

“News from Your School”

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What's YOUR Plan???

August! This month signals so much, doesn't it? The last month of summer is usually packed with family get-togethers, visiting friends, picnics, and perhaps squeezing in one more camping trip or vacation. And, if you have school-aged children, there are the preparations for a new school year thrown in the mix, too. Supplies are gathered, clothes and shoes are checked to see if they still fit, and appointments are made for annual checkups. Calendars are filled in to keep everyone's fall schedules on track.

One thing that needs to go on all of our calendars for sure is weekly worship and Sunday school. Gone are the days where the only thing “going on” on Sunday is church, right? As God's people, we need to actually be intentional about attending weekly worship and setting aside time for Sunday school and Bible class. We certainly don't want to let our most important part of the week get overlooked because of other events, no matter how important they may appear to be. Thank goodness we have choices for worship at Good Shepherd! Thursdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am help us out in our planning, doesn't it?

Of course, Sunday school happens after Sunday worship at 10:15. Kim Bestian writes about the importance of Sunday school on the CPH blog ... *“God calls parents to be the first faith-influencers of their children. The church can help parents with this responsibility. It can provide Christian experiences*

for children to express their faith with peers, which is something parents cannot always provide. Children benefit from being with other Christian children. That's huge! They also find out that they can learn about God from others besides their parents. They develop relationships with their brothers and sisters in Christ. They learn how to reconcile with others outside their family. They are inspired and empowered with other children to face the week ahead with God's help. By remembering God's words, they are comforted and encouraged when confronted with fears and dangers. Such experiences prepare them for life now and their future life to come.”

Family Worship



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Bestian later addresses the importance of regular Sunday school attendance with these thoughts: *“Many parents may understand that Sunday School is a good thing. But there are parents who fail to value attending each Sunday. Sunday school teachers work very hard to prepare lessons weekly. ... Teachers and children need one another. When classmates are missing, the whole group suffers.”* This makes sense. It's like an incomplete team! Certainly this is something to prayerfully consider.

So, as we make our plans for fall and are busy filling in our calendars, let's remember to **intentionally** include worship and Sunday school in our agendas. In fact, as parents, let's try finding our own “comfort spot” in adult Bible class. Learning and growing together as families – **what a blessing!**



IMPORTANT EDUCATION DATES!

- August 16: Preschool Parent Orientation 6:30-7:30 pm
- August 23: Preschool Family Open House 6:00-7:30 pm
- August 30: Back-to-School Open House 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- September 5: First Day of School (8:30 -3:30)
- September 10: First Day of Sunday School (10:15)