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Here is the latest news for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church!



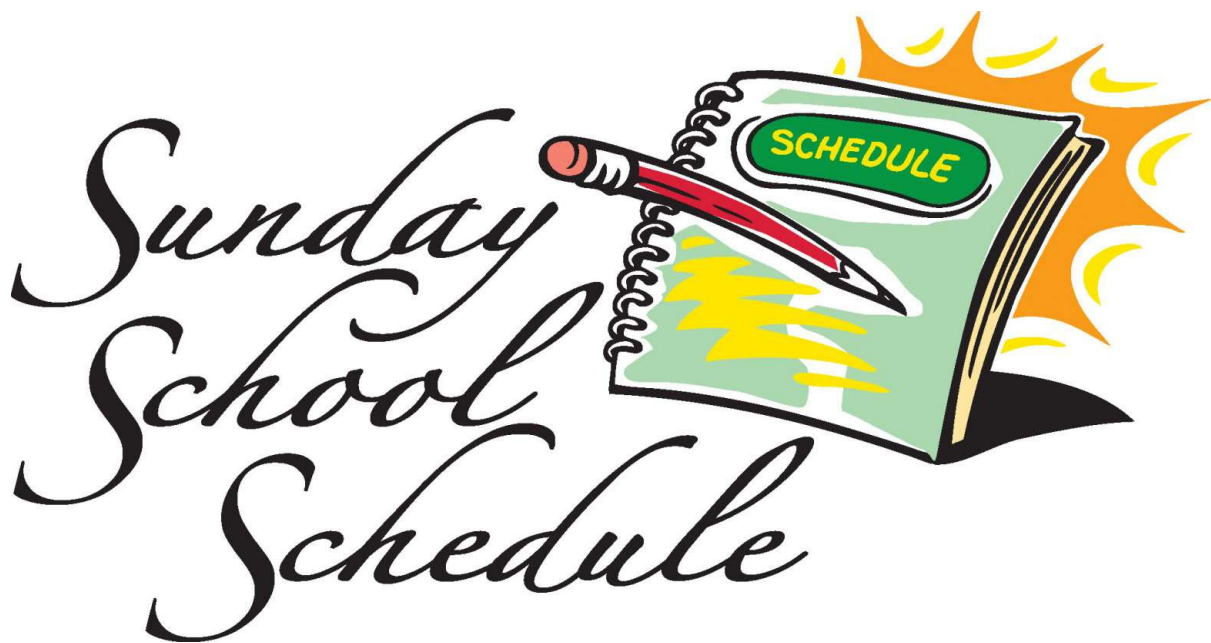
Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with our Advent and Christmas activities. It was a busy month, but a wonderful month. We had incredible participation. Thank you to all!



Thank you from Braatens

Thank you for the cards and gifts and remembrances over the Holiday season. A special thank you for your most gracious love offering! We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness!



Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School classes for all ages resumes on Sunday, January 5.



Adult Sunday School – Jan. 5 – “What is all this talk about a Rapture?”

Our Adult Sunday School class is going to start the new year by taking a one-day look at a theory called the rapture. Some denominations teach that at the end of time, God will “rapture” or remove all Christians from the earth, and then begin a period of intense tribulation. It is a quite popular theory in East Texas.

Pastor Mark finds the theory to be most unhelpful and not a good interpretation of the Bible. On Sunday, Jan. 5 at 9:00 a.m., Pastor Mark will examine all of this. He will first present what the rapture theory teaches. And then he will critique it in light of what the Bible says.

Please come and join us as we get back into the swing of adult Sunday School for 2020!



ANNUAL
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Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be followed by a congregational potluck dinner. 2019 has been an incredible year of ministry for OSLC; we want our congregational meeting to be a time of celebrating and thanking God for all He is doing!



Adult Forums on Jan. 12 and 19

Our church council is going to host adult forums on Sunday, Jan. 12 and 19 immediately after worship. The council will share with the congregation the proposed budget for 2020 and all the items on the agenda for the annual meeting.

We've learned in past years that it is most important to have the congregation informed of all of this before the annual meeting. That gives people a chance to pray and reflect ahead of the meeting. Please come to these forums and share your input and thoughts.



Items for Annual Meeting - Submitted 2 Weeks in Advance

Just a reminder; we changed our bylaws a few years ago to say that all items to be discussed at the annual meeting need to be submitted to the congregational president at least 2 weeks before the meeting. That allows adequate time for all items on the agenda to be presented to the congregation before the meeting. If you have any proposals or ideas for the annual meeting, please do submit them to Bill Videtto. Thank you for your input!



Egyptian Coptic Worship – Saturday, Jan. 4

As you know, we have a group of Egyptian Coptic Christians who worship in our building one Saturday morning a month. They are a marvelous group of people and this has been a fun and special ministry.

In January the Coptics will worship on Saturday, Jan. 4 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Worship will be followed by a big potluck dinner. This is a special day for our Coptic friends as their bishop will be joining them.

Please feel most invited to join this service and dinner on this special day!



Congregation-Wide Garage Sale this Spring – Start Planning Now

We are planning to do another congregation-wide garage sale this spring, most likely in late February or early March. We are sharing this news with you early so you can start setting aside items to donate for the sale. Items you are getting rid of after the holidays, items you find in your winter cleaning, please donate them to the church

and we will again have a huge garage sale. These have been most successful and fun in the past.

All proceeds from the sale will be used for our fund which provides financial support for our senior members and other members in need. Come share in the garage sale and also help to minister to our members!



Primetimers

Primetimers had a fun Christmas meeting in December with a beautiful soloist, a very delicious luncheon, an exciting gift exchange and fantastic attendance.

The January meeting will be January 9th, 2020 at 12 noon at Our Saviours Lutheran Church. The group will have a chili cook-off. All entries will be numbered and attendees will vote on the best chili. Volunteers have offered to bring salads,

crackers, chopped onions, cheese, and corn chips. Volunteers are needed to bring desserts.

The program will be a speaker from Tyler Area Senior Citizens Association(TASCA) telling of all the activities available at the center.

Please RSVP to Mary Ferguson at mkvjhf@aol.com or 903-565-6607 by January 6th to let her know if you are planning to attend and in addition whether you are planning to enter the contest. These numbers are important as they will determine how much chili each contestant should bring.

Mark your calendars and practice making your favorite chili. Hosts to help set up for the meeting are Marlen Curry, Joyce and Curt Peterson, and Joseph Byers. 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”.



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