



# MARCH

NEWSLETTER

2023

## What Does This Mean? Pastor Weinkauf

Question from the Catechism. Do we ask it enough? Whether it is culture changes or issues before us. We tend to ask *why*? Is it often the wrong question? There are no end to questions: why would God ... why is this happening...? Instead of asking about the answers to *why*, ask *what does this mean*? A better pursuit is often the question of 'meaning.' What does this mean?

We do not really want to know *why* things go well or we feel blessed and our Christian life easy. We just want it to continue. But what life goes not as planned or as we want or as we understand, we manage our wounds, look for answers and even look around for someone to blame, *why?* is an obvious question without much chance of a real answer. *What does this mean?* is the question that offers the Holy Spirit to enlighten, to use this circumstance for our good and to help our faith grow. We want to know that we got it right. What we need, however, is the perspective of faith and that can mean asking the question, *what does this mean?*

It is to our doom we can sometimes fixate on the question *why?* Even when we get an answer, it does not help us to accept what we do not want or to be at peace with it. On vicarage, I had an elderly member, smoker for 70 years. Tethered to an oxygen line and constantly out of breath, I asked why, if she ever regretted smoking. She lifted the mask from her face, in her raspy voice told me that if it would not blow us up (oxygen), she would gladly light up again. There was no comfort in the question *why*, there was not even any regret. *Meaning* could not be found in an answer to *why* she suffered -but *what does this mean?* pushed her into the arms of her Savior, into the forgiveness, into the strength made perfect in her weakness, and into the perfect healing that awaited her when she feel asleep in the arms of her Savior.

Yeah, sometimes it seems like God delights in plans coming unraveled and disagreements with others that bring hardship. But instead of pondering *why* as if this were a problem to be solved, the meaning of our questions can be found only in Christ, His suffering, how He works for good. It is this that St. Paul describes when he tells us that Christ was made perfect through suffering and through His suffering and our suffering with Him, for His sake, we are given the same privilege. For example, for things that happen to you: *Why?* Because it didn't work out. *What does this mean?* Could be: to show we should always love, show empathy, realize you may not have all the details to properly understand a situation so trust the Lord to work good, forgive those who may error, seek to be compassionate to others, and opportunity for you to grow.

## Pastor Cockran Accepts Call

Pastor Cockran has accepted a Divine Call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Terre Haute, IN. We pray God's blessing for him and his family as they transition to a new church.

## Call Committee for Associate Pastor

The Voter's Assembly approved the process toward Calling an Associate Pastor. The Board of Elders serves as the Call Committee and additional people may be added. Please keep this in your prayers as we seek additional pastoral help. **Now through March 31** - We invite all members to submit names for consider. A form is available from Pastor.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Elder Added

The Voter's Assembly approved an 8<sup>th</sup> Elder position to meet the growth of the congregation. This will be a vacancy appointment by the Church Council in March, then election in November elections. Please submit any names to consider to Steve Mariano: [stevemariano@hotmail.com](mailto:stevemariano@hotmail.com)

## Kantor

Timothy Schreiber has resigned as he is working another full-time job and is looking for full-time work in a congregation. We thank him for his year of service with us and pray the Lord bless him and his family in his future endeavors.

Cathy Manis will once again serve the choir needs of the congregation and as full-time organist.

## KEY EVENTS

### March 1,8,15,22,30

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

**March 7**  
Classical Education  
Presentation

**March 18**  
40 Days Life Vigil

**Church**  
913.724.2900  
[rslcms.church](http://rslcms.church)

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# Lent Midweeks

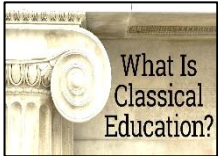
**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

8:30 am Service  
9:00 am Bible Class

6:00-6:45 pm Meals  
7:00 pm Service

## Sermon Series on the Torah

Genesis - Beginnings and Promise  
Exodus - The Birth of a People  
Leviticus - Growing as Children  
Numbers - Adolescence and Rebellion  
Deuteronomy - Maturity



# Classical Education – Special Presentation

Parents, grandparents, curious people...

Why classical education? What is it? What is the value of learning dead languages? Why read dusty, old books? Why memorize when you can simply tap the screen of a tiny computer for an answer?

Welcome to a lively evening to learn the answers to such questions and more. We'll have a brief outline of the value of a classical Lutheran education followed by opportunity for questions. Open to anyone interested in learning about classical education. Invite your friends and neighbors!

**Mary Cardwell and Rebecca Harmon**, 2 of our members and longtime Classical Education educators would enjoy your company for a night of enrichment, information, and understanding as we endeavor to educate children and ourselves.

**Special  
Presentation  
March 7  
6:30 pm**



# 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 [akuhlmsiek@gmail.com](mailto:akuhlmsiek@gmail.com)





# 40 Days of Life Vigil

All welcome, join us at any time during this vigil, Friday, March 17.

**Friday  
March 17  
7 am -  
6pm**

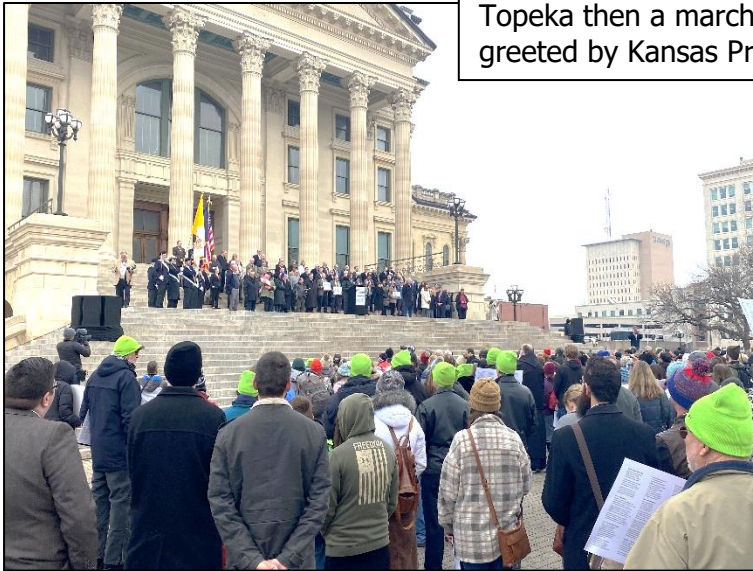
**4840 College Blvd., Overland Park.**  
Between Metcalf & Roe.

**Stop by  
anytime**

We simply stand on the sidewalk by the road, outside the Abortion Clinic; in an act in love and charity confessing Christ. He is the one who sanctified the womb and from the moment of conception this is a life that Christ died for, that He desires to be baptized and have life in Him. Come and confess our Lord's truth of life!



Thanks to our members who attended the Lutherans for Life Conference and March in Topeka! Wonderful conference with 150 people at St. John's, Topeka then a march to the capitol with 3000 other Christians as we were greeted by Kansas Pro-life legislators and speakers.



Sunday Night Men's BB

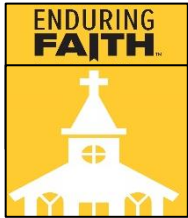


Alpha class celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day



Sunday School gamneight. Thanks for all who dropped out kids and helped!





## Sunday School 3 year old – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Amanda Harbord

**March 19 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



**March 5  
6:00 pm**

## Youth Group High School youth Pastor Weinkauff

**March 5, 6:00 pm.** Invite any friends.

- Lent meal sign-ups thanks!
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## Men's Basketball

**Sundays, 8 pm, through March 26.** All men (high school & up) of the congregation, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up games.



**March 16  
6:30 pm  
Holy Field  
Winery**

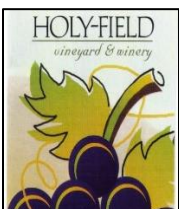
## Katie's Sisters after Katy Luther/ Ladies NightOut Katlyn Selbe

We will meet March 16 at 6:00 pm for a wine tasting evening at Holy Fields Winery, 158<sup>th</sup> & State Hwy. in Basehor.

- The cost is \$10 a person, pay when you arrive at Holy Fields
- Please RSVP to Katlyn Selbe 913-617-3844 for our reservation

Can you cook? Do you have favorite recipes? We will be putting together Cookbooks so be thinking about 1-5 recipes to submit.

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





**March 3  
8:00 am**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Trustees Richard Uhlmansiek

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.



**March 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...  
March 2: Gilead by Marilynne Robinson  
No April Book Club due to Holy Week.



**March 9  
6:00 pm**

## Women in Mission Chyleen Pausick, President

Our next event is Thursday, March 9, 6:00 pm, in Wittenberg Hall.

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



**March 24  
7:00 pm  
Miller's  
House**

## Men's Gamenight usually 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays

Next gathering **March 24, 7 pm.**

## **ANNUAL SHRIMP BOIL!** at Ronnie Miller's House, **2209 Hidden Valley, Tonganoxie**

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.

April 28 we are looking to go to Derrick Peter's for shotguns, pistol, rifle shooting. 6 minutes west from church.



**Annual Souper Bowl Party**, 50 adults, 40 kids gathered. Some people wore red. Richard Uhlmansiek won the highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy. The vote was not without the usual controversy and irregularities, as Bruce Harbord took second place -again. Sarah Peters won an award for her impressive, fresh baked olive bread and disappointed everyone by not giving an acceptance speech. Cathy Manis won an award for her bacon-wrapped smokies with brown sugar glaze but upset people because the tray of 200 ran out by Halftime. There also happened to be a game on our 2 big screen TVs that showed the Chiefs playing. Special thanks to Ronnie & Teresa Miller as this was a wonderful, memorable night.



# March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>26<sup>1st</sup> Sun. in Lent</b> 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	<b>27</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	<b>28</b> 1:30-6:00 p Blood Drive	<b>1</b> 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	<b>2</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club	<b>3</b> 8-9:30 a 1st Friday Trustee work 6:30p TableTalk	<b>4</b> 9-10a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service
<b>5<sup>2nd</sup> Sun. in Lent</b> 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Cemetery Board 6:00 p Youth Group 8:00 p Men's Basketball	<b>6</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	<b>7</b> 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First Classical Ed. 6:30 p Presentation	<b>8</b> 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	<b>9</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:00 p LWML meeting	<b>10</b> 6:00 p -Mid. Confirmation Retreat	<b>11</b> 6:00 p Divine Service <b>Turn clocks forward at bedtime</b>
<b>12<sup>3rd</sup> Sun. in Lent</b> 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Sacred Art Committee 8:00 p Men's Basketball	<b>13</b> No RSCA, spring break Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30 p Board of Elders	<b>14</b> 10:00 a Newsletter deadline	<b>15</b> 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	<b>16</b> No RSCA, spring break 6:30 p Kate's Sister	<b>17</b> 7a- 6 p 40 Days of Life Vigil	<b>18</b> <i>Joseph, guard of Jesus</i> 9-10 a Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 p Divine Service
<b>19<sup>4th</sup> Sun. in Lent</b> 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Church Council 8:00 p Men's Basketball	<b>20</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 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	<b>23</b> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 7:15 p Vocal choir	<b>24</b> 7:00 p Men's Gamenight Shrimp boil at Ronnie Miller, Tonganoxie, NCAA games too	<b>25</b> <i>Annunciation of Jesus</i> 6:00 p Divine Service
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## 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	21 David & Tammy Kalebaugh	26 Darrell & Meredith Hall
5 Jenna Davidson	8 Amanda Dowdall	16 Tim Fincham	22 Elke Dedede	26 Steve White
5 Caden Reeves	9 Darcy Bast	18 Brian & Debra Swearingen	23 Steve Woelk	26 Laura Fisher
6 Tyler Dowdall	12 Victoria Fisher	19 Rebecca Harmon	23 Jo Zumbrunn	27 Linda Fulkerson
6 Bruce Harbord	12 Amy Maurer	20 Martaine Malone	23 Kevin Gleason & Ann Doebele	28 Brad Mars
6 Lincoln Zulauf		20 Sarah Bohndorf	23 Mary Cardwell	28 Marsha Albright
7 Darrell Hall		21 Ryan Hueser	23 Mike Reeves	31 Taylor Rauh

# Thank You

## To those families cleaning in February:

Follin, Curtis, Erickson

And for the new additions to the cleaning rotation

## For help with Sunday School gamenight:

Ron & Sandra Smith,  
Jodi Weinkauff, Susan Eubanks,  
Katlyn Selbe

To those who gave blood,  
Record numbers!

## 2023 Financial

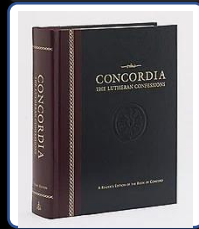
Full report posted in Church Office.  
Less Dedicated Gifts/Expenses,

Through January:

Budget \$35,775

Offerings \$43,445

Expenses \$43,211



# Book of Concord Study

Sunday, March 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

"God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God's family—and not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random. All life is a gift. All life is to be treasured. All life is special to God."

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