

May 19, 2022 – Congregational Letter #33

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church;

At our last Council meeting, Alex, our Director of Student and Family Ministries, announced that he and Katherine will be accepting a Call to Youth Ministry in a congregation located in the state of Indiana. He is thankful for his time in ministry with us at Our Saviour's, and he is also excited for the new opportunity to focus his skills and passion primarily with high school students. For the last three years, we have been blessed as Alex and Katherine have ministered to all three of our youth groups. Our kids have grown in faith, and each youth group has also grown in size. Please pray for them as they make this new transition to a new opportunity in ministry. Also, please pray for us, as we begin seeking God's direction in ministry for our youth, and who God will Call to us.

Youth ministry and activities will continue throughout the summer and throughout this transition, at Our Saviour's. We are currently developing a plan.

Next week, I will send another email inviting all parents and anyone interested in our youth ministry to attend a "Parent Meeting" where we will discuss in greater detail the steps and plans involved in this transition.

Yes, we are set to celebrate our graduating Seniors on Sunday, June 12th.

Yes, Vacation Bible School will take place on June 22, 23, and 24.

We are planning a **Celebration Day on Sunday, June 5th, at 9:30 a.m.** (between services) – where we can acknowledge and thank Alex and Katherine for their leadership in ministry and their hearts and love for Christ and our youth. Please, Circle that special day on your calendar.

As June 5th will be their final day with us, please be sure to take time, in these next few weeks, to personally express your appreciation for their time and ministry among us. We have been blessed as they have sown deep seeds of faith among our youth.

As a reminder:

This **Sunday, May 22nd, at 9:30 am.** between services, we will be holding our Congregational Forum entitled, “**Vision 2026 and Beyond**”. The purpose is to announce the beginning of a project to explore and develop the **long-term plans** for our congregation. Please plan to attend. God is moving among us and windows of opportunity will be opening up as we move beyond COVID.

Yes, we are faced with all sorts of challenges these days – but listen to these words from Winston Churchill: “Optimistic people see opportunity in every difficulty, whereas a pessimist only sees the difficulty in every opportunity.” Put another way, “I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me!” Philippians 4:13. Let us move in this direction toward Christ!

God Bless You All!

See You Sunday!

In Christ, Pastor Mark