

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## November 2019 Newsletter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

With November comes Thanksgiving, and I'm beginning the month thinking of things I'm thankful for. One of the things that comes to my mind is our Sunday School. Sunday School -teaching God's Word – is one of the most vital ministries that we do. I'm grateful to everyone who shares in this ministry.

I was going through my files and found an old article about Sunday School Teachers. I know I've shared this in the past, but let me share it with you again.

### *WHAT IS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER?*

*They are one of the nicest things in a child's life. They come with paints, crayons, and play dough. They tell stories and make puppets. They call every student by name. they know 1,001 uses for egg cartons and can turn an empty bleach bottle into a harp.*

*Sunday School teachers let God's love flow through them to their students. They are very special creatures. Who else can maintain order in a class of curious children and still manage to convey God's love and acceptance? Who else gets home from a class reunion at 2:00 a.m. and still gets to Sunday School on Sunday morning?*

*Nobody else has so much endurance. Nobody else is so willing to be flexible. Nobody else has quite so much patience. Nobody else has so much to give or is so essential to the life and growth of our congregation. Pastors depend on them, education committees are thankful for them, parents trust them, and children love them.*

*Sometimes the idea bank runs dry, patience wears thin and energy flags, but just when next Sunday looks impossible to face, a child appears with a hug and thank you. "I love you Teacher. You make me want to come to church."*

I know of no more important ministry that we do than that of teaching. It is our responsibility and our privilege to share the name of Jesus Christ with all people. Thank you to all who share in making our Sunday School a success.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Mark

### **Confirmation Class of 2019**

We confirmed three students on Sunday, Oct. 29. They are Makenzie LeRoy, Addie Sartor, and Ben Snyder. Please congratulate and keep praying for these young people on this milestone!

### **Church Website – WOW!!!**

Have you checked out our church website lately? We hate to brag, but it is incredible! Thank you to Merry Burriss for all her work on our site. Our website is to be found at [www.oslctyler.org](http://www.oslctyler.org)

By the way, the more hits we get on our website, the earlier it comes up on internet listings. So please, check it out a number of times!

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School is going well this year; thank you to everyone who is sharing in this ministry. We offer youth classes for age 3 through Senior High. Please be inviting more and more children to participate!

Our Adult class meets at the same time, 9:00 on Sunday mornings, in the fellowship hall. It is great fun and informative, do come and check this out!

We do have a need for more adults to be available as substitutes. We have teachers for all the classes, but we are short of subs this year. Please volunteer to help, it is a very limited committed. Please talk to Kristin Blaise, Amber Jackson, or Pastor Mark if you can help out.

### **High School Youth**

Our High School youth are meeting on Sundays at 11:15, right after worship. Please come for the Sunday School, share in worship, and then stay for lunch and the youth meeting! Please call Bailey Tidmore or Courtney Hendriksen for more details!

### **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 November, we contribute to Azleway and to the Samaritan Counseling Center.

**PATH:** Again this fall, we will help with the annual Path Food Drive. Please help by bringing non-perishable food items during November. They can be placed on the specially marked table in the narthex.

**Quilters:** The Quilters 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.

### **Happy Birthday – Eye Glasses**

Betty Johnson recently had a birthday and decided that for her birthday she would like to organize a donation of eye glasses for those in need. She is now collecting used eye glasses. Please help her out. If you have some old glasses you would like to recycle please bring them to church and give them to Betty. Thank you for your help and Happy Birthday Betty!

### **Primetimers**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the group decided they would like to have a potluck Thanksgiving type luncheon for our November meeting which is November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 12 noon at the church. Plan to bring a dish that would be typical for Thanksgiving.

The program will be Debbie Miller's daughter-in-law, Leslie. She was involved in a horrible auto accident and in a coma for several weeks. After a lengthy recovery, which is still "in progress," she spoke to our group some time ago. She is very interested in speaking to our group again. This time her talk will be entitled "Allowing God to Use You Even More After the Storm".

Travis Keel volunteered to help with hosting, but cannot do any heavy lifting. We could use able-bodied people to help if tables need to be moved.

Please RSVP to Mary Ferguson via email or phone at 903-565-6607 by November 12th 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"**.

### **Egyptian Coptic Worship**

The Egyptian Coptic congregation that uses our worship space will worship here on Saturday, November 9 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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