

Sunday School

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Dear Sunday School Families,

Thank you to everyone who came to the annual meeting on January 28! Over the next few weeks, we'll hear about how we can participate in a revitalized vision plan to live out the Gospel through love and welcome.

One of the first steps is to have relationships with the people around us through small groups. The entire congregation is encouraged to join a small group, so I'm proposing starting a group for parents to meet during the Sunday School hour in Lent (February 18-March 25), and hopefully after Easter, too.

The commitment is simple, we'll learn from each other, and, in being together, our faith will grow as we discover how God's love is greater.

Here's what's happening with our Sunday School in February...



SAVE THE DATE: February 10th

We know that Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year, so some of you might hope to make some plans for the weekend before. We've got you covered!

Let our ELC Youth (as well as adults) watch your child(ren) on **Saturday, February 10th from 6-9PM**. Potty-trained preschoolers

through 5th graders are invited to come to Fellowship Hall for a pizza dinner, lots of fun and games, and even a movie. The cost is \$20 for the first child, and \$5 for each additional child, and proceeds will go toward the mission trip.

We're also partnering with neighborhood restaurants. Wildwood Tavern is offering a free brownie a la mode for all Parents' Night Out diners with a flyer, plus 10% of your bill goes toward the mission trip. Graziano's is offering a free bruschetta appetizer and City's Edge is offering 10% off your bill for all Parents' Night Out diners with a flyer. **The event is open to the public, so invite friends!!**

RSVP to Pastor Christina by texting 630-677-8288 or emailing youth@edgebrooklutheran.org

Contact Pastor Christina at pastorchristina@edgebrooklutheran.org



Upcoming Events

February 4

Helping Hands Event

February 10

Parents' Night Out from 6-9pm

February 14

Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm

Spontaneous Service!

We had such a great time raising money for communities in need through ELCA Good Gifts that we want to serve God's people again!

Throughout the rest of the year, we'll have times of spontaneous service... Service that's hands-on and that has more interaction with the community in need.

Some ideas included... partnering with Habitat for Humanity, Blessing Bags, Snow shoveling around the neighborhood, Clean up at Bunker Hill, Hosting a party at senior living facilities, and more!

Check out the Helping Hands Event below, and stay tuned for more chances to serve God and the community this season!

Faith 5 for your Family!

Jesus never ceases to amaze the disciples or us as he continues to show us that he really is God's son. The Transfiguration leads us to Jesus on the mountaintop, where, joined by Elijah and Moses, God appears as light in Jesus. This light guides us and tells us where to go. Jesus and the disciples don't stay on that mountain, though.

As they leave the mountainside, we find ourselves on a journey through Lent, following Jesus' footprints to the cross and preparing for his death and resurrection at Easter. We start Lent with Ash Wednesday, and it lasts for 40 days (excluding Sundays). During Lent, many Christians pray, give something up (like fasting or meat on Fridays), or take something on (like more service).

Here's a devotional you can try at home as we approach the season of Lent:

- Share highs and lows for the day by sharing a high point and a low point.
- Read Mark 9:2-9 before Transfiguration, February 11; and read Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 to prepare for Ash Wednesday, February 14.
- Talk about how the Bible story might relate to your highs and lows, and try these activities together:
 - ***Week for Mark 9:2-9 – Best Day Ever!***
Peter, James, and John had such an amazing experience on the top of the mountain that they didn't want it to end. Have you ever had a day that you wanted to go on forever because it was so much fun? What were you doing? Who were you with?
How can you recreate that joy and excitement this week?
 - ***Week for Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 – Ashes to ashes***
On Ash Wednesday, a cross of ashes is marked on our forehead, and we hear "You are dust, and to dust you will return." The ashes remind us that, as humans, we come from the earth, and one day, we will die and return to the earth. Even in death, God promises to never leave us. Share what you want to do with your life while you're here on earth. What are your goals? What are your dreams?

The cross reminds us that we are also God's, receiving love through baptism and through Jesus, who died for us. You can make the sign of the cross, too:
God be in my head. (*Touch forehead*)
God be in my heart. (*Touch chest*)
God be on my left. (*Touch left shoulder*)
God be on my right. (*Touch right shoulder*)

Every day during Lent, make the sign of the cross to remind you that you are a beloved child of God, and God is always with you.
- Pray for one another's highs and lows.
- Bless one another. Try something like: Bless (name of family member) this week. May you be a dazzling reflection of Jesus' light. Amen.



In the Community

Helping Hands THIS Sunday

We're collecting items for the homeless and under-resourced in the Chicagoland area.

You can help by...

- Dropping off self-care products for men & women, like shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, and winter clothing items, like hats, scarves, gloves, handwarmers, and socks.
- Staying to make winter care packages to be delivered to the homeless at a later date.

We will use travel-sized donations for the winter care packages. Full-sized items will be donated to partner organizations of ELC.

Donations can be dropped off in Rising Chapel/Youth Room.

For more info, contact Jo Danz at johanna.danz@gmail.com.