



Lent Should Matter to Us All

Pastor Weinkauf

Lent will be upon us before we end February. We are in a pre-Lent time for you to ponder, contemplate now if things are going to be different for you this Lent? Will you be intentionally living like its Lent?

Lent is a time when Christians all over the world prepare for Jesus Christ's resurrection. It starts Ash Wednesday, 47 days before Easter. You may recognize the term "40 days of Lent". This is because the Sundays are not considered a part of Lent.

Historically, there are three practices associated with Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving or works of mercy. It is a time when Christians especially reflect upon their lives, live with different intentions to help focus our lives on Christ. God's people have always been shown to 'fast' before the 'feasting' in this special time in preparation.

Lent can be a time of great focus for the Christian. Our culture is inundated with input. But in order to focus more on one thing, one must also learn to focus less on other things. Lent can become a time of beautiful simplicity, cut out much noise of life, put aside/turn off devices, more time devoted to hearing again the words of the Bible, and coming to God in repentant joy for what He has done for us.

Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving. These Scriptural, ancient traditions in the Church aid us in mournful reflection; who live in a society that does not take sin seriously, and in proper reflection, preparation towards our Lord's Passion and joyous feasting of Easter.

Prayer Jesus says in Matthew 6, "When you pray..."

Conversation with God. Offering petitions of praise, thanks, requests, help.

What it looks like? Make devotions a priority in your home. Develop better habits and times for prayer and family devotions. Put reminders on your phone or calendar if you forget. Devote more time to reading Scriptures. Pray the Scriptures especially by reading the Psalms. Devote time to shut off all the tech and media and sit with a Bible and receive words of life.



Fasting Jesus says in Matthew 6, "When you fast..."

Not "if" but "when." A restriction of consumption. Not to merit favor with God but for our physical, spiritual conditioning. That our desires of the stomach, the desires of the flesh do not drive us. So when you think of what you 'gave up' and want it, turn your focus Christ and Scriptures, learn self-control, discipline.

What it looks like? Some refrain from chocolate, desserts, alcohol, eating during daylight hours (a normal fast), reducing or eliminating luxuries; cut out fast food, certain foods or meals or niceties. Consider fasting from smartphone/screens during parts of the day.



Almsgiving Jesus says in Matthew 6, "When you give..."

Actions of our resources of time, money, work. All you have comes from His hand, stop thinking your money and things are 'yours' but you are stewards of His gifts your use in your household and to serve others.

What it looks like? Selfless acts. Make a special gift. Actively look to do special things for family and neighbors. It can mean special gifts to Church made in joy and sacrificing your comforts. Give that it does effect how you live as you reflect on material fasting, that money cannot be where your heart, your security, and comfort lies. Donate goods. Volunteer. Create habits in your day to impact others. Ask if you can help them. You will find it common that those who tithe (give 10%) or establish a pattern of giving -that when giving away money impacts, changes how they live- they find special blessings in life priorities and release of anxiety over money, to help keep their focus on Christ.



KEY EVENTS

Feb. 10

Sunday School
gamenight/parent
datenight

Feb. 12

Souper Bowl Party

Feb. 19

Feast of
Transfiguration /
Voter's Assembly
& Potluck

Feb. 21

PfannKuchen Tag
(Pancake Day)

Feb. 22

Ash Wednesday
Lent begins

Feb. 28

Blood Drive

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February 22 Ash Wednesday... Lent Begins



Ash Wednesday

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

Lent Midweeks

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
8:30 am Service
9:00 am Bible Class
6:00-6:45 pm Meal served
7:00 pm Service

Altar Triptych of Risen Savior

Dedicated Epiphany 2023

Holy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter

Jesus distributing the Holy Supper - the Crucifixion - Jesus and the women at the tomb.
Wood Carvings on the Reredos behind the Altar.

Triptych forms of artwork have appeared in early Christian art, especially used at Altars since the middle ages. Triptychs are three pieces of related artwork in a sequence to narrate a story. Our wood carvings were also done by Joel Johnson, a local woodcarver who has done the other wood carvings on the Pulpit and Lectern. Funds were used from the Sacred Art Fund which includes special gifts and memorials.



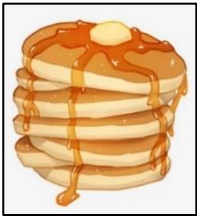


**Feb. 12
4:30 pm**

Souper Bowl Party

Feb. 12, 4:30 pm – Our highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy will be up for grabs. 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.
 - Super Bowl Kickoff is 5:30 pm.
 - 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.
- Pictured is last year's winner Amanda Harbord the highly-coveted Traveling Souper Bowl trophy. Past winners have their names engraved upon it. Dream about this highly-coveted trophy sitting on your mantle all year and enter a soup!



**Feb. 21
6:00-
7:00 pm**

PfannKuchen Tag (Pancake Day)

Pancakes, sausage, and sweets. Pancake races, Pancake tossing. No cost.

Come join us 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.



Blood Drive

Susan Eubanks, Board of Outreach



**Feb. 28
1:30-
6:00 pm**

Feb. 28, Tuesday 1:30-6:00 pm

The need is urgent during these times. Thank you for those who regularly give and please consider being a donor.

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. 12 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. 19
11:45 AM**



Risen Savior Classical Academy

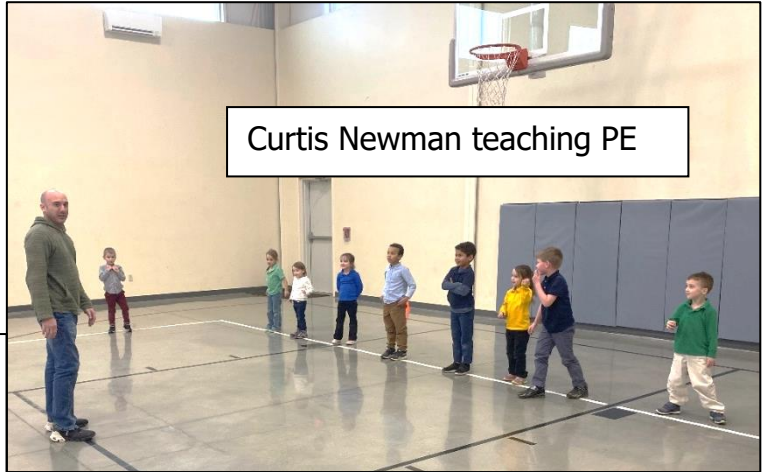
Amanda Uhlmansiek, Director; Pastor Weinkauf, Headmaster

Nursery staffing and some Instructor classes available. These are paid positions. 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 akuhlmansiek@gmail.com



Alpha class lined up after their restroom break.



Curtis Newman teaching PE



Sunday School 3 year old – 8th grade Amanda Harbord

Sunday School Gamenight/ Parent Datnight. Have a special night before Valentine's Day. Food provided. Infants – High School welcome. Thanks to all who help with the Advent meals!

Feb. 10
6-8 pm



Youth Group High School youth Pastor Weinkauf

February 5, 6:00 pm. Invite any friends.
- Thanks to all who help with the Advent meals!
- 2023 Higher Things, July 17-21, Southern Illinois U., Carbondale, IL. Save the date. Let Pastor Weinkauf know ASAP if you ARE or ARE NOT planning to go.

Feb. 5
6:00 pm



TableTalk 19-39 yr. old Kantor Schreiber

Feb. 3, 6:30 pm as we usually meet the 1st Friday. Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.

Feb. 3
6:30 pm



Men's Basketball

Sundays, 8 pm, through March. All men (high school & up) of the congregation, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up games.



Katie's Sisters (after Katy Luther, Ladies NightOut) Katlyn Selbe

February gathering. Annual Tea Party Feb. 16, 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 can't attend please bring it early so your sister still receive her gift.
- If you don't have a secret sister, still come join in the fun of our tea party.
- 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. 16
6:30 pm
Tea
Party!**



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



**Feb. 3
8:00 am**

1st Friday Trustees Richard Uhlmansiek

February 3, 8 am. 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.



**Feb. 2
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!) 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm.

Order now for upcoming gatherings...
February 2: East of Eden by John Steinbeck
March 2: Gilead by Marilynne Robinson



Women in Mission Chyleen Pausick, President

**Feb. 9
6:00 pm**

Our next event is Thursday, February 9, 6:00 pm, in Wittenberg Hall. We will have a short devotion, snacks, go over new program for the year, and wrap up new ribbons for the hymnals.

At our Christmas party on December 28, we prepared 20 gift bags with special treats and delivered them the next few days, to 20 of our members.

All women are welcome and invited to join us at our meetings. We really do have fun. It is a good way to meet some more of your sisters in Christ.



Men's Gamenight usually 4th Fridays

**Feb. 24
7:00 pm**

February 24, Friday 7 pm. All men of the congregation (and any friends), over 18, welcome to come to our monthly Men's GameNight. A collegial time for men to gather and enjoy a time of gregarious, godly behavior. Sometimes we've gone outside, usually play cards, usually enjoy smoked meats, always have snacks and fine beverages.

March we will be heading to Ronnie Miller's for games and to watch the NCAA games. April we are looking to go the Peter's for shotguns, pistol, rifle shooting.



Thanks to David Kalebaugh (under the sink) for a minor plumbing repair. Also LeRoy Scharnhorst for the repairs on the ice maker in the pantry freezer.



February 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 29 4 th Sun. aft Epiphany 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 8:00 p Men's Basketball | 30 8:30a-3:30p RSCA | 31 | 1 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Vocal choir 7:45 p Bell choir | 2 Presentation of Mary 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club | 3 8:00 a First Friday Trustee work 6:30 p TableTalk | 4 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service |
| 5 5 th Sun. aft Epiphany 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 Youth Group 8:00 p Men's Basketball | 6 Risen Savior Classical Academy 8:30a-3:30p RSCA | 7 | 8 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Vocal choir 7:45 p Bell choir | 9 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:00 p LWML meeting | 10 | 11 6:00 p Divine Service |
| 12 6 th Sun. aft Epiphany 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 4:30 p Souper Bowl party | 13 8:30a-3:30p RSCA Noon Lunch with pastor 6:30 p Board of Elders | 14 10:00 a Newsletter due 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First | 15 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Confirmation 7:00 p Vocal choir 7:45 p Bell choir | 16 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Katie's Sister | 17 | 18 Martin Luther, d. 1546 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service |
| 19 Transfiguration of Jesus 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Congregation Potluck 12:20 p Voter's Assembly 5:00 p Adult Catechism Class 8:00 p Men's Basketball | 20 8:30a-3:30p RSCA | 21 5-7 p Pfannkuchen Tag (Pancake Day) food & festivities | 22 Ash Wednesday 8:30 a Divine Service 7:00 p Divine Service | 23 8:30a-3:30p RSCA | 24 St. Matthias, apostle 7:00 p Men's Gamenight | 25 6:00 p Divine Service |
| 26 1 st Sun. in Lent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Choir practice 5:00 p Adult Catechism Class 6:00 p Book of Concord Study 8:00 p Men's Basketball | 27 8:30a-3:30p RSCA | 28 1:30-6:00 p Blood Drive | 1 8:30 a Midweek Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:00 p Supper 7:00 p Midweek Service 7:40 p Confirmation 7:40 p Bell choir practice | 2 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club | 3 8:00 a 1st Friday Trustee work 6:30 p TableTalk | 4 9-10a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service |

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2 Jeff Armintrout | 7 Bruce & Amanda Harbord | 14 Aubrey Johnson | 21 Jeanette Curtis |
| 4 Garey Brooks | 7 Joye Minda-Hackmann | 14 Terry & Joyce Wade | 21 Bridgett Harbord |
| 4 Tony Fisher | 7 Nathaniel Kingery | 14 Tyler Mars | 21 Ryan Bush |
| 5 Diane Hammell | 10 Reagan Wiehe | 15 Nathan Radke | 22 Larry Renn |
| 5 Hannah Taylor | 10 James & Erica Turney | 15 Matt Dedek | 23 Gianella Johnson |
| 6 Roy White | 10 Trenton Wiehe | 16 Kathy Davoren | 23 Jon & Sheila Goodsmith |
| 6 Ava Stuedemann | 11 Owen Kingery | 16 Randy & April Luebke | 24 Mary Follin |
| 6 Bryan Byrd | 11 Luke Kasunic | 20 Shawn Goodsmith | |
| 7 Maverick Rauh | 13 Zachary Curtis | 20 John Scheer | |
| | | | 25 Matthew Muntzel |
| | | | 25 Olivia Bretz |
| | | | 27 Clayton Zumbrunn |
| | | | 28 Dan & Marilyn Whitlock |
| | | | 28 Joseph Stuart |
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Thank You

To those families cleaning in January:

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Our Altar Guild:

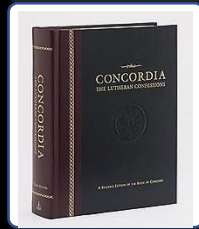
Cookie Doebele, Sherry Meyers, Teresa Miller, Kim Dunn, Ann Gleason, Hannah Taylor, Karen Erickson, Phyllis Brooks, Mary Ellen Ballard, Susan Eubanks

For the weekly work of our:

Sexton Terry Follin
Secretary Makenzy Curtis
Admin. Asst. Derron Mayer

For our Librarian

Sarah Bohndorf



Book of Concord Study

Sunday, Feb. 26, 6 pm

Join us any time. 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

"When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved."

2022 Financial

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

Through end of 2022:

Budget \$418,500

Offerings \$472,194

Expenses \$397,496

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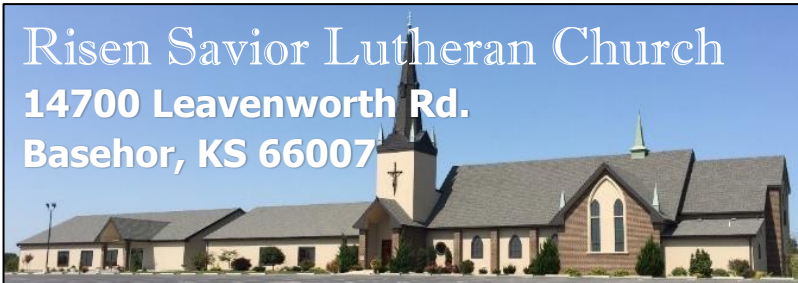


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