

NEWSLETTER 2024

Learning the Catechism Pastor Weinkauf

Confirmation class will soon be underway. Teaching the Catechism should be taking place long before children show up to class. Learning the Catechism doesn't begin and end with Confirmation classes; anymore than teaching Bible lessons for young and old is reserved for Sunday School and

As in Matt. 19, Luke 18, Mark 10, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." It is primarily in the Divine Service this takes place; also in the critical need of Sunday School enrichment, and as you teach them God's Word in the home with daily devotions. Use the Congregation @ Prayer cards, the Catechism, the hymnal in your home. I would encourage all parents, grandparents to heed our Lord's instruction in this. Teach them. Bring them to learn. Our children are facing an ever-hostile world, schools and media against God's truth. I know you face a daunting task but you are not alone in this as the Lord is with you and provides all that is needed, along with a Pastor and Church to aid this most precious vocation.

Martin Luther desired the Catechism to be used by the head of the household to teach the family the Christian faith and life; as with the Small Catechism are daily prayers, a table of duties for Christians in their various callings in life, and a guide for Christians to use as they prepare to receive Holy Communion. Most editions of Luther's Small Catechism also come with an explanation of the Catechism, which is a longer collection of questions and answers with extensive quotations from the Bible. These explanations have a long history and were added during Luther's lifetime.

Luther writes in the preface to the Small Catechism: "The deplorable, miserable conditions which I recently observed when visiting the parishes have constrained and pressed me to put this Catechism of Christian doctrine into this brief, plain, and simple form. How pitiable, so help me God, were the things I saw: the common man, especially in the villages, knows practically nothing of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are almost entirely incompetent and unable to teach. Yet all the people are supposed to be Christians, have been baptized, and receive the Holy Sacrament even though they do not know the Our Father, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments and live like poor animals of the barnyard and pigpen. What these people have mastered, however, is the fine art of tearing all Christian liberty to shreds.'

The Small Catechism is an excellent summary of what the Bible, God's Word, teaches us. The shape of the Catechism is the shape of the Christian life. God uses the precious truths of His Word to keep us strong and growing in our faith in Jesus Christ. It is genuinely unfortunate when people think they no longer need the Small Catechism and say to themselves, "That's enough of that; now I can move on to more important things."

The Small Catechism is intended to be a prayer book for individuals and families. It is in this way that daily use of the Catechism is a powerful tool for the Christian life. The Small Catechism was designed to be the family's Christian handbook. Families should use the Catechism in their daily devotions. Gradually, over the months and years, the entire family will be able to recite the Catechism from memory and discuss together its meaning. Luther said it well when he quipped, "I will never learn it well enough." Blessing on your family devotions!

Saturday Divine Services resume Sept. 7 **6:00 pm,** after Labor Day until Memorial Day.

Midweek Evening Service resume Sept. 4

6:30 Service which include one of our evening Orders of Service with a hymn, Psalm and short sermon. At 7:00 pm, Bell Choir and Youth Confirmation gets underway.

Special Voter's Assembly Sept. 1

The Call Committee will be presenting a motion for the issuance of a Divine Call for Associate Pastor. Please keep this in prayer for the Lord's plan for a man to serve here.

Key Evénts

Sept. 4

Midweek Evening Service & Youth Confirmation, Bell Choir resume

Sept. 5 Youth Chorale begins

Sept. 7 K-7 Highway clean-up

Sept. 7 Saturday 6 pm

Divine Services resume

Sept. 13-25 Germany Trip

Sept. 29 Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

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Cathy Manis, Music Director

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913-416-0007

After Labor Day, choirs resume. Prayerfully consider joining.

Vocal Choir Practices Sundays, 11:45 am

Bell Choir Practices Wednesday, 7:00 pm after Evening Prayer

Youth Chorale (2nd-8th Grade) Practices Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm.

(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.



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Bible classes

Pastor Weinkauf

Sundays 9:15 am Galatians

Weds.

8:30 am Matins Service

9:00 am Revelation



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Sunday School

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

Thank you to all our summer teachers.

If you wish to be in a teaching rotation or a sub. as needed, please contact Amanda: 913-544-4133 mdy2404@gmail.com



Youth Group

High SchoolPastor Weinkauf

Sept. 1 6:00-8:00 pm Invite any friends.

Sunday Class 9:15



Table Talk

19-39 year old

ON HOLD as we await the Associate Pastor. This group meets the 1st Friday. Social setting of young adults, single or married, engaging issues & culture in light of God's Word.





Craft Night! Sept. 19 6:30 pm

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

You are invited to Katie's Sisters on September 19 at 6:30 pm. **Craft Night!** We will have a guest artist come teach us a sunflower themed canvas painting. Cost is \$25 a person for your canvas, paints and instruction. Please bring snacks or drinks to share. RSVP by September 12 to Katlyn Selbe at 913-617-3844 or katlynselbe@gmail.com.



Sept. 12 6:00 pm

Mission Dayle Reynolds, President 913-680-5366

Thank you Risen Savior for the outpouring of staples for us to deliver to two county food banks. It never ceases to amaze me at the generosity of our family. We will continue to collect through the end of August and hope to sort and deliver the second week of September. Thank you again for supporting our mission.

Our September meeting will be held on Thursday 9/12 at 6:00 pm. Opening devotions and snacks will be provided by Michelle Mortensen. All ladies are invited to attend.



Sept. 7 8:00 am

1 ST FIELDY TRUSTEE WORK Nick Bretz, Board of Trustees

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



Sept. 5 6:30 pm

Book Gibbs 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...

Sept. 5: Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Lawson

Oct. 3: Last Days of Night by Graham Moore

Nov. 7: Rebecca by Daphne du Maurer Dec. 5: On the Incarnation by Athanasius



Sept. 27 7:00 pm

Men's Comernio Usually last Friday of the month

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

<u>Bridget Harbord</u>,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.

Church Picnic Special thanks to Jerry Long & Steve Woelk for the music; Emily Newman and her Board of Fellowship. Curtis Newman for the smoked meats, although it was better last year. So much food additional tables set up. Over 200 served as we celebrate our Lord's gift of family at RSLC.



Thank you for all who help provide every Sunday morning with the breakfast treats, as Wittenberg Hall fills with adults and children before classes begin.



Katie's Sisters August gathering was at Rodeo Restaurant with 20 ladies.



Fifty years ago....

It was 50 years ago when great matters of doctrine were upon the LCMS nationally and impacted our congregation (St. Martin Lutheran Church) as it had a pastoral vacancy. We were one of several locations where matters were tense and one of a few congregation throughout the LCMS where even division takes place.

Part I from the History of St. Martin's Lutheran Church by Steve Mariano.

On January 1, 1973, Reverend Clement Haberman resigned from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod because he felt the church was no longer doctrinally correct. It was too liberal. In an open letter he wrote to the Missouri Synod President, Kansas District President, and various congregations, including St. Martin, he explains why he resigned his ministry at St. Martin and St. John (in Easton, KS) four years earlier. "I resigned from that ministry, effective 1 January 1969, because of exhaustion. In retrospect, that exhaustion was not so much from the work, although it was heavy. The exhaustion was more from trying to remain orthodox in a church body that was and is increasingly becoming more doctrinally indifferent and more tolerant of error." Reverend Haberman joined the Reformed Lutheran Church.

In 1969, Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus was elected president of the Missouri Synod. Many Missouri Synod Lutherans, including many at St. Martin, welcomed this change and saw it as a step forward in returning the Missouri Synod back to a correct biblical basis. Pastor Berner, serving as the vacancy pastor, wrote in the church bulletin on July 20, 1969, "We are all anxiously waiting to hear what is going to happen at our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Convention in Denver. So far, the outstanding news is that Dr. Oliver Harms has been replaced by Dr. J. Preus. Dr. Preus is at present the President of our Concordia Seminary in Springfield. Illinois. Electing Dr. Preus to the presidency is an indication that our Synod is swinging back from liberalism to conservatism. It has appeared to me that our church in some respects has become too liberal. The word of God must always be the deciding factor not the sign of the times." Dr. Preus and the leadership of the Synod would begin taking measures to bring the Missouri Synod back in line with biblically correct based faith and teaching.

In May 1970, Dr. Preus announced he was taking action on alleged departures from the Synod's doctrinal position and he formed a fact finding committee to investigate the faculty at Concordia Seminary in St Louis. At the 1973 Synod convention, Resolution 3-09 was passed which identified three heresies concerning the majority faculty at Concordia Seminary. Two were concerned with the Gospel, but number one was specifically about the "subversion of the authority of the bible" through the use of the historical-critical method of bible study. The resolution turned the matter over to the Board of Control at Concordia Seminary for investigation. In August, in protest to the convention, over 800 Missouri-Synod clergy and laymen met and organized ELIM (Evangelical Lutherans in Mission) which pledged to support the faculty at Concordia.

On January 19, 1974, the President of Concordia, Dr. John Tietjen was charged with false doctrine by the Board of Control and suspended the next day. Two days later the students and faculty called a moratorium on teaching and attending classes at Concordia. Over the next month the Synod President and others attempted to get the faculty to return to classes, but they refused. On February 19, 1974, 43 of the 48 Concordia's professors at Concordia and over 400 of it students (out of over 600+) walked off Concordia's campus carrying a "SEMINEX" (seminary-in-exile) banner. Classes would begin the next day at Eden and St. Louis College.

The timing of what occurs next with the SEMINEX students would have a significant impact on the placement of a new pastor at St. Martin. In March 1974, the Council of Presidents (from the Missouri-Synod Districts) made compromises to place second year SEMINEX students as vicars, but no agreement was made concerning placing graduates in positions for the ministry. The Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters ruled that the students who walked out of Concordia were not eligible for the ministry according to the Synod's by-laws. In May 1974, the Council of Presidents issued a request for the remaining faculty at Concordia to qualify the former students and began placing SEMINEX students against vacant parishes in the anticipation the students would be certified for the ministry. Ten faculty members at Concordia Seminary were formed into three groups to interview the students. The students were notified and after almost two weeks of waiting, only one student came for an interview.

In June, Dr. Preus warned all the Synod's District Presidents not to place SEMINEX graduates (even though many had been rostered against vacant parishes in May). By August, 75% of the SEMINEX students had been placed in Missouri Synod congregations.

On March 12, 1974, nine days after Pastor Clark departed St. Martin's, a joint voters meeting with St. Martin and St. Johns was held and the decision to call a seminary student was made. Reverend Jeske announced to a joint Church

Council meeting on May 21 that a SEMINEX student, Ronald Roschke, had been appointed to serve St. Martin and St. Johns. The council decided to invite Roschke to meet with the congregations on July 14. At the meeting he was asked if he believed the bible is the inerrant word of God. He would not confess that was his belief.

This alarmed a number of the members of St. Martin. They were extremely concerned that a SEMINEX student who did not believe in Lutheran confessionals was being ordained and installed at St. Martin. They began working within the church as well as contacting the District President to resolve this situation. On July 30, Kansas District President Arlen Bruns responded to concerns voiced by Robert Klinkenburg in a letter to him on July 24, concerning the ordination. In his response President Bruns states he had not "issued a formal authorization (for placement) because I have been told by the Synodical office in St. Louis that this is unacceptable" and that "I know that I have been asked to put up all kinds of barriers to avoid this kind of ordination. I know that a congregation that gets involved in has also been warned that it is violating the regulations of the Synod and has been threatened of the consequences. I will try to recognize the ordination of such a man, I will have to express a word of admonition, I share in the responsibility and the fault of such ordination if and when it occurs". Rather then install SEMINEX graduates he recommends that congregations "use these men on a temporary, a kind of contract call, basis so ordination need not be a requirement". President Bruns states he will do what the congregation desires. He does this for two reasons. First, congregations decide who to call as Pastor and second, he does not necessarily agree with the Synods stance on these students. A great portion of his letter justifies accepting these students to the ministry and in closing he writes "I must say that when the rules, pure and simple words upon a piece of paper, say things that prevent us from using God's gifts (these workers) and of strengthening the ministry of word and sacrament in some of our parishes, then I struggle with the concern for doing God's will and sending out workers into the harvest field. If this is a wrong concern or if I am not in step with God's will, I will ask for His forgiveness and I trust that He and God's people will be gracious enough to forgive me".

On July 31, the voters at St. John's met and voted to accept Roschke. On August 6, the voters at St. Martin also voted to accept him 53 to 21. During the period prior to the voters meetings Reverend Jeske had met with individuals and small groups explaining to the members that there really was no concern in the Synod with calling a SEMINEX graduate. However, a number of members still had grave concerns and President Bruns was asked to meet with the two congregations.

President Bruns met with both congregations at a joint voters meeting on August 18, to discuss the calling of a SEMINEX student. When questioned if the installation was within the rules of the Synod he did not give a specific yes or no, but instead told the members it is the congregation who decides upon the Pastor not the District President. He informed the members that there were three other SEMINEX graduates being placed in the Kansas District and it was highly improbable for a congregation to receive disciplinary action for accepting a SEMINEX graduate. Reverend Jeske reminded the members that both congregations already accepted Roschke as pastor, and after much discussion on potential consequences to the congregation, President Bruns asked if Roschke would be ordained or placed on a contract basis. A motion was made and seconded to accept Ronald Roschke as an ordained pastor. It passed by a vote of 42 to 20 and it was decided to install him on 22 September.

A number of members still strongly disagreed with installing Roschke due to his beliefs and began to look for help. They turned to Reverend Edwin Berner, who was serving the District's Institution Chaplain. Initially Reverend Berner limited his assistance to counseling members, and in fact he admonished a number of them "that there be no anger or hatred in their hearts and that they should pray that their church be reunited." He began writing letters in their behalf to the District President asking him to "rescind the authorization for ordination and installation of the SEMINEX student that was called to St Martin's" as well as the Synod President Jacob Preus. President Bruns response to him was there was nothing he could do "since I did not make the decision to ordain and install Candidate Roschke - nor urged it - I can hardly change their (the congregations) plans". The Synods response was to do nothing until the Council of Presidents met on 15 September. What was happening at St. Martin was happening in hundreds of congregations throughout the Synod. The Council of Presidents had tentatively placed SEMINEX students in May, and many were now being installed in congregations in clear violation of the Synods instructions. The Council of Presidents meeting on September 15, made no changes and on September 22, Ronald Roschke was ordained and installed by Reverend Luther Vogel, the Kansas District Circuit Counselor, Wyandotte County.

+ PATRICIA LEE OYER + JANUARY 29, 1927 - JULY 20, 2024

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 Patricia.

Patricia was given life by her Lord and born January 29, 1927, in Kansas City, MO to Basil M. Cox and Kathleen Jane (Attebury) Cox. She was baptized as an infant at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church,



Kansas City, MO and spent time in its orphanage. Patricia was Confirmed on June 2, 1963 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and received the lifegiving Body and Blood of her Lord throughout her life.

She worked for Safeway Grocery Stores as a meat cutter. Patricia was untied in Holy Matrimony to Kenneth Oyer on June 7, 1969 at St. Stephen's. Ken was a widower and she readily opened her heart to his children David, Roy, and Carol. Ken and Patricia enjoyed 38 years of marriage until he was called to his enteral rest in 2007.

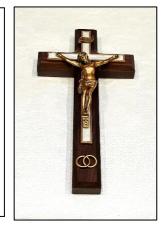
Patricia was preceded in death by: her parents; husband Ken; sister Edna Keenan; brother Rolf Cox; and grandchildren Gage Hauk, Bill Newkirk, Jamie Newkirk, Jimmy Oyer, stepson David Oyer and son-in-law Tom Wilson.

In addition to Kenneth's family she is survived by her children Tonna Lovejoy, Pat Slusher, Sr., Cathy Manis, eleven grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren and many extended family and friends. Her smile and sense of humor will be sadly missed by all who grew to love her. She enjoyed quilting, family dogs, and produce gardening with Ken.

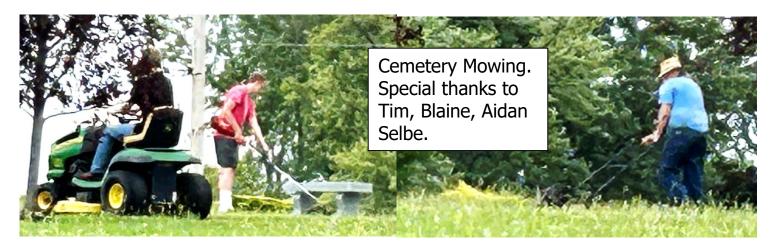
On July 20, 2024, God blessed Pat with a holy death and took her to heaven to receive a crown of life. Her body will rest at McLouth City Cemetery awaiting resurrection of Christ's return.

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

Certificates used for Weddings, Baptism. An 11" marriage crucifix is used in the Marriage Rite, as the couple and pastor will hold this during the prayers and blessing and for it to hang in their new home.









Our 7th year underway with over 50 students! Instructors include: Lauren Durflinger, Chelsea Harper, Katlyn Selbe, Cathy Manis, Sherry Stevens, Chelsea Shaw, Amanda Harbord, Mary Cardwell, Sara Tisdel, Janise Selbe, Lanette Carder, and Pastor Weinkauf.

Pictures: opening chapel service and first day.



Special thanks to Chelsea Harper for the purchase of school supplies for all the children.









SEPTEMBER 2024

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Thank You

August cleaning families: M Benzel: S Stevens: **B** Curtis; C Albright; L Ford; J Kasunic

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

- ✓ For Sarah Bohndorf our Librarian.
- ✓ Our Summer Watering teams
- ✓ For Derron Mayer and **Cathy Manis** office work.
- ✓ For those who helped with the Oyer funeral luncheon.
- ✓ For **Chelsea Harper** for school supplies donation for RSCA.

2024 Financial

Full report posted in Church Office.

Through end of July:

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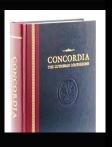
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Book of Concord Study

Sept. 29 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.

Usually last Sunday evening of the month.



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"Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God's plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man.

When we engage in the political process, we as Christians rightfully assert these rights, knowing that in doing so we are defending not only or even primarily ourselves, but our neighbors ... By asserting the right to life, and to other natural rights, we are in fact confessing God's given order."

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