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## God's Work. Our Hands.

God's work. Our hands. celebration Sunday is an opportunity to put our faith into action by engaging in service activities in our community to make a positive difference. We will be working side by side sharing in a common goal: to be the hands of God here in Austin.

Service options will include putting school bag kits together or packing food for *Real Hope for the Hungry* in the Great Hall, singing hymns at St. Mark's, sprucing up an Austin park or cleaning in the sanctuary. We will also need help setting up and serving lunch.

We will have **one** worship service at 9:00 a.m. that day, then a light brunch at 10:00 a.m., before dispersing for the various service projects. Please sign up online at: <http://signup.com/go/RtaPWTW> or at the Welcome Desk for your choice of service project by September 3.

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**September 10**

Schedule  
for the Day

9:00 Joint Worship

10:00 Coffee/Brunch

10:45 Service Projects

**Special points of interest:**

- Afternoon Communion
- Anyuak update
- Volleyball!



**Just a reminder – the first day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>!**

We hope you will take advantage of Service Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and the OSLC congregational retreat at Good Earth Village September 15-17<sup>th</sup>!

## Communion in the Pew

If it is difficult for you to come forward to receive communion, please speak to one of the ushers. They will make sure that communion is brought to you in the pew.

## Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Aids Available

Several large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the Sunday services each weekend. We also have hearing devices to amplify the services so it may be heard more clearly. These are available at the Welcome Desk; stop by and someone will assist you.

## Nursery Care

Just a reminder to parents that the nursery is staffed and available for your preschool children during both services on Sunday mornings throughout the year.

## Please Pass the... Welcome Pads!

Please remember to fill out and pass the red welcome pads found on the end of the pews during worship services. This is a way to get the names and addresses of visitors, prospective members, and people who would like a visit. Thanks!

## Cable T.V. Broadcast of Sunday Worship Services

Our Savior's Sunday Worship service is replayed on the local cable access Channel 181 on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

## “Transitions and Turning”

There are often days when I find myself lost in the midst of the wide variety of informational inputs that feed into my brain. These streams of knowledge can be helpful, are often contradictory, and always require processing. The incessant deluge of news, political or otherwise, often seems to fly in the face of the Easter promise we so desperately cling to. The joy we experience with those around us can be diminished or snuffed out by words of illness, physical or otherwise. We see systems that intentionally block out the poor and marginalized while others enjoy privileges they may have done little to earn. Where can we turn? One rather constant stream that I often turn to is music, specifically hymns.

“You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?”

The ELW has music to address almost any situation one could imagine, and the Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723, for those who want to seek it out) is one that I turn to often. It dwells within the deepest reaches of my being that brings comfort and perspective when the wiles of the world push in and attempt to drown out any thoughts of hope and joy. Especially in the last few weeks of hearing about the explicit demonstration of racism and anti-Semitism in Charlottesville, recognizing that such blatant perspectives that sow sin and discord in the world persist, we all must find places where we can turn to find a center in the justice-seeking words of the Gospel.

“From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from their throne.”

This hymn pulls its ideas from the words of Mary early in the Gospel of Luke, where she sings of the vision her unborn child will bring about in the world. Mighty brought low. Hungry fed. Lowly uplifted. An embodied sense of justice in the world. Even in these few weeks of being present at Our Savior’s I can see that this community is mindful of how it can be working towards that vision in the world. The mission endeavors (so many that I don’t have room to name them all here) that intentionally connect you with those who have a need in this community reflects the love of Christ for the world to see, and I look forward to joining you in that work.

“My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.”

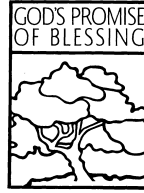
As we dive into the harvest season together, eyes fixed on the celebration of 500 years of reformation in the Lutheran church, may you also find comfort and joy in whatever vehicle best aids in that search. May the God of justice, the one who mindfully knit us together, walk with us all as we seek harmony and peace together.

Peace,

Intern Pastor Anders

## Women of the ELCA

All women are invited to attend the Potluck Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, September 6 at 12:00 noon. The Bible Study from Gather Magazine will be lead by Pastor Karen on the Apostles' Creed "I believe in God ..."



On October 4 the study will continue "I believe in Jesus Christ ..." and on November 1 the third article will be presented "I believe in the Holy Spirit ..." These will also be led by one of the pastors.

Circles may continue the Bible study discussion each month or study other articles in the Gather magazine, do a mission project, form a support group, or visit Our Savior's residents at a nursing home, etc. On December 7, we will host the Julefest and at the January Board meeting we will evaluate and plan for the year 2018.

If you have not been a member of a circle in the past, you are invited to join this year. With the emphasis on the Reformation and Martin Luther, it will be good to study the Catechism Creed. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**Women of the ELCA SE MN Conference** will be held at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Austin on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. All Our Savior's women are invited. Registration is \$25 (\$10 paid by Our Savior's WELCA) due on Wednesday, September 6. See Harriet Ivers if interested.

Callers for Funerals in September - Ardith Klingfus and Ramona Swenson

Quilters - 9:00 am September 11 and 25

Next Board meeting September 11



## Outdoor Worship at Good Earth Village

Come be relaxed, refreshed and renewed in the splendor of creation at Good Earth Village. You are invited to join the Our Savior's retreat at Good Earth Village for their final day on Sunday, Sept. 17. Brunch will be served at 10 a.m. in Barr Lodge and outdoor worship will be at Three Crosses at 11 a.m. (or in the Log Lodge in the case of unfavorable weather). Come to Good Earth Village earlier that morning to relax with others on the deck and/or stay later to enjoy many miles of scenic hiking trails. Cost is only \$10 per person. Please sign-up in the church office no later than Monday, Sept. 11. Look for the blue forms at either Welcome Desk.



## Serving This Month

### September Ushers:

John Pacovsky  
Jerry Ward  
Ken & Doris Hagen  
Steve Greenman  
Wayne Nemitz  
Bob Lindhart  
Dick & Pat Suskovic  
Peg Anderson  
Wayne Edgar  
Dave Ring

### Sacristy Team

Betty & Les Shaw  
Jim & Jan Larson

### Communion Team

Rick Pedersen  
Corey Haugen  
Stewardship rep.

### Baptism Reader

Shelly Schultz

### Acolytes

Nicholas Asmus  
Emily Klapperich

### Bulletin Stuffers

9/1 - Dee Strupp & Hazel Haugen  
9/8 - Corrine Astrup & Peg Anderson  
9/15 - Rod & Sandy Friedrich  
9/22 - Grant & Mary Johnson  
9/29 - Dee Strupp & Agie Heichel



## Anyuak Worship and Ministry Updates

On Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:00 am worship service, we were blessed to baptize Akura Nygare Gilo. With both tears and great joy we celebrated the new life that Akura brings among us. We were reminded of the joint work of God that takes place in the heavens and upon earth. Akura is forever named and claimed as a child of God and no matter what the world throws at her we will journey together in the faith. Please give your greetings of love and support to Apiew.

During the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>, three community leaders from the Anyuak worshipping community were blessed to participate in the ELCA Domestic Mission Church Training event in Denver, Colorado. They are equipped for life and service in the church and in the world. What a blessing.

We were also blessed to host the Joint African Synodical Ministry Worship Service on August 13<sup>th</sup>. This was only the second gathering ever hosted for the African tribes (Nuer, Dinka, Anyuak) in our Synod. Pastor Wal Reat, serving the Lutheran Church in South Sudan, preached a powerful sermon on Christ-like unity and its impact in the world. A special offering was taken and given to Pastor Pete Reuss from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod for the work in South Sudan. A wonderful Ethiopian meal was prepared and served to all those in attendance.

We give thanks for this Spirit-filled ministry and pray for all that is next as we live and serve together as God's people in Austin.

## Previous Intern's Wedding

Christy Shelinbarger will be marrying David Klemz on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Lake Bemidji State Park. Expressions of congratulations may be sent to:

1115 Stephen St.  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Christy served as the Intern Pastor at Our Savior's from Jan. to Dec. 2015.

## Wednesday Night Live

Come out on Wednesday nights to Our Savior's as we celebrate growing in our life together. There is something for everyone. Kids, teens, and adults all receive the blessings of Christ-centered community and the intentional time to grow in faith. Take a break each mid-week from the stressors you face and be fed for the Jesus journey of real life!

Schedule for the evening:

### 5:00 – 6:00 Community Dinner

*Eat a nutritious meal and strengthen relationships with family and friends around table.*

5:00-5:30 Savior's Soundwaves

5:45-6:15 Our Savior's Singers

6:00-6:30 Gospel Ensemble

6:00-6:30 F<sup>3</sup>: Families Forming in Faith

### 6:30–7:00 Worship

*Fill up your soul with this reflective worship experience along with Weekly Communion*

7:00-7:45 Sanctuary Choir

7:15-8:30 Confirmation

7:15-8:15 Charge!

7:15-8:15 Recharge

## July Financial Report

We have the goal of financial health – 1) fully funded budget, 2) restoring music ministry and youth positions, 3) fiscal strength as we move into the next chapters of ministry. Your contribution, no matter what size, makes us healthy. (Note: updated totals will be reported in the bulletin as current month's financials are closed.)

**General Fund:**

	July	YTD
Income	\$58,792	\$471,663
Expense	\$66,052	\$503,787
<b>Total</b>	<b>(-7,259)</b>	<b>(-32,124)</b>

## Generosity News

Transformed lives. Christ-like lives. A body of people called to change our world—one moment—one person—one place—at a time. This is serious business—and it is our business. Not a day should go by without remembering our call and our mission. I hope you are as energized as I am about our work together.

Of all places in the world, we are the one place whose mission it is to bring people into life-changing relationships with Jesus and each other. Of all the great agencies that I personally support, I find no greater joy than when I give that support to the local church. We are changing lives and making the world a better place to live. Our dollars go far and wide in making a lasting difference. Our relationships are not short term, but vitalized and whole in standing alongside all those we support.

Who is called to keep their promises to ministry partners both here and around the world? Our Savior's! Who is called to come through when no one else will? Our Savior's! I believe there is no greater place in the world to make a lasting difference than the church of Jesus. Why? Because of God's work within us.

When we are practicing generosity, whose offering plate is it? It is the Lord's offering plate. It has, however, been placed into our hands to use as the Lord would ask of us. God actually trusts us with it. It is an instrument of grace. At times it is taken far too lightly. The offering is God's, and that makes it a big deal. Today's plate may be an electronic draft, a website click, a giving envelope, a designated offering, an above and beyond gift. Our giving happens in many ways. Any way that it is done, it is to be done for the mission of equipping all for life and service in God's world. It is not our plate. It is God's plate. Our opportunity to practice living generous lives.

The first seven months of the year track at 54% (\$482,220) of projected income. 46% (\$410,780) is needed in the final five months to meet the 2017 Approved Spend Plan. The summer months have seen us fall behind in cash flow with a negative 32K of income/expense.

Each week Our Saviors is a place where 440 people (average for the year) gather for worship. Our worship equips us for relationship, service, and generosity. Our time together forms us into the people that God has in mind. In being together we are energized to live out our various calls in the world.

Due to gifts of abundant generosity in our Trust Fund, we are blessed to be able to replace our broken cameras and equipment for the Video Ministry. Starting here in Sep-

tember, you will again be able to view worship services online/tv/etc., as well as enhancing visuals within our worship and fellowship space. Look for more news on those details in the next month.

Generosity made a summer of impactful ministry possible for people of all ages. Generations of faith blessed because of you and so many others. Generous hearts make the work of the church possible. God rejoices over the ministry of Our Saviors! Share the stories, invite neighbors and friends, and grow the blessings of life and hope for ALL.

In abundant hope,  
Pastor Chad

## Director of Missions and Hospitality



Our Savior's has a job opening for a Director of Missions and Hospitality. This position serves as a leading advocate for missions and facilitates the mission work of the congregation. This role invites and seeks all persons into intergenerational service and hospitality opportunities. Servant leadership of key congregational leadership teams, the Missions and Outreach Team and the Fellowship and Support Team are part of this role. This is a half-time, 20 hour a week, hourly position.

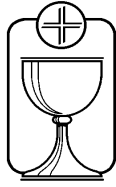
### Baptisms

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| 8/6  | <b>Corbin Kalani Geike</b><br>Parents: Katrina & Adam Geike         |
| 8/13 | <b>Henry Mar Evenson</b><br>Parents: Christina & Jordan Evenson     |
| 8/20 | <b>Akura Nygare Gilo</b><br>Parents: Apiew (& the late Nygare) Gilo |
| 8/27 | <b>Kinsleigh Ann Bordelon</b><br>Parents: Brandi & Taylor Bordelon  |
| 8/27 | <b>Oliver Michael Diekman</b><br>Parents: Sarah & Troy Diekman      |



## Afternoon Communion Service on September 21

For those who may find it difficult to attend worship on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, we will be offering an abbreviated worship service with Holy Communion on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. Pie will be served in Knutson Hall following worship. All who would appreciate this time for worship and fellowship are welcome.



## Wednesday Suppers



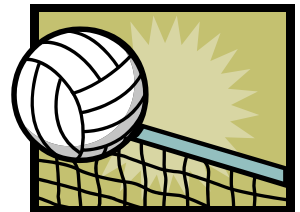
Come connect with your church family over dinner each Wednesday in Knutson Hall starting Sept. 13. Serving begins at 5 p.m. and continues until 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person

with a \$20 family maximum which is a great deal for a full, delicious meal that includes salad bar plus ice cream and toppings for dessert. Join us each Wednesday for food and fellowship!

Are you able to take a turn serving and cleaning up after one of these meals? Each Wednesday needs 5 volunteers who arrive at 4:45 p.m. and finish around 7 p.m. Your offering of time will be greatly appreciated by many! Look for sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk to help with one of these meals.

## Ready, Set, SPIKE!

Starting Saturday, September 9 (& 23rd) we will meet in the Great Hall from 10:00 - 11:30 for volleyball! All are welcome, 8th grade to adult. Fun for everyone!



## New Member Sunday

Are you looking for a church home – a place of belonging, a circle of support and encouragement, meaningful involvement in a world that is bigger than “me”? This is the life we strive to live as followers of Jesus Christ. On Sunday, Oct. 29, Our Savior’s will be formally welcoming a whole host of people of all ages who are choosing to become part of this mission we share at Our Savior’s. We are always glad to welcome more, so if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Our Savior’s, contact Pastor Karen at [kbehling@oursaviorsaustin.org](mailto:kbehling@oursaviorsaustin.org) or any one of our staff members at 437-4516.

For Sunday, Oct. 29, the Fellowship Team has some exciting plans, as we focus on welcoming new members as well as encouraging all to become involved in the life and ministry of this congregation. On that Sunday, you can expect the Atrium to be filled with displays and abuzz with conversation about the many opportunities to serve within and beyond these walls. A meal will also be served at 11:30 a.m. for all who want to come. Kids’ activities will be offered in the Great Hall, and the nursery will be staffed. And yes, we will finish in plenty of time so that people may attend the Austin Symphony concert that afternoon.

## Men of Faith Bible Brew

Come engage in life-giving conversations and support, as we journey together as men of faith. Our upcoming gatherings are set for the following evenings at 7:00 pm - September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 19<sup>th</sup>. Locations will be announced in weekly news. Friends and neighbors are always welcome! For more information, contact [cjohnson@oursaviorsaustin.org](mailto:cjohnson@oursaviorsaustin.org)

## Mission Focus

September's Mission Focus is Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry. LPGM's mission is to engage individuals and communities in transformational partnerships across the globe. One such partnership is the Emmanuel Health Center in western Central African Republic (CAR), which was dedicated in 2010 with OSLC members in attendance. OSLC was one of three partners who began the project, and over 20 additional partners, including Global Health Ministries, provided support throughout. We continue to offer financial support of the clinic through missions funding.



### Global Health



Health Ministry

Please join us Tues., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> for a trip to Global Health Ministries in Fridley. We'll depart at 7:30 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to go please sign up at the Welcome Desk so transportation can be arranged. Questions? Contact Marsha Kuehne. And remember to pack a sack lunch!

### Salvation Army Dinner

We will prepare and serve the evening meal at the Salvation Army on Thursday, Sept. 21st. If you would like to help prepare the lasagna at 2:30 or serve and clean-up from 4:45 - 6:15 please sign up at the Welcome Desk.



### Hospitality Community Gathering

Welcoming people and connecting people to the life of the church is why our Hospitality Ministry exists. All members of OSLC are a part of a Hospitality Community; a group serving as Sunday Greeters, Welcome Desk attendants, Coffee Servers, and Wednesday Meal Servers for their month. There are thirteen Hospitality Communities to allow for a rotation through the months of the year, so no one Hospitality Community is responsible for the busiest or the quietest month out of every year.

Each Hospitality Community has a Community Steward who is in charge of lining up members of their Community to serve during their month. There will be a sign-up gathering for October's Jerusalem hospitality community (last names **Lahann -Matyas**) on Sunday, September 10. Come meet your steward, Sue Lerum, and choose your October hospitality service date(s). Be sure to bring your calendar on the 10th!

## Transformational Travel

### MISSION JAMAICA - JANUARY 13-20

Come make a difference in the lives of our ministry partners in Jamaica. Through this long standing partnership we are being transformed as we transform lives. We have 10 Our Savior's folks signed up and ready to go and can add to that number. This immersion is a work trip from Sunday to Wednesday, with two days of reflection and rest, before returning home. Thinking about joining the team and being the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus? Contact Joanne Revoir @651-983-1686 or at [joannerevoir@yahoo.com](mailto:joannerevoir@yahoo.com). Scholarship funds are available to assist in the mission cost of the trip.

### AMOR MINISTRIES - Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

Come join with family and friends and give a gift at Christmas that keeps on giving. We currently have six signed up! Through a partnership with Amor Ministries in Tijuana, Mexico, a team of fifteen can build a home alongside a family in need. In just six days a family's life and your life will forever be changed. Pastor Chad has partnered with this deeply impactful ministry since 2004. Our first opportunity to serve as Our Savior's is this Christmas. The cost is approximately \$650 plus airfare. Scholarship funds are available to assist in the mission cost of the trip. Contact Pastor Chad at [cjohnson@oursaviorsaustin.org](mailto:cjohnson@oursaviorsaustin.org) for more information.

# Our Savior's Musicians!

## Are you looking for a way to serve at Our Savior's?

The choirs of Our Savior's welcome **new** members! All choirs rehearse September through May. Our Wednesday Meal is served 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. during the school year. If you are interested in being involved in one of the musical groups of Our Savior's, contact the director by phone or email.

### Sanctuary Choir

This dedicated and talented choral "family" rehearses Wednesdays (7:00-7:45 p.m.) and sings three times each month. High school students welcome. Nursery available. Director: Kaye Perry (433-1049, kayeperry@charter.net)

### Gospel Ensemble

This fun-loving and gifted group sings mostly contemporary music and rehearses on Wednesdays (6:00-6:30 p.m.). They sing one or two times each month. High school students welcome. Nursery available. Director: Kaye Perry (433-1049, kayeperry@charter.net)

### King's Kids

King's Kids is a joyful and enthusiastic group of children in grades two through five, and the choir sings once a month. We are currently looking for a new director for King's Kids. Stay tuned for the start of rehearsals.

### Our Savior's Singers

This group of sixth through high school students LOVE to sing together! Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays (5:45-6:15 p.m.) and these youth sing once a month. Director: Holly Dalager (433-5333, hollydalager@gmail.com)

### Resound! (Rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 5)

Resound! is our adult bell choir, which plays the third Sunday of each month. This dedicated and talented ensemble meets on Tuesday evenings, 6:15-7:15. High school students welcome. Nursery available, if needed. Director: Ann Flisrand (438-4079), annflis44@charter.net)

### Savior's Soundwaves

This bell choir is for youth, grades five and up. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:00-5:30 p.m., and they share their joyful gift of music in worship five times during the year. Director: Kim Richardson (433-5320 or 507-219-8368, kim.richardson@austin.k12.mn.us)



## Mission Rosebud Worship and Celebration

On August 16, the Mission Rosebud team led worship and served an ice cream sundae bar. Our high school students shared stories of their experiences including woodcutting, finishing the wood barn, painting and cleaning the White Buffalo Calf Women's Shelter in Mission, SD. It was great to relate and relive those powerful experiences and relationships we made. We are hoping that this will be a yearly trip, because of the positive relationships, great learning opportunities, and worthwhile work that we shared. We would like to see it expand to a trip that includes more adults, including parents and grandparents. Thank you to all who supported this mission ministry to Rosebud Reservation.

## Leadership Lab

Leadership Lab, is a summer leadership experience where students, young adults and even older adults can worship, and learn team-building and leadership skills all while experiencing the atmosphere created when Lab-folk get together on the Augustana College Campus in Rock Island, Illinois. The year's theme was Mountains, Rivers, and Valleys. We had a team of 10+ attend along with Marcia Pedersen as a coordinator and Rod Wiese as a group leader. Each day, students met and learned how to lead Bible Study, organize worship and events, to lead ice-breakers. They spent time in prayer, small group discussion, giving each other affirmations, and working together to step out in faith. The end of each day would be spent in Celebrate where the house band would rock today's Christian music and speakers would focus our attention on the rock of our faith, Christ Jesus, who is always with us on our mountain tops, in our darkest valleys, and as we cross our rivers of transition.

Recharge! will begin again  
September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in the  
Youth Room! See you then! Rod

## High School Ministries (Grades 9 – 12)

**Recharge – (Grades 10 – 12)** a program filled with community, faith, and fun will begin on Wednesday evening, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the OSLC Youth Room from 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.) Please note the time change from last year, and we invite everyone to give us a try this fall...we're looking forward to meeting you!

### Sounds Like Love

This fall, we're kicking into a cool, new groove and it **Sounds Like Love!** All students in grades 9-12 are invited to a weekend experience of faith building and music-sharing that's out of this world! Sounds Like Love happens the weekend of Nov. 10 - 12 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN, just northeast of the Twin Cities. Cost for registration is \$100, and is payable at the time of sign-up. Cancellations after the registration deadline are non-refundable. Registration cost includes music, housing, transportation, and all weekend meals on site from Friday evening through Sunday lunch. Special arrangements are being made for SLL this year because it is confirmed that it will be the last year for John Jacobson's active leadership, and in celebration a reunion choir of all former SLL choirs is in the making. For more information, **meet Marcia for a short informational meeting in the Chapel at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 3rd**, contact Marcia Pedersen by emailing [mpedersen@oursaviorsaustin.org](mailto:mpedersen@oursaviorsaustin.org) or by calling the church at 437-4516. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 27, 2017.



## CHARGE!

Our Youth Group for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders starts back up September 13<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss our first night! Join us Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 to talk, learn, and play together. Come at 6:30 and worship together too!

# Sunday School NEWS

## Register for Sunday School today!

Go to <http://www.oursaviorsaustin.org/> and click on the Register for Sunday School slide in the photo slide show! If you don't have internet access, simply fill out a paper registration form available at either Welcome Desk. Those able to register must be at least 3 years old (and bathroom trained) before September 1, 2017 through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Reminder: Traditional Sunday

School is offered at 9:00. Kids' Church, an interactive learning time for children during the sermon is part of a cross-generational worship service. If you're looking for more information, contact Billie Jo by calling the church at 437-4516 or emailing [bjwicks@oursaviorsaustin.org](mailto:bjwicks@oursaviorsaustin.org). We're excited to see you this fall!

## "Touch and See My Church" Cradle Roll Graduation Party

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

All 3 year olds planning to begin Sunday School this year are invited to a special event that celebrates their transition from the Cradle Roll to Sunday School. This is a chance for parents and students to meet the preschool teachers, see their classrooms and tour the sanctuary. Each child will have a special opportunity to "touch and see" parts of Our Savior's like the pipe organ, the altar, the pulpit, and the baptismal font.

**RSVP to Billie Jo in the SS office no later than Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We're looking forward to seeing you there!

## Opportunities Still Available!



Positions for teachers, shepherds, and support staff are still available for Sunday School! A variety of positions and scheduling options are available to help fit even the busiest volunteers' schedule even if you only have 1 Sunday a month available. Call or email Billie Jo at 437-4516 or [bjwicks@oursaviorsaustin.org](mailto:bjwicks@oursaviorsaustin.org) to discuss what might be a good fit for you!

## Volunteer Installation on September 10<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer Installation, including our teaching team, will take place the 9 a.m. worship and blessing service on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All Teaching Team members, including helpers, leaders, teachers and support staff, will be commissioned during a special blessing so please mark your calendars for this important event. Thanks to you all for your commitment to Our Savior's children, youth and families!

## God's Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual ELCA's celebration of service! Once again, we invite young and old, families and youth, EVERYone to take part in Service Sunday. Opportunities range from singing in nursing homes, grounds work, packing backpacks of school supplies, and more. We look forward to working alongside you! Our day will begin with a unified worship service at 9 a.m., brunch at 10 and service projects at 10:45.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the Backpack



**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, families are invited to attend worship. Students, both traditional or non-traditional, teachers, school administrators and classroom volunteers will be recognized and lifted up as we begin the 2017-18 school year.

This year our keychains will tie into our year-long theme: Called. This year we will explore the call that was extended to us through the waters of our baptisms and because of this, there is always something more. This keychain can be a daily reminder that you are named and claimed as a Child of Christ!

## F<sup>3</sup>: Families Forming in Faith

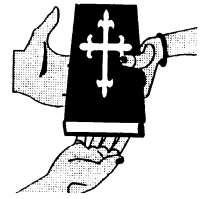
We are launching a new faith formation opportunity this fall and we can't wait to have you be part of it! Help us pilot F<sup>3</sup>: Families Forming in Faith. These 30 minute sessions will be offered in three week blocks and are designed for families to explore and do together! Our fall sessions will be a throw-back to Maker Fun Factory VBS! Your family will have fun whether or not you were at VBS. Join us for some hands-on, creative fun on Wednesday September 13, 20, and 27 from 6-6:30 in the Atrium and Fireside Room. Can't make those? Shoot for our Sunday morning options on November 5, 12 and 19 from 10-10:30.

## Third Grade Bible Buddy Party

**Sundays, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

Each year, Our Savior's presents all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with a new Bible to use at home and here at church. Once again, our Bible Buddy event will take place over two Sundays in October. Each 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and parent(s) are invited to attend our fun and fact filled session during the 9:00 Sunday School hours on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. This event for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents, is a fun-filled way for your child to get acquainted with his/

her new Bible through games and other fun activities. **RSVP to Billie Jo in the SS office on or before Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** and make plans to join us! Our event will conclude with a special presentation of Bibles as part of 10:30 worship service on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Confirmation (Grades 8 – 9)

Confirmation begins on **Wednesday, September 6 in the Great Hall with a mandatory parent/student Orientation.** This year, we're separating groups so that we can better address the unique needs of each age-group. For students and families in Grade 9, orientation will begin at 6 p.m. and students and families in grade 8 will begin at 7 p.m. Communion serving orientation will happen during the 7 p.m. orientation session. Regular classes will begin the following Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. weekly.



Confirmation

All students and parents of those in grades 8 and 9 should have received a letter detailing the schedule for the year prior to orientation. If you didn't receive a letter or would like additional information, please contact Marcia Pedersen by calling the church at 437-4516 or by emailing [mpedersen@oursaviorsaustin.org](mailto:mpedersen@oursaviorsaustin.org). We're excited to meet this year's Confirmands and start (or continue) this faith journey with you!



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