



## Duty. Read the Table of Duties Pastor Weinkauf

So many of our society and even our home woes are from people failing in their duty. I urge you to read the *Table of Duties* from Luther's Small Catechism. Very short. If you don't have a Catechism, I'll give you one. Every Lutheran must have one.

About the last thing we need on earth is help to get in touch with our feelings. Lord knows, we are driven more by feelings than anything else in life -more than facts or truth and certainly more than duty. Duty does not depend upon feelings but acts because duty is your godly calling/vocation. Your vocation as placed by God defines your duty -this higher calling whether you feel it or not. Your duty to spouse and work each day does not depend upon how you feel. We often do let our feelings usurp our duty. Even though we succumb to being driven by our feelings, we generally wake up when we realize that failing in our duty will not be good to those we love even brings harm.

The primacy of feelings affects our home and work. For example, look at the backlash when employers required workers back to the office. People became accustomed to working from home are not feeling the office anymore and feel somehow betrayed, anger when the employers said it's time to return. We as people have learned to work on our terms and our terms alone.

The toxic atmosphere of social media is in part due to our feelings -venting, complaining, and lamenting things we do not like; we have lost the skill to engage in conversation with those whom we disagree. Look at the road rage rise and crime, violence that occurs when one feels slighted. The feelings rule our mouths and our actions and drive grudges, bitterness. It effect each of us! and this sense of entitlement cripples us as a nation and community.

While there are probably a few things we can do to tamp down some of our discontent, bitterness, uneasiness in life, the real answer is to rediscover our sense of duty. Read through the *Table of Duties*; what frame our relationships -to God, to our family, to our neighbor, and to the Church.

We have come to believe that our primary duty is to ourselves and we have become focused exclusively on that duty. The result is that we are more unhappy even though we have more money to spend, more leisure time to enjoy, and more distractions to pursue than people in any other age or time. That ought to tell us something about ourselves.

Duty. Be the man, the women, the boy, the girl God has called you to be. Be the husband, wife, child, worker, citizen you are obligated to be as one accountable to God. It takes work! Endeavor to work upon your actions to spouse and family, to neighbors and strangers, and Church.

### **Easter Season**

The 50 Great Days of Easter are upon us in April. As from Council of Nicaea 325 AD, we are given the admonition of the tradition that we *stand* instead of *kneel* during these days, in confession of our Lord who stands resurrected upon the earth.

Lent is a somber, penitential time. Sundays are <u>in</u> Lent; not <u>of</u> Lent. Sundays are always the Day of our Lord's Resurrection and not counted in the 40 days of Lent. As Sundays hold Divine Services, it's not considered a time of fasting. In contrast, the Sundays at this time of the Church Year are <u>of</u> Easter, of His Resurrection as He appeared for 40 days on earth, then ascended and the disciples waited 10 days for Pentecost. Each Sunday of Easter has a name from the Scripture passage traditionally assigned from the Early Church for that Sunday.

Easter 2, Quasi Modo Geniti "As newborn babes: desire the sincere milk of the word."

Easter 3, Misericordias Domini "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."

Easter 4, Jubilate "Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands."

Easter 5, Cantate "Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song."

Easter 6, Rogate "Pray"

Easter 7, Exaudi "Hear, O Lord, when I cry."

The LORD is Risen!

## **Call Committee for Associate Pastor**

The Committee is reviewing candidates. Please keep them in your prayers. The full list of candidates for Associate Pastor is posted in the narthex. Call Committee includes: Andy Dedeke chairman, Kevin Carder secretary, the 8 Board of Elders, LeRoy Scharnhorst, Brett Curtis, Pastor Weinkauf.

### Key Events

April 13

Highway Clean-up

**April 15** 

Risen Savior Classical Academy Open House

**April 27**Spring Planting

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Cathy Manis, Music Director

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Please feel welcome to join in. 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.

2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Special thanks to:

**Cathy Manis** for her work, for the growing number of people in the **Choirs**. Choirs are in recess June-August.

**Bridget Harbord** who plays organ while Cathy comes down for Communion every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

**Kim Dunn** who played Lent morning services and some Sundays while Cathy comes down for Communion.

Our many musicians!



## Sunday School

**3 yr. old - 8**<sup>th</sup> **grade** Amanda Harbord, Board of Education

Sunday School children sing: April 14 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Easter)

SAVE THE DATE! VBS will be June 20-22

Thank you parents and teachers for the commitment to teaching the faith!



## Youth Group

High School Pastor Weinkauf

April 7 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. Talk with Pastor.



## Bible dasses

Pastor Weinkauf

Sundays 9:15 am Isaiah

Weds. 8:30 am Matins Service

9:00 am Exodus



# Table Talk

19-39 year old

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



April 13 8-10 am

# 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.



April 27 8-11 am

# Spring Pleming Marsha Albright, Church Gardner

All are welcome to come and get dirty. We will plant our annuals, do rock work and a few other outdoor plantings, and projects. We have some tools available but you are welcome to bring any from home. Many hands make for light work, we appreciate your help.



May 16 6:30 pm

## Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator; usually meet 3rd Thurs. Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

We will not be meeting in April but will resume our monthly social gatherings in May. If you have any suggestions for activities and outings, please share with Katlyn Selbe (913-617-3844 or <a href="mailto:katlynselbe@gmail.com">katlynselbe@gmail.com</a>).

Thank you for the wonderful turnout to our events. We always invite all the women of the congregation and also any friends you wish to bring along.



April 11 6:00 pm

## Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Our April meeting will be Thursday, 6:00 pm, April 11. We welcome all ladies of the congregation as we meet for a Bible study and explore mission projects to undertake.



April 5 8:00 am

# 1 St Fridey Trustee Work Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

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



# Certificity Trip 2024 Pastor Weinkauf

Pastor Weinkauf, Luther Tour Host

**Sept. 13-24, 2024.** Information posted at **LutherTours.com**. Printed copies available in the Narthex. Pastor Weinkauf 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.



meets 1st Thursday of the month

**April 4** 6:30 pm

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...

April 4: Bring a book of your choice and share it. We will be taking recommendations to layout the upcoming months.

May 2: TBD



Men's comenic his 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.

7:00 pm

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

### **Babysitting Needs**

Classifieds

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.

### **Pick-up Truck**

If you ever need to borrow a pickup truck, please contact Pastor Weinkauf.

Youth Confirmation Retreat. Our annual retreat involves 2 worship services, 3 Catechism classes, group games, teambuilding challenges, food, & free time for middle school youth.









☐ We will have a vendor booth at the Midwest Parent Educators annual conference which draws hundreds of homeschool families from around the region.

☐ May 6 wraps up our 6<sup>th</sup> year. What an amazing year! 40 children in the Academy! Great parent involvement! We have been blessed with wonderful health of our Instructors and children, with few illness this year. Pastor Weinkauf does morning Announcements and Chapel, but the children have been very disappointed that Pastor Weinkauf has not had a chance to (emergency) substitute teach for a period of their day. This is the first year ever.

# Open House April 15 3:30 pm

☐ Our annual Open House to share information and registration for the 2024-25 School Year.

☐ If anyone is interested in homeschooling, we invited you to come and see what our Classical Academy offers and visit with several homeschool parents.

☐ Please share with other family and friends who may be interested in homeschooling and

having being part of our Classical Academy.





Monthly Youth Group. After chapel, food, study, 16 youth played kickball under the lights.



### **Book of Concord** monthly study Following our study always a wonderful variety of

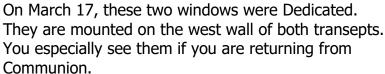
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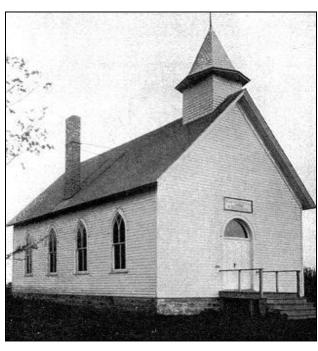


# Dedication of the 1908 Windows









Our original church building (St. Martin Evangelical Lutheran Church) was dedicated on November 1, 1908. On May 7, 1961 a tornado moved the church building off its foundation. The original church was deconstructed and a new church built. From 1961 to 2023, four original windows sat in a barn of Edward Eberth, a member and son of a founding family. These two windows which were dedicated still have the original stained glass. The two other windows will be repurposed as frames for sacred art to be dedicated at a later time.

We sincerely appreciate Charles and Sue Eberth to gift these original windows to Risen Savior to be used unto our Lord's glory and to bless the people that gather.

**40 Days Life Vigil.** Some of our members who stopped out during the day. Sorry to those not in the pictures. We have a Friday in March and September we select as part of the nationwide 40 Days of Life campaign. The 40 Days of Life campaigns have shown to have a tremendous impact on those considering





**APRIL 2024** 

SATURDAY	9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service	8:00 Highway Clean Up 6:00 Divine Service	9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service	8:00 Divine Service	9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
FRIDAY	8:00 1st Friday Trustee work	2	6	<b>26</b> LCMS founded, 1847 7:00 Men's Gamenight	8:00 1st Friday Trustee work
THURSDAY	4. 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 Book Club	6:30 Youth Chorale	<b>18</b> 6:30 Youth Chorale 6:30 Katie's Sisters	<b>25</b> st. Mark, evangelist 6:30 Youth Chorale	8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 Youth Chorale
WEDNESDAY	8:30 Matins Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Midweek Service	8:30 Matins Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Bell Choir	8:30 Matins Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Bell Choir	8:30 Matins Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Bell Choir	8:30 Matins Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Vocal Choir
TUESDAY	2	<b>6</b>	16:00 Newsletter deadline 10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First	23	30
MONDAY	-	8:30–3:30 RSCA Noon Lunch with Pastor 3:30 RSCA Open House 6:30 Board of Elders/ Call Committee	<b>1 5</b> 8:30-3:30 RSCA 3:30 RSCA Open House	<b>22</b> 8:30–3:3p RSCA	<b>29</b> 8:3a-3:30 RSCA
SUNDAY	<b>3T Easter</b> 7:00 a Divine Service 8-9:45 Breakfast 10:00 Divine Service	2nd Sun. of Easter St. Martin's Lutheran Church founded 1908 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 6:00 Youth Group	8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir	2 4th Sun. of Easter 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 11:45 Church Council	<b>28</b> 5th Sun. of Easter 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Book of Concord study

Birthdays & Anniversaries	27 Mindy Arriaga	27 Rehe Selbe	28 Phyllis Brooks	29 Brad Reynolds	29 Ann Gleason	29 Jeff & Angie Armintrout				
	19 Sylvia Dupuis	20 Jess Jansen	20 Wayne & Cookie Doebele	21 April Ruzsa	22 Craig Muntzel	23 Joshua Murphy	23 Joshua Rauh	24 Lou Fritz	25 Mike & Laura Adair	27 Joyce Harper
	13 Bennett Heath	13 Linda Hylton	13 Carol Swartz	15 Tim Herndon	17 Garey & Phyllis Brooks	17 Sean Muntzel	18 Aimee DeSotel	18 April White	18 Jimmy White	
	5 Ron & Sandra Smith	6 Becky Murphy	6 Curt & Chris Meyers	7 Rev. Weinkauf	7 Gary & Julia Cordes	8 Kenna Holdman	9 Edel Selbe	11 Chase Dedeke	11 Jason Fielder	
	1 Tammie Davidson	2 Brenda Bullock	3 Anna Murphy	3 Joy Mustapich	4 Cathl Beauford	5 Brandon Kerst	5 John Kleist	5 Jordyn Hackman	5 Brian & Lisa Huesers	

### Thank You

March cleaning families: **Erickson; Curtis; Friedman; Cordes** 

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

For those who came to the 40 Days Life Vigil.

For all the help with our annual Spring Cleaning.

For those who sign-up for the Sunday breakfast snack.

For the youth families & LWML for the Lenten meals and all who came.

### 2024 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of February:

Offerings \$73,745 \$62,635 Expenses

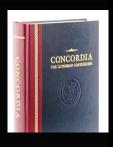
Not included, Dedicated gifts & expenses

## **Book of Concord Study**

April 28 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.

Usually last Sunday evening of the month.



### **LutheransForLife.org**



"Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.

The Lord, it is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who forms every and each life in the womb!; who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives."

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