

Weekly Update from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – September 8, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I thought I'd share a bible verse with you. This verse was the favorite verse of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the great German pastor and theologian who was involved and later executed for his role in the plot to overthrow Hitler. Bonhoeffer's favorite verse was Second Chronicles 20:21:

We know not what to do, but our eyes are on you.

I love that verse, I've used it a lot as my prayer during this COVID pandemic. The fact is there are many times I'm not sure what to do. There is more going on than I can handle. But we keep our eyes on Jesus. And He leads us onward. We may not always know what we should do, but we know to whom we should look! That will make all the difference.

God Bless,
Pastor Mark

Communication in Case of Rain on Sunday Morning

We are having great fun with our outdoor service on Sunday mornings, and it has gone very well. I really enjoy that service. But as we approach fall, there is a new development that we need to be aware of. That is the possibility of rain. Through the summer months we have not had any rain on a Sunday, but as we enter October and November that becomes more of a possibility. Here is what we have place in case of rain.

*If rain is in the forecast I will talk on Saturday with our council president, Bill Videtto. We will decide if we should cancel the service.

*If we decide to cancel, we will post that on our church website. We will also tape a message on the church answering machine, and we will send out an email to those on our email list. We will do everything we can to get the word out.

*If it is a Sunday morning and you are wondering if we will have the outdoor service, please either call the church and listen to the answering machine, or check the church website.

Schedule Change as We Begin Sunday School

Our plan at this time is to begin Sunday School on Sunday, October 4. We will of course be watching how the public schools are doing and we will adjust or change our planning as necessary. But assuming Sunday School begins, we will make a few adjustments to our Sunday morning schedule:

9:00 – 9:45 – Outdoor Worship Service

9:45-10:25 – Sunday School for ages 3 through high school. We will not begin an adult class at this time.

10:30 – 11:30 – Indoor Worship Service

Planning for Sunday School

We are doing our organizing for Sunday School. Our plans to begin Sunday School on Sunday, October 4.

If you would like to help with teaching and leading Sunday School, please talk with Carmen Nazario or Pastor Mark.

*If you have child who is age 3 or 4, would you please let Carmen or Pastor Mark know. We are putting together a list who is in the class.

*We are planning to make Sunday School as safe as we possibly can. We will set up social distancing in each classroom. And we are requiring that all teachers and students wear masks during Sunday School.

Online Worship

Just a reminder, we continue to offer online worship every Sunday. We have two options. Both are being very well received and both are getting lots of views. We are excited to offer both.

First, we continue to offer the shorter, more devotional sermon that we've offered since the pandemic began. If you are on our emailing list, you are mailed a link for this every Saturday. If not, simply go to our church website. Click on Menu, and then go to News and Media. Click on News and Media and then click on Weekly Lessons. The Sunday sermon will come up.

Second, we are livestreaming our indoor worship service and that is also available all during the week. This is the entire worship service. Go to our church website, and on the home page scroll down until you come to Sunday Schedule. Simply click on the line that says "Livestreaming".

Please invite your friends and neighbors and family to watch! This is a great time for outreach and sharing the faith.