



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

Our Sunday School began its fall semester today. This year, our Sunday School will be using “The Story,” which will take the kids through the major Bible stories chronologically and help them better understand God’s plan to save us. “The Story” Bible story books are made for specific ages with questions after each chapter—Emily Kratz has examples for you to look at as well as a schedule for the year! Let her know if you’d like to order a

CHILDREN’S CHURCH UPDATE


At our Children’s Church discussion last week, we made some progress in clarifying the purpose of Children’s Church, how it fits into our ministry here at Our Savior Lutheran, and what it will look like going forward. Here are some highlights:

- As a church, we value and think it is really important for families to worship together regularly.
- As we work with parents with young children toward the goal of having their family worship together regularly, Children’s Church will be a program that shares a Bible story with preschool age children during the sermon in worship service so they too can grow in their faith.
- We will give parents the option to drop their children off at Children’s Church during the hymn before the sermon. The parents will return for the sermon in order for their faith to be fed. The children will return to worship with their family during the offering.
- We will put together a handout for parents highlighting the importance of worshipping together regularly as a family, who Children’s Church is for, and what happens during Children’s Church.
- We will offer Children’s Church on non-communion Sundays for 6 months to see how it works and reassess again at the beginning of 2020.


If you have questions about anything, have some ideas to make our Children’s Church better, or would like to volunteer to help our Children’s Church, please let Pastor Kratz know.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

SUNDAY—August 11th

9:00 AM Sunday School / Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship Service

12:30 PM Church Pool Party

WEDNESDAY—August 14th

6:30 PM Foundations of Faith Bible Class

SUNDAY—August 18th

9:00 AM Sunday School / Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship Service



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CHURCH POOL PARTY!

Following the worship service today, we will have a church pool party hosted by the Bob and Rhoda Holbrook. The meat and beverages will be provided for lunch, and you are invited to bring your favorite summer side dish and/or dessert. As always, there will be swimming, pool volleyball, kid's games, and lots of great fellowship! Hope you can make it!

10 FOR 10—NEW WORSHIP SERIES ON STEWARDSHIP STARTS TODAY!

"All the church ever talks about is money!"

I am sure that you've heard statements like that before. You may even have said something like that before. However, that statement is simply not true. (It has been a few years since we've done an close look at how God wants us to use the many blessings God has given to us, and specifically one that encourages regular, weekly offerings at Our Savior Lutheran Church.) The statement is also misleading: God wants a lot more than our money! He wants us to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. If we could love God in that way, money would be a non-issue in the life of a believer. Why? Our giving shows the Lord the honor, love, and gratitude we have for what Christ has done for us. Generous giving is one of the ways that faith-filled hearts respond to the riches of Christ. Giving is *an act of worship*. That's the only reason we pass offering plates during church services.

Starting August 11th, we will begin a new worship series called *10 for 10* that is going to encourage each of us to be prayerful, thoughtful, and intentional in our giving. The generosity of God the Father will enable it! The grace of God the Son will empower it! The gifts of God the Holy Spirit will inspire it!

You will be receiving several mailings, devotional pieces, and a commitment packet as we go through this series. Receive them in the spirit they are offered: As an opportunity to grow in faith and in the grace of giving. Study them. Think about them. Pray through them. They will help keep our focus centered in Christ and the cross as

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will be resuming Women's Bible Study in September. The book we will study is *Agents of Grace: The People in David's Life and Yours*. If you'd like to order a book or give input on what day of the week works best for you, let Emily Kratz know.

SERVING OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

AUGUST CLEANING / SNACKS

Armstrong, Baldwin, Floyd, Haberland, Keel, Roberson; Allison, Eason, A. Roberson, Verstein

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

New Schedule Coming Soon!

USHERS

8/11—Doug Lamon, Brent Panell

8/18—Keith Gammon, Micah Roberson

8/25—John Armstrong, Braden Keel

GREETERS

8/11—Emily Eason, Doug Verstein

8/18—Lee and Chris Nelson

8/25—Ruth Allison, Ann Roberson