

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS

The winner of last week's chili cookoff was Barbara Burkart, with honorable mentions going to Tim Smith, Brent Panell, the Nolte's and the Kratz's. Thanks to everyone for a great afternoon and some delicious chili!

## GENESIS BIBLE CLASS

Who am I and where did I come from? What is the purpose of my life? Why is there so much pain and evil in the world? Nobody can be considered truly wise unless they have considered and learned the answers to the very basic questions of life. And it is these basic questions that God begins to answer for us in the opening chapters of the Bible. You're invited to join us for the Sunday Morning Bible class that is going to be studying the opening chapters of the book of Genesis. The Sunday morning Bible class starts at 9am!

## HELP NEEDED

We need your help! There are some new opportunities to help with ministry here at Our Savior and to get involved in an important and meaningful way!

- Get involved with the Audio and Video aspects of our worship service—this is important as it helps ensure that people at our worship service have a positive experience and it helps those that aren't able to be with us on a Sunday be able to hear and see the sermon. Interested but never done anything like this before? We'll show you how it all works and train you up! Talk to Erik Roberson if you are interested!
- Looking for something a bit more behind the scenes? Each week in our worship service folder, we print different songs and words that need to be recorded and logged online. Time commitment would be ~10-15 minutes a week. Again, you will be trained on what needs to be done—and this is something that can easily be done at home when it is convenient to you! Talk to Pastor Kratz if you are interested in helping.

## CARE PACKAGES

This year we have four students away at school. Hannah Kratz, Lydia Kratz, Karissa Nolte, and Caleb Roberson are all enjoying their time in the dorms, but we'd like to send them some encouragement. There is information about each student in the entryway. If you'd like to help with the care packages there are two ways to do so: grab a tag from one of the boxes, purchase the item and bring it back by the last Sunday in February, or give a monetary donation to Emily Kratz, who will go and purchase some of the special items the kids have requested. If you have any questions, please ask. Thanks for supporting our young people who are away from home!

## ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT

In a few weeks, we will enter into the church year season of Lent. (The word "**lent**" comes from an Latin / Old English word that means "*spring*." (Old English "lengthen," the time of the year when the days grow longer). The season of Lent is a time to meditate deeply on the meaning of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation as well as a time in which to concentrate on the continuing importance of amending our sinful lives. The resurrection of Jesus is God's proof that our salvation has been completed and that our hope for eternal life with God is secure. Even during this season when the worship services are penitential and solemn, Sundays continue to emphasize the Gospel of Jesus and the hope of Easter.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is 40 weekdays before Easter. This year, Ash Wednesday is February 14th. The name comes from the ancient custom of the imposition of ashes. The placing of ashes on the foreheads of God's gathered guests was practiced in France in the sixth century and was universally adopted as a sign of penitence and as a reminder of human mortality by the tenth century. The pastor dips his thumb into some ashes (traditionally made from the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and marks an ashy cross on each person's forehead while saying, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This custom uses the biblical image of ashes (Job 42:6) to remind us that we, too, shall die and therefore need forgiveness from Jesus.

We will mark the beginning of the season of Lent with a special Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 7:00 pm. You are invited to join us for this solemn reminder of our own sin and its consequences, and to hear the comforting news of a Savior in Jesus.

# CALENDAR

SUNDAY | *Today*

9:00 AM *Bible Study/Sunday School*  
10:15 AM *Worship Service*

TUESDAY | *February 6th*

7:00 PM *Foundation of our Faith*

SUNDAY | *February 11th*

9:00 AM *Bible Study/Sunday School*  
10:15 AM *Worship Service—The Transfiguration of our Lord*

# SERVING OUR SAVIOR

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NURSERY / CHILDREN'S CHURCH


2/4—Polly Lamon, Eden	Jesus Helps His Friends Catch Fish
2/11—Hallie Keel/Brianna	Jesus Calms the Storm
2/18—Emily Eason/Makayla	Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
2/25—Amy Floyd/Olivia	Jesus is the Good Shepherd

USHERS

2/4—John Armstrong, Braden Keel  
2/11—Roger and Makayla Benz  
2/18—Johan and James Haberland  
2/25—Keith Gammon, Andy Knopf


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