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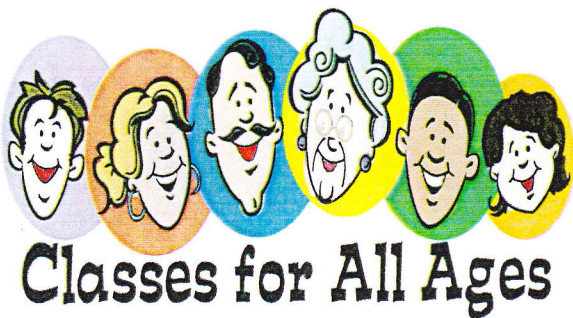
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Sunday
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BEGINNERS DEPARTMENT

The Beginner Department has been learning a lot so far this year, including many exciting stories about Joseph, David and Goliath, and Daniel and his friends. It's never too early to join Sunday school! If you're between the ages of 2 & 3 come, play and learn with us.! Our classroom is located upstairs. We are excited for you to join us!

KID CONNECTION

Kid Connection is for children, kindergarten through 5th grade. Each Sunday we open with a fun introduction and dramatic Bible story. The children then continuing learning and sharing in small groups. We are currently learning about the miracles of Jesus.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

In the Junior Department, we are starting the new year talking about Jesus' Awesome Powers. Our first lesson came from John 2:1-11 where Jesus turns the water into wine. We have a lot of fun in our class. Here are a few of the students' favorite parts of Sunday School:

Ian Faber – "I like learning lessons about Jesus."

Aaron Stegenga – "I like drawing pictures and eating food."

Megan Archer – "I like playing the games."

Bella Rossi – "I like listening to the Bible stories and coloring."

Gabe Rossi – "I like being with friends."

Dominic MonteMayer –

Kenny Pickard – I like that we have a good time together."

If you are in 3rd through 5th grade, we would like to have you join us.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our group is made up of seven church members: Mia Adamus, Gillian Archer, Tyler Faber, Lizzie Kaczmarczyk, Jack Krzyston, and Samantha Stegenga (and her mom... I'm #7) but with all the visitors that have joined us this past year we could have as many as eleven students if they all returned at once. About every third week, our group leads a portion of the large group presentation for the younger grades. We have delivered skits, readers theater, games and readings. Afterward, we meet back in our classroom for a "middle school level" perspective of that day's Bible story. For example, this past week, to go along with the story "Jesus Calms the Storm", we each shared about a time in our lives that was really scary. THEN, and this happens often, the day's sermon connects to the lesson... this time about Jonah's crying to God. AND THEN our discussion is wrapped up into a nice neat little package, signed, sealed and delivered by our Lord. I love it when that happens! To close, we end in prayer that the kingdom is advanced through our discussion for God's glory.



HIGH SCHOOL

The High Schoolers of Thorn Creek meet each week in the Youth room to study God's word. We have been working through the book of Genesis, looking at the faithfulness of God's covenant with his people, following the line of Jesus from Adam. We are currently in chapter 28, where the line of Jesus is continued with Jacob as he flees from Esau. We are also hoping to learn from these examples of faith as we too seek God's continuing plan for our lives.



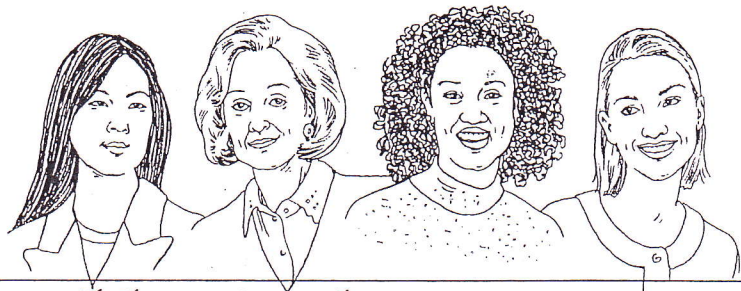
JOY CLASS

We are studying "Friendships in the Bible" like Jonathan and David; how they helped each other, and how God blessed them. We too can be better friends by following their examples. We meet in the Pastor's Office.

ADULT CLASSES

COLLEGE AND CAREER

The newest addition to Sunday School is the College and Career group! We are excited to be meeting in the Narthex to talk about world religions - it will be a time of discussion on what these religions believe and how that compares to Christianity, and ultimately how we can best share our faith with people of these faiths. If you are wondering if you fit in this group, you should definitely swing by and try it out, we would love to have you!



Bible Study for Women

The women's group that meets in the church office continues to study Beth Moore. We have finally finished our study on David and have now started a study on insecurity. This new study is relevant for any woman trying to survive in this fast-paced, image-obsessed culture with a little dignity. We can worry about everything--from our looks to our finances to our relationships. But it doesn't have to be this way. It's time to say, "So long!" to insecurity and focus instead on becoming the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends God intended us to be. Come join us in the church office!!



LESSONS WITH LES

Lessons with Les meets in the Library and consists of mostly "middle aged adults", what? That should be our parents not us! Our class had been together since the mid 1970's. We have enjoyed having Lester VanderSteege as our leader for almost three decades now. He gives us wisdom and we make him shake his head. We are in the throws of the Heidelberg Catechism. For the past few weeks we have been studying Lord's Day 35 - questions 96 - 98. What is God's will for us in the second commandment. Thou shalt not have any God's before me. We have talked about what is in our lives that distract us from God. Soon, we will start studying the third commandment.

Come and join us, young or old (or middle aged) in the Library if this is a topic that interests you.



LIBRARY NEWS

- 1) The Adult Winter Reading Contest is well underway. Read 2500 pages by March 22 and win a prize.
- 2) Two books with their book cards are missing from the library. Please look to see if you have A DIME A DOZEN and A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, both by Mindy Starns Clark. If you find them, please put them on the library desk.
- 3) Share our library's books and DVDs with family and friends. Use them as a witnessing tool.
- 4) Check the church bulletin each week for books and DVDs recently added to the library shelves.
- 5) Return overdue books and DVDs as soon as you can. The overdue fine is 20 cents per week.
- 6) Continue to ask for library (ministry builder) stamps when shopping at Family Christian Stores.
- 7) Feel welcome to check items out of the library during the week. Please sign the book or DVD card and leave it on the library desk. If there is no card in the book or DVD, leave a note with your name and the title of the item.
- 8) Stop by your church library and see what there is to interest you. There is something for everyone!

FEbruary BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Mulder, Susan	February 13	Schaeffer, Lawrence
February 2	Cain, Madhu	February 13	Williamson, Catherine
February 5	Cook, Bob	February 17	De Young, Christopher
February 5	Miedema, James	February 19	Stell, Esther
February 5	Rossi, Isabella	February 21	Santefort, Carol
February 6	De Boer, Krista	February 24	Archer, Michael
February 9	Kingma, Jennie	February 24	Stienstra, Donald
February 10	De Young, Lois	February 24	Wagenaar, Karl
February 11	Gordon, Francis	February 25	Kuiken, David
February 12	Ritzema, Karen	February 26	Kaczmarczyk, Stephen
February 12	Vander Steeg, Jack	February 28	De Young, Stefanie

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Lorna Bischof
John & Barb Schutt

February 3, 1984
February 18, 1967

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Please turn in all articles for the
March issue on
February 22nd following the
morning service (11:00a.m.)



CELEBRATION SINGERS

Thank you one and all for attending, singing, playing, speaking, producing, filming, projecting, and feeding us for our Christmas Concert. We had a great time! Christmas music is glorious! Even though our members were dropping like flies with the flu, enough people jumped in at the last minute to fill our empty places. We have Easter music in our folders now and are already hard at learning new music. Won't you join the fun? At least for a short term stint with our Easter concert? We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00. God's word is filled with references to music and how He loves it when we "sing and shout for joy!" Please join us!

JUNIOR BELLS

Wow do we have a lot of bells to ring! There are six of us playing the bells and we each have at least 3 (or more) each! We started a new song during our last practice and we are learning how to share the bells with our neighbors. It's quite exciting and we're getting it! We learned the whole first page of Jesus Loves Me. You'll be surprised and amazed at our abilities to ring so many bells at once and make music! It might take awhile to polish up this song so you'll see us later in the spring.

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*DENOTES WEEKLY ACTIVITY *9:30am: Worship Service Junior Choir follows service *10:45am: Coffee Fellowship *11:00am: Sunday School</p>						
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