

CHRIST

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing the message of forgiveness and new life in Christ

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The congregation provided direction at the July Quarterly meeting on how to proceed with activities at church, including education. That direction is to open the church with no restrictions. We define “no restrictions” to mean that in-person educational opportunities will be held in a manner similar to how they were conducted on or before March 15, 2020. This includes sanitation procedures. We will follow this practice until a different direction is received.

As a board, our mission continues to be making opportunities available for members to get into the Word whether it be at home, at church or another location. We would like to encourage every member participation and active involvement using the different options that are available to you. We intend to move forward with the following:

Adults

Sunday Adult Bible Study

The study will be held in the sanctuary starting at 10:15 am on September 13, over phone and virtually. Recordings will be made available upon request. [Virtual link](#), Phone: 1-415-655-0001 Meeting number (access code): 126 630 0926 Meeting password: AdultBible (23858242)

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Starting on September 9 the class will be offered at 9 am in the sanctuary. Recordings will be made available upon request.

Men's Bible Study

This will operate the same as it has over the summer (virtual, phone, in-person) at 9 am continuing September 12 in the fellowship hall (basement). Virtual, phone information available upon request.

Women's Bible Study

The study will start on Monday, October 12 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall (basement).

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Growing Together in Christ

Members will have an opportunity to participate in this weekly self-study that can be done at a time and place of the members' choosing. A new series on 1 Corinthians starts the week of September 13. E-mail sign-up is at [ChristMerrill.com/email](mailto:ChristMerrill.com@email). There is a sign-up in the narthex for those wanting the paper version. Studies will be mailed home upon request.

Meditations

This is an inspiring, personal devotional booklet offering daily Scripture based, soul-searching studies of God's Word. If you would like to get a copy of this periodical for the calendar year 2021, please sign-up on the narthex bulletin board or call 715-921-5132 by September 27.

Youth

Youth Group

The group will meet in-person and virtually as scheduled.

Catechism

The class will start on September 9 at 4:15 pm and will meet in the fellowship hall (basement).

Sunday School

Student lessons will be provided to parents/guardians through mail or e-mail upon request. Grades PK-6 have the option to watch lessons taught by experienced WELS teachers and will be available free via <https://online.nph.net/ss-at-home> starting September 13. There will be no music offering at this time. Parental and staff input, along with the direction from the congregation, were all considered in making this determination.

An in-person class will be available starting September 13 at 10:15 am. More details later.

Teen Bible Study

A four-part series called *Focused Living in Christ* is available to our teens. The study can be done weekly on their own time with lessons available through the WELS Youth Ministries website: <https://welscongregationalservices.net/youth-bible-study-focused-living-in-christ/>. The suggested start date is September 13. Parental and staff input, along with the direction from the congregation, were all considered in making this determination.

Teens are invited to come to the basement to do the four-part web study. More details later.

As we go through this time, our goal is to offer opportunities to keep our members in the Word whether it be in your home, at the church or somewhere in between. Please let us know how we may accommodate your situation.

In Christ,
Board of Christian Education

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