



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Dear friends, as we finish our walk through these 12 days of Christmas today, we realize we have much to be thankful for—a Savior who gave up all so that we could have all, friends and family, a few days off from the hustle and bustle of work and school. In particular, my family and I are thankful for you. We treasure the relationships we have with each of you, we rejoice in the work we are privileged to carry out together, and are thankful for the many expressions of love you have shown us over the past year. We look forward to growing even closer to our Savior with you again this year and continuing to work side by side with you as we share the Gospel with one another and our community.

-Pastor Kratz and Family

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Our Women's Bible Study will be resuming in January. We will be using the book [2000 Demons - No Match for My Savior](#). Study questions are included at the end of each chapter. This book can be ordered through our church website, or you can purchase a copy through Amazon. Emily Kratz has a few copies of the first chapter printed off so you can come to the first class prepared!

CHILI COOK-OFF—SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH

Put it on your calendars... dig out your favorite, best tasting chili recipe... Our Savior is hosting its annual chili cookoff on Sunday, January 27th. After our worship service, we will be able to taste a plethora of great tasting chili's, vote for the various chili awards, and enjoy some fun games and fellowship! Bring your favorite chili—sides and fixin's will be provided!

THERE ARE MORE NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BACK!

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

TODAY—January 6th

9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship Service

WEDNESDAY—January 9th

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

6:30 PM Foundations of Faith Bible Class

FRIDAY—January 11th

10:00 AM Women's Bible Class

SATURDAY—January 12th

10:00 AM Confirmation Class

SUNDAY—January 13th

9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship Service



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FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH BIBLE CLASS

Foundation of Faith is a Bible study that will begin this Wednesday, January 9th. Sessions will start at 6:30pm and go until 7:45 pm or so. This is a great class for anyone who wants to:

- Gain a more thorough understanding of the Bible
- Explore the basic beliefs of Christianity
- Gain confidence in talking about your faith
- Understand Our Savior Lutheran and the Lutheran Church better
- Join our family of believers

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM

In the Early Christian Church, God's people confessed their faith and witnessed to the world in brief creeds (or statements of what they believed). "Jesus is Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:3) and other passages from the New Testament gave believers short, concise statements of faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. In time, the Church wrote and adopted new creeds to explain more fully the basics of the Christian faith.

The Church also wrote catechisms as summaries of the major doctrines of Holy Scripture. At first, they were tools for teachers. With the printing press, catechisms were printed for pastors, teachers, and parents to use within the congregation and at home. In Luther's words, it "is a short summary and epitome of the entire Holy Scripture." It is a summary and guide for believers, as they learn and reflect on the truths of God's Word.

Over the course of the year, our Sunday Bible Class will explore Luther's Small Catechism in four parts: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and The Sacraments. In this class, you will learn how the catechism presents God's Word in a clear, understandable way, in order to bring God's people to faith in Christ and to a daily life shaped and empowered by Word and Sacrament.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES STARTING NEXT WEEK

We are often filled with silent fears, burning guilt and heavy sorrow. We can feel that we are without hope and imagine that God is absent from our lives. We believe that God has forgotten about us. In our uncertainty and vulnerability, we often cry out "Where is God?"

During the season of Epiphany, we see exactly where God is in our world - He is in the person of Jesus Christ. We may ask "Where is God", but through His holy writers of the Gospels, God tells us that He exactly where He is. He is there: 1. Baptizing you; 2. Helping you; 3. Releasing you; 4. Healing you; 5. Calling you; 6. Blessing you; and 7. Loving you.

SERVING OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

JANUARY CLEANING / SNACKS

Boyce-Sauer, Densmore, Hudd, Jones, Jung, Kratz, Rosser

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1/6—Emily Kratz/Norah

1/13—Jennifer Boyce-Sauer/Evelyn

1/20—Hallie Keel/Abigayle

USHERS

1/6—Roger/Makayla Benz

1/13—John/James Haberland

1/20—Keith Gammon/Micah Roberson

1/27—Bob Holbrook/Doug Verstein

GREETERS

1/6—Ruth Allison/Brent Panell

1/13—Emily Eason/Doug Verstein

1/20—Lee/Chris Nelson

1/27—Brent Panell/Ann Roberson