# September / October 2018



# Sunday School News

# Welcome Back

Welcome to Sunday School at St. Johns. We are excited to have you and your family join us for the 2018-2019 school year. We have made a few changes to the classrooms this year, and we are excited to see if your students love them as much as we do!

And a reminder that Sunday School is not just for young children and is not just for Sundays either. Adults please consider joining one of the many Bible studies that are offered between services while your children are in class, or during the week if you are available.

## **Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of classroom volunteers! With our larger classroom sizes we are in need of additional eyes, hands, and ears in the classroom to help maintain a positive learning environment. Please consider helping one or more Sundays and sign up outside your students classroom. Thank you!



# New Curriculum and Classroom Structure

We are trying a new curriculum this year called Cross Explorations by Concordia Publishing House for our 1st through 6th graders. This curriculum follows the same lesson schedule as the Growing in Christ curriculum that we have used in the past. Cross Explorations uses a large group / small group format. The small groups combine several grade levels. Grades 1 through 3 are combined into one group, while grades 4 through 6 are combined into another group.

Pre-K and K are combined this year and are using the Little Lambs material. This material teaches the traditional Bible stories starting with creation.

The 7th grade class will be doing a junior high Bible study, while 8th to 12th grade will be with Pastor Newton studying our Real.Present.God which is the theme for the 2019 National Youth Gathering happening in Minneapolis next July.

### **Lesson Schedule**

Joseph Forgives	9/23
The Birth of Moses	9/30
Moses and the Burning Bush	10/7
Moses and the Plagues	10/14
The Passover	10/21
Crossing the Red Sea	10/28
God Provides Mana, Water, and Quail	11/4
The Ten Commandments	11/11
Worship in the Tabernacle	11/18
The Bronze Serpent	11/25

### **Important Dates**

- 11/14—Christmas Program Practice 3:30—5:00—1st to 6th Grade
- 11/28—Christmas Program Practice 3:30—5:00—1st to 6th Grade
- 12/5—Christmas Program Practice 3:30— 5:00—1st to 6th Grade
- 12/12—Christmas Program Practice 3:30— 5:00—1st to 6th Grade
- 12/15—Christmas Program Rehearsal— Time yet to be determined
- 12/16—Christmas Program—10:30 Service

# **Celebrations**

**September Birthdays** 

Kolie, Henli, Sophia, Leo, Kiften, Kale

**October Birthdays** 

Luke, Eli, Sawyer

**September Baptismal Birthdays** 

Maari, Brandi, Brooke, Matthew, Aiden

**October Baptismal Birthdays** 

Sophia, Laura, Leo



# We are on a Mission

This year our offering dollars are going to help with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Even though this storm hit last year, the area is still cleaning up and rebuilding. Our goal is to raise \$500.

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