for questions.

LWML DAY OF PRAYER - LWML Day of Prayer event will be held at Trinity Medicine Lodge on February 17, 9:30am-2pm. More information to follow. Please sign up at the LWML information table if you are planning to go. Kris Alvarez can take 3 additional ladies if anyone would like to carpool. Contact Kris Alvarez (krisalvarez18@cox.net) for questions.

HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S RETREAT - On March 2, from 9 am—2:30 pm at Holy Cross, 600 N Greenwich, Wichita. The information for this retreat is at the LWML information table. Sign up before Feb 17th for the early bird price is \$25. Invite a friend- it will be an awesome day of encouragement!

HELP WITH EASTER FAMILY FUN! - Easter Family Fun is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd from 3:30 -5pm. Well over 225 guests have joined us for this community event and your help is needed. Many hands make light work! This year we would like individuals, groups of people, or Connect Groups to take responsibility for organizing elements within our event. Please consider helping in the following areas:

- Crafts
 - Toddler Crafts
 - Sugar Cookie Decorating—POGO Connect Group
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Games
 - Face Painting – Vickie Lohman
 - Guess-N-Win Jars
 - Temporary Tattoos
 - Picture Backdrop
 - Colored Hair Spray
 - Palm Weaving – Maggie Newton
 - Pretzels & Lemonade—POGO Connect Group
- ...any other additions you think would make our event better!
For more details, contact Laurie Casey.

THIRD TUESDAY BOOK CLUB - The Book Club meet on the third Tuesday each month from 1—2 pm in Room 110. Risen Savior graciously allows us to meet at the church. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion or just sit and listen. Feel free to bring a friend or two. If you

like, you don't have to come to all but can attend only those months you are interested in the book selected. Direct questions to Marilyn Cook at 706-7442.

Books for the 2024 Third Tuesday Book Club

- Feb. 20 **A Man Called Ove**, Frederick Backman (Fic)
Mar. 19 **Killers of the Flower Moon**, David Grann (Hist Fic)
Apr. 16 **Born a Crime**, Trevor Noah (Hist Fic)
May 21 Dessert and Decisions on Books for 2024-25

GRIEFSHARE - Upcoming Classes:

- **Loss of Spouse Seminar** - Loss of a Spouse is a 2-hour seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. Participants will learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle the loneliness, and how to find the strength to go on. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. Invite someone you know who might benefit by participating in this seminar. Flyers are located in the Gathering Place. **Please register by calling the church office at 683-5538.**
- GriefShare 13-week Class - Tuesdays, March 5, 2024 - Tuesday, May 30, 2024 (Joan Streck & Rusty Peterson)
Pick up information in the Gathering Place. See the above individuals with questions.

LWML UPCOMING EVENTS - Please contact Kris Alvarez (krisalvarez18@cox.net) for questions. Save the dates for the following LWML events:

- April 12-14, 2024 - Kansas District LWML, Double Tree Airport, Wichita
- Jun 26-29, 2025 - LWML Nat'l Convention, Omaha, NE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL - We're having fun and learning a lot at Sunday School! **Grades K-5 meet in 100A & B, the Preschool Class meets in room 102 and the Nursery is in room 104.** Parents with children through grade 8 should accompany their children to the classroom at 9:15 am and pick them up from their classrooms at 10:15 am.

WEDNESDAY EVENING KING'S KIDS - King's Kids is for children in Grades K-5. Children participate in activities to strengthen their relationship with God and with each other. **PARENTS** - Please stop by room 100A to get your children by 7:30. *Nursery/Preschool age class is not available at this time.* If you are interested in helping contact Brianna Burns (appelbp01@gmail.com).

KING'S KIDS PANCAKE/SAUSAGE LENTEN MEAL

- The K-5th Graders and their parents will be hosting the Ash Wednesday meal on February 14. An online sign-up form has been sent out the parents on January 22! Contact Brianna Burns or Sarah Aschbrenner if you have any questions. Thrivent will be providing the funding for most of the food!



JR. YOUTH - GRADE 6-8

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Grades 6-8 meet in rooms 106 and 107. Parents should accompany their Jr. Youth to the classroom at 9:15 am and pick them up from their classroom at 10:15 am. See Ellen Blomberg or Jed Heath if you have questions.

CONFIRMATION SERVANT HOURS - There are all kinds of servant hours available here at Risen Savior! Contact the church office.

CONFIRMATION CLASS - This class meets on Wednesday evenings for those in grades 6-8 from 6:30-7:30. Please bring your confirmation notebook, Bible, Catechism and a pen or pencil. The 6th Graders meet in the Library, the 7th Graders in room 105 and 8th Graders in rooms 106 & 107. Contact Set (set@risensavior.net) if you have questions.

JR. YOUTH QUAKE - The Jr. Youth will meet at the church at 6:15 to be leaving for the Quake by 6:30 pm from the church (entrance 3) on Friday, February 2 and will return to the church on Sunday, February 4 around 11:30 am at entrance 3. Those registered to go are Kale Castaneda, Chloe Carpenter, Elijah Jaso, Kaitlyn Jones, Natalie Perkins, Tyson Schotte, Corbin Williams and Knox Wilson. Please contact Shane Saathoff at shane@thesaathoffs.us for questions.

2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL HUDDLE - The 2024 Middle School Huddle event is Friday, April 19 (6:30 beginning time) - Saturday, April 20 (2:00 ending time) at the Rock Springs 4H Center near Junction City. Middle schoolers (6th - 8th grade) and adult leaders from across the Kansas District will come together for worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship. **PARENTS:** The registration email was sent out on January 17! **Registration deadline is March 13!** The family portion of the registration fee is \$40 plus travel meals/stops. Be sure to get your payment to the church office as soon as you registered (checks made out to Risen Savior or you can pay through our website)! Contact Shane Saathoff if you have questions.

LENTEN MEAL - The Jr. Youth and their parents will host the Lenten Meal on Wednesday, March 6! Jr. Youth families are asked to provide desserts and help with the setup, serving and cleanup. Watch for a signup email to help provide food and service! This is a great way you can help support our Jr. Youth Ministries!

EASTER BREAKFAST - The Jr. & Sr. Youth and their parents will be hosting the Easter Breakfast on Sunday morning, March 31! Parents, watch for a signup email to help! Everyone's help will be needed! Parents, if you can help "head up" this meal, please contact Shane Saathoff asap! **PLEASE NOTE:** Set up for the breakfast will be **Saturday morning, March 30 at 10 am.**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- February 2-4: Jr. Youth Quake
March 6: Lenten Meal
March 30: Set up for Easter Breakfast
March 31: Easter Breakfast
April 19-20: Middle School Huddle, Rock Springs
May 5: Confirmation Sunday

SR. YOUTH - GRADES 9-12

SUNDAY SCHOOL - The Sr. Youth meet in rooms 108 and 109 each Sunday morning. Bring your Bible! See Marc Jones or Set Saathoff if you have questions.

IMPACT! - The Sr. Youth meet weekly on Wednesday, from 6:30-7:30 pm in rooms 108 and 109. Please contact Shane Saathoff at shane@thesaathoffs.us for questions.

LENTEN MEAL - The Sr. Youth and their parents will host the Lenten Meal on Wednesday, February 28! Sr. Youth families are asked to provide desserts and help with the setup, serving and cleanup. Watch for a signup email to help provide food and service! This is a great way you can help support our Sr. Youth Ministries!

EASTER BREAKFAST - The Jr. & Sr. Youth and their parents will be hosting the Easter Breakfast on Sunday morning, March 31! Parents, watch for a signup email to help! Everyone's help will be needed! Parents, if you can help "head up" this meal, please contact Shane Saathoff asap! ***PLEASE NOTE:*** Set up for the breakfast will be **Saturday morning, March 30 at 10 am.**

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2025! - The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans July 19-23, 2025! Start saving your \$\$ now - if you begin saving \$5-\$10/month now you will have a good start on your of funding for this event!

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March 6: Lenten Meal
March 30: Set up for Easter Breakfast
March 31: Easter Breakfast
July 19-23, 2025: LCMS Youth Gathering

FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

COLLEGE AGED - A Bible Study Group for all college students and college aged young adults meets at Fairmount Coffee Co. on Tuesday evenings at 7. We are starting a new study "God's Not Dead" which helps you understand what you believe and equip you with the knowledge to defend your faith when you're asked hard questions.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP - Fairmount Ministries Young Adult Group is for recent grads, grad students, and young professionals. Contact Maggie Goering at 620-952-1422 if you would like to get involved!

FOOD FOR FAIRMOUNT - Thank you for your generosity towards the Fairmount Blessing Box! They are requesting pull-top canned goods or easy open pouches. Some very popular items are individual Mac-n-cheese containers, cereal and ramen.

FAIRMOUNT BIEROCK FUNDRAISER - We are taking orders for our 4th Annual Bierock Fundraiser. The cost: \$35 per dozen (sales tax included). Orders are open now! Bierocks will be made Feb. 18th-24th. Select your date and time for pick-up when you order. Volunteers are needed to make the bierocks and help with "car hop" delivery at Holy Cross Lutheran 600 N. Greenwich. To Order bierocks,

sign up to volunteer, or make a donation, go to www.fairmountministries.org/bierocks. For questions or to place a bulk order: E-mail: info@fairmountministries.org or call Karen Thurnau at (316)393-6180.

CHICKEN N PICKLE GIVE BACK NIGHT - On Tuesday, Feb. 6th from 6 to 8 pm, 10% of all food and drink purchases at Chicken N Pickle will be donated to Fairmount!



OTHER INFORMATION

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- If you would like to provide flowers for the Altar on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the flower chart, located by the information table. Please order the flowers to be delivered to the church by noon on the Friday before. If you have any questions or would like to use vases from the church, call the church office (316-683-5538).

SEE SOMETHING THAT'S BROKEN? - Toilet not flushing? Burnt out light bulb? Door not latching properly? If you see something around the church that needs fixed, please email: fixit@risensavior.net.

PICTURES! - If you have pictures you would like to send in to the church office of your Bible study or church activity, you may send them to: pics@risensavior.net.

DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS - Thank you to all who have enrolled! Your help supports our Youth Ministries and has been a great blessing! Pick up the blue instruction sheet at the information table or contact Shane Saathoff (shane@thesaathoffs.us) for help. When you shop at Dillon's and swipe your Plus Shoppers Card, Risen Savior receives a portion of your purchase.

REACH OUT FOR OUTREACH - Handmade cards are available at the church for a Suggested Donation (noted on each card) with ALL proceeds supporting Risen Savior's Community Outreach. Please see the Rotating Rack outside the church office to select your cards. Many types of cards are offered. Please see Carol Garrett with any questions.

DIRECTORY UPDATES - If you would like information about our online directory, go to www.risensavior.net and click on "Membership Directory" under News & Events.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR RISEN SAVIOR - You can view the complete plan in a manual located at the sign up table in the Fellowship Hall and in the church office. If you would like to be a part of the Emergency Response Team, or have any questions, please contact Angie Fischer or Laurie Casey.

FAMILY MAILBOXES - Check your family box each week! Family mailboxes are located in the hallway next to the coffee bar in the Gathering Place.

PLEASE NOTE OUR INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN - In the event that services or events need to be postponed, it will be publicized in the following ways:
 1. Sunday Worship will be announced on Channel 12 and...
 2. An email announcement will be sent and...
 3. It will be posted on the Risen Savior website and Facebook.

PRAYER PAGES - Please keep our Prayer Pages updated by contacting the church office with changes.

PLEASE CHECK FIRST - Please make sure to check with the church office before scheduling an event at the church to avoid conflicts with other scheduled activities.



Lenten & Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday - February 14 at 7pm

Lenten Services - February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20

Palm Sunday - March 24

Maundy Thursday Service - March 28

Good Friday Service - March 29

Easter Sunday - March 31



Family Lenten Meals: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

February 14 - King's Kids & Parents: Pancake & Sausage Supper!

February 21 - LWML

February 28 - Sr. Youth & Parents: Potato Bar and More!

March 6 - Jr. Youth & Parents: Tacos and More!

March 13 - POGO Connect Group

March 20 - Open (Please contact the church if you would like to host this meal.)

Celebrations This Week!

Please take a moment to note those who are celebrating Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays, and Wedding Anniversaries and acknowledge them on their special day. If your special day is not listed, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Birthdays

1/28 Ted Blosser
 1/28 Pastor Terry Wiechman
 1/29 Don Cook
 1/29 Lisa Stahl
 1/31 Macy Parson
 2/1 Marlene Kohlmeier
 2/4 Emily Casey
 2/4 Daniel Farmer

Baptism Birthdays

1/30 Kale Castaneda
 1/30 Cody Tole
 1/31 Chris Crawshaw
 2/1 Drake Fox
 2/2 Aaron Duncan
 2/3 Vickie Lohman



General Fund Offerings December 2023	Phase 3 Offerings December 2023	Monthly General Amount Needed for 2023 Work Program	Monthly Phase 3 Amount Needed for 2023 Work Program
\$144,699.86	\$12,410.00	\$68,915.67	\$18,508.72

Schedule of Ministries and Events at Risen Savior this Week!

January 28 – February 4, 2024

TODAY:	Worship Services	8:00 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	9:15 - 10:15 am
	Connect Group Leaders Meeting - Room 110	6:00 pm
	Church Council Meeting - Room 110	7:15 pm
MONDAY:	Office Closed—Staff work remotely	
	Westsiders	6:30 pm
TUESDAY:	Together in His Word - Room 110	10:00 - 11:30 am
WEDNESDAY:	Staff Meeting	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm
	Praise Team Rehearsal	5:45 pm
	Wednesday Evening Ministries	
	King's Kids - Grades K-5 - Room 100A	6:30 - 7:30 pm
	Confirmation - Grades 6-8 - Room 106/107	6:30 - 7:30 pm
	IMPACT! - Grades 9-12 - Rooms 108/109	6:30 - 7:30 pm
	Adult Praise Choir - Worship Center	6:30 - 7:25 pm
	Adult Bible Study - Room 110	6:30 - 7:25 pm
	Bell Choir - Worship Center	7:30 - 8:15 pm
THURSDAY:	Feeding Your Faith @ CrossOver Recovery Center	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Men's Basketball - Gym	6:00 pm
	Fellowship Hall Reserved for Jazz Band Practice	6:00 - 9:00 pm
FRIDAY:	#6 Over Easy @ Fairmount Coffee Co.	8:00 am
	WILD GIRLS - Room 100	9:00 - 10:30 am
	Senior Game Time - Room 110	10:30 am
	Jr. Youth Leaving for Youth Quake (Entrance #3)	6:15 pm
SUNDAY:	Worship Services with Holy Communion	8:00 & 10:30 am
	Installation of Elected Council Members	
	Blood Pressure Checks - Health & Wellness Office	9:00 - 9:20 am & 10:15 - 10:30 am
	Mite Lady	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	9:15 - 10:15 am
	Jr. Youth Returning from Youth Quake (Entrance #3)	11:30 a.m.
	P.O.G.O. - Fellowship Hall	5:50 pm