

UNIVERSITY HAPPENINGS

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

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Welcome!



SRU courses begin October 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Solid Rock University Orientation Date Set for Year 1 Students

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

***Orientation Session for Year 1:
September 7, 2011 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.

REGISTER FOR YEAR 2 / YEAR 3 at INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

Welcome Back Returning SRU Students to another great year of learning! For students in Years 2 and 3, the year will start in September with an individual interview with either Brett or Pastor Krahn. At that meeting you'll be selecting courses for the entire year, as well as signing the year's confirmation covenant. Your scheduled appointment is listed below. It is crucial that parents and students attend the interview meeting together.

September 7

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

Contact Pastor Krahn at 837-3111 or pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org if you have any questions or need to change your scheduled appointment. We can make it work!

September 8

5:00	Michele Engelbrecht	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

September 15

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



CROSSTraining

Our own Brett Christensen has been working diligently throughout our Synod on a new project called CROSSTraining. 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 will be held at Our Savior's on Saturday, August 6, 9-noon. It's a great opportunity to learn about youth culture, faith development, commiserate with other adults who care about kids, and more. All parents are welcome!

I encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity!

PINE LAKE CONFIRMATION CAMP EXPERIENCE

SRU Students Encounter Some Zany Fun at Confirmation Camp

This year sixteen students went to confirmation camp for a week. Their days included...

- ◆ Cool, energetic worship
- ◆ Serious bonding around the dinner table, in the cabin, or on an adventure
- ◆ Active activities like swimming, canoeing, wild games and such
- ◆ Slower activities like arts & crafts, nature walks, or pop-can fishing
- ◆ Various forms of prayer in middle school style
- ◆ Bible study with a twist and time with Brett
- ◆ Campfires, canteen, camp-outs, climbing wall, and so much more.



We're ready to leave for an awesome week but why are those parents looking at us funny? One is teary yet the others are giddy with excitement. Go figure???



PINE LAKE Part 2



It takes skill...



Waiting for the storm to pass. A game of Crazy Telephone will do.

Why Camp???

It's a week, or even a weekend, that can change lives. Campers learn something new about themselves and grow in their faith. They find out it's okay to be a Christian and have positive college-age mentors to hang out with. Campers build relationships and learn about sharing their faith in fun ways. And so much more...

Every SRU student attends camp during their middle school years, some several times. The tentative dates for the Fall weekend retreats are **October 21-23** and **November 18-20**.

Also attending a full week of Confirmation Camp earns two SRU elective credits.

GLAD YOU READ UNTIL THE END!!!

Parent Participation...Yeah You!

We're looking for a few good candidates who would be willing to participate in several courses as mentors, discussion leaders, and so forth, along side the instructor. If you like to learn and like being with confirmation age kids, you qualify. Pray about it and talk to Pastor Krahn for more details.

Oh, as you know, faith is more caught than taught. So parents are the primary faith mentors for their children. If there are things you want to learn so that you can better pass on the faith, please let Pastor Krahn know. There are Scripture/faith classes coming in the fall. But we'd love to hear what you'd like to explore in your faith life.



VBS in Hometown Nazareth was a huge success thanks to all the youth volunteers. The youth proved to be leaders. Their participation was crucial and their willingness to help and do what was necessary to allow the kids to have a great experience really showed maturity. Way to go!

Prayers and such...

- * Our confirmation ministry, the kids, the instructors, the parents, the staff
- * Families as they vacation and chill that they may be safe, able to build great family memories and rejuvenate for the busy school year ahead
- * The Mystery Mission Trip participants that they are able to learn and grow and share God's love wherever the mystery takes them. And that there be very little "drama."

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