



# *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

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September 8, 2021– Congregational Letter #27 regarding COVID-19

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's;

As a reminder, we are beginning our Fall Worship Schedule this Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Traditional Service will now shift to **8:30 a.m.** The Contemporary Service will begin at **10:30 a.m.** Children and Youth ministry will also begin at **10:30 a.m.**

Both services will be held inside. The Traditional Service will be held in the sanctuary, while the Contemporary Service will be held in the Fellowship Hall. For those who want to remain in their vehicles in the parking lot, the FM transmission of the Contemporary service will be on at 10:30 a.m.

At this time, masks will be required to be worn by all those attending worship inside the building.

We are also providing an extended Coffee Hour between services, **outside on the grass** by the parking lot. Now that worship will be scheduled 2 hours apart, there will be much more time for coffee hour and for our congregation to fellowship together.

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This Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, a group of us are going to the Stanwood Fire Department on Pioneer Highway to honor our local first responders. If you would like to join us as we recognize and acknowledge them on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 911, with a cake, thank you cards, and individual \$5 coffee cards, please **MEET AT THE CHURCH at 1:00 p.m.** Due to limited parking at the fire station, we hope to carpool.

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Next Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, **Fall Connexion** will begin. All are welcome as we explore the Alpha Course. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. The series includes a 30-minute talk and time for discussion afterward. I can say without hesitation, the Alpha Course is the best foundational series of the Christian faith I have ever seen! No matter where you are on your faith journey, you will learn, grow and be blessed. **Please call the office if you plan to attend.** I hope to see you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**Branches** (elementary youth ministry) has shifted their meeting night to **Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.** With growing numbers of youth and a willingness to make room for Connexion on Wednesday evenings, Alex, our director of Student and Family Ministries, has moved Branches from Wednesday to Tuesday evenings. Alex continues to create a fun, meaningful and Christ centered experience for our youth.

Branches (elementary) Tuesday 6 p.m., Grafted (Middle School youth) Thursday 6:30 p.m., Vine (high school) 6:00 p.m. – If you have kids in your neighborhood, tell them what’s happening at Our Saviour’s.

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Finally, the **Men’s and Women’s Retreats** are fast approaching at the end of September. Men’s retreat, September 24-26<sup>th</sup>. The Women’s Retreat September 29-October 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to rising Covid cases, the close proximity of retreat settings, eating and sleeping arrangements – this year we are requiring that **all who attend either retreat be vaccinated**. Thank you for your understanding and efforts to create as safe an environment as possible.

God Bless You All, Pastor Mark