

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH BIBLE CLASS

Foundation of Faith is a Bible study that will be offered on Wednesday evenings. 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

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Our Women's Bible Study has resumed! Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 25th from 10-11. We are using the book 2000 Demons - No Match for My Savior. If you would like to purchase a book, there are extras available, talk to Emily Kratz. Our next discussion will be on Chapter 2, questions are included at the end of each chapter.

#### 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 invitations available in the welcome area that you can use to invite people to the cook-off!

#### IF YOU ARE BRINGING A CHILI-PLEASE REGISTER AT:

www.OurSaviorBirmingham.com/Chili-Cookoff

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## This Week at Our Savior Lutheran

TODAY—January 13th
9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM Worship Service

SATURDAY—January 19th

10:00 AM Confirmation Class

SUNDAY—January 20th
9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Church Council Meeting



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#### 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 Starts today**

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, Panell, Smith

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1/13—Jennifer Boyce-Sauer/Evelyn
1/20—Hallie Keel/Abigayle
1/27—Emily Eason/Eden

#### **USHERS**

1/13—John/James Haberland1/20—Keith Gammon/Micah Roberson1/27—Bob Holbrook/Doug Vertein

#### **GREETERS**

1/13—Emily Eason/Doug Vertein1/20—Lee/Chris Nelson1/27—Brent Panell/Ann Roberson