

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Sunday School



Sharing God's Word

with your kids

A Guide for Sunday School Families



Purpose

Our Sunday School program's aim is to assist the congregation in carrying out its God-given task to “go and *make disciples of all nations*, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and *teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you* (Matthew 28:19-20).” **To that end, we make it our goal to assist parents in their God-given responsibility to train their children in the Lord.** As the Holy Spirit works in the Word held out to children, He will teach them the saving truths of *justification* – how we are saved and *sanctification* – how we show our thanks and praise in our everyday lives in light of God's saving grace.

What We Teach



We currently use the *Growing in Christ* Curriculum. Each week your student(s) will dive into God's Word to learn and reinforce those basic truths of Christianity: *Jesus Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.*

(Luther's Small Catechism: Explanation to the second article)

Attendance



The prophet Isaiah, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote, “Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on him while He is near (Isaiah 55:6).” That’s going to change the way we look at attendance right off the bat. In a world where we seem to ask, “What can I get away with?” more and more, **Christians will seek to use every opportunity to help our children build a firm foundation in the Word.** God’s gift of faith given through this word, changes our outlook from “What can I get away with?” to “How much can I fit in when it comes to that gracious Word of God?”

*Mark your
calendars*



The times for Sunday School (9-10am every Sunday during the school year) as well as our church services and adult Bible Studies are clearly listed on the church calendar, in the weekly bulletins, and on the online calendar at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com. Please use these to promote regular attendance.

Sunday School Attendance is considered mandatory for our public and homeschooled children as they do not have the opportunity to regularly gather together with fellow believers around the Word. It is also considered a part of the Confirmation Curriculum preparing students with the Bible History knowledge essential for the in depth discussion of Catechism classes (7&8 Grade). Finally, it is encouraged for our School and preschool families as a way to deepen the working knowledge of Holy Scripture received in our educational system. Pre-K students ages 3&4 are welcome to attend Sunday School if their parents judge them to be ready and they are potty trained.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

At the beginning of each year we register our students so that any necessary information for the well being of your child is in the hands of their Sunday School teachers. Registrations sheets can be downloaded online or picked up at church at the beginning of each year. New Students are welcome to begin Sunday School at anytime during the year. If your child has special needs, please contact one of our pastors and we can see what arrangements can be made. As Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these (Matthew 19:14).”* Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to visit the Sunday School classrooms any Sunday. If your children have unchurched friends, Sunday School can serve as a low key way to introduce them to church.

Sunday School



ACTIVITIES

The First Day of Sunday School, all our students gather together in the chapel for a group devotion and introduction to their teachers who then lead them back to their individual rooms. There they have opportunity to ease into the regular routine and get to know each other better while parents have a short meeting in the Church. *Sunday School usually begins the first Sunday after Labor Day.*

Group Lessons/Activities occasionally occur throughout the year. The entire Sunday School will gather together for special presentations or activities. Most Commonly this is the Kids Connection but from time to time other presentations have been given as well.



School and Sunday School Christmas Service is usually held in the afternoon of the Sunday before Christmas. Two rehearsals are held to prepare for this worship opportunity on the two Saturdays prior to the service.



A Lenten Worship Singing Opportunity is also made available to the children of Sunday School during one of our 6:30pm Wednesday Services. The children usually learn a Lenten song and have opportunity to sing it for the benefit of the congregation and as an opportunity for them to learn to confess their faith before one another and the congregation.

The Closing Day of Sunday School is usually slightly more relaxed as teachers prepare various closing activities and other items. Occasionally, there may also be a group Lesson or activity that day. *The closing Day of Sunday School is usually scheduled for the Sunday before Memorial Day Weekend.*

MEMORY WORK

Memory Work is a common tool used in the learning of Scripture. Your child will have weekly memory work assignments to equip and prepare them for Catechism classes here at St. Paul's. More importantly however, it will allow them to acquire an internal library of Scripture to answer questions and fight temptation.

Sunday School Supply List

- All children Pre-K through grade 8 need a folder for the various handouts they will be receiving.
- Grades 3-8 also require a pen or pencil and a Bible (NIV preferably)

Our grade levels are divided into sets of two. Preschool and Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grades 7-8 are together.

A mission Offering is collected every week in each classroom. ½ of the year is usually designated to a home mission of our Synod and ½ to a world mission opportunity of our synod. This also serves as a wonderful opportunity to teach children about the blessings of Christian Stewardship.

What can a parent do for an hour? St. Paul's offers an Adult Bible Class scheduled for the same time on Sunday mornings. Drop your child off at their appropriate classroom and get in on the discussion of God's Word going on in our fellowship hall and while your children's faith is growing in Christ, yours can be too.

Do you still have more questions for us before you send your children? We would love to answer them.

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