September 2020

Christians Making Connections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY
10AM Worship Service with communion
(masks required)

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Get Connected

Are you looking for ways to get involved at church but aren't sure where or what we have? We have many things happening and ways to get involved. Contact Pastor James or Ericka Stoltenberg in the office for more information.

Email prayer chain--be a prayer warrior! Support other church members' family and friends by praying for their needs and celebrations! Daily (M-F) prayers can be sent to your email address by contacting orlc.prayers@gmail.com. Also-if you have a prayer request or a praise celebration you would like to share with others, email the same address! There is great power in prayer!

If you're socially distancing and want to receive communion, drive through the church parking lot this coming **Saturday, September 5th between 9-11am**. Pastor James will be out front, following PPE protocol.
Can't make that time? You're always welcome to schedule a time that works for you.

Message from Pastor James

Have you ever seen those videos online where someone puts Mentos candy into Coca-Cola? They react violently. People harness the powerful reaction to shoot rockets into the sky, blow up 2-liter bottles, or just to create a giant mess of soda.

I saw a picture a few days ago where the two agents were separated by a single pane of glass, and a person was about to pull the pane out. The caption? "Fall Ministry". These days, there's no shortage as to what the caption could say. It could just as easily say "School Year", "Work Environment", "Travel Plans", or literally anything else. Everything seems chaotic and weird, and it feels like things could get out of hand at any second.

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As we kick off our 2020/21 ministry calendar this month, things are noticeably different. Sunday School and Bible studies have moved online, and our worship life together seems to waver between freedom of assembly/religion and health and safety. That said, the hand is on the pane of glass, and it's time to get this party started!

Two years ago our theme verse was Ephesians 3:17-18 — "I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Together, we were "Rooted in Love".

Last year our theme verse was Ephesians 4:15 — "We will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ." Together, we were "Growing in Christ".

The progression of a plant should be obvious. God's Word often paints this picture for us. And as we seek to "be known throughout the community as a church that proclaims and demonstrates the love of Jesus through words and actions" (FOCUS vision, 2018), Jesus speaks our theme verse this year from John 15:5 — "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit." Together, we'll be "Bearing Fruit" as we dwell in the love of Jesus together.

We'll intentionally be focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives — the natural response that God creates in the lives of His children. How's God working through your life today to bless others?

It's all about Jesus.
Pastor James

Fall 2020 Sunday School

Dear ORLC Families,

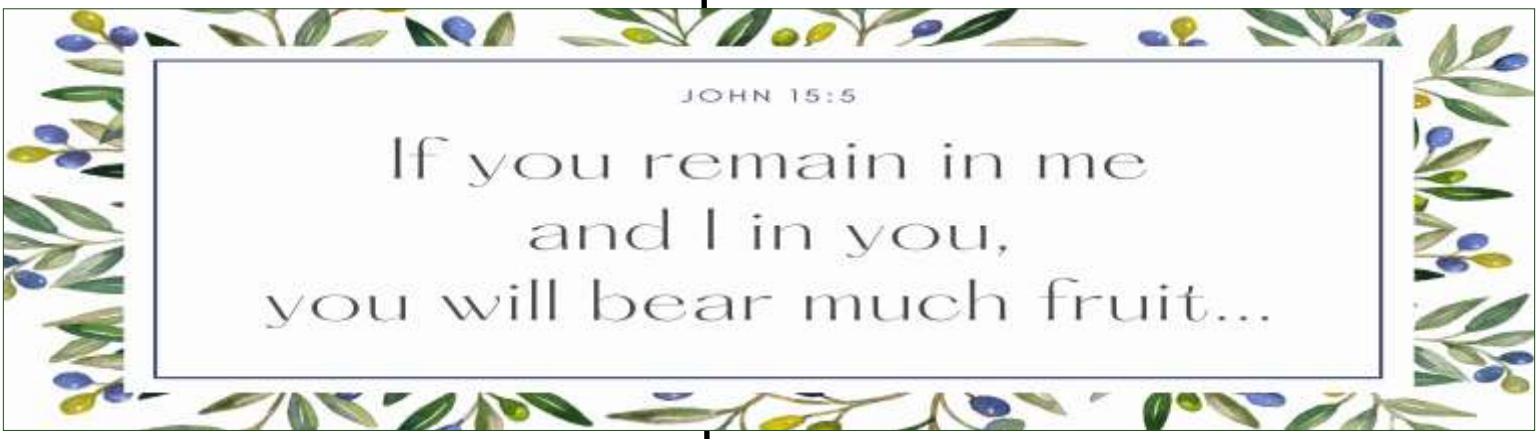
Pastor James, Britt and I sat down to pray and brainstorm what our fall ministry would look like during COVID. After asking parents through a survey what fall ministry would look like to them we prayerfully decided to do a full at home instruction Sunday School through December 2020.

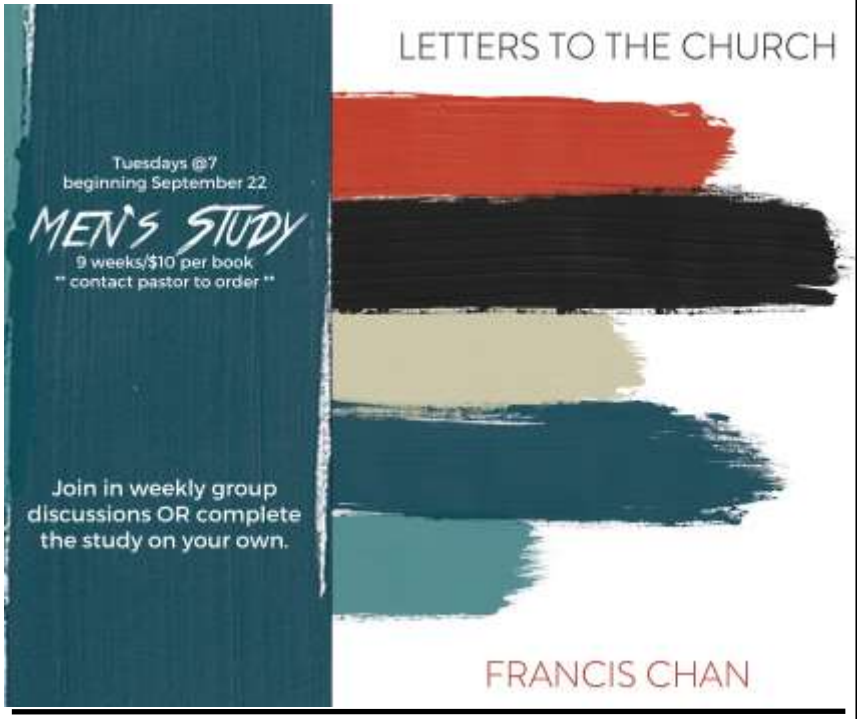
How will this look? Each Tuesday in the weekly What's Happening email there will be a "button" that will lead you to the Foundations of Faith page for the following Sunday's lesson (feel free to do this lesson whenever it works for your family). The lessons are designed for prek-5th grade. I have set them up as if I were teaching them in class myself and the format is easy to follow. Each week will have the same layout to promote consistency.

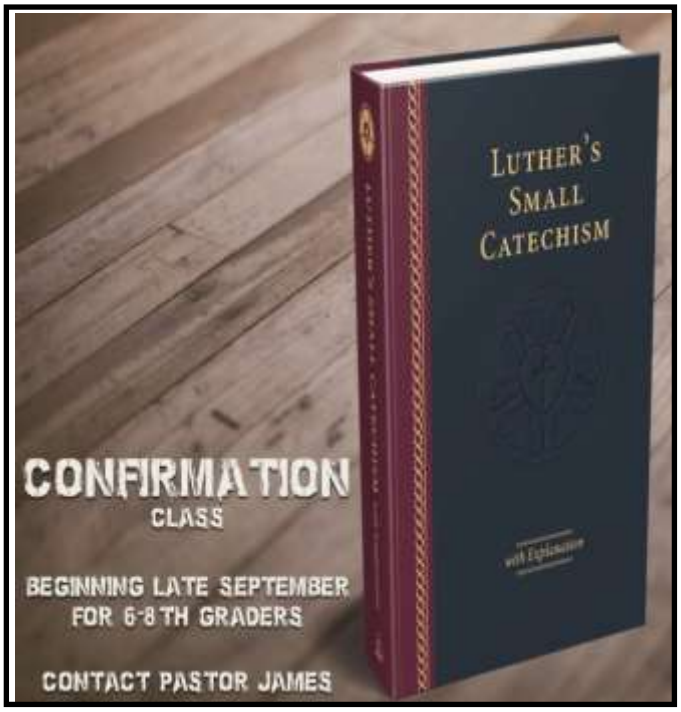
- Music Video
- Opening
- Talk About Video
- Core Bible Discovery
- Craft
- Music Video
- Life Application
- Extras (which will include an object lesson, and
- pintable's)

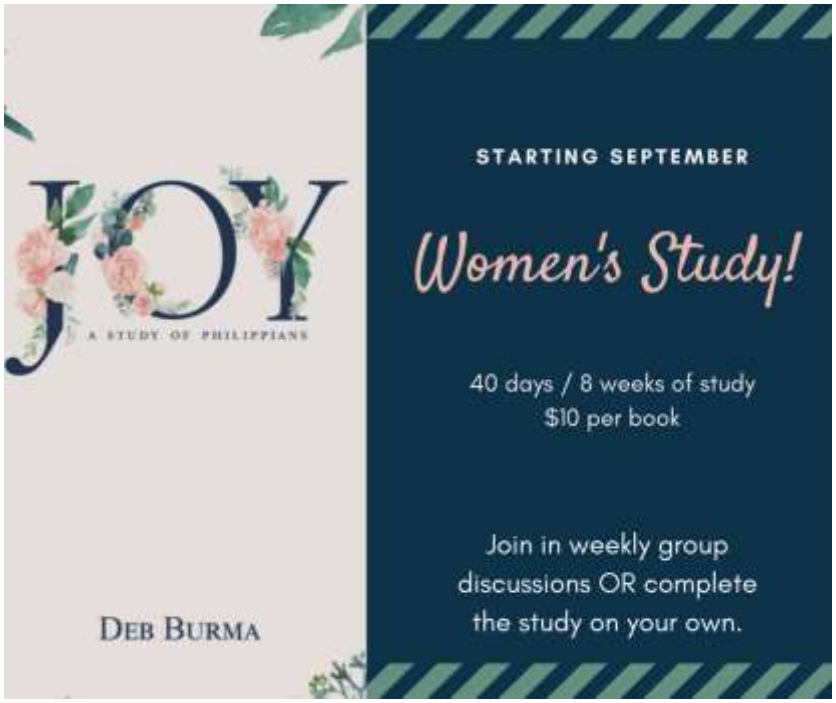
If at anytime the lessons aren't reaching your child, you don't have the craft supplies or you are just struggling with the layout PLEASE reach out! We can work together to help make this work in your home.

Blessings,
Ericka Stoltenberg









With all the changes we've faced over the past few months, it's normal to feel a variety of emotions. Whether you feel overwhelmed, lonely, stressed, or drained, know that Jesus loves you deeply and has placed people in your life to help you know His grace. Your church family are some of those people. So with that, let me remind you that we are here should you need counsel, prayer, or resources. Please reach out and let us know if you, your family, or your kids need anything. We are here to support you through all stages of life. Why? Because we love you, just as Jesus loves us!

Contact Deac. Britt for help with resources ranging from stress, family issues, devotions, and more.

Join us for a short midweek devotion, posted each Wednesday morning. We'll work our way through the Psalms together, the hymnbook of the Bible which captures every single human emotion possible! Posted on Facebook or here on our website: https://www.orlc-ak.org/devotions

FALL Social-distancing

Picnic & Family Trivia

September 13th, following service.

Covid and safety protocols will be followed: masks and social distancing

Each household is to bring.....

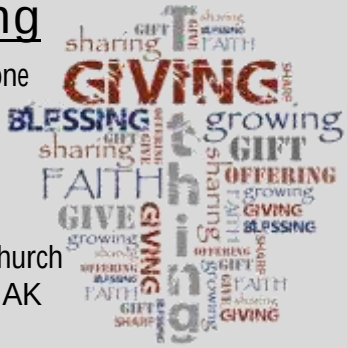
- Own meal including paper products, utensils, and drinks
- Chairs
- Ground cover on which to place your picnic items if needed
- Children may bring bikes

Important things to know.....

* This is **not a potluck**. No communal sharing of food items
* Church tables and chairs will not be used
* The kitchen and playrooms for children will not be available for use
*Bathrooms will be available
*Hand sanitizers will be provided
* Garbage can be put in the dumpster

Online Tithing

Online tithing can be done through our website HERE
or you may also mail checks to:
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Po Box 670150 Chugiak AK 99567.



September Volunteers

Date	September 6 *Worship Service 3*	September 13 *Worship Service 4*	September 20 *Creative Worship Service*	September 27 *Worship Service 3*
Altar Guild	Evelyn Sampson Lauren Johnston	Mary Losey Jane Walker	Gaye Sarvela Lauren Johnston	Ingrid Roelfs Anne Craig
Pianist	Jess Della Croce	Carol Shearer	Carol Shearer	Jess Della Croce
Lectors	Geri Wacker	Jane Walker	Greg Schroll	Vern Roelfs

September Celebrations

Birthdays

1 Venita Moore
4 Khamla Chang
6 Caitlin Keith
9 Sam Smith
10 Ashleigh Sitz
12 Hannah Farr
12 Kaylene Johnson
14 Susan Rajek
19 Jason Johnston
19 Matthew Jacobson
21 Tony Losey
23 Ruth Keller
25 David Beaulieu
29 Eli Lang

Anniversaries

2 Jeff & Jodi Andersen
4 Bill & Diane Kuhlmann
11 Jon & Ruth Kroona
14 Mike & Christy Andrews
24 Matthew & Lisa Jacobson
27 Alex & April Reynolds

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10am Online Worship Service	31	1	2	3	4	5 9-11am Drive Up Communion
6 10am Worship Service 3	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10am Worship Service 4 Fall Picnic & Trivia	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10am Creative Worship Service	21	22 7pm Men's Study	23 7pm Women's Study	24	25	26
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