

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends in Christ.

I found an article in the July/August edition of Connections magazine that I like. It is a nice look at the Apostles' Creed. It is written by Jay Weygandt, with whom I serve on the Sola Publishing House Board of Directors. Please take a look at the article.

Revisiting the Apostles' Creed

We recite it every Sunday morning but when was the last time you actually looked at the Apostles' Creed? There are some wild ideas in there which require close examination. With the advances in science over almost 2,000 years have we outgrown these primitive beliefs? No! Absolutely not.

The Apostles' Creed is and always will be the foundation of our beliefs and faith. My challenge to you this month is to read it phrase by phrase and consider:

- 1. What do these words mean?*
- 2. Do I believe them or do I have questions I should explore?*
- 3. What teachings must I reject if I believe these words?*
- 4. How have these words changed my beliefs and life?*
- 5. What am I required to do if I believe these words?*

Some say that we reduce the Apostles' Creed to meaninglessness by reciting it each and every week. The charge is that it is something we say but means nothing important to us. It is something we take for granted but don't think about. The more we say it the less we think about it.

But what is the Apostles' Creed? It is a story, a true story, the most important story that can ever be told. It is a story that if newly discovered by the news would dominate all media coverage worldwide. It would change everything as it answers all of the big questions of life:

- Why does anything, including ourselves, exist?*
- Who is this God who created everything?*
- What has He done for us?*
- What will He do in the future?*
- Who are we?*
- What will happen to us in the future and forever?*

This is really big news that should and will, if believed, impact everything we believe, everything we think about, and everything we do for our entire lives. Reciting it once a week is not nearly often enough. We are so easily distracted by the demands of our lives that we need to

bring it (and the rest of the Catechism) to our full attention multiple times a day, always asking what it means for how I am living right now, the decisions I am making, and the actions I am taking in the next 30 minutes or hour. When I am distracted, I must come back to it again, and again, and again. It is my compass. It is how I find my way without getting lost in a meaningless and hopeless life.

Sunday School – We are Kicked-off and Going!

Sundays School is now going strong. We offer classes for ages 3 through adults. Sunday School is 9:00 a.m. until 9:50. Come and join the fun!

Service of Confirmation

Our confirmation service this year will be on Sunday, October 27. We have three young people being confirmed this year – Makenzie LeRoy, Addy Sartor, and Ben Snyder.

Oktoberfest 2019

Mark your calendars for Our Saviours' Lutheran Church annual Oktoberfest on October 26, 2019, from 3:00-8:00 PM. We will be serving a meal of Brauts, Sauerkraut, and German Potato Salad. We will be serving Hot Dogs and chips for the kids. The meal will come with a drink of your choice of water or soda. The meal is provided for free, but we will be taking donations. We will also be serving an assortment of beer for a donation. All adults who would like a beer must bring an ID and get a stamped.

We are going to have a lot of activities for adults and children. We will have a DJ that will play music and the Polka dancers will perform. If you are interested in learning how to Polka Dance we will be having lessons on Monday nights at 6:00 PM. There will also be bounce houses, cake walk, Weiner dog races, costume contests, bingo, face painting, and pony rides. We will also have vendors that will be selling a variety of items. This is a fun event for members, family, and friends. If you would like to volunteer please sign up at the table in the Narthex. We are also asking the congregation to bring water, Coke, Dr. Pepper, Sprite/7UP, Diet Coke and assorted chips. Please place items on the table near the kitchen. We are looking forward to a fun night of fellowship.

CityFest – October 5 and 6

On October 5 and 6, many of the churches in Tyler are joining together to support City Fest – a time of worship, outreach, celebration, music, prayer and fun for the whole Tyler community. It will be held in downtown Tyler in the Square. Plan to attend, this will be a great opportunity for Christians from across East Texas to come together for celebration.

“CityFest East Texas will be a two-day event from the afternoon into the evening. The festival will kick off with a Family Fun Zone and Actions Sport’s zone. The Family Fun Zone will have inflatables, face painting, Gospel bracelets, and a Kid’s Stage. On the Kid’s Stage will be a variety of entertainment – from dancing to magicians. The Gospel will be presented at a level for any ages. Action Sports will have both FMX and BMX demonstrations by The Stunt Dudes. Halfway through their program, a biker will give their testimony with a chance to respond to the Gospel. The main stage program begins in the evening. We typically have two performers amidst testimonies and CityFest recap. Then Andrew Palau gives a message of hope with a chance to

respond. Following Andrew will be a headline artist like Lecrae or Newsboys. Festival Friends will be at all areas to collect information that can be passed on to local pastors to allow responders to get plugged into churches.”

For more information please go to www.cityfest.org

Discipleship Opportunities

We have two “discipleship opportunities” to keep in front of you this fall. First, on Sunday mornings, when you come into the worship space and sit down, please take a few moments and pray. Pray for our service, pray for those leading worship, pray for God to fill us with His Spirit. Take a few seconds, or a few minutes, whatever works for you. Let’s intentionally have all of our members supporting our worship with prayer! THANK YOU.

Second, we want all of our members to have a Bible and a good study bible. There is a table in the church gathering space; on it are bibles, study bibles, and brochures to help with Bible study. If you don’t have one of these, please take one! We want all of our members reading the Word of God.

Egyptian Coptic Worship

The Egyptian Coptic congregation that uses our worship space will worship here on Saturday, October 12 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Primetimers

WOW! We had a fantastic start to our year after a 2 month summer break. We had a great attendance, a delicious luncheon, and an invigorating program. Our next meeting is October 10th, 2019 at 12noon at OSLC. The luncheon is to be potluck(share a dish). To get us in the mood for OSLC Octoberfest, the suggestion was made to feature German foods; i.e. German potato salad, sauerkraut, brats, red cabbage, black forest cake for examples.

Our very own Phyllis Guysinger will present the program entitled “Renewing Our Mind”. Of the various topics she offered, this was the one that drew the most interest. After the last meeting where we learned how to get our bodies in shape and this one where we learn how to get our minds in shape, we will be prepared to have the best and greatest year yet.

Since no one volunteered to host the meeting, we will **all** be hosts; therefore, please plan to come early to help set up.

Please RSVP to Mary Ferguson by October 7th so there will be adequate tables set up.

Mark your calendars. This is an excellent time to bring friends for some fantastic Christian fellowship. There is nothing to obligate you or no one to intimidate you, just great Christian friends to welcome you. Remember we are the **“most caring Primetimers in the world”**.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee follows the mandates of scripture to serve others, especially those who are ill, hungry, troubled, suffering injustice, or lacking basic needs. Each month, we will include a brief description of the organization (s) that our donations target.

Contributions: In October, we contribute to the Smith County Child Welfare Board.

PATH: In November, we will again help with the annual November Food Drive.

Quilters: The Quilters have a beautifully hand quilted Christmas door/wall hanging on display in the narthex that we are raffling off. The winning ticket will be drawn at Oktoberfest.

See any of the Quilters for tickets. The price is \$1.00 or \$6.00 for 5 tickets. We also have a variety of quilted wall hangings for sale. Watch for them in the next few weeks.

When the Quilters become aware that a member is experiencing a serious illness or recovering from a serious accident, they place a special quilt in the narthex. The congregation is invited to tie a knot and say a prayer on the person's behalf. Please participate in this expression of love and concern.

The Quilters are always looking for new members. Anyone who is interested, please join us any Tuesday morning. We meet from 9:00 to 11:30 with a coffee break at 10:00. No experience is necessary. Only a desire to learn is required.