

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS | FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE - February 25, 2024

- 9:00 AM Coffee & Open Forum
- 10 AM Sunday Worship
- 10:45 AM Food & Fellowship
- 11:45 AM Youth Catechism Class

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE - March 3, 2024

- 9:30 AM Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- 10 AM Sunday Worship
- 10:45 AM Food & Fellowship
- 11:45 AM Youth Catechism Class

"MIX-IT-UP" MARCH Every year, around March, we try to shake things up a little to allow us to grow together as a congregation by changing some of our comfortable habits. Here's what we're asking you to do in March this year:

- Sit in a different seat/location during worship each Sunday.
- During worship, when prompted, take 5 minutes to greet the people sitting near you.
- Sit at a table that has people outside of your family unit at it during the time for food & fellowship after worship each Sunday. (This might mean that your family unit has to split up.)

One more new thing that we'll plan to do over the next several weeks is an after-worship activity during the time for food & fellowship. The schedule of activities is as follows:

- Feb. 25 Various board games will be placed at tables. Tablemates are encouraged to play while they eat.
- March 3 A trivia game will be hosted for the entire gathering center. Tablemates can work together to compete against other tables. Prizes will be awarded.
- March 10 After grabbing something to eat, we'll do a group hike to the top of Thompson Hill.
- March 17 Teams will be randomly assigned, and we'll have a fast-paced corn hole tournament.
- March 24 Ice Cream Social
- March 31 Easter Breakfast

**COFFEE & OPEN FORUM** For the next several months (Feb through May), in place of the family Bible study hour, which takes place at 9a every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we will instead hold an hour of coffee and open forum. Those who attend are welcome to discuss Bibe questions, church business, life in the Tri-Cities, or really anything else. During these months, we will offer Bible study opportunities through Small Group Ministry (see below).

**YOUTH INDOOR GAME NIGHT** Held on Fri, Feb 23, starting at 6:30 PM. Anyone age 5-17 is invited to attend and welcome to bring friends and/or chaperones. Please bring a snack to share. Games will be provided.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** You are invited to breakfast on Friday, February 23. Breakfast is served 6:30a-8a. Visit with children, parents, teachers, and other church members as you enjoy pancakes and other breakfast delights.

**SMALL GROUPS AT SOUTHRIDGE CHURCH** At the end of February, we will begin a 3-month small-group ministry. The idea of small-group ministry is to create opportunities for small groups of people connected to our congregation to get together during the week, outside of Sunday worship, and deepen their relationships with God and each other. This will happen twice a month at host homes/locations through conversation, Bible study and refreshments. Below, we'll share the hosts, locations, and schedules of each small group so that you can see where and when each will meet. As you find a group that works for you and/or your family, just sign up on the appropriate sheet which is available in the entryway of church. You can also sign up by reaching our office by email or phone. The host of your group will then contact you to make sure you know what to expect before the first gathering. Please note: Since this is a newer concept to our congregation, we plan to start with only 3 different groups and will place a cap on attendance. Please don't delay in signing up. Thank you!

#### SMALL GROUP 1 - 10 SPOTS REMAIN

Host: Chris & Alison Breitkreitz - Near the Country Mercantile in Richland, off Dallas Road Exit

Schedule: Every other Wednesday evening (7p-8:30p), starting February 28

Attendees: Max attendance is 15, children are welcome

## **SMALL GROUP 2 - FULL**

Host: Vaughn & Miriam Vogel – In Richland, near the corner of Steptoe and Columbia Park Trail

Schedule: Every other Thursday afternoon (2p-3:30p), starting March 7

Attendees: Max attendance is 11, adults only

## SMALL GROUP 3 – 9 SPOTS REMAIN

Host: Southridge Church – In the Gathering Center of Southridge Church

Schedule: Every other Sunday (4:30p-6p), starting February 25 Attendees: Max attendance is 20, children are welcome

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS			
Position	February 25	March 3	
Greeter/Usher	Richard Pierson & Eric Penland	John P & Larry E	
Food Host	Sandy P & Janet D	Southridge Church	
Altar/Communion Prep	N/A	Josie Penland	
Audio/Video	Zack Penland & Peyton Edinger	Zack Penland & Peyton Edinger	
Children's Ministry	Boston B & Reagan J	Crystal & Hannah Benson	

Weekly Giving Feb 16 - 22, 2024		
Offering Total:	\$5,291.94	
General:	\$5,141.94	
Missions:	\$50.00	
Evergreen Lutheran HS:	\$100.00	
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