

MARCH

NEWSLETTER

2022

Eternal Joy in Christ Pastor Cockran

“God just wants me to be happy.” Many of you have probably heard this saying before. The Declaration of Independence speaks of an inalienable right to the “pursuit of happiness.” Yet while we can understand the line in the Declaration of Independence rightly, the Scriptures do not speak as much about happiness as an end goal as much as it speaks about always having joy.

When we think of happiness, what comes to mind is emotional pleasure that lasts only for a time and then is gone. For instance, you could find happiness by sinking your teeth into a delectable barbeque sandwich, or you could find happiness when something bad happens to someone you really do not like. Obviously, eating a barbeque sandwich is not sin. Wishing harm on someone else, however, is unrighteous, even if it brought you happiness.

We also tend to think happiness rests in our own power. If listening to a particular kind of music makes us happy for a few weeks and then no longer does, we think we can keep seeking other means which evoke the same emotional high. But like a dog chasing his tail, we eventually discover that we can never obtain true lasting happiness.

But Jesus gives us something more than happiness and pleasure. He gives us joy—true contentment that lasts.

Joy doesn’t come from the vain pleasures of the world, but rather from something outside of you and outside of this world: the forgiveness and life of the Crucified and Risen Christ for you. Joy comes in the knowledge that you are in the Father’s hands. Because of Jesus’ atoning death, no sorrow or fear or trouble can separate you from His grace. Because He has risen and lives, so too shall you arise and live, and in this Gospel we find joy!

Does this mean that you can never be sad or that you must always be cheerful? Not at all! True Christian joy remembers that Christ has accomplished salvation even in the midst of sadness. Christianity allows us to hold these two truths at the same time: (1) I am saddened about a current situation in the world (2) On account of Christ, I remember Christ has overcome the world, and this gives me joy even while being sad. Is it okay then to appreciate happiness when we are given the Lord’s gifts in this world? Absolutely! But be careful not to seek after happiness for its own sake, but instead always pray for contentment in the Gospel. After all, happiness is for a moment, but joy in Christ and in His Church is for eternity!

Key Events

March 1

Pfann-Kuchen
Tag (Pancake Day)

March 2

Ash Wednesday

March

9,16,23,30

Lent Midweek
8:30 a Service
6:00 p Supper
7:00 p Service

March 18

40 Days Life Vigil

Lent Begins... March 2 Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

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



Lent Midweeks

March 9, 16, 23, 30
8:30 am Service
9:00 am Bible Class
6:00-6:45 pm Meal served
7:00 pm Service

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Pillars of Lent

Pastor Weinkauf

Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving. Key points during this penitence, sorrowful reflection season beginning Ash Wednesday. These Scriptural, ancient traditions in the Church aid us who live in a society that does not take sin seriously, and in proper reflection, preparation towards our Lord's Passion and joyous 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 your smartphone during portions 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. 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 (even year-round giving) 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 - find special blessings in life priorities and release of anxiety over money, to help keep their focus on Christ, His Kingdom.



Sunday School

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

Next:

Sunday School children will be singing:

April 3, 10:30 Service & start practicing March 6

Thank you for all who teach, any who wish to be on a substitute list or teach please see Amanda Harbord.



Youth Group

High School
Pastor Cockran

March 6
6:00-8:00 pm
Invite any friends.

Youth Trip: please let Pastor know asap if you ARE or ARE NOT going.

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Table Talk

19-39 year old

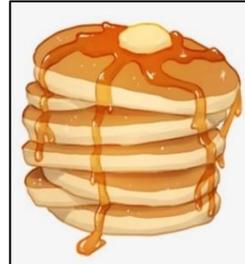
Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.

On hold right now....

PfannKuchen Tag

(Pancake Day) Teresa Miller, Board of Fellowship

March 1, 5:00 -7:00 pm. Pancakes, sausage, and sweets.
Pancake races, Pancake tossing. Pancake decorating contest too! No cost.



**March 1
5:00-
7:00 pm**



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, has been held since 1445.

Katie's Sisters Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator

Craft Night. We will meet March 17 at 6:30 pm to do a chalk couture craft. A professional artist will be guiding us, to make a double-sided wood board with plenty of designs to make it your own.

\$20 a person for art supplies and professional instruction. You may bring a snack to share. Please pay upon arrival.

RSVP by March 10 to Katlyn Selbe 913-617-3844 to plan for supplies.



**March 17
6:30 pm**



Risen Savior Moms

Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator

We will plan to meet at the **Basehor Fire Department on March 11 at 10 am**. If this doesn't work out again then we will meet at the Basehor Park if weather permits. Thank you for all who come to these events, the great turnouts, and the joy you can be to other parents and how other parents can bless you.

Welcome to all parents, grandparents with children to gather a various parks and venues around the metro area for children to play and moms, grandmas to connect.



**March 11
10:00 am**

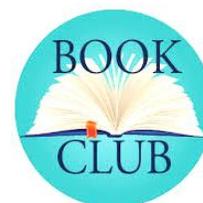
Book Club

Amanda Uhlmansiek, Coordinator

A variety of books to be taken up. 1st Thursday of the month, 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...

March 3: Poldark by Winston Graham

April 7: Church of Cowards by Matt Walsh



**March 3
6:30 pm**



Life Vigil **March 18**

Susan Eubanks, Board of Outreach

Friday March 18, 7 am-6 pm, all welcome, stop by for any time.

4840 College Blvd, Overland Park. Risen Savior joins other churches that sign-up for a day; this is our day! We stand on a sidewalk, hold some signs, as we peacefully contend for life God creates.

**March 18
7 am-6 pm**



**March 25
7 pm**

Men's GameNight

Usually 4th Friday of the month

Next gathering **March 25, 7 pm.**

ANNUAL SHRIMP BOIL !

And this month watching NCAA basketball games too.

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.



Men's Basketball

Sundays, 8 pm, through April 3. All men (high school & up) of the congregation, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up games.



**March 10
6:00 pm**

Women in Mission

Chyleen Pauesick, President

Our next event is March 10, 6:00 pm. We will have special guest, Steve Mariano, talk to us about raising bees and harvesting honey. All the women and guests welcome.

At our January gathering, we cooked a gourmet vegetable stew, bagged it up in gift bags in quart containers, and included cookies and a dinner roll. These were delivered the following days to 20 of our adult members that live alone. We have received several thank you's, but the real blessing is for us: alling on our members and giving them the meal (or two). Thanks to the six ladies who prepared this meal and to Thrivent for the money to fund it.

If you have any ideas to share with us for other projects, we appreciate the input. Just let Chyleen or Dayle know. Thank you. Don't forget those Best Choice bar codes. They are free money for us to use towards our projects. Please put them in Cookie Doebele's mailbox or in the LWML mail tray, just inside the office door. Thank you.



**March 4
8:00 am**

1st Friday Trustees

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.

✠ MAURICE D. DICKINSON ✠ JUNE 9, 1965 – FEB. 4, 2022

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Maurice.



Maurice was given life by his Lord and born on June 9, 1965 in Wichita, KS and was one of six children born to Will & Betty (Parry) Dickinson. He became a child of God in Holy Baptism April 21, 1979. He grew up in Wichita and Geneseo, KS and graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1983.

Maurice then proudly served in the US Navy on nuclear powered attack submarines, most notably the USS Indianapolis. After being discharged in 1992, Maurice then worked at the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing, KS until 1999 when he took a job at the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, where he worked until his retirement in 2019.

He was joined by the Lord in Holy Matrimony to Collene Joyce Pantle on December 2, 1995. Their union was blessed with gift of children, Jennifer and Caroline. He and Collene were members of the Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Maurice enjoyed playing games online, target shooting, fishing and spending time with family. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law David Halstrom, sister-in-law Marty Dickinson, brother Will Dickinson, Jr.; and most recently his wife Collene in 2021.

Survivors include his daughters: Jennifer Stuart and husband John of Edwardsville, KS; Caroline Porth and husband David of Pleasant Hill, MO, two grandchildren Joseph and Emily. Siblings: Sister Cheryl Brown, husband Jerry of Hoisington, KS; sister-in-law Connie Dickinson of Ellsworth, KS; brother George Dickinson, wife Connie of Marquette, KS; brother Mike Dickinson of Oklahoma City, OK; sister Betty Jo Hartman, husband Stanley of Uniontown, KS.

On February 4, 2022, God blessed Maurice with a holy death and took him to heaven to receive a crown of life. His body will lay in rest at Maple Grove Cemetery, Tonganoxie awaiting resurrection of Christ's return.

Weekly Bible Classes

Sunday 9:15
Hebrews

Wednesday 8:30 Matins, 9:30 Class
2 Corinthians

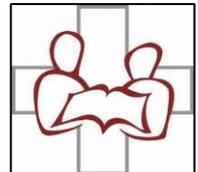
HOLY
BIBLE

Upcoming Divine Services

ASH WEDNESDAY 2 March Return to the Lord Your God with All Your Heart

Joel 2:12-19; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Hymns: 607-613-445-878-454



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 6 March Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Hymns: 656-424-421-727-666-454

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 13 March Jesus Rescues from Death, Brings Us into Heaven

Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Hymns: 610-708-616-420-725-422

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 20 March Jesus Calls You to Repentance

Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Hymns: 614-824-421-604-756-561

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 27 March Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

Isaiah 12:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Hymns: 611-612-420-683-571-423

Risen Savior **Classical Academy**

Our 2nd Semester of our 4th year is underway. It continues to be an amazing endeavor for our congregation, children, and people involved. Please keep the Instructors and students in your prayers.

INSTRUCTOR? SUB? VOLUNTEER? We have 2 key Instructors having babies this spring and there are also many opportunities to help -paid or volunteer. Contact Pastor Cockran.



Deb Swearingen teaches art classes as well High School Debate.



Diaper Shower for our Instructors Emily Newman & Amanda Uhlmansiek



Valentine's Day with some students creating their mailbox for valentines and activities.





Souper Bowl 2022

Souper Bowl Party brought about 80 people to fight for the highly coveted, traveling trophy.

OUR 10th SOUPER CHAMPIONS IS: **Amanda Harbord** who will have her name engraved on the trophy as the 2022 Souper Bowl winner for her award-winning Lentil soup! She and her family will get to enjoy the trophy on their mantel until next year.

Lots of food and beverages. The game was on our 2 large screen TVs. Not too many people seemed interested. TVs went off for the Halftime Show. About 20 children were able to play in the gym.



Sunday night men's basketball



Monthly Youth Group involves: Bible study, games, food, and Evening Service in the Church.

Monthly Focus... Funeral Luncheons

How does it work at RSLC?

It should always be an honor and privilege for our congregation to provide a funeral luncheon to the surviving family and friends of our dear family member who have been called to their enteral rest. Sadly this practice is going away in many churches and places or it takes place with the deceased family providing a funeral luncheon and given \$1000+ bill from a catering company, even paying for a place to hold it.



1) Pastor contacts Funeral Luncheon Coordinator with When/How Many to except.

2) Funeral Luncheon Coordinator then:

- takes care of the main dish, gets help if needed for that.
- sends out a **GROUP TEXT** for how many side dishes, salads, and desserts AND get at least 2 volunteers to arrive early to set-up the Hall, Kitchen.

If you respond and can help, thank you! If you cannot help, don't respond, no problem! Often items are brought the day before and set in the frig. or on the kitchen counter.

Volunteers: Add your Name/Number to the GROUP TEXT

- Cards to sign-up are just inside the Church Office door OR
- Contact the Funeral Luncheon Coordinator directly.

Funeral Luncheon Coord.: Deb Swearingen 913-219-8607

March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Transfiguration of Jesus 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	28 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	1 St. Philip, James, apostles 5-7 p Plannkuchen Tag (Pancake Day) food & festivities	2 Ash Wednesday 8:30 a Divine Service 7:00 p Divine Service	3 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club 6:30 p Vocal choir	4 8-9:30 a 1st Friday Trustee work	5 9-10a Private Confession & Absolution
6 1st Sun. in Lent 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	7 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	8 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	9 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 Bell Choir	10 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:00 p LWML meeting 6:30 p Trail Life 6:30 p Vocal choir	11 10:00 a Mom's Group at Basehor Fire Station tour	12 <i>Turn clocks forward at bedtime</i>
13 2nd Sun. in Lent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Cemetery Board 5:00 p Adult Catechism Class 8:00 p Men's Basketball	14 No RSCA, spring break Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30 p Board of Elders	15	16 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 Bell Choir	17 No RSCA, spring break 10:00 a Newsletter deadline 6:30 p Katie's Sister 6:30 p Vocal Choir	18 7a-6 p 40 Days of Life Vigil	19 Joseph, guard of Jesus 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution
20 3rd Sun. in Lent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:40 a Church Council 5:00 p Adult Catechism Class 8:00 p Men's Basketball	21 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	22	23 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 Bell Choir	24 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Trail Life 6:30 p Vocal Choir	25 Annunciation of Jesus 7:00 p Men's Gamernight	26
27 4th 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	28 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	29	30 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 Bell Choir	31 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Vocal Choir	1 8-9:30 a 1st Friday Trustee work 6:00 p -Mid. Confirmation Retreat	2 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Jeremy Dunn	7 Ted Dunn	14 Erin Goodsmith	21 Nancy Hofstetter	26 Matthew Hall
4 Jennifer Glaum	8 Jennifer Stuart	15 Scott Maurer	22 David & Tammy Kalebaugh	26 Darrell & Meredith Hall
5 Jenna Davidson	8 Amanda Dowdall	16 Tim Fincham	23 Mike Reeves	26 Steve White
5 Caden Reeves	9 Darcy Bast	19 Brian & Debra Swearingen	23 Steve Woelk	27 Linda Fulkerson
6 Tyler Dowdall	12 Victoria Fisher	20 Sarah Bohndorf	23 Jo Zumburn	28 Laura Fisher
6 Bruce Harbord	12 Amy Maurer	20 Marlaime Malone	23 Kevin Gleason & Ann Doebele	28 Brad Mars
7 Darrell Hall	14 James & Destiny Lohrke		23 Mary Cardwell	28 Marsha Albright

Thank You

To those families cleaning in February:

Dunn, Land, Brooks, Johnson, L. Ford, Eubanks

To those families who provided the Sunday breakfast snacks in February:

Shaw, Bremenkamp, Bretz, Miller

To our Altar Guild:

Cookie Doeble, Ann Gleason, Phyllis Brooks, Karen Erickson, Kim Dunn, Susan Eubanks, Teresa Miller, Sherry Stevens, Mary Follin, Mary Ellen Ballard

2022 Financial

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

Through end of January:

Budget	\$34,875
Offerings	\$39,174
Expenses	\$36,981



Book of Concord Study

Sunday, March 27, 6 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.



Trail Life™

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



LutheransForLife.org

"The temptation among Christians is to take the temperature of the chaotic and dysfunctional culture and to imbue ourselves with a sense of despair and discouragement. But despair and discouragement, we know from Scripture, is a sin because it negates the hope of Jesus Christ. We are not seeking an earthly victory; as Christians, we know that the most important victory of all of history has already been won by our Lord and Savior."

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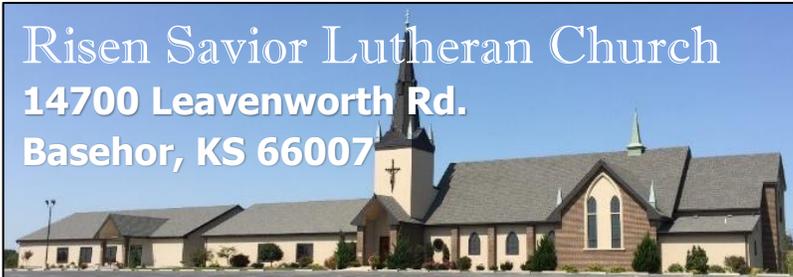
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