

UNIVERSITY HAPPENINGS

Confirmation Ministry Newsletter of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin - August 2011

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WANNA HELP?

An Appeal for Parent Participation

Would you be interested in attending some SRU courses to help lead small groups along side the instructors? Could you give 3 weeks or more if you so choose?

You qualify if you like to learn and like being with confirmation age kids.

Many of you have been involved in rotation Sunday School over the years and there is no need to stop your connection to the learning environment at Our Savior's when your child enters confirmation. As your child gains more and more independence, showing your priorities through an active faith life can have a powerful impact.

Pray about it and talk to Pastor Krahn for more details.

Also, the next issue of SRU Happenings will include a variety of learning opportunities that begin this fall. Getting involved with those is also great.

DOING OUR PART TO HALT THE TRENDS

Did U Know???

A University of Chicago study shows that more and more children are being raised with no faith at all. This increases the likelihood that they will be without a religious faith as adults.

Here are the stats:

Only 3% of people who were born in the U.S. between 1910-1919 were raised without religion. Only 4% of Baby Boomers were raised without religion. Of the youngest adults born between 1980-84, 13% were raised with no religion and now 27% of them say they have no religious preference.

You probably could have guessed that each generation is less involved in religious life than the one that came before it.

One hundred years ago you would have had to search hard to find someone who didn't know the Christmas story. Today all we have to do is walk into the Sun Prairie high school.

We've been able to rely on "passive absorption" of the faith from our American culture. That is no longer true.

These statistics highlight the importance of teaching the faith to our children at home and of course with the help provided at SRU.

*Thoughts from Martha Grace Reese's book, [Unbinding the Gospel](#).

CROSSTraining Event Perfect for You

Brett has been offering training sessions throughout our Synod on a new project called CROSSTraining.

This is a great opportunity to learn about youth culture, faith development, commiserate with other adults who care about kids, and more.

This free training is for everyone who works in congregations with children and youth, either teaching, chaperoning, mentoring, and so on. Session 1 of this series of training events will be held at Our Savior's on **Saturday, August 6, 9-noon**. All parents are welcome! I encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity so close to home!





2011-12 SRU SCHEDULE

Wednesday nights are devoted to SRU!

The Details...

October 5	Year 1 Memory work test on Books of the Old Testament	6:00
October 5,12,19	Unit 1	6:30-8 p.m.
October 26	No classes tonight	
November 2	Year 1 Memory work test on Books of the New Testament	6:00
November 2,9,30	Unit 2	6:30-8
November 16	Confirmation Extravaganza for Year 2 Students only	5-9
November 23	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at Our Savior's	6:30
January 4	Year 1 Memory work test on The Lord's Prayer	6:00
January 4,11,25	Unit 3	6:30-8
January 18	No class tonight (exam week)	
January 20	No School Special, Meet Madam LeTourneau	9-2
February 1	Year 1 Memory work test on The Apostles' Creed	6:00
February 1,8,15	Unit 4	6:30-8
February 22	Ash Wednesday Worship	noon, 6:30
February 27	No School Special, Mission of the ELCA	9-2
February 29	Year 1 Memory work test on The Ten Commandments	6:00
February 29—	"Lenten Special" - SRU Unit 5	7:15-8:30
March 7,14,21,28	Each Wednesday during Lent:	Soup supper Worship Class time
		5-6:15 6:30-7:00 7:15-8:30
April 4	No classes tonight	
April 5	Maundy Thursday worship	noon, 6:30
April 6	Good Friday worship	noon, 6:30
April 8	Easter! Alleluia!	
April 11,18,25,May 2	Unit 6	6:30-8
April 21-22	Year 3 students preach	5:30, 8, 10:30
April 28	Confirmation breakfast/rehearsal for Year 3 students	8-10 a.m.
April 29	Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Worship	noon
May 9,16,23	Unit 7	6:30-8

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." (Proverbs 22:6)

ORIENTATION AND INTERVIEW SCHEDULES

Returning SRU Students again start their year with an individual meeting to plan the year. For students in Years 2 and 3, their individual interviews with either Brett or Pastor Krahn are listed below. At that meeting you'll be selecting courses for the entire year, as well as signing the year's confirmation covenant. It is crucial that parents and students attend the interview meeting together. Bring your calendars!

September 7

5:00	Holden Buie	Patrick Croake
5:30	Alex Daughtery	Allyson Dudgeon
7:30	Jason Janczak	Abby Millard

September 8

5:00		Austin Fish
5:30	Kyrah Geib	Ryan Dreifurst
6:00	Ashley Holland	Eric Dreifurst
6:30	Abbie Jorgensen	Jenny Kling
7:00	Rachel Jorgensen	Kalina Kostka
7:30	Alex Krause	Olivia Madden

September 12

5:00	Eric Pursifull	Chris Smith
5:30	Katrina Schultz	Seth Sullivan
6:00	Mark Sommer	Danielle Barman
6:30	Alex Bandli	Kody Sutton
7:00	Ben Kienitz	Brooke Hermann
7:30	Patrick Kienitz	Coby Oswald

September 14

5:00	Michael Martin	
6:00	Olivia Krahn-Bockhop	
6:30	Michele Engelbrecht	

September 15

5:00	Brittany Miller	
5:30	Andrew Kaiser	Natalie Kleven

Welcome First Year Students! Welcome Parents, too, to this important part of your

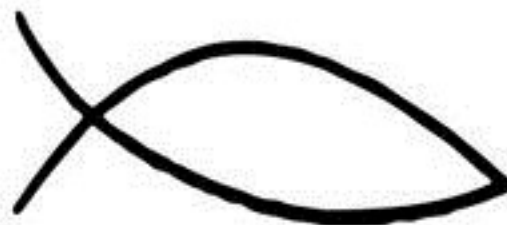
**Orientation
Session for
year 1
Students:**

Sept. 7, 2011

At 6:30 p.m.

child's faith journey. Year 1 students, together with their parents, will learn the ins-and-outs of the SRU confirmation ministry at an orientation session on September 7th at 6:30 p.m.

You will learn how our university style confirmation program is designed and become familiar with the program. You'll be introduced to the courses for Year 1 students and sign the confirmation covenant. Parents and students are required to attend the orientation meeting together.



Contact Pastor Krahn (837-3111 or pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org if you have any questions or need to change your scheduled appointment.

MORE SUMMER FUN...

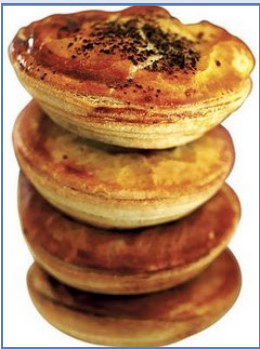
Youth Groups still enjoying the Summer days...

August 7

RIOT and chaos kids will be doing the **Lazertag** thing. Join the fun! Meet at church at 3 p.m. It's a \$10 day. It's a great day to BRING A FRIEND!

August 14

At 1 p.m., chaos kids will be doing the all-time favorite, **Xtreme games!** Friends welcome.



At 3 p.m., RIOT kids are invited to 'a **"PIE" in your faith**' at Market Street Diner. No worries, Brett buys the pie.

Remember...RIOT is for all students in grades 9-12.
chaos is for those in 6, 7 and 8th grades.

Prayers and such...

- * That the Spirit fire up the kids, instructors, and mentors, who will begin the SRU year on October 5
- * That families prioritize their faith life in the busy "back-to-school" season we are entering

Still Some Time to Rummage

RIOT is raising money for their next adventure (the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans) with a rummage sale. Donations are still being accepted. So if you've got things that need to go, we'll take them. Plan to attend the sale on August 20th as well. Come for the atmosphere. Leave with stuff!

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