April 18, 2021, 500th Anniversary of Luther's "Here I Stand"

Here We Stand.

2021

Key Events

May 1 Spring Planting

May 13 Ascension

May 15 Highway Clean-up

May 16 Congregation Potluck & Quarterly Voter's Assembly

May 23 Pentecost

May 30 Trinity Sunday

Church 913.724.2900

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Vicar Christiansen vicar@risensaviorlcms.org 262.236.6104

A 2nd Pastor? Pastor Weinkauf

We have received word that we will not be receiving a Vicar this coming year, 2021-22. This particular class of men is few and although we have had 7 Vicars, other parishes have greater longevity in the program, have the benefit of receiving a Vicar. I have been assured that we would receive a Vicar with a larger class in 2022-23 if we apply.

There have been informal discussions regarding when/if we look at a 2nd Pastor due to our continual, yearly membership growth and increasing congregational needs. Key questions are: "Do we need another Pastor?" And "can we afford it?"

A Motion will be presented at the May Voter's Assembly to approve the Calling of a 2nd Pastor. Information regarding this will be in the Agenda as well the May 16, 9:15 Bible Class will be going over this matter regarding the details of Scripture, the Office of the Holy Ministry, and the Divine Call.

What does this mean? If the congregation approves Calling a 2nd Pastor, then:

- 1. Guidelines for the process for Calling a Pastor are established by the LCMS in our Constitution and with oversight of our Kansas District.
- 2. Our Call Committee is the Board of Elders who will work to present names for Voter's to vote upon at a Special Voter's Assembly.
- 3. Tentative Timeline
 - May 16-June 13: names are received by any member of someone you would recommend. A list of names of Pastors will also come from our District.
 - May 23-June/July: the Board of Elders will be reviewing names and personnel files on the list of men. Phone conversations or site visits may also take place to finalize a list to present to the Voter's.
 - June 27 or July 11: would be the earliest a Special Voter's Assembly is called to issue a Divine Call. A vote takes place, with at least 2 names on a ballot, with the Pastor's biographical information presented.
- 4. When a Divine Call is issued, that Pastor may spend 2-3 weeks in prayerful discernment and provide us with a yes or no. If yes, logistics begin on his leaving his current parish and moving, Installation here. If no, the Call Committee would have to present another ballot to the Voter's Assembly.
- 5. August would be the soonest a new Pastor would be Installed but it could take much longer.

What might we be looking for in a 2nd Pastor? As Pastor Weinkauf is really getting old, it would be a blessing to have a man a generation behind him, 30-40 years old, 3-7 years in a Parish. Pastors serving less than 3 years in a Parish are ineligible. The 2nd Pastor would have oversight of Youth and our Academy. Duties between Pastor Weinkauf and a new Pastor would be shared/split, while they would both be expected to be involved and have a presence in all aspects of the congregation, that from children to shut-ins they have a relationship with both Pastors. A final detailed list of duties will be shared once the man arrives. For example, if the 2nd Pastor has strengths in music, Divine Service planning may be one of his oversights, otherwise it remains with Pastor Weinkauf.

What can you do? Pray that the Lord would bless and guide us in whatever decisions are made; and continue to pray throughout the process if we are Calling a 2nd Pastor, and please keep me in your Pastor in prayer. Foremost, we trust the work of the Holy Spirit; know the Lord of the Harvest will always provide.

Ascension Vicar Christiansen



There are two Thursdays that 'out-Sunday' Sunday, because of their strong focus on the Lord's Supper. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper, but what about the Lord's Ascension?

When Jesus ascends to reign at the Father's right hand, it does mean that He (in the flesh) floats into the sky like a superhero. It matters that Jesus ascended in the flesh to be seated at God's right hand. That means that when we go to heaven, we can go to heaven in the flesh too, not just some floating, disembodied spirit. If resurrected Jesus is bodily acceptable before the Father, then we will be too because we are united with Jesus in Baptism. But Jesus isn't dead, and it doesn't mean that He is no longer on earth "with us" anymore. While He's is no longer here spatially, God is with us in more than just the 'He's everywhere' sense (omnipresence). God is with us sacramentally: in the Lord's Supper, in Holy Baptism, and in the Holy Scriptures.

"To reign at the Father's right hand" means that Jesus is currently reigning in His kingdom, as a king would on his throne. This is the office of Jesus as king (remember "prophet, priest, and king"?). Jesus' ascension is the beginning of His reign in His kingdom. It is His exaltation, which followed His humiliation of living, suffering and dying. Jesus reigns everywhere where He is present, especially at the Divine Service. The Father's kingdom has come in Jesus' ascension. When you pray "Thy Kingdom Come" in the Lord's Prayer, it is Jesus' ascension that allows Him to come to you in the Lord's Supper. It's like praying "let thy forgiving and renewing sacramental presence come."

Take a look at Adoration of the Lamb, the famous painting by a man named Jan van Eyck (1432). He painted "going to church" for you: You see the baptismal font, the communion table, and Jesus: the lamb. Now, doesn't that have a familiar ring to it...? Wasn't it in church when we sang "This is the Feast" in the Divine Service? Where have we heard of this before? Look at Revelation 7: "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Why is it called "communion"? Let's go to the Greek... oh wait, we don't even have to do that: "Common" + "Union" = communion = unity in Christ. Look at your hymnal to the bottom of the front page. The post-communion prayer says "unity with Christ," which is the participation in the Lord's Supper. It's the "fellowship and breaking of the bread" from Acts 2:42, and it's what's show in van Eyck's beautiful work of art, with a great multitude surrounding the lamb, diverse people of all kinds and places. At the communion rail, you are at the marriage Feast of the Lamb. You receive the true body and blood of the ascended Jesus, who offers the effects of His death and resurrection to all people: life, salvation, and the forgiveness of sins. At the communion rail, you are closer to God than anywhere else. At the communion rail, you are experiencing heaven on earth, experiencing the kingdom of God.

Why did Jesus ascend? To be seated at the right hand of God, that is, to reign in his Kingdom, to communicate His grace to all people through the Lord's Supper.

Sunday School



VBS: June 17-19

Planning/Volunteers Mtg.
May 22,
Saturday
10:00 am.
All invited to help.

Youth Group



High School

May 2 6:00-8:00 pm Invite any friends.

Higher Things 2021, July 4-11 Colorado State: please talk to Pastor asap if you ARE or ARE NOT going.

higherthings.org

Table Talk



Young Adults, designed for 19-29 year old

Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word. Some beverages and snacks provided. Feel free to bring something but not necessary.

Next gathering: May 7
Friday, 7 pm @ church

1st Fridays

Divine Services



May 2 Easter 5

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us; Acts 8:26–40; 1 John 4:1–11; John 15:1–8; Setting 2

I John 4:1–II; John 15:1–8; Setting 2 Hymns: 596-603-540-633-686-473

May 9 Easter 6

Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17; Setting 2

The Lord Is with His Church in the Apostolic

Ministry of the Gospel;

Hymns: 874-556-458-597-791-544

May 13 Ascension

Acts 1:1–11; Ephesians 1:15–23; Luke 24:44–53; Setting 2

The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always Hymn: 491-492-493-564-534

May 16 Easter 7

Acts 1:12–26; 1 John 5:9–15; John 17:11b–19; Setting 2 Our Great High Priest Preserves Us Hymn: 525-492-534-564-491-539

May 23 Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1–14; Acts 2:1–21; John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15; Setting 2

The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the

Righteousness of Christ

Hymns: 497-498-597-650-496-834

May 30 Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1–8; Acts 2:14a, 22–36;

John 3:1–17; Setting 3

The Glory of the LORD of Hosts Shines in

Mercy, Forgiveness and Salvation Hymns: 507-604-498-621-641-941

Bible Class



Sunday 9:15 am Matthew

Wednesday 9:00 am Hebrews

Ascension Day May 13

Divine Service 7:00 pm Trivia Night 7:50 pm

Following the Service we will once again enjoy a night of Trivia with refreshments, desserts, prizes. Children may play in the gym.

Book Club

Amanda Uhlmansiek Coordinator

1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, starting May 6. <u>All are invited to come!</u> (Even if you haven't finished the book or it hasn't come yet!)

Order now for upcoming gatherings...

May 6: How the Irish Saved Civilization

By Thomas Cahill

\$12.26 or less at Amazon

June 7: A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World By Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller \$14.99 or less at Amazon



May 6 6:30 pm

Women in Mission Chyleen Pauesick President

Our May event is listed as a special program, and will be May 13, 5:30 p.m. I am still working on it, but we will have something fun. We have been working on quilts for Orphan Grain Train and also some for a Hospice House. Please continue to save those Best Choice bar codes off your grocery items. This gets us free money to use for mission projects. They can be put in the LWML mail tray on the counter in the office, or in Norma Barger's mailbox. All the women of Risen Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for our events. Please call Chyleen, 913-515-4765, if you have any questions.



May 13 5:30 pm

Men's Gamenight

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; always have food, a variety of beverages.

Usually last Friday of the month.



May 28 Friday 7 pm

Katie's Sisters -Ladies Night Out



May 20 Thursday 6:30 pm

Board Game Night, a variety of board games. All women and friends invited for our monthly event. Bring a snack or beverage to share if you wish.

Upcoming events being planned include: Ice Cream Social

Frontier Justice gun range and simulator time Painting Class!

Holyfield Winery tour and wine-tasting

ring Planting

Susan Eubanks Coordinator



May 1 8:00 am

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. We should wrap-up by 10 am.

K-7 Highway Clean-up



May 15 8-10 am

Join us in service to the community to clean-up our adopted portion of the highway. Meet at the church at 8 am for instructions then we'll head do to the highway. Last time we had 8 people and it took only 2 hours! Great exercise too. You must be at least 16 years old.

Voter's Assembly/Potluck

Agenda available 5/9, which includes



Congregation Potluck & Quarterly Voter's Assembly, after the 10:30 Service.

Calling a 2nd Pastor; Kantor (Music Director) position; and **Part-time Church Secretary. May 16** 11:45

For our potluck, members last name: A-M: bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or bread;

N-Z: bring a main dish.

information regarding:

Potluck meal

12:20 Meeting

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Currently all the spots are **full**:

Piano & Violin Bethany Christiansen

Piano & Organ Cathy Manis

Harp & Clarinet Aimee DeSotel

Watch for updates...



Thursdays, returning in September.

Electronic GIVE



We have 36 households that have utilized this tool. Our vendor is Vanco, who serves 24,000 churches, 16,000 clients, process \$17 billion/year.

1) Find a link on our website or 2) You can download an App on your phone: GivePlus+.

On the App, the first time you have to search for our church and select us (not a different Risen Savior). It will keep us (RSLC) in the App so you don't have to search every time. You can do a 1-time payment without setting up an account (name, email, debit/credit card info) or if you want a re-occurring payment it is easy to set-up.

Confirmation







1st Friday Trustees

Next: May 7 8:00-9:30 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 9-9:30 am.

Risen Savior Classical Academy

May 10, 2021 is the final day of classes. August 23, 2021 our new format, year begins! This Fall the plan is to run 2 days a week with a Classical curriculum.

Please keep the teachers and students in your prayers.

Contact Sarah Bohndorf, or Pastor for questions.





Monthly Book of Concord. Following the study there is a social time with variety of fine beverages and foods.

Men's Retreat had 25 men at our District Retreat Canter at Lake Herington. Time was spent in study with Rev. Dr. Grobien, food, games, and shooting.





Good Friday, the Chancel area stripped from Maundy Thursday.







April 18, on the 500th Anniversary of Luther's "Here I Stand" Rev. Dr. Grobein was our guest preacher, Bible Class teacher. He is professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN



20 members made it out for our day of the 40 Days of Life vigil outside the abortion clinic in Overland Park.









May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 St. Mark 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Choir 5:00 p Adult Catechism class 6:00 p Book of Concord study	26 Risen Savior Academy	27	8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Bell Choir	29 4:00-5:30 p SportsCamp	3:00 p RSA Open House 7:00 p Men's Gamenight	Sts.James.Philip,apostles 8:00 a - Noon Outdoor workday & planting
2 5th Sun. of Easter 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Choir 5:00 p Adult Catechism class 6:00 p Youth Group	Sisen Savior Academy	4	8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Bell Choir	4:00-5:30 p SportsCamp 6:30 p Trail Life 6:30 p Book Club	8-9:30 a 1st Friday Trustee work 7:00 p Table Talk	9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution
9 6th Sun. of Easter 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service Mother's Day	AC Risen Savior Academy (Last day of school year) Noon Lunch with paster 6:30 p Board of Elders	11 10:00 p Bible Study @ Advocacy First	8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Bell Choir	13 Ascension 4:00-5:30 p SportsCamp 5:30 p LWML mtg 7:00 p Divine Service 7:50 p Trivia Night	14	15 8:00 a K-7 Adopt a Highway clean-up
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23 Pentecost 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 5:00 p Adult Catechism class	24	25	26 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Bell Choir	27 4:00-5:30 p SportsCamp	28 7:00 p Men'sGamenight	29
Trinity Sunday	31 Memorial Day	1	2	3	4	5
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Book of Concord study



Sunday, May 30, 6 pm

All welcome to join in any time for an evening of enrichment in Lutheran doctrine and Scriptural truth, fine beverages, and foods. Childcare provided. Usually last Sunday of the month.



Christian scouting, ages 5-17 Trail Life 2nd & 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm Patrick Budy 913-634-5410

Lutheransforlife.org

"Both before and after their births, our children are precious lives belonging to God and redeemed by Him. Each of our days is ordained by Him, including the challenging days of motherhood. It does not say that the honoring, serving, and obeying one's parents is conditional or in response to their earning or deserving it. No, one is to love and cherish them as well as honor, serve, and obey them as if they were God Himself. The good news is that where we have obviously failed, Jesus did not. He perfectly honors his mother and the vocation of womanhood is held by us all in high honor because of Him."



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Thank you!

For those families cleaning the church in April:

> Cordes Woelk **Brooks** Mars

To Jerry Long for donating a new amplifier for the balcony piano.

To all who helped (22 people) with the Spring Cleaning.

To Ronnie Miller for providing the smoked meat for our Men's Retreat.

To the Board of Elders and their wives for hosting the Easter Breakfast.

Finances

Full report posted in Church Office.

Less Dedicated Gifts/Expenses, through end of March:

Budget \$101,000 Offerings \$ 91,413 \$ 85,400 **Expenses**