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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Rally Sunday**

Sunday, September 10th was Rally Sunday. It was an exciting day for all. There were about 15 kids at Sunday School and 14 at the pool party. There was plenty of food and excitement for the day.

Check out our latest photo album.

## Rally Sunday & Pool Party 2023

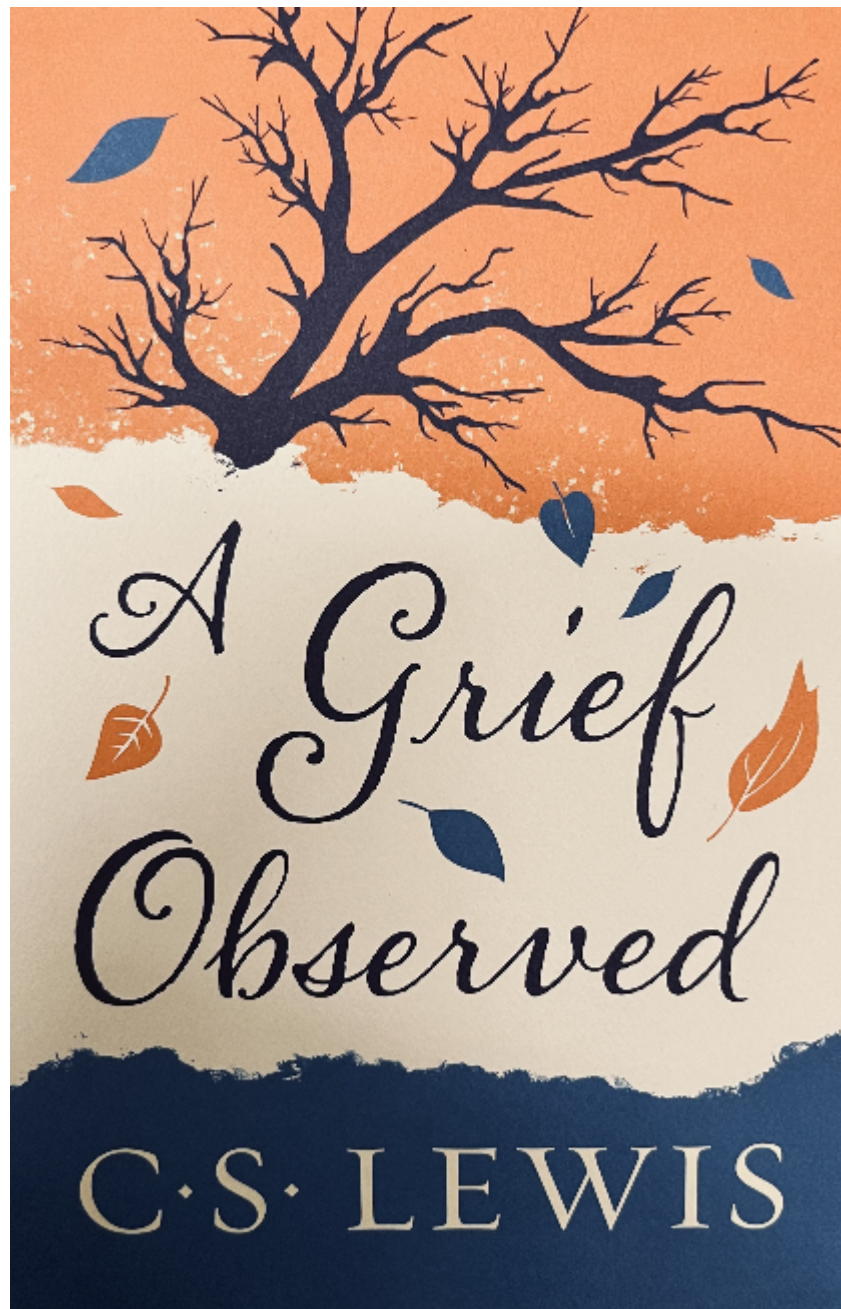


## Aloha PrimeTimers!

PrimeTimers met on Friday, September 8th, for our very first luau. There was approximately 24 people in attendance. Plenty of food and good conversation was to be had by everyone. The group decided to donate the September offering to the



Kimokeo Foundation. The foundation is helping to resupply burned out schools from the wild fires in Lahaina. Our donation will total over \$1200! Thank you for the generous offerings.



## OSLC Library Book Review

**C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)**  
***A Grief Observed (1961)***

*Audience:* Recommended for 18 years and older, people supporting others who are grieving, and spousal loss survivors.

C.S. Lewis was an academic, writer and Christian apologist, best known now for his children's book series *The Chronicles of Narnia*. This slim (76 page), volume gives readers insight into a more complex, private, and tormented Lewis than any of his other work. It is best seen as an almost accidental memoir made up of entries from Lewis' private journals following the loss of his wife, poet Joy Davidman, who died of cancer on July 13, 1960. Comprising four chapters, the book recounts Lewis' progression through the stages of grief as he struggles to come to terms with his wife's death. Each chapter explores a new phase of mourning as he openly and honestly sets out his deeply personal feelings that involve shock, anger, despair and ultimately acceptance.

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## Book Review



## Youth Sunday School

This Fall our Sunday Bible Class for grades 7th - 12th will be led by Pastor Martin. Each Sunday, starting September 10th, we will gather in the youth room. Class will run from 9:15 to 9:45 (the same length as our other classes that meet on Sunday mornings). However, youth may wish to come to the classroom early to enjoy a spirited game of ping-pong, catch up with one another on how the week has gone, or to prepare for class. Snacks will be available!

Parents I get it. Time is limited. Your teens are inundated with options: school projects, sports, social media, peer events, and good, old-fashioned homework! It's easy to 'opt-out' of church and even more so with Sunday School. But I hope you will pray for wisdom as you lay out your weekend plans this Fall. The responsibility to disciple your children, to **"bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"** (Ephesians 6:10) falls to you; but the church is here to help. The following quote by Dr. Andrew Root (Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary) will inform all of our efforts this Fall as we build our youth group:

I think the question that drives youth ministry is not "How can we capture/keep the young for the church?" but rather "How can we encounter the living God with and alongside our young people?"

Those 35 words can help us see revival in our youth and family ministry! I hope you will join us in this exciting ministry initiative. Pray for our students, your pastor, and our ministry team. If you are interested in joining this team or learning more about it, please contact Pastor Martin.

In fast-paced and frantic times, Christian teens are becoming increasingly overwhelmed by the problems, challenges, and temptations of life. Many teens feel completely lost in life because they also feel unloved, guilty, worthless, weak, alone, anxious, and afraid. Before they know it, teens quickly become so overwhelmed that these feelings can become their new reality and identity. Teens become so lost that they can't answer one crucial question, "Who am I?"

Therefore, one of our studies this Fall will help teens understand clearly the answer to that question. We will work through three brief videos in class and discuss the Bible texts presented. These texts will help our teens to understand that their identity can be found in Jesus Christ and the facts of who He is, what He has done, and what He has said. Those facts will provide a sure foundation for life and in turn will bring true feelings of happiness, joy, and peace.

An additional resource on this topic is **"Who Am I? Understanding Your Identity in Christ Through Facts Not Feelings"** by Dr. Phil Huebner. This book will be available to our teens and a copy will be placed in our church library. Teens who read this book will find help in living with certainty and confidence because they know the answer to the question, "Who am I?"



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