



Three Little Word Pastor Weinkauf

Three little words. You know them. Wives long to hear them from their husbands, and husbands from their wives. Children want to hear them, as do parents, as do friends. These three little words can make all the difference in the world. And yet how hard they often are to say. How often they have to be just about dragged out of our mouths. Three little words. You know them. No, not I love you! But I forgive you.

If someone sins against me and hurts me, I forgive them. I feel pretty good about myself, that God give me a pat on the back. Then if that person sins against me again and again, and again and again, and I forgive them. I'm looking for a medal, a medal of honor from God for outstanding forgiveness in the face of continual sin. Shouldn't there be a little extra from God for that?

And yet Jesus says (Luke 17): So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' Just our duty. Really? Nothing? That's it? How can you possibly please a God like that?

To know that no matter how loving or forgiving we may be, no matter how much good we may do, we still have fallen short of doing ALL that we were commanded. And so know that we are unworthy servants. We don't deserve a pat on the back or a medal - you love, you forgive, you do good? Right. That's just what you were supposed to do.

And then! There's all that we've failed to do, and in our failure, caused our neighbor to sin or trash us for our failures. We then speak demeaning or hurtful words. When we're the ones who rather than a pat on the back or medal hung around our necks deserve a millstone instead.

Think in the Divine Service confession, "We justly deserve temporal and eternal punishment of Your millstone hung around our necks and to be cast into the depths of the sea." Be honest.

But then, we say, though that is what I deserve, give me what I don't deserve! Not a pat on the back or a medal -HAVE MERCY ON ME, and just speak to me those three little words. What does Jesus require of us in Matthew 18, which forgives of those who repeat sins against us, just seven times, no! We need to learn compassion for those who are weak and keep sinning against us. Compassion for them! Show pity. The cross shows me that, and the one who hung there for me, with my millstone around His neck, with all my sin, all my pride, all my failure. So, please, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, say those three little words.

And He does. As often as you come, He does. As sinful as you are, He does. Yes, I forgive all your sins. And so when you forgive, when you speak those three little words, you're not earning anything - you are simply giving what you have received. You are clinging to Jesus by faith, and you are giving Jesus to others. Think about that- you are giving Christ's works for others. Gifts that never run out.

Those three little words that we so need to hear, that make all the difference in the world. I forgive you. Which really is His way of saying those other three little words: I love you.

Blessed Eastertide. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

KEY EVENTS

April 1

Spring cleaning

April 2

Palm Sunday,
Confirmation

April 6

Holy Thursday, 7 pm

April 7

Good Friday, 7 pm

April 8

Easter Vigil, 7 pm

April 9

Easter Services
7 am & 10 am
Breakfast 8-9:50

April 13

RSCA Open House

April 29

Spring planting,
outdoor workday

April 30

Adult Catechism/
New Member Class

Church

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Holy Week

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Palm Sunday	April 2	8:00 a	Divine Service
		9:15 a	Sunday School (no Adult class)
		10:30 a	Divine Service Youth Confirmation & Reception
Holy Thursday	April 6	7:00 p	Divine Service with stripping of the Altar
Good Friday	April 7	7:00 p	Tenebrae Service Service of Darkness
Easter Saturday	April 8	7:00 p	Easter Vigil, Divine Service, begins on our courtyard
Easter	April 9	7:00 a	Divine Service
		8:15-9:45 a	Breakfast, free, full breakfast
		10:00 a	Divine Service (not 10:30)



Risen Savior Classical Academy

Amanda Uhlmansiek, Director; Pastor Weinkauf, Headmaster

Nursery staffing needed. This is a paid position. Special thanks to Mary Cardwell for teaching Bible & Latin on Mondays.

For inquiries, questions, desire to help, please see: Pastor Weinkauf or our Director Amanda Uhlmansiek 314-489-0704 RSCADirector@proton.me

Open House April 13
Thursday 4:00 pm
 Information & Registration for Fall 2023

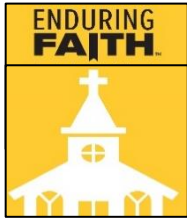
Valentine's Day Party, students made their own boxes to receive cards and candy.



Classical Education Workshop.

Our members Mary Cardwell & Rebecca Harmon provided an evening on Classical Education. Thank you, Mary & Rebecca.





Sunday School 3 year old – 8th grade Amanda Harbord

April 30 singing in church! The children will sing at the 10:30 Service. If you come to the 8:00 Service, children can leave during the Creed.

Thank you to all who teach. If you want to be on a substitute list or in a teaching rotation, please see Amanda Harbord; mdy2404@gmail.com



**May 7
6:00 pm**

Youth Group High School youth Pastor Weinkauff

No April, next May 7, 6:00 pm. Invite any friends.

- 2023 Higher Things, July 17-21, Southern Illinois U., Carbondale, IL. Save the date. Let Pastor Weinkauff know ASAP if you ARE or ARE NOT planning to go.



TableTalk 19-39 yr. old

ON HOLD as we await the 2nd Pastor. This group meets the 1st Friday. Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.



**April 1
9-11 am**

Spring cleaning Board of Trustees, Nick Bretz

In preparation for a joyous Easter celebration, we are having our annual "deep" cleaning of the Lord's House. Many hands make for light work, we appreciate your help.



**Next
gathering
June**

Katie's Sisters after Katy Luther/Ladies NightOut Katlyn Selbe

We are off in April, May and will resume in June.

Cookbooks. Can you cook? Do you have favorite recipes? We will be putting together Cookbooks so be thinking about 1-5 recipes to submit. Flyers in mailboxes. Send to: katlynselbe@gmail.com



Save your third Thursday of the month to gather with us for various activities.



**May 5
8:00 am**

1st Friday Trustees Board of Trustees, Nick Bretz

No April gathering. All are invited as we will gather at the first Friday of the month to address various little projects, maintenance, or enhancements inside and outside the church. We will grab some coffee, and work until 9:00 am.



**April 13
6:30 pm**

Book Club Amanda Uhlmansiek

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!) April, SECOND Thursday! First Thursday is Maundy Thursday. We'll discuss Pontius Pilate, a very suitable read for the season.

That will put us three weeks to the next book club meeting: May 4

Order now for upcoming gatherings...

April 13: Pontius Pilate: A Novel by Paul Maier

May 4: (insert May 4 joke here ;) The Religious Bodies of America by F. E. Mayer.

This is a big read. Big. And old. I encourage you to order now so you'll get a copy in time. We'll only discuss the first section; approximately through Part IV The Reformed Bodies (under 300 pages). I hope we can cover The Holy Oriental Catholic, The Holy Roman, The Lutheran, and The Reformed Bodies. Read what you can and we'll see what happens!



**April 13
6:00 pm**

Women in Mission Chyleen Pausick, President

Greetings to all members and women of Risen Savior. Our mission project this year will be for our Risen Savior Academy. We are going to make backpack for the students and fill them in August. At our April meeting we will establish dates for this. No experts are needed, just helping hands.

Our next meeting is April 13 at 6:00 join us for devotions and fun.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with the Lenten meals.

Please continue to save those Best Choice labels



**April 28
6:00 pm
Derrick
Peters**

Men's Gamenight usually 4th Fridays

Next gathering **April 28, 6 pm.**

Annual Shoot at Derrick Peter's house

21134 203rd St, Tonganoxie 6 minutes west from church.

This is north off Hwy 24/State Ave. between Basehor & Tonganoxie.

Come as early as 6:00 pm to have more daylight to shoot.

Or come 7:00 pm at the normal time and there will still be some time to shoot.

There will be a range for shotguns and for handguns.

ALSO, after shooting, at sunset we will have a firepit with food and beverages.

Derrick invites anyone who wishes, may camp out overnight but cannot insure your protection from wildlife.

All men of the congregation (and any friends), over 18, are welcome to come to our monthly Men's GameNight. This is a collegial time for men of the congregation to gather and enjoy a time of gregarious, godly behavior.



Annual Confirmation Retreat. We go from 6 pm to midnight with chapel services, team building games, open gym, and catechism studies.



Blood Drive. Thank you for all those who gave, we had a great turnout!



Youth Group. After chapel, pizza and Bible study our activity was Jackbox interactive trivia games.



Men's Basketball. Sundays from January to before Palm Sunday. Thanks to all who came out. No serious injuries this year!





1st & 2nd year Confirmation classes.

**Pancake Day.
PfannKuchen
Tag!**

On the day before Lent we gather to pancake races and flying pancakes. Thanks to our cooks Derrick Peters and Curtis Newman and for all who came out.



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 5 th Sun. in Lent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 6:00 p Book of Concord Study 8:00 p Men's Basketball	27 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	28	29 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:00 p Supper 7:00 p Midweek Service 7:40 p Confirmation 7:40 p Vocal Choir 8:15 p Bell Choir	30 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	31	1 9:00 a Spring cleaning 6:00 p Divine Service
2 Palm Sunday 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Confirmation Reception	3 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	4	5	6 Holy Thursday 7:00 p Divine Service No RSCA	7 Good Friday 7:00 p Tenebrae Service <i>St. Martin's Lutheran Church founded 1908</i>	8 Easter Vigil 7:00 p Divine Service

HOLY WEEK

9 Easter 7:00 a Divine Service 8-9:45 a Breakfast 10:00 a Divine Service	10 No RSCA Noon Lunch w/Pastor 6:30 p Board of Elders	11 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	12 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Vocal Choir 7:30 p Bell Choir	13 3:45 p RSCA Open House 6:00 p LWML meeting 6:30 p Book Club	14	15 6:00 p Divine Service
16 2 nd Sun. aft. Easter 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Church Council	17 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	18	19 7:00 p Vocal Choir 7:30 p Bell Choir Pastor Weinkauff will be gone Monday-Friday. No Services.	20 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	21	22 6:00 p Divine Service
23 3 rd Sun. aft. Easter 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service	24 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	25 <i>St. Mark, evangelist</i>	26 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Vocal Choir 7:30 p Bell Choir	27 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	28 7:00 p Men's Gamenight	29 8:00 a - Noon Spring planting, outdoor workday 6:00 p Divine Service

Birthdays & Anniversaries

30 3 rd Sun. aft. Easter 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 5:00 p Adult Catechism class 6:00 p Book of Concord study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Tammie Davidson 1 Elijah Uhmansiek 3 Joy Mustapich 4 Harrison Byrd 4 Cathi Beauford 5 Brandon Kerst 5 John Kleist 5 Jordyn Hackman 5 Amie Land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Brian & Lisa Huesers 5 Ron & Sandra Smith 6 Susan Eubanks 6 Becky Murphy 6 Curt & Chris Meyers 7 Rev. Weinkauff 7 Gary & Julia Cordes 9 Jake Kingery 9 Edel Selbe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 Chase Dedede 11 Jason Fielder 13 Bennett Heath 13 Carol Swartz 15 Tim Herndon 16 Shannon Lee 17 Garey & Phyllis Brooks 17 Sean Muntzel 18 Aimee DeSotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 April White 18 Jimmy White 19 Sylvia Dupuis 20 Wayne & Cookie Doebele 21 April Ruzsa 22 Craig Muntzel 23 Debra Swearingen 23 Eunice Bremenkamp 23 Joshua Murphy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 Joshua Raun 24 Lou Fritz 25 Mike and Laura Adair 27 Joyce Harper 28 Phyllis Brooks 29 Brad Reynolds 29 Ann Gleason 29 Jeff & Angie Armintrout
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Thank You

To those families cleaning in March:

Cordes, Erickson, Follin, Friedman

To Chelsea Harper for providing pizza for the Confirmation Retreat.

To the LWML & Youth Group for the Lenten meals and all who supported them.

To the men who come to the 1st Friday Trustees to take care of various projects.

2023 Financial

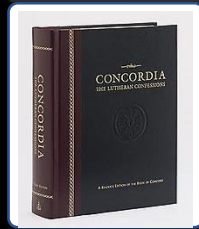
Full report posted in Church Office.
Less Dedicated Gifts/Expenses,

Through February:

Budget \$74,097

Offerings \$81,064

Expenses \$80,141



Book of Concord Study

Sunday, April 30, 6 pm

Join us any time. 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

"Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected."

"Our true identity turns us back toward our Creator, the one who not only made us but also defines us in His Word. So, permit me to remind you of that truth once more: You are a created child of God. You are handmade by Him, loved by Him, redeemed by Him, and sustained by Him. The gifts you possess are gifts He's given you; all that is good comes from Him. Your identity and your value are, always were, and always will be, found in Him."



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