



Gesima Sundays Pastor Weinkauf

The Sunday bulletins for Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11 will have Septuagesima (about 70 days), Sexagesima (about 60 days), and Quinquagesima (about 50 days). These are days before Easter. Then, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, we enter the 40 days of Lent plus Sundays. Every Lutheran who ever lived before 1965 knows what 'gesima' means, Latin for "days."

As previously noted, this year we are using the historical 1-year lectionary, the order for Bible readings and theme on Sundays. This lectionary is overwhelmingly used now in confessional Lutheran Churches. The 1-year lectionary was used by the Early church, by Luther and our Lutheran fathers, exclusively used by all Lutherans until 1965, used by every Christian denomination until the last 100 years.

Ever since the Scriptures were written, the Church has always used a lectionary, calendar of readings. We even see Jesus using it! Why churches today have dispensed with any lectionary is strange and unfortunate. The Great Awakening movements in America shift some from using any lectionary at all. But the big shift happens because of the Roman Catholic Church.

With Vatican II Council (1965), the papacy introduces the 3-year lectionary, patterned after the 1-year lectionary, which is then adopted by most denominations, including its widespread use in the LCMS. Among reasons why most confessional Lutheran Churches use 1-year is: we can read Church fathers, Lutheran fathers on the text; it is more historical; and even more catholic than the Roman Catholics.

In a great coincident, long before the Reformation these 3 gesima Sundays -all reflect the 3 great Reformation "Solus" (Latin for "alone") themes.

Septuagesima, Matthew 20; Workers in the Vineyard. Sola gratia, by grace alone.
Sexagesima, Luke 8; The Sower and the Seed. Sola scriptura, by scripture alone.
Quinquagesima, Luke 18. Healing the Blind Man. Sola fide, by faith alone.



Mission work...

Siberian Lutheran Mission Society, this is headed by faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary and their work of the International Lutheran Council. **Rev. Dr. Alexy Streltsov, president, Siberian Lutheran Seminary**, was with us preaching at our Services and presenting on the Siberian Seminary and Lutheran church in Russia. As there were presentations at four metro KCMO area churches, I was contacted by our Seminary, International Lutheran Council, due to our support and setting we have at Risen Savior they desired for us to host the Seminary President on January 7.

Members are welcome to make special gifts and our Board of Outreach also continues our congregational support.

The KC Bier event fundraiser postponed due to weather is being planned for this summer.

Key Events

Feb. 9

Sunday School gamenight/parent datenight

Feb. 11

Souper Bowl Party

Feb. 13

PfannKuchen Tag (Pancake Day)

Feb. 14

Ash Wednesday Lent begins

Feb. 18

Voter's Assembly & Potluck

Feb. 27

Blood Drive

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Lent Begins... February 14 Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday

8:30 am Divine Service
7:00 pm Divine Service
(no meal prior)

Lent Midweeks

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20
8:30 am Service
9:00 am Bible Class
6:00-6:45 pm Meal served
7:00 pm Service

Lent is a time when Christians all over the world prepare for Jesus Christ's resurrection of the dead. It starts on Ash Wednesday, which is 47 days before Easter. You may recognize hearing the term "40 days of Lent". This is because the Sundays are not considered a part of Lent. This is a penitential season marked by our sorrow over sin. A personal house-cleaning so to speak.

Historically, there are three practices associated with Lent: Prayer, fasting (giving up certain foods, not eating certain meals), and almsgiving (special gifting) or works of mercy. It is a special devotional time when Christians mourn over their sin to be drawn closer to our Lord in our desperate need for a Savior. Jesus in Matthew 6 declares to His people, "when" (not if), "but when you pray...when you fast...when you give..."

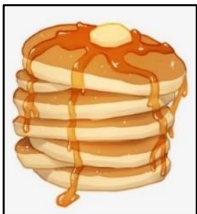
But it goes back to themes directed by God the Old Testament, carried forward into practices in the New Testament. that we fast before we feast; we prepare ourselves spiritually, before we celebrate. Thus the church will 'fast' from Alleluias and great joyous hymns in our contemplation; before we once again hear the Alleluias and high praise on Easter morn (or at the Easter Vigil Saturday if you are there).

In connection with this, Lent can be a time of great focus for the Christian. By giving up something that is a regular part of your life (e.g. a kind of food or drink, games, luxuries, fast food, or fast at times from various media, Facebook), this allows you to focus more on one thing. Or taking up new, enrichment habits of lifestyle and devotions to direct our attention that we are not controlled by our impulses or desires. For the Christian, that one thing is Jesus Christ, who gave up everything for us, even life itself. So Lent can become a time of beautiful simplicity, intentional devotion to Scripture.

This is why in the historic Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Jesus starts each section like this: "...when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others." (Matthew 6:2 ESV)

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others." (Matthew 6:5 ESV)

"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words." (Matthew 6:7)



Feb. 13
6:00-
7:00 pm

PfannKuchen Tag (Pancake Day)

Pancakes, sausage, and sweets. Pancake races, Pancake tossing. No cost. Come join us, as for centuries people gather and have festivities and eat rich foods on the Tuesday before the Lenten season and fasting begins.

The most famous pancake race, at Olney, England, held since 1445.





Bible Classes

Sundays 9:15 am Isaiah
Weds. 8:30 am Matins Service
9:00 am Exodus



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Cathy Manis,
 Music Director
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Thank you to those who have joined as we now have our largest choir ever! Please feel welcome to join in at the start of this new year. No experience necessary.

Vocal Choir Practices Sundays, 11:45 am

Bell Choir Practices Wednesday at 7 pm, following Vespers.

Youth Chorale Practices Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm.

2nd-8th Grade are 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.



Our inaugural Youth Chorale at Thursday practice.



Special thanks this Christmas Season to all our choirs and to:
 Aimee Desotel, Hannah Hillyer, Rebekah Hillyer for the harps, violin, clarinet.

Special thanks to:
 Aiden Savage, trumpet;
 Bridget Harbord,
 Kim Dunn, organ.



Sunday School

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

**Gamenight/
 Parent Datenight
 Friday, Feb. 9, 6-8 pm**



Youth Group

High School
 Pastor Weinkauff

Feb. 4 6:00-8:00 pm
 Invite any friends.

Sunday Class 9:15 in the Associate Pastor study has resumed !

**Higher Things Trip ` 24,
 July 15-19.**

higherthings.org



Table Talk

19-39 year old

ON HOLD as we await the Associate Pastor. This group meets the 1st Friday. Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.



Souper Bowl Party

Feb. 11, 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.

**Feb. 11
4:30 pm**

- **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. 15
6:30 pm**

Katie's Sisters Katlyn Selbe, Co5rdinator; usually meet 3rd Thurs. **Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther**

February gathering. Annual Tea Party Feb. 15, 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. 27
1-6 pm**

Blood Drive Board of Outreach, Jim & Billie Brush coordinators

Feb. 27, 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. 18
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. 11 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. 8
6:00 pm**

Women In Mission

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

We have planned our 2024 events and defined our group's mission project for this year. For all new members we meet every month on the second Tuesday at 6:00 in the Wittenberg Hall at church. Our next meeting will be on February 8 at 6:00 pm. All women of the congregation are welcome to join us. We have a number of exciting projects in store as well as our devotions. If you would like more information on the LWML organization, daily devotions, or bible study ideas visit our website at LWML.org or contact any LWML member.



**Feb. 3
8:00 am**

1st Friday Trustee Work

We gather at 8 am the first Friday of the month; grab a coffee; then address various projects inside and outside the church.



Germany Trip 2024

Sept. 13-24, 2024. Information posted at **LutherTours.com**. Printed copies available in the Narthex. Pastor Weinkauff will be hosting this 'once-in-a-lifetime' trip, for the third time. An amazing itinerary is planned! We have 26 sign-ed up! Members along with people from around the nation may join.

Time to sign-up, save up, & get your passport.



**Feb. 1
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...

Feb. 1, March 7: *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo.



**Feb. 23
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.



**Thru 3/17
8:00 pm**

Men's Basketball

Sundays, 8 pm. All men of the congregation, young and old, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up basketball.

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) to watch toddler-age and above. Will keep kids busy with games, activities, and outdoor play. Can be reached at 913.544.4133 (Amanda, mom) or mdy2404@gmail.com.

If you want to be added, please send an email to: weinkauff@rslcms.church



RISEN SAVIOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY

VERITAS AETERNA

- Planning is soon underway for our 7th year!
- Our Open House is April 15.
- We have 40 children currently and are expecting several new families as there is much interest in our Academy.
- Inquiries can contact Pastor Weinkauf for a site visit, sit-in on classes.
- Special thanks to our Instructors: Amanda Harbord, Cathy Manis, Chelsea Shaw, Chelsea Harper, Katlyn Selbe, Lauren Durlinger, Mary Cardwell, Lannette Carder, Lavonne Glassbrenner, Sarah Hiestand, and Amy Armstrong.
- Pastor Weinkauf does morning announcements and chapel.



Beta & Gamma classes combined for Science challenge games.



Next to the Word of God, the noblest art of man
is the greatest treasure in the world!
- Martin Luther



This **353-year-old!** vellum document of our Divine Service Setting 3 has recently received museum-grade framing. It is hung on the wall leading up to the balcony.

Katie's Sisters in January. Amid a weather advisory, 18 ladies still came for games, picture night. Several women surprised the group by their artist skill. February is TEA PARTY!



February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Septuagesima 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Vocal Choir practice 5:00 p Adult Catechism 6:00 p Book of Concord study 8:00 p Men's Basketball	29 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	30	31 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Bell choir	1 6:30 Book Club 6:30 Youth Chorale	2 <i>Presentation of Mary</i> 8-9:30 1st Friday Trustee work	3 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
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11 Quinquagesima 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 4:30 Souper Bowl party	12 8:30-3:30 RSCA Noon Lunch with pastor 6:30 Board of Elders	13 10:00 Newsletter due 10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First 5:00-7 Pfannkuchen Tag (Pancake Day) food & festivities	14 Ash Wednesday 8:30 Divine Service 7:00 Divine Service	15 6:30 Katie's Sister 6:30 Youth Chorale	16	17 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
18 1st Sunday in Lent <i>Marin Luther, d. 1546</i> 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:40 Congregation Potluck 12:20 Voter's Assembly 5:00 Adult Catechism Class 8:00 Men's Basketball	19 8:30-3:30 RSCA	20	21 8:30 Midweek Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:40 Confirmation 7:40 Bell Choir	22 6:30 Youth Chorale	23 7:00 Men's Gamenight	24 <i>St. Matthias, apostle</i> 6:00 Divine Service
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Jeff Armintrout	6 Ava Stuedemann	10 James & Erica Turney	15 Nathan Radke	21 Ryan Bush	25 Matthew Muntzel
4 Garey Brooks	7 Bruce & Amanda Harbord	11 Luke Kasunic	16 Kathy Davoren	21 Jeanette Curtis	25 Olivia Bretz
4 Tony Fisher	7 Joye Minda-Hackmann	13 Zachary Curtis	16 Randy & April Luebke	21 Bridget Harbord	27 Clayton Zumburn
5 Nancy Crain	10 Reagan Wiehe	14 Aubrey Johnson	19 Danny Shaw	22 Larry Lawrence	28 Dan & Marilyn Whitlock
5 Hannah Taylor	10 Trenton Wiehe	14 Terry & Joyce Wade	20 Shawn Goodsmith	22 Chelsea Shaw	28 Joseph Stuart
6 Roy White		15 Matt Dedeke	20 John Scheer	23 Gianella Johnson	29 Chuck & Deborah Middlemas
				23 John & Shiela Goodsmith	

Thank You

January cleaning families:
**Tisdell, Curtis, Weinkauff
J White, A Dedeke**

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

For those who helped and provided food for the Ziegler funeral luncheon.

For Gus White for fixing the men's urinal.

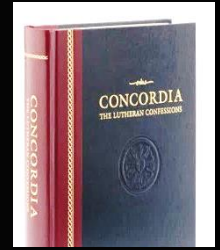
For Kevin Carder for our website work and new features.

For all who came out to the Life Conference & March in Topeka.

Book of Concord Study

February 25, 6:00 pm

Join us any time. Extra books always available. All welcome to come for an evening of enrichment in our Lutheran doctrine and Scriptural engagements, food, & refreshments. Childcare provided.
Usually last Sunday evening of the month.



LutheransForLife.org



"Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, He alone holds all life and is sacred unto Him."

2023 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of December:

Offerings	\$460,050
Expenses	\$336,378

Not included, Dedicated gifts & expenses

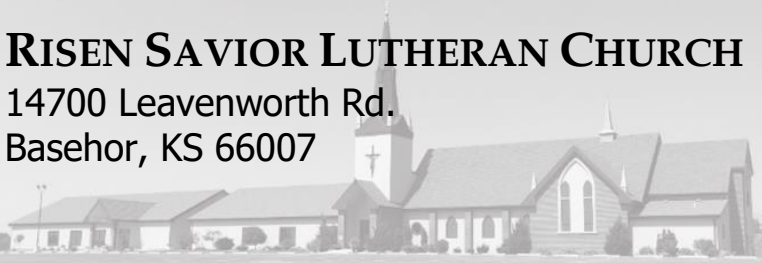
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