



Events

March 4

PfannKuchen Tag
(Pancake Day)

March 5

Ash Wednesday

March 12,19,26

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

March 28

40 Days Life Vigil

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Lent Is Here! Pr. Weinkauf

The Church Father, St. Augustine, whom heavily influences Martin Luther, in the late 300s will write "the whole earth observes Lent." Before that 325 AD, 1700 years ago, the Church bishops gathered for the Council of Nicaea. Some of those men present bore the scars, dismemberment of the persecutions under the emperors Maximin and Licinius. Among the admonitions made was the Church remains 'standing' instead of 'kneeling' during the 50 Great Days of Easter, as a sign of the resurrection -which we have always done at Risen Savior. But they also ordered a 40 day time of fasting and penance that now is called Lent. But this was nothing new. Before 325 AD, penitential seasons of Lent were being observe less uniform in various places, often for 40 days. We presume because Moses, Elijah, and foremost Jesus fasted 40 days. How fitting we observe Lent as our fathers and mothers in the faith have done since the Early Church.

As we begin our Lent journey together, have you ever thought about the 'joy' in sacrifice that Lent provides? Most of us don't delight in sacrifice; in our daily lives, we often do our best to avoid difficult challenges and practices that push us outside of our comfort zones or inconvenience us -even if it benefits us. There is a beautiful irony between joy and sacrifice, and we are presented with a wonderful opportunity to embrace this uniquely during Lent.

While giving up sweets for Lent is a common and noble endeavor, the goal of Lent should not only be a spiritual excuse to lose weight. In choosing acts of self-denial, we are saying "no" to things for the purpose of self-discipline, training, especially when it would come to things self-serving. We are not driven by our physical needs and impulses, and when they arise, due to our physical longing, we turn to an activity that may focus on Christ. When hungry or craving something you gave up -pray, read the Bible, learn a hymn, pick up a new habit.

Some may abstain from sugar, sweets, or certain foods, some may fast by skipping meals, or not eating during daylight, some may pass on luxury items and stop spoiling yourself, some may save money by not eating out during Lent and make a special offering, some may start a new Bible or book reading plan, or start a new podcast or exercise program, cut down on screen time, etc.

As we look during Lent to things you "give-up" or take-up" therein lies the joy! Yes, you need a heighten awareness and sorrow over you sin -all the while you approach things you are doing for Lent with a measure of joy in Christ.

We all need to hon our lifestyles with a greater focus, using it for enrichment, work upon ourselves that looks to Christ. In Matthew 6, Jesus instructs us "when you fast... give ... pray" -that forms our Lent activity. We grow closer to God by denying our will. we say "yes" to a life of abundance with Him. Better habits with prayer, hymns, Scripture only enrich our life! Do something extra special for others and special giving will bring joy.

So while Lent may seem demanding and perhaps uncomfortable, its purpose is to draw us closer to Christ, to discipline ourselves. During this important season, we are given an opportunity for self-examination in order to better discover both our identity as children of God and the beautiful joy with the Lord that can flow. Take pure joy in His works! Blessed Lent to all of you!

Our **Sacred Art Committee** is reconvening to consider several projects. Please see a Pastor if you wish to join.

St. Patrick Not Just For Ireland Pr. Burgdorf

This month, on March 17th the Church remembers God's servant St. Patrick. This Saint does not get the same level of recognition that Saint Valentine does but his commemoration is still celebrated by many outside of the church. What do we know of Saint Patrick? Patrick was a Christian hero of incredible bravery, a man of faith and bravery. Born near the end of the fourth century in Britain, Patrick lived at the end of the Roman Empire. He was captured by Irish raiders as a child and remained there as a slave. Through the trials of his childhood, Patrick could have easily been distraught or given up but instead, he turned to the Lord for help, praying and meditating on the word of God.

He escaped after six years and returned to England where he became a priest and decided to return to Ireland and become a missionary to those very people who had enslaved him. His preaching was effective and through his efforts, Ireland was converted to a Christian nation. Patrick stands for us as an example of loving one's enemies, he shows us true Christ-like love for those who would harm and attack us. Let us give thanks to God for the work and life of His servant Patrick this March.

Patrick continues to teach us in the church through his hymns. The text of Hymn 604, "I Bind unto Myself Today," is attributed to St. Patrick. This beautiful prayer, traditionally called "St. Patrick's Breast-Plate," is supposed to have been composed by Patrick in anticipation of his victory over paganism.

"I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever, by pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation, His Baptism in the Jordan River, His cross of death for my salvation, His bursting from the spiced tomb, His riding up the heav'nly way, His coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today the pow'r of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need, the wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, the Word of God to give me speech, His heav'nly host to be my guard.

Against the demon snares of sin, the vice that gives temptation force, the natural lusts that war within, the hostile foes that mar my course; Or few or many, far or nigh, in ev'ry place and in all hours, against their fierce hostility, I bind to me those holy pow'rs.

I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; Salvation is of Christ the Lord!"

Faithful God, You never cease to give to Your Church those who delight to carry the Gospel to foreign lands. Receive our thanks this day for Your servant, Patrick, who carried the saving name of Jesus to Ireland and summoned its people to abandon idolatry and worship You, the only true God, the blessed Trinity. Strengthen today all missionaries, that they may fearlessly bear Your name and summon all sinners into the joy of forgiveness and the promise of resurrection through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Sunday School

3 yr. old - 8th grade

Amanda Harbord, Board of Education

Thank you to all the parents and teachers that work to make a wonderful Sunday morning for the young.

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



higherthings.org

Youth Group

High School
Pastor Burgdorf

March 2

6:00-8:00 pm

Invite any friends.

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

Sunday Class 9:15!



Table Talk

19-39 year old
Pastor Burgdorf

March 7 Friday

7:00 pm at Church

Invite any friends.

Bring any snacks or beverages if you wish.

Plan for the FIRST Fridays

Lent Begins... March 5

Ash Wednesday



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8:30 am Divine Service

7:00 pm Divine Service

(no meal prior)

Lent Midweeks

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

8:30 am Divine Service

9:00 am Bible Class

6:00-6:50 pm Meal served hosted by Youth Group or LWML

7:00 pm Evening Service

New this year! The Daily Matins will continue through Lent, but the Wednesday mornings will be a Divine Service (shorten) instead of Matins.



**Tuesday
March 4
6:00-
7:00 pm**

PfannKuchen Tag (Pancake Day)

Pancakes, sausage, and sweets. Pancake races, Pancake tossing. No cost. Come join us, as for centuries people gather and have festivities and eat rich foods on the Tuesday before the Lenten season and fasting begins. Hosted by the Board of Fellowship.

The most famous pancake race at Olney, England, held since 1445.



RISEN SAVIOR MUSIC

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

Cathy Manis, Music Director
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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 (2nd-8th 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 Ephesians **Weds. 8:30 am Matins Service**
9:00 am Revelation



March 13
6:00 pm

Women In Mission

Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Our first LWML project of the year is called **Forty Days - Forty Items**. This project will begin on Wednesday, March 5, the 1st day of Lent. We have a challenge for you. Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into a trash bag. At the end of forty days, we will donate these items to a local shelter that can share it with someone who can really use it. See the display in the narthex for your bag. Challenge is on!



Next gathering in May

Katie's Sisters

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

With scheduling conflicts in March and April, we will gather next in May.

As I have coordinated Katie's Sisters for years since its inception, now with a growing family and a growing Academy, I am looking for someone to take over its headship. Please reach out to me (Katlyn Selbe) if you are interested in being the new coordinator as we continue this wonderful gathering among sisters in our life together at Risen Savior.



March 3
6:30 pm

Book Club

meets 1st 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.

March 3: The Blue Zones: 9 Lessons for Living Longer - Dan Buettner

April 7: A book of your choosing. Come present a book you read.

May 5: Confessions by St. Augustine

June 2: All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy



March 28
Friday
7 am –
5 pm

Stop by anytime.

40 Days Life Vigil

We take part in this nationwide, worldwide campaign during Lent and in the fall. All welcome, join us at any time during this vigil, Friday, March 28.

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

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!





**March 7
9:00 am**

1st Friday Trustee Work Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

We gather next March 7 at 9 am on the first Friday of the month; after Matins, grab a coffee; then address various projects inside and outside the church.



**Sundays
8:00 pm**

Men's Basketball

Sundays, 8 pm, through April 6. All men of the congregation, high school and up, and any friends, are invited to play pick-up basketball.



**March 28
Shrimp
Boil!
7:00 pm**

Men's GameNight Usually 4th Friday of the month



March is our Annual Shrimp Boil. A couple of men will take care of that, come and watch NCAA Basketball Games on the TVs. You can bring beverages or snacks to share but not necessary.

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 Help If 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.

Three of the pregnant women in the congregation.



Pastors Burgdorf and Weinkauf with Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss after Chapel at the Symposia. Dr. Bruss is the new Seminary President, formerly pastor at St. John's Topeka. Also pictured are the pastors working together on a project.



Souper Bowl Party. Apparently there was a game on 2 big screen TVs. There was lots of food and beverages. Once again the Souper Bowl voting contained many irregularities and controversy over the trophy. Bruce Harbord was poorly mistreated and finished in 2nd place for a record setting 4th year. Katlyn Selbe took home the highly-coveted Souper Bowl Trophy. 8 votes were cast for a soup that did not exist, that 2025 go down in history books as an illegitimate win. Thanks to all who made soup! Let's hope for next year there is a real Super Bowl and Souper Bowl Champion. As one can see from the gym picture, the children were highly distraught by the game. Pastor Burgdorf's soup rightly lost as he spent time in Philadelphia and his children came dressed in Eagles gear. The Board of Fellowship will provide a ruling if he is ban from entering a soup in the future Souper Bowls.



March for Life and Conference. Among our 160 KS congregations, we had the largest participation, 32 members among the 150 who gathered at St. John, Topeka! Thank you to those who represented our congregation and LCMS. After the Life Conference and lunch we participated in the annual March for Life to the Capital with about 3000 others and greeted there by state legislators and speakers.



New art enhancements. Gold-foil crosses at the Communion Rail.

Also "Soli Deo Gloria" (Glory to God alone) on our organ. A Latin phrase Johann Sebastian Bach, the greatest Lutheran composer, used as he had this engraved upon his organ in Leipzig and signed all his letters after his name with "SDG." You will find a bust of Bach on top of the organ.

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Sunday School Gamenight



Mrs. Tisdel's Art Class, making pottery artwork, then oven baked, painted. Academy PE.





RISEN SAVIOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY

VERITAS AETERNA

- Planning underway for our 8th year. With many inquiries and people wanting to register for next year and current returning students, we anticipate 70 children next year! April 7 is our Open House.
- Valentine's Day Party. Once again it is a spectacle to see. We had boxes with motors, lights, a peacock with real feathers, as students creatively made their Valentine's Day boxes for candy and cards. Prizes and points for their "House" were awarded. Parents came and we ended the day with a party and ice cream.



March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 Sexagesima 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Book of Concord study 8:00 Men's Basketball	24 8:30-3:30 RSCA 8:40 Matins	25 8:30 Matins 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive	26 8:30 Matins 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bell choir	27 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale	28 8:30 Matins 7:00 Men's Gamemight	1 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
2 Quinquagesima 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 6:00 Youth Group 8:00 Men's Basketball	3 8:30 - 3:30 RSCA 8:30 Matins 6:30 Book Club	4 8:30 Matins 6:00 PfannKuchen Tag meal & activities	5 Ash Wednesday 8:30 Divine Service 7:00 Divine Service	6 8:30 Matins 6:30 Book Club 6:30 Youth Chorale	7 8:30 Matins 9:00 1st Friday Trustee work 7:00 TableTalk for young adults	8 6:00 Divine Service <i>Turn clocks forward at bedtime</i>
9 1st Sun. in Lent 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 8:00 Men's Basketball	10 8:30 - 3:30 RSCA 8:30 Matins 12:00 Lunch with Pastor 6:30 Board of Elders	11 8:30 Matins 10:00 Bible Study @ Advocacy First	12 8:30 Divine Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:45 Confirmation 7:45 Bell Choir	13 8:30 Matins 6:00 LWML meeting 6:30 Youth Chorale	14 8:30 Matins 6:00 -Mid. Confirmation Retreat	15 9-10 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Divine Service
16 2nd Sun. in Lent 8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Sun. School/Bible class 10:30 Divine Service 11:45 Vocal Choir 11:45 Church Council 8:00 Men's Basketball	17 8:30 Matins No RSCA, Spring Break	18 8:30 Matins 10:00 Newsletter deadline	19 Joseph, guard of Jesus 8:30 Divine Service 9:00 Bible Study for all 6:00 Supper 7:00 Midweek Service 7:45 Confirmation 7:45 Bell Choir	20 8:30 Matins 6:30 Youth Chorale 6:30 Katie's Sister	21 8:30 Matins 7:00 Men's Game night	22 6:00 Divine Service
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Pastors at Conference in Wichita

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4 Jennifer Clark	8 Amanda Dowdall	15 Joshua Wade	21 Jo Zumbunn	26 Marsha Albright
5 Jenna Davidson	9 Jennifer Stuart	15 Jonny Shaw	21 Ryan Huesers	26 Matthew Hall
5 Caden Reeves	9 Moxie Clark	16 Zachariah Burdorf	22 Shannon Arriaga	26 Laura Fisher
6 Bruce Harbord	10 Darcy Bast	18 Rebecca Harmon	22 Shelby Arriaga	26 Darel & Meredith Hall
6 Lincoln Zulauf	12 Amy Maurer	19 Marlane Malone	22 Elke Dedek	25 Austin Kerr
7 Tyler Dowdall	12 Victoria Fisher	20 Nancy Hofstetter	22 Steve Woelk	25 Austen Kerr
7 Ted Dunn	14 Scott Maurer	20 Liam Newberry	22 Paige Kerr	27 Brad Mars
8 Darrell Hall	14 Erin Goodsmith	20 Sarah Bohndorf	22 David & Tammy Kalebaugh	31 Taylor Rauh

Thank You!

- ☒ To all who donated blood & our coordinators Jim & Billie Brush.
- ☒ To all those who came out for the Souper Bowl Party and Board of Fellowship.
- ☒ To all who went to the Topeka Life Conference & March to the Capital.
- ☒ Sunday School
Gamenight help: the Harbord's, Friedman's, and Jansie Selbe.

2024 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

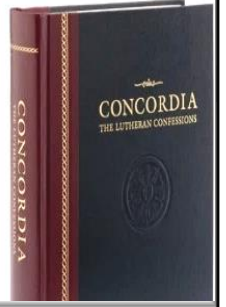
End of 2024:

Offerings \$497,808
Expenses \$356,256

Not included: Dedicated gifts & expenses

Book of Concord Study March 23 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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"Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product."

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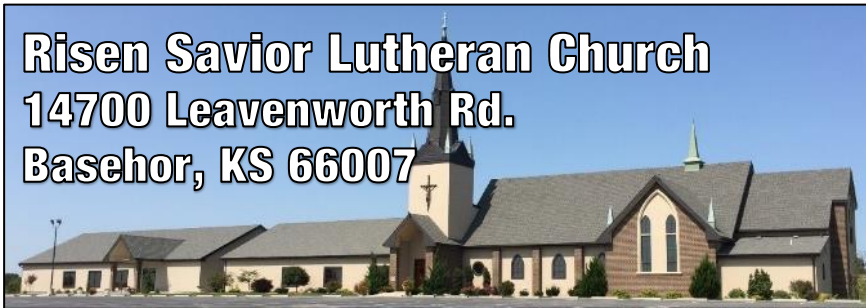


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