



## Your Lenten Journey Pastor Weinkauf

For we have a goal and a destination to which we are journeying - to come to the Easter feast after a season of repentance, prayer, fasting, and charity to celebrate with great joy and "break fast" with all the fullness and richness of Easter.

Your journey. Maybe it will be a hard journey for you this year, maybe a lonely one, or a fruitful one. But the thing about journeys is that they change us. When we complete them, we are not the same as when we started. Think of the many journeys we are told of in Scripture. Like Abraham, Israel, The Magi. Did their faith waiver on the way? Did they get stronger? More joyous? Iin the end, journeys really do change us.

We are have phases of life, periods we are going through, of journeys past and present. God uses each of these journeys to change you; with His desire to strengthen you in faith. That you rely on Him more. That you learn to look to Him in any and every need. Our Lenten journey has that goal. That through His Word and Spirit, God would change us according to His will.

Now in this Lenten season, never too late to start, it is foremost a journey in the Word of God. Add more Scripture reading to your daily routine. Use Scripture in your prayers. More Scriptures. More prayers. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Think about your own journey. How has God led you to where you are now? What people did He use and how can you affect the lives of those whom the Lord has drawn into your life now? What events, both good and bad? What challenges, joy, sorrows? What detours? And where are you going? How is God guiding you now? What encouragements and discouragements are forming you and directing you? He uses it all for your good.

Maybe this Lenten season you take on different approaches to your life and time spent. But always remember this, our only journey centers with God now and for eternity. I pray your Lenten Journey will reinvigorate your life of Scripture, prayer, acts of charity and foremost Psalm 69/John 2 in "zeal for the House of the Lord will consume me." Reinvigorated for the Divine Service and yearning of His Sacrament that leads us in journey to the Feast of heaven which has no end.

Be intentional. Do not live with regrets. Bask in forgiveness. Continue in what you are doing or start something new now. Blessed Lententide.

## **Call Committee for Associate Pastor**

Next Meeting March 4 to start reviewing candidates. The full list of candidates for Associate Pastor will be posted.

### Key Events

# March 6,13,20

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

### March 15

40 Days Life Vigil

### March 23

Spring cleaning

#### March 24

Palm Sunday, Confirmation

#### March 28

Holy Thursday, 7pm

#### March 29

Good Friday, 7pm

### March 30

Easter Vigil, 7pm

#### March 31

Easter Services 7 am & 10 am Breakfast 8-9:50

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Cathy Manis, Music Director cmusicgal @gmail.com 913-416-0007

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

Sunday School children sing: March 10 (4<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Lent ) April 14 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Easter)

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

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.





Due to a generous gift of \$1500, an octave of chimes has been purchased.

**THANK YOU** for the chimes, Blake, Kim

Blake Faller is a gifted musician who accompanies Kim Dunn at our morning Advent, Lent Services. He plays Soprano Saxophone.



Growing in CHRIST.

## Youth Group

High School Pastor Weinkauf

March 3 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 classes

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.



# Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 24 8:00 a Divine Service

9:15 a Sunday School (no Adult class)

10:30 a Divine Service Youth Confirmation & Reception

Holy Thursday March 28 7:00 p Divine Service with stripping of the Altar

Good Friday March 29 7:00 p Tenebrae Service Service of Darkness

Easter Saturday March 30 7:00 p Easter Vigil, Divine Service, begins on our courtyard

Easter March 31 7:00 a Divine Service

8:15-9:45 a Breakfast, free, full breakfast 10:00 a Divine Service (not 10:30)



#### March 23 9-11 am

## Spring decining Board of Trustees, Nick Bretz

In preparation for a joyous Easter celebration, we are having our annual "deep" cleaning of the Lord's House and facility. Saturday March 23, 9:00 we will break up off into areas to cleaning. Many hands make for light work, we appreciate your help.



March 21 6:30 pm Olive Garden

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

Let's meet at Olive Garden for dinner on March 21 at 6:30 pm. Olive Garden is located at 10670 Parallel Parkway -Legends shopping cetner, Kansas City.

Please RSVP to Katlyn Selbe (913-617-3844 or katlynselbe@gmail.com) to save a seat for you! If you forget to RSVP, come anyways!



#### March 14 6:00 pm at Credo

## Women in Mission Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Our March meeting will be Thursday, 6:00 pm, March 14 at Credo Senior Living, 15707 Pinehurst Dr., Basehor. (1 block south and east off 158<sup>th</sup> & State). Mary Ann Theno and Esther Kalebaugh are both residents there. Our Bible study is in Luke.

Zone Rally, Redeemer -Olathe, March 9, 8:30 am. We are providing the breakfast. Speaker is Rev. Mark Firth, from the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberties.



#### March 1 8:00 am

# 1st Friday Trustee Work

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



# emeny Trip 2024

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

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 7 6:30 pm

**March 7:** Les Miserables by Victor Hugo. Finishing our discussions on this work.

**April 4**: Bring a book of your choice and share it.



#### March 22 **Shrimp** Boil 7:00 pm

# Men's Come Light Usually 4th Friday of the month

March is our annual Shrimp Boil. We will have NCAA Basketball Games on the TVs. This vear we will be at the church.



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.



#### Thru 3/17 8:00 pm

## Men's Basketball

Sundays, 8 pm. All men of the congregation, young and old, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up basketball.

# Classifieds

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

### **Babysitting Needs**

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.



 $\hfill \Box$  Our monthly field trip was to a fire station.

☐ Valentine's Day party and 40 creative mailboxes











**Souper Bowl Party. Congratulations to Jess Jansen** (with husband Robert & baby Logan) for winning the highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy. Honorable mention to second place Faith Kerr; tied for third place Katlyn Selbe and Bruce Harbord. 4 votes separated the top 4 soups and some voting irregularities were noted. Large fireworks even broke out to end the night. We had over 100 people including 40 kids. Thanks to all who made soups and brought food and beverages.



**February Sunday School Gamenight** with food, games, and Valentine cardmaking. Great turnout! Special thanks to the Harbords.





**Life Conference and March to the capital in Topeka**. We joined 125 Lutherans and over 2500 others who marched to the capital and greeted by KS Legislators.

Youth Group, first Sunday of the month.



**Pfann-Kuchen Tag** on the eve of Ash Wednesday. Thanks to our pancake tossing from Curtis Newman and Derek Peters; the Board of Fellowship; and all who came out and raced.





# 40 Days of Life Vigil

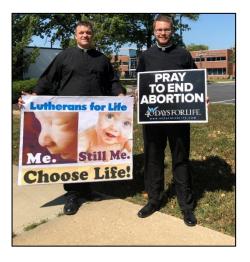
All welcome, join us at any time during this vigil, Friday, March 15.

Friday March 15 7 am – 6 pm

**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!



Katie's
Sister/Ladies
Nightout February
was the annual Tea
Party. We had 25
ladies in the Secret
Sister exchange
gifts. March
gathering is at Olive
Garden, welcome to
all women.



**RSCA.** Monthly field trip in February was to a fire station, where our member Curtis Newman is captain.





March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 5:00 Adult Catechism Class 6:00 Book of Concord study 8:00 Men's Basketball	<b>26</b> 8:30–3:30 RSCA	<b>27</b> 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive	8:30 Midweek Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:45 Confirmation 7:45 Bell Choir	2.96:30 Youth Chorale	8:00 1st Friday Trustee work	9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
3rd Sun. in Lent 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 5:00 Adult Catechism Class 6:00 Youth Group 8:00 Men's Basketball	8:30 – 3:30 RSCA Noon Lunch with Pastor 6:30 Call Committee/ Board of Elders	10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	8:30 Midweek Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:45 Confirmation 7:45 Bell Choir	6:30 Book Club 6:30 Youth Chorale	6:00 -Mid. Confirmation Retreat	6:00 Divine Service  Turn clocks forward at bedtime
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24 Palm Sunday 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Confirmation Reception	<b>25</b> Annunciation of Jesus 8:30 – 3:30 RSCA	26	27	<b>28 Holy Thursday</b> 7:00 Divine Service	<b>29 Good Friday</b> 7:00 Tenebrae Service	<b>30</b> Easter Vigil 7:00 Divine Service
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## **Thank You**

February cleaning families: C Albright; L Ford; Stevens; T Dunn; J Kasunic

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

For those who came to the Blood Drive.

For the Board of Fellowship with: Pancake Day, Souper Bowl, Voter's Potluck.

For all who came and helped with the Sunday School gamenight.

For those who attended the Life March in Topeka.

### **2024 Financial**

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of January:

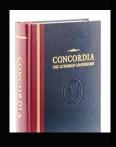
Offerings \$41,198 Expenses \$40,244

Not included, Dedicated gifts & expenses

## **Book of Concord Study**

No March study due to Holy Week.
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.



# **LutheransForLife.org**

"The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord.

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."

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