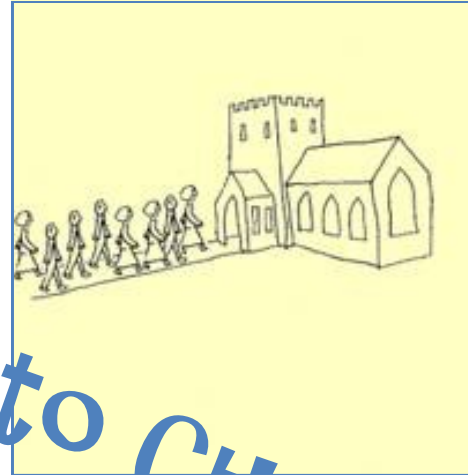


# UNIVERSITY HAPPENINGS

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

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## Registration for SRU Is Now Just Around the Corner

It's good to be prepared! To help you prepare for registration you will want to...

1. Look over the following class schedule, course descriptions and requirements in preparation for your appointment. If it's your first attempt at this...don't worry! The orientation session will answer your questions.
  2. Be prepared to identify the courses you would like to take. Year 2 and Year 3 students will receive an updated progress report at the time of your appointment. Year 1 students will be slotted into the beginning required courses.
  3. Bring the following to your appointment/orientation session:
    - + Parent and student
    - + Your family calendar
    - + The completed registration form
    - + The SRU Covenant....unsigned! We'll do that together at your registration appointment.
    - + The \$50 registration fee to cover class materials, transportation to special events, other confirmation incidentals, and the SRU binder.
    - + A \$25 deposit on the weekend retreat (only for those who will be going this year).
  4. Questions???
- Feel free to call or email me now if you have any immediate concerns. We'll also have an opportunity to answer your questions at your appointment or orientation meeting.

## MEMORIZING IS COOL!?!?

# Why Memorize?!!?

We all do it, memorize, that is. And we probably all complained about it. But we all have had lots of practice learning to memorize. Our kids are good at it, too. They've memorized football plays and karate forms. They've committed many lyrics and dance routines to memory, as well as spelling words, and math facts.

The SRU requirements on memorization contain just a few items that we believe are absolutely essential. These fundamentals include (and their test date):

1. Books of Old Testament—October 5
2. Books of New Testament—November 2
3. The Lord's Prayer—January 4
4. The Apostles' Creed—February 1
5. The Ten Commandments—February 29

These are vital components of our faith and it's good to have them at our disposal. Knowing the Books of the Bible is like learning our math facts. The students are ready to dig in their Bibles which Year 1 students will be doing right away.

All students will have a course on the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the 10 commandments as well. Knowing these "by heart" helps them understand their faith, live it and pray it, and perhaps even share it. They will get more out of worship and have the basics with which to live their faith 24/7.

Because songs are so much easier for most people to memorize than mere facts, take a look at the raps of the books of the Old and New Testament on YouTube. (Search Memorize the Books of Old Testament.) I'd recommend one (there are many) but my taste might be a bit different than the kids. :-)

*P.S. It's best to start NOW!*

### Who is Going to Camp this Fall?

Camp is a BLAST and that is what the weekend retreats happen to be called: **Blast!** The opportunities for Middle School Blast are *October 21-23* at Pine Lake Camp or *November 18-20* at Imago Dei Village. All SRU Students attend one (or more) camping experience (weekend retreat or summer weeklong camp) during their confirmation years. Please sign-up at the Youth and Family table soon.



# ORIENTATION AND INTERVIEW SCHEDULES

## Revised Schedule of Individual Interviews:

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.

### Wednesday—September 7

5:00	Holden Buie	Patrick Croake
5:30	Alex Daughtery	Allyson Dudgeon
7:30	Jason Janczak	Abby Millard
8:00	Kalina Kostka	

### Thursday—September 8

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

### Monday—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

### Wednesday—September 14

4:00	Eric Dreifurst	
5:00	Michael Martin	
6:00	Olivia Krahn-Bockhop	
6:30	Michele Engelbrecht	Mathew Davidsaver
7:00	Ryan Dreifurst	Eve Jewson

### Thursday—September 15

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

**SRU Year 1 Students**, together with their parents, will learn all about the SRU confirmation ministry at an orientation session on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** It's a must!

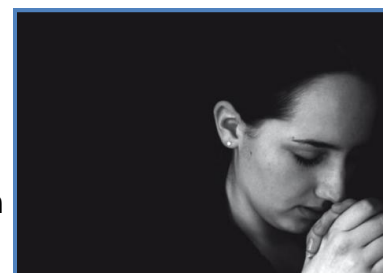
The university style confirmation program is different than the way we went through confirmation back in the day! It's creatively designed with flexibility in mind for busy families yet students gain knowledge and build relationships. You'll see this and much more at the orientation meeting.

Contact Pastor Krahn (837-3111 or [pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org](mailto:pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org))

if you have any questions or need to change your scheduled appointment.

## Please pray for...

- \* Blessings on SRU students, parents, and instructors
- \* God's hand to guide the ministries of Our Savior's
- \* Generosity of time, talent and treasure for the God's mission here in Sun Prairie.



## Important Youth News

### Youth Fundraiser a Huge Success



Thanks to all the volunteers and the rummagers who made the OSLC Rummage Sale so successful. \$2,100+ was raised that day. The proceeds benefit the youth attending the 2012 National Youth Gathering.

### RIOT/chaos/family fun in September...

- 3—RIOT work station at Madison Chocolate Chase
- 11—9/11 Community worship at SPHS Performing Arts Center, 11 am
- 11—National Youth Gathering mtg, 6 pm
- 13—RIOT Breakfast w/Brett at Beans n' Cream, 6:30 am (\$3)
- 16—Family Movie Night
- 18—chaos in Underground, 1 pm
- 18—RIOT in Underground, 3 pm
- 24/25—RIOT Excellent Adventure Lock-out

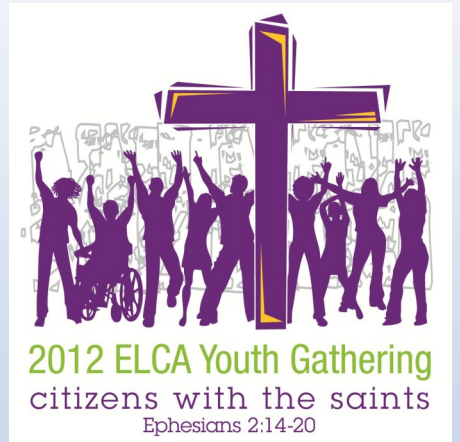
Remember...RIOT is for all students in grades 9-12. chaos is for those in 6, 7 and 8th grades.

### Get Excited about the NYG2012 !!!

Youth have begun to sign up for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2012. It looks like Our Savior's will have a super group of kids going to "The Gathering" next summer. If you haven't heard about this yet, it's time to get on board.

Students entering 9th grade next year and all high school students are encouraged to check it out.

An informational meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 11 at 6 p.m.**



At that meeting you'll learn about the exciting events of the Gathering, how we get there, how much it costs, fundraisers, and all the necessities of the trip.

For many of our SRU students, it is the first of many opportunities to experience a faith-filled, wild adventure with Brett. It's well worth it!

Please  **1** us on . Thanks!

<http://www.facebook.com/oursaviors>



## 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, <i>Location TBD</i>	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)