

Sunday Education Opportunities for All Ages

Starting
Sept. 8

Sunday School (Potty trained-Grade 4): Sunday School meets in various classrooms according to grade level and learns different stories in the Bible. We close in the gym with closing prayer and songs.



Junior Youth Group (Grades 5-8): Meeting in the art room, this class meets every week. We read through books of the Bible and review the sermon of the day.

High School Youth (Grades 9-12): Why sing hymns? How are they both different from Scripture and yet, at the same time, enrich our knowledge of God? Why is the Lutheran Church the “singing church”? So many questions! The High School Bible Class will study the poetry, music, history, and the testimony of our faith that we hold in our hands. We will meet in Mrs. Holmen’s 7th/8th grade classroom. There will be coffee. There will be donuts. Most importantly, there will be the opportunity to take a deep dive into one of the greatest gifts of our church: the *Lutheran Service Book*. This class will be taught by Jana Holmen.



Young Adult/Families Bible Class: This class meets every Sunday after the Church Service in the fellowship room. Feel free to bring your children who aren’t old enough for Sunday School. We are reading the Bible in its entirety utilizing study guides from Concordia Publishing. This study is led by Josh Laven.



Class on the Relationship between Church and State: The relationship between church and state can be tense, combative—even deadly. In this class, we will study this relationship from the Scriptures, from church history, and we will especially focus on what happened in Nazi Germany. One of the highlights of the class will be a new movie coming out in November about a Lutheran pastor who tried to assassinate Hitler, was caught, and died in a concentration camp. This class will meet from September until Christmas break in the 5th/6th grade classroom. It will be taught by Pastor Holmen with assistance from Brian Wille, a high school history teacher.

Adult Bible Class—Reading Isaiah with Luther: The prophet Isaiah served God in troubled times: the Northern Kingdom of Israel was about to fall to the Assyrians and be scattered never to return, and Isaiah predicted the fall of the Southern Kingdom of Judah to the Babylonians, their exile and return. Luther was living in troubled times when teaching this great prophet: the Lutheran Reformation was in full swing and it was very uncertain (humanly speaking) whether it would succeed. We live in troubled times. (Has there ever been a time not troubled?) The Old Testament book of Isaiah contains some of the most familiar words of God, especially prophecies of the coming Savior, the Messiah, the Christ, many of them quoted by Jesus and New Testament authors. Guided by Luther’s insights on how Christ is the fulfillment of all Scripture, we will hear how God’s Word of Law and Gospel through Isaiah is still very needed in these troubled days. Close to 1/3 of all Old Testament Readings heard in church (Series A, B, and C) are from Isaiah. Most of these readings will be our content with Luther’s comments from his 1527-29 lectures guiding us (*Luther’s Works*, AE v. 16-17). This class will meet in the church basement starting September 8 with Pastor Bertram teaching.

