



Events

April 2,9 Lent Midweek 8:30 a Service 6:00 p Supper 7:00 p Service

April 7 RSCA Open House

April 12 Spring cleaning

April 13 Palm Sunday, Confirmation

**April 14,15,16** 8:30a Divine Services

April 17 Holy Thursday, 7 p

April 18 Good Friday,12 & 7 p

**April 19** Easter Vigil, 7 p

April 20

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

April 22 Blood Drive

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## Private Confession & Absolution Pr. Burgdorf

How quickly we move from the joys and celebrations of Christmas Morning to the somber journey of Lent. Just a short time ago we were marveling over the incarnation and now we are preparing for Holy Week. But this is all by design, for Christmas has no point without Lent, without Good Friday, and without Easter, the entire reason Christ takes up human flesh and dwells among us is for the single purpose of forgiving our sins by His holy passion, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. While it may seem jarring or strange to the world that we so quickly move on from Christmas, the Church knows this is what it is all about. Good Friday is the culmination of Christmas, Easter is the proclamation of that Christ child's victory.

So let us meditate on this as we prepare to hear of our Lord's passion. Let us remember our sins and recall the great debt that we owe our Lord and Master. Let us repent and call upon the name of the Lord to show mercy and grace to us, as He has promised to do for the sake of His Son.

Along, with Lent comes the tradition of spiritual discipline. I would like to commend to you a wonderful habit: private confession and absolution. Now, I know some may say "Isn't that a Roman Catholic thing?" but the truth of the matter is that the Lutheran Reformers never intended to do away with Private Confession, quite the opposite actually! They saw it as a noble and laudable custom. One that speaks great peace and comfort to the despairing soul, and one that the Church ought to continue until our Lord returns.

In the Augsburg Confession, one of the founding documents of the Lutheran Church, it says:

Of Confession, they teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches, although in confession an enumeration of all sins is not necessary. For it is impossible according to the Psalm: Who can understand his errors? Ps. 19:12. The error of the Roman Church was not that they encouraged Private Confession, but that they required it and required an enumeration of every sin. A biblical understanding encourages the Christian to confess to their pastor the sins that trouble him, the sins he returns to over and over, the sins that seem too big; or too secret for God's grace to cover. That is the beauty of Private Confession. Hearing the grace of God, the forgiveness of our Lord, pronounced directly and personally to you. Hearing the sins that you would rather keep hidden wiped away and removed as far as the East is from the West.

If you have any questions or are curious about what the Rite looks like, please speak with me or simply look at page 292 in your hymnal.

## New Photo Directories Board of Fellowship

We will be publishing a new Congregation Photo Directory! **Sunday mornings in April,** a photo shoot area will be set up on the front office, between and after Service. <u>Sign-up</u> sheets in the front office or walk-in.



### How can something that tastes so good and feels so right be wrong? Pr. Weinkauf

Have you ever thought about how sin entered the world? A remarkable story. The first sin did not involve mass murder or felony abuse. It did not involve sexual immorality or a crime against another human. It involved a nice, beautiful piece of fruit and a bite. Adam and Eve ate a good fruit, pleasing to the eye and tasted but it transgressed against God's Word. Just a bite. This is a sin? How can something that tastes so good and feels so right that seems reasonable... be wrong? But it was.

Even more curious, is that the answer to this sin, eating is not fasting, although Jesus instructs us you need to fast. The answer to the eating that led to sin and death is to eat something different. Jesus insists His flesh is real food and His blood is real drink and calls us to eat of His flesh and to drink of His blood with the promise that what was done by eating would be undone by eating. He goes so far as to say that unless you eat of His flesh and drink of His blood there is no health in us, no life, and no salvation. Our other Christian friends so sadly miss out on this in the Sacrament. The work that brought us under the curse of sin will not be undone by another work but only by Christ's work of giving His flesh and blood to us as the fruit of the new tree in which salvation alone is to be found.

I grew up in the Lutheran Church with the idea that you should commune when you are ready, when you have the right heart, and what it feels right to commune. And few churches held Communion every Sunday. How wrong that was and is! We do not eat because we are hungry and feel like eating but because unless we eat, we shall die. This is the element in the Eucharistic life of God's people which seems to have been lost.

At the Communion rail, we think about: our sins; our desires to be better, improve; a keen focus on the forgiveness of sins; a strengthening of faith and God's work in us; publicly confessing the faith while it is very personal moment with God Himself. Yes! But there is more!

Jesus is very direct. If you eat of His flesh and blood you are one with Him, His life dwells in you, and death's claim cannot be enforced over you. He says repeatedly, eat my flesh, drink my blood and you have eternal life! He directs us to eat as the way sin entered us with its curse of death, is become in Christ the way to overcome sin and its claim to our lives. Fasting is good and salutary but the answer to what that first bite cast over us is to eat again and anew, the foretaste of the eternal in the Holy Eucharist.

Jesus is the Bread of Life, of which we eat and hunger no more and no more live under the curse of sin that came by eating what was forbidden. This is why this Holy Sacrament is our oft repeated meal, not some special meal for a special time but the ordinary food of those who ate wrongly and suffered and who now eat rightly and are healed. Taste and eat and live... our Lord's command -to eat- that will undo what breaking the command -not to eat- has done.



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

### Children will sing next at the 10:30 Service, April 6.

Thank you teachers! We have many serving and would love to add more, especially for summer and for substitutes. Please see Amanda Harbord. 913.544.4133 mdy2404@gmail.com



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

SAVE THE DATE: Higher Things, July 8-11, Concordia, Seward, NE

### Sunday Class 9:15!



if you wish. Plan for the FIRST Fridays

# Holy Week April 13-20



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Palm Sunday	8:00 a	Divine Service
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	10:30 a	Divine Service Youth Confirmation & Reception
Monday	8:30 a	Divine Service
Tuesday	8:30 a	Divine Service
Wednesday	8:30 a	Divine Service
Holy Thursday	8:30 a	Divine Service
	7:00 p	<b>Divine Service</b> with stripping of the Altar
Good Friday	Noon	Tre Ore Service as Jesus was on the cross
	7:00 p	Tenebrae Service Service of Darkness
Easter Saturday	7:00 p	Easter Vigil, Divine Service, begins on our courtyard
Easter	7:00 a	Divine Service
	8:15-9:45 a	Breakfast, a full, free breakfast served
	10:00 a	Divine Service (not 10:30)



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

Thank you to all the returning and new people that fill our balcony! If you wish you may join in at anytime. No experience necessary.

Vocal Choir Practices Sunday, 11:45 am
 Bell Choir Practices Wednesday, 7:00 pm
 Youth Chorale (2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Practices Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm
 Musicians If you wish to play an instrument for Services, please contact Cathy.
 Piano & Organ Lessons? Please see Cathy. There are currently 10 students.



## **Bible Classes**

Sundays 9:15 am Luke Weds

Weds.

8:30 am Matins Service 9:00 am Ecclesiastes



Spring Gleaning 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 April 12, 9:00 we will break up off into areas to cleaning. Many hands make for light work, we appreciate your help.

April 12 9-11 am



**Blood Drive** 

Board of Outreach, Jim & Billie Brush coordinators

**April 22, Tuesday 1:00-6:00 pm.** The need is urgent during these times. Thank you for those who regularly give and please consider being a donor.

April 22 1-6 pm



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

The LWML met on 3/13 to prepare a hearty stew with our Thrivent partners. It was delivered by Ginger Douglas to Providence Hospital heart unit and the med/surgery wings north and south. It was a welcome surprise for our health care providers. We have voted on our 2025 missions and have some great opportunities to serve our congregation and other local worthy missions.

Our April meeting will be held on Thursday 4/10 at 6:00 pm. All ladies are welcome to join us. Thank you to everyone who joined the 40 items/40 day campaign. Please give these items to your neighbor, favorite charity or shelter.



### BOOK GUD meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 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.

April 7 6:30 pm <u>April 7</u>: A book of your choosing. Come present a book you read. <u>May 5</u>: Confessions by St. Augustine <u>June 2</u>: All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy



Katlyn Selbe, coordinator; usually meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. Katie's Sisters Ladies Night Out, sisters of Katie Luther

Due to Holy Week we are not gathering in April.

Next one in May



April 4

9-10 am

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Trustee Work Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

We gather April at 9 am on the first Friday of the month; after Matins, grab a coffee; then address various projects inside and outside the church.



# Men's GameNight Usually 4th Friday of the month

May 30 7:00 pm Our next Men's Gamenight will be in May 30. We are looking at an outing to KC Bier or a Shooting Range.

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.



## Available Helpit you want to be added, send email to: weinkauf@rslcms.church

### **Babysitting Needs**

**Bridget Harbord**, 14. Safe Sitter certified (1/2024) in First Aid/CPR, child care, and safety skills. Available most weekends (day or evening), watch toddler-age and above. Will keep kids busy with activities and play. Call 913.544.4133 (Amanda, mom) or mdy2404@gmail.com.

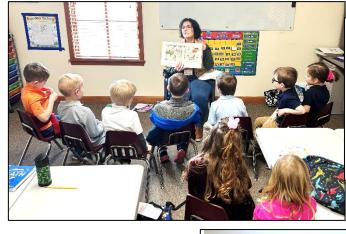
**Pick-up Truck** If you need to borrow a pickup truck, please contact Pastor Weinkauf.



May 12 wraps up our 7<sup>th</sup> year. What an amazing year! 55 children in the Academy! Great parent involvement! We have been blessed with wonderful health of our Instructors and children, with few illness this year.

# Open House April 7 3:30 pm

- $\Box$  Our annual Open House to share information and registration for the 2025-26 School Year.
- □ INSTRUCTORS. A key Science Instructor and Art Teacher are needed, these are a paid position, Monday afternoons.
- $\square$  NEW CLASS. We also will be opening up the 3-4 year old  $\frac{1}{2}$  day class and already anticipate a full room, with Claire Burgdorf and Emily Newman instructing.
- □ If anyone is interested in homeschooling, also shared with family and friends, we invited you to come and see what our Classical Academy offers and visit with several homeschool parents.



Alpha Class. (Kindergarten level)

Mary Cardwell brings 20+ years experience to teach all the Latin classes.



Pr. Burgdorf in a challenge race as students race for a prize to beat him.



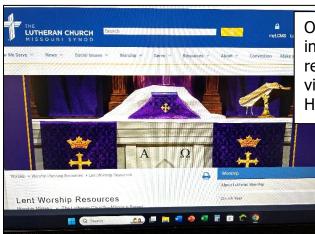
Morning Chapel Matins led by Pr. Weinkauf or Pr. Burgdorf

Our **Sacred Art Committee** has reconvened for several projects. Please see a Pastor if you wish to join.

The cornerstones of St. Martin and Emmaus have been on the vestibule floor outside the Vestry. They are now prominently placed on each side of the church entry.







Our Altar at LCMS.org in promoting a Lenten resources, including a video from President Harrison.



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**Cemetery.** Placement of another gravestone, prior to their funeral.

**Monthly Youth Group.** Food, Evening Worship, Bible study, recreation. Led by Pr. Burgdorf. 19 youth this night with another epic kickball game in the parking lot under the lights.



**Annual Confirmation Retreat** from 6 pm-Midnight. 2 Worship Service, 3 catechism studies, group challenges & games, open gym times, dinner & snacks.



**PfannKuchen Tag.** (Pancake Day) Pancake races, flipping, sweets before Lent begins. Thanks to the Board of Fellowship, and master pancake throwers Nick Bretz and Derek Peters.













#### + SHARON KAY MAYER +



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 Sharon.

Sharon was given life by her Lord and born November 24, 1941, in Kansas City, Kansas to Paul and Gladys Shirley.

On December 27, 1963 she was united in holy matrimony to Bernhardt (Ben) Mayer. Their union was blessed by God with gift of child, Derron.

She was baptized and confirmed May 21, 1972, at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Bonner Springs, Kansas.

She worked as a Manager at Water & Light Credit Union, Wyandotte Credit Union, and the Bonner Springs Federal Credit Union, all of which are now part of Mainstreet Credit Union.

Sharon was a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church, where she was an active member and served in many ways. When Emmaus merged with St. Martin, Basehor, she was then a charter member of Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Basehor.

On March 15, 2025, God blessed her with a holy death. She was proceeded in death by her husband, her parents and her only sibling, a sister. Her body will lay in rest at Bonner Springs Cemetery awaiting resurrection of Christ's return.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God; Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit for our loved one, Sharon and we look forward to a blessed reunion with all those in Christ.

#### Kansans for Life 2025

**Banquet** at the Overland Park Convention Center as 1000 gathered. Risen Savior was prominently noted as a sponsor as part of our Outreach. We were also noted in the program as Pr. Weinkauf offered the closing prayer and benediction.

Pr. Weinkauf, Pr. Burgdorf and their wives met Rachel Duffy, Fox News weekend host who was the keynote speaker.



**Sunday morning breakfast snacks.** Daylight Donuts, 155<sup>th</sup> & State, Basehor, provides us with 100-140 free donuts each week! Please show them your thanks as you have opportunity. Thank you to all who sign-up.



	SATURDAY	<ul> <li>B</li> <li>9-10 Private Confession</li> <li>&amp; Absolution</li> <li>6:00 Divine Service</li> </ul>		<b>12</b> 9:00 Spring Cleaning 6:00 Divine Service	<b>19 Easter Vigil</b> 7:00 Divine Service		<b>26</b> 178 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. LCMS 6:00 Divine Service	<ul> <li>B:00 Spring Planting</li> <li>6:00 Divine Service</li> </ul>		27 Larry Johnson 27 Joyce Harper 27 Mindy Arriaga 27 Rehe Selbe 28 Phyllis Brooks 29 Bradley Reynolds 29 Ann Gleason 29 Jeff & Angie Armintrout
	FRIDAY		7:00 TableTalk for young adults	8:30 Matins	Noon Chief Service 7:00 Tenebrae Service		<b>255</b> st. Mark, Evangelist 8:30 Matins 7:00 Men's Gamenight	<ul> <li>Matins</li> <li>8:30 Matins</li> <li>9:00 1st Friday</li> <li>7:00 TableTalk for</li> <li>young adults</li> </ul>		20 Jess Jansen       27         21 April Ruzsa       27         21 April Ruzsa       27         22 Craig Muntzel       27         23 Joshua Ruuh       27         23 Joshua Ruuhy       28         23 Joshua Murphy       28         24 Rachel Harbour       29         25 Mike & Laura Adair       29
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APRIL 2025	WEDNESDAY		<ul><li>1:00 Midweek Service</li><li>7:45 Confirmation</li><li>7:45 Bell Choir</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Divine Service</li> <li>0.00 Bible Study for all</li> <li>0.00 Supper</li> <li>7:45 Confirmation</li> <li>7:45 Bell Choir</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> 8:30 Divine Service	Ногу М	<b>23</b> 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Midweek Service 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>30</b> 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Vocal Choir		<ul> <li>9 Edel Selbe</li> <li>10 Everett Newman</li> <li>11 Chase Dedeke</li> <li>11 Jason Fielder</li> <li>13 Bennett Heath</li> <li>13 Carol Swartz</li> <li>13 Linda Hylton</li> </ul>
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	Monday	<b>31</b> <del>8:30 Matins</del> 8:30 – 3:30 RSCA	Pastors at Conference in Wichita	<ul> <li>St. Martin's Lutheran Church founded 1908</li> <li>8:30 Matins</li> <li>8:30–3:30 RSCA</li> <li>3:30 RSCA Open House</li> <li>6:30 Book Club</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> 8:30-3:30 RSCA 8:30 Divine Service		<b>21</b> 8:30 Matins No RSCA –Easter Monday	<b>28</b> 8:30 Matins 8:30-3:30 RSCA		<ol> <li>Tammie Davidson</li> <li>Brenda Bullock</li> <li>Tully Hartenbower</li> <li>Anna Murphy</li> <li>Joy Mustapich</li> <li>Cathi Beauford</li> <li>John Kleist</li> <li>Brandon Kerst</li> </ol>
	SUNDAY	<b>30</b> 4th Sun. in Lent 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service	Vocal Choir Men's Basketball	<sup>3th</sup> Sun. of Easter Divine Service Sun. School/Bible class Divine Service Youth Group Men's Basketball	<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service	11.45 Confirmation Reception 11:45 Adult Choir	<b>20 Easter</b> 7:00 Divine Service 8-9:45 Breakfast 10:00 Divine Service	<b>27</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Easter 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Book of Concord study		

# Thank You I

- To Kim Dunn, organist, Lent midweeks
- ☑ To all our Sunday School teachers.
- To the Board of
   Fellowship for a great
   Pfann-Kuchen Tag.
- To all who come and support the Midweek meals.

### **2024 Financial**

Full report posted in Church Office.

#### Through February: Offerings \$73,444 Expenses \$78,340 (\$10,000 expense, Youth Group trip registration) Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

### Book of Concord Study April 27 6:00 pm

Join us any time for this continuous study. All welcome to come for an evening of enrichment in our Lutheran doctrine and Scriptural engagements, food, & refreshments. *Last Sunday evening of the month.* 

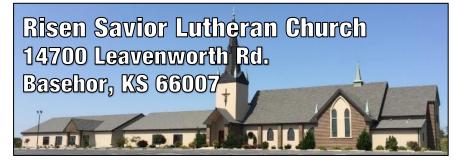


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"Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ's face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His light in a dark world (Eph. 5:8). How bright will you reflect the light of Christ to others?"





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