



What Would You Fight to Keep? Pastor Weinkauf

What would you fight for, to keep, to not have it taken away from you? It should strike us all with each Confirmation, each new member, their vows, "to suffer all, even death rather than fall away from (the Christian faith and Lutheran Confession.)"

400 years ago, 2 weeks before Easter, in an uprising of the newly formed Reformed Movement, Reformed leader, Margrave Johann Georg and his cohorts at the Berlin Cathedral ransacked it, stripped bare of all epitaphs, crucifixes, pictures, statues, and altars and the baptismal font removed. It was a Lutheran church, with some of the most beautiful, ornate furnishing and artwork in the world. The crucifix that hung above the entry was ripped down, hacked into pieces, and thrown into the Spree River. This movement of Calvinist, the ruler and armed bands of men went throughout the area in destruction of images and sacred art, to have churches not unlike Reformed churches and their legacy of community churches we still see today. Plain and bare, no images, no artwork, no prominent altar or font.

What are the Lutherans to do? Rise up! There was a strong reaction of the people. Lutheran pastor Peter Stuler preached, "They strip our churches of pictures and now wish to tear the Lord Jesus Christ from our hearts as well." Hundreds of Lutherans would gather to confront the Reformed preachers, leaders and their government army.

Lutherans related to both challenges from Roman Catholics and from the Reformed. Our history demonstrates just how dearly Lutherans of this area held their faith and worship -in the days following the events recounted above, martial law has to be declared to stop unrest and in an effort to keep peace in Berlin during Holy Week. There was great conflict that ensued when the ruler and his forces sought to force the Calvinist faith on a people quite committed to Lutheran faith and practice.

This lies at the heart of all God's people for thousands of years. God reveals Himself as a God of beauty in His house with ornate art, ritual, ceremony, and order. Nothing was plain or bare about the Old Testament Divine Services. Even in the Early Church. You were immersed in the songs of Scriptures, ceremony, liturgy, beauty that all focuses on the works of our God. The surroundings help enrich reverence and awe, the splendor of holiness Scripture declares. Something Lutherans should never take for-granted. If the Divine Service is where heaven and earth come together, what should it look like, sound like according to the means we have been given?



The Lutherans of these times and places took great care to document the proper readings, rites, and rituals for their churches and cathedrals, all the while under threat from Calvinists and Roman forces alike. They understood that how they gather, where their worship was a public confession of their faith to the world; that it was something worth fighting for because it was a confession of the truth. A confession of Scripture. A confession of Jesus.

Still today, our confession of faith, the Divine Service, our doctrine and practice, sacred place of beauty, is still worth fighting for, to not take for-granted, to never let it be taken from us. To suffer all, even death....

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Key Events

April 9
Spring cleaning

April 10
Palm Sunday,
Confirmation

April 14
Holy Thursday, 7 pm

April 15
Good Friday, 7 pm

April 16
Easter Vigil, 7 pm

April 17
Easter Services
7am & 10am
Breakfast 8-9:50

April 24
Adult Catechism/
New Member Class

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Jesus, Greatest Hero

Pastor Cockran

As Lent this month transitions into Holy Week and then Easter, we will consider more how Jesus is historically known as the "Christus Victor," the victorious Christ!

The world, however, also has its various "victors" in pop culture. The comic book superhero movies year after year continue to rake in the widest audience of all media. What can this superhero renaissance tell us about our world and our own consciences, and how does Christ's victory speak to it?

For one, we see in the popularity of superhero movies how necessary miracles are in order for a higher power to achieve a greater good. Gone are the days when so many believe the Bible is invalid simply because it contains miracles like Jesus walking on water, prophecies given and fulfilled, or Jonah being able to live in the belly of a great fish for three days. After all, if a "multiverse" and a spider-human hybrid can exist on the silver screen and be seen as plausible enough for us to keep watching, then so can any given "miracle" that the Creator of the natural order actually enacts in real history in order to achieve the greatest of goods: eternal salvation.

But we also see another revealing of the American conscience in how we pursue these comic stories. Namely, the recognition of pure evil in the world (even caused by ourselves) and the need for a savior. Actor Ben Affleck put it this way a few years ago back when he was playing Batman: "Part of the appeal of this genre is wish fulfillment: Wouldn't it be nice if there was somebody who can save us from all this, save us from ourselves, save us from the consequences of our actions and save us from people who are evil?"

Wouldn't it be nice? Indeed, or as Paul says, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Rom 7:25)

For the true story of salvation in Christ is the best story ever told with the only true hero our world needs and indeed has. This story is no fiction, but is the real history of our Maker becoming our Redeemer to deliver us from our true enemies: sin, death, and the devil.

Without faith in the true marvel of our God, the world only dreams of real superheroes. But you have the Gospel: the tale that actually happened about how Jesus appeared at just the right time to fulfill the prophecies of old. Chaos and death began our story, when our first parents rebelled against God with the help of our arch-nemesis: the devil. But God looked forward for how He would rescue us from our rebellion, placing Himself upon the cross, taking on the punishment we deserve, and being then raised on the third day in order to secure out victory. To that, we sing with Paul, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

– 1 Cor 15:55, 57



Sunday School

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

Next:

Sunday School children will be singing:

April 3, 10:30 Service, practicing now

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

April 3

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....

Holy Week

Palm Sunday April 10	8:00 a Divine Service
	9:15 a Sunday School (no Adult class)
	10:30 a Divine Service Youth Confirmation & Reception
MOVIE	6:00 p Passion of the Christ will be shown in Augsburg Hall
Holy Thursday April 14	7:00 p Divine Service with stripping of the Altar
Good Friday April 15	7:00 p Tenebrae Service Service of Darkness
Easter Saturday April 16	7:00 p Easter Vigil, Divine Service , begins on our courtyard
Easter April 17	7:00 a Divine Service
	8:15-9:45 a Breakfast , free, full breakfast
	10:00 a Divine Service (not 10:30)

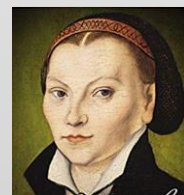
Katie's Sisters Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator

Escape Rome Night. Who can master the puzzles and escape before it's too late? We will break into 2 groups and complete puzzles to solve the mystery.

We meet at: **The Escape Game, 400 Delaware St, Leavenworth**
April 21 6:00 pm. \$20 a person.

Spots limited, please **RSVP and pay in advance** to Katlyn Selbe 913-617-3844.



April 21
6:00 pm
Escape Game
Leavenworth

Risen Savior Moms

Katlyn Selbe, Coordinator

We will plan to meet next in May, on our normal meeting day of May 13, 2nd Friday of the month. Please share any ideas. We may end up at Science City, KC Zoo, a Park somewhere... Watch for the May newsletter.

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.



May 13
10:00 am

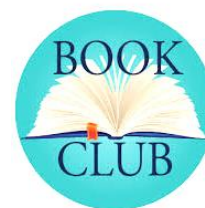
Book Club

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...

April 7: Church of Cowards by Matt Walsh

May 5: Tarzan of the Apes by Edgar Burroughs (Tarzan? It will not be what you expect.)



April 7
6:30 pm



Easter Lilies

By April 10, Easter lilies can be ordered now through Palm Sunday, **\$10**. A form in the narthex, including if you wish it to be given "in memory of" which is listed in the bulletin for Easter. Place form and \$10 in the basket or offering plates. You may take home your flower that day.



Spring Cleaning

Board of Trustees, Richard Uhlmansiek

April 9, 9:00-11:00 am. In preparation for a joyous Easter celebration, we are having our annual "deep" cleaning of the Lord's House. Many hands make for light work, we appreciate your help.



Men's GameNight

Usually 4th Friday of the month

Next gathering **April 29, 7 pm**.

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 29
7 pm**



Women in Mission

Chyleen Pausick, President

Kansas District LWML Convention will be held in Overland Park on April 22-24. We have five of our members attending.

There is no regular meeting scheduled in April. Our May meeting is on May 12, 6:00, at the church. We have re-scheduled Steve Mariano to speak to us about the bees, since the March meeting was cancelled, due to weather.

Please continue to save those Best Choice bar codes. We turn them in for cash. \$30 for every 1000 labels. Please put them in Cookie Doebele's mailbox. And many thanks for your support on this.

Chyleen is still taking used eye glasses, until April 17. They can be put in her mailbox, or on the counter in the office. Thank you.

Thanks to all who supported us at the Lenten Dinners. This is very much appreciated.

**May 12
6:00 pm**



1st Friday Trustees

Board of 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 9-9:30 am.

**April 1
8:00 am**

Adult Catechism Class



**Begins
April 24
5 pm.**

"Evangelism" that is, the Good News, this Scriptural truth shows us is: -preaching, teaching, study of God's Word faithfully, liturgical worship, the proper use of the Sacraments, the daily living out of our faith in Jesus Christ, in the fellowship of the body of Christ, and in love toward others. This is the appropriate, effective means for sharing the faith, confessing Christ, and "growing the Church." That is why we should consider it a joy to share with others -what we have at Risen Savior that the gift of our Lord they are missing or being mis-taught. **Now is the time** to think of some people to invite/encourage to "look into" Risen Savior, perhaps bring them to the class starting April 24. **Invite** family and friends to visit Services, Bible classes, and activities at the church. **Share** with them about Risen Savior.

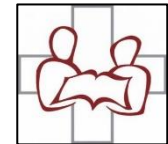
Weekly Bible Classes

Sunday 9:15
Hebrews

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



Upcoming Divine Services



April 3 5th Sunday in Lent God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us
Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3: 8-14; Luke 20:9-20
Hymns: 614-430-563-634-421-429

April 10 Palm Sunday The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory
John 12:12-19; Deut. 32:36-39; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:20-43
Hymns: 442-539-441-445-617-454

April 14 Holy Thursday, 7 pm

April 15 Good Friday, 7 pm -No Holy Communion this night

April 16 Easter Vigil, 7 pm

April 17 Easter. Resurrection of Our Lord Our Redeemer Lives!
Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12
Hymns: 457-458-633-461-467-464

April 24 2nd Sunday of Easter That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name
Acts 5:12-20; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31
Hymns: 465-471-720-472-445-473

Risen Savior Classical Academy

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? NEXT YEAR, 2022-23 year starting in August:
Especially needed in the lower levels, ages 5-8. Even portions of the day may work if all day is not an option for you. Please see a Pastor if interested.

Open House April 8, Friday, 1 pm.

Especially for all new students, potential students, or those just curious into what we offer.



RSCA classes



Some of our young men at a Saturday morning Acolyte Training.



Katie's Sisters. Rescheduled from one cold snowy night to another cold snowy night, about 40 turned out for the annual Tea Party.





Pfann-Kuchen Tag!
Derek Peters -even carrying a child and Sarah Bretz won their group Pancake races. Many children races held and also a cookie decorating contest.



Although a number of people caught pancakes. A few people were hit by flying pancakes, thankfully no one was hurt.





12 people attended our last Book Club which proves to be an evening of thoughtful engagements and a few laughs.



Katie's Sisters secret sister gift exchange and Tea Party.

Our monthly Book of Concord study, come any time! Following a time of theology, and a highly distracted Pastor teaching, a social gathering always a spread of fine beverages and food.



Our most recent Blood Drive had over 50 donors!

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 4 th 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 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	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
3 5 th Sun. in Lent 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 6:00 p Youth Group	4 8:30a-3:30p RSCA Noon Lunch w/Pastor (1 week early) 6:30 p Board of Elders (1 week early)	5	6 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	7 <i>St. Martin's Lutheran Church founded 1908</i> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Book Club 6:30 p Vocal choir	8 1:00 p RSCA Open House	9
10 Palm Sunday 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 a Divine Service 6:00 p Movie showing for all "Passion of the Christ"	11 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	12 10:00 a Bible Study @ Advocacy First	13	14 Holy Thursday 7:00 p Divine Service No RSCA	15 Good Friday 7:00 p Tenebrae Service	16 Easter Vigil 7:00 p Divine Service
HOLY WEEK						
17 Easter 7:00 a Divine Service 8-9:45 a Breakfast 10:00 a Divine Service	18 No RSCA	19	20 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Vocal Choir 7:30 p Bell Choir	21 8:30a-3:30p RSCA 6:30 p Katie's Sisters 6:30 p Trail Life	22	23
24 2 nd Sun. aft. Easter 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 6:00 p Book of Concord study	25 <i>St. Mark, evangelist</i> 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	26	27 8:30 a Matins Service 9:00 a Bible Study for all 6:30 p Evening Prayer 7:00 p Vocal Choir 7:30 p Bell Choir	28 8:30a-3:30p RSCA	29 7:00 p Men's Gamenight	30 8:00 a - Noon Outdoor workday & planting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Tammie Davidson
 1 Elijah Uhmansiek
 2 Brande Kalebaugh
 4 Harrison Byrd
 4 Cathi Beauford
 5 Brandon Kerst
 5 Jordyn Hackman
 5 Amie Land
 5 Brian & Lisa Huesers
 5 Ron & Sandra Smith
 6 Susan Eubanks
 6 Rebecca Murphy
 7 Curt & Chris Meyers
 7 Rev. Weinkauf
 7 Gary & Julia Cordes
 9 Jake Kingery
 9 Edsel Selbe

11 Chase Dedede
 11 Jason Fielder
 13 Bennett Heath
 13 Carol Swartz
 15 Tim Herndon
 17 Sean Muntzel
 17 Gary & Phyllis Brooks
 18 April White, Jimmy White
 18 Almee DeSotel
 19 Sylvia Dupuis
 20 Wayne & Cookie Doebele
 21 April Ruzsa
 22 Craig Muntzel
 23 Eunice Bremenkamp
 23 Joshua Murphy
 23 Debra Swearingen
 24 Lou Fritz
 27 Joyce Harper
 27 Zane Keefover
 28 Phyllis Brooks
 29 Ann Doebele
 29 Jeff & Angie Armintrout
 29 Brad Reynolds

Thank You

To those families cleaning in March:

Curtis, Erickson, White, Dedeke

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

Cockran, Ericson, Freidman

To David Ford (once again) for electrical work in the kitchen.

To our 'regular' First Friday Trustees: Steve Woelk, Jim Brush, Forrest Erickson, Steve Woelk and to those who have help at various times!

To all who recently donated blood.

2023 Financial

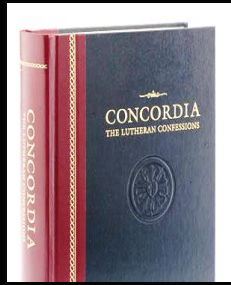
Full report posted in Church Office.
Less Dedicated Gifts/Expenses,

Through end of February:

Budget \$65,411

Offerings \$75,573

Expenses \$76,350



Book of Concord Study

Sunday, April 24, 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



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"Just as He did on the embryonic leg of your journey, the Lord is guiding you still. Just as He did when you cascaded down the fallopian tube, the Lord carries you still. You were created to listen to the words of the Lord. Listen to the One who knows you, who knows your entire journey. So how's life? Are you troubled? Are you afraid? Do you think you've got nothing to live for? Stop acting like Jesus is dead. Look again at His life-giving hands. Jesus is alive! Let's act like it. Let's pray like it. Let's believe like it. He is risen!"

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