

LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday School

All God's children are called to a deeper relationship
with Jesus Christ through life long learning.

2009 - 2010

Sunday School

Handbook

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We welcome you to Sunday School!

Living Springs is committed to partnering with you to raise your child in the faith. At Sunday School your child will learn about God's faithfulness to God's people through hearing stories from the Old and New Testament. This will be interactive learning where children will apply what they have learned to their own lives.

Although there are many learning opportunities throughout the year including: Summer Camp, Vacation Bible School, First Communion Instruction, youth groups, etc. Sunday School is the primary educational opportunity for our children. However, the most important way that children learn about God's faithfulness is through their parents as they live faithfully in God's grace.

I pray that you will not only bring your children to Sunday School, so that they can learn more about God's love, but that you will also attend Sunday School as we grow together in God's grace.

Pastor Chris

Parents and caring adults are to tell children about God's faithfulness.

-Isaiah 38:19

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to Living Springs Lutheran Church Sunday School! We are committed to providing a quality Lutheran Sunday School program for children, youth and adults that is scripture-based and grace-centered. Here are the highlights of the program this year:

- The Sunday School Program operates from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday. Superintendents are Sherri Staudt and Jean Cronin. The Confirmation Director is Jan Berger. The Adult Education Director is Bob Gill.
- This year, there are more than 30 **teachers** who devote their time and gifts to teaching. Their steadfast commitment is much appreciated.
- **Children's songs** are led by Sharon Fletcher on the lower level of the administration building beginning at 9:15. Class ends at 10:30, students grade 2 and younger will be released to parents, guardians or older siblings as indicated on the child's registration form. Students grade 3+ will be dismissed at 10:30.
- A **nursery** for children younger than 2 years of age is available during the Sunday School hour and located in Backyard Buddies room on the lower level of the administration building.
- Our youngest group, the **Beginner's Bible Kids** ages 2 & 3, will be taught timeless Bible stories with colorful felt storyboards. This class will meet in the Forest Friends room, located on the lower level of the administration building.
- PreK - Gr 6 students experience the joy in meeting Jesus and getting to know the Bible as God's Word with our new curriculum, **Come and See Jesus!** The lesson topics follow the revised common lectionary. Classes will meet on the lower level of the administration building.
- **Confirmation** education begins in the 7th grade. Instructors teach core, traditional Lutheran principles and doctrine, as well as in-depth studies of Old and New Testament, Baptism, Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and Holy Communion. Experiences in music, movies, science, and other activities deepen the learning and incorporate life application lessons for today's youth. The curriculum is **Here We Stand**, published by Augsburg Fortress. Classes are held on the main level in the Katie room.
- The **High School Youth** Sunday School Program seeks to engage young people in looking at world events through the lens of faith and Scripture. Classes are held on the main level of the administration building in the Luther room.
- The central purpose of **Adult Education** is to nurture faith and support each other as disciples. Two adult education classes are offered.
 - ⇒ The Book of Faith Bible Study meets in the Narthex. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles and will be enlivened by the Word.
 - ⇒ The Large Group Study meets in the Ducate Fellowship Hall where instructors present a variety of topics for group discussion.

Come and learn! Let us grow together in faith!

The Christian Education Ministry Team

Calendar of Events 2009 - 2010

August 15	Christian Education Training Workshop Day @ 9 AM
August 15 - 16	Blessing of the Backpacks @ Worship
August 16	Sunday School Teacher Installation @ Worship
August 23	Rally Day
August 30	Begin Sunday School Classes Entering Sunday School Faith Milestone – Age 2 & 3 @ 9:30 Entering Confirmation Faith Milestone @ Worship
October 25	Reformation Sunday – No Sunday School Classes Rite of Confirmation @ Worship
November 15	Bring Your Bible Sunday – Intergenerational Event
December 13	Children’s Christmas Program Rehearsal @ 9:30 in the Sanctuary
December 20 December 27	Christmas Break No Sunday School Classes
February 7	Prayer Sunday – Intergenerational Event
February 28 March 7	Kids & Money Faith Milestone Grades 1 & 2 @ 9:30
March 28	Palm Sunday: Gr 5 & 6 teach the Easter Story
April 4	Easter Sunday No Sunday School Classes
May 9	Last Day of Sunday School Classes
May 16	Year End Celebration / Teacher Appreciation

We celebrate our **Sunday School Teachers** who are dedicated to teaching God's word!

CLASS	TEACHER
Beginner's Bible Kids Ages 2 & 3 Forest Friends Room	Jean Cronin
Come and See Jesus PreK-K Busy Bugs Room	Sarah Sweitzer Shannon Johnson
Come and See Jesus Gr 1 & 2 Farm Friends Room	Sherri Staudt, Lisa Bishton, Alison Levitt
Come and See Jesus Gr 3 & 4 Rainforest Room	Diane Rager
Come and See Jesus Gr 5 & 6 Teacher's Lounge	Steve Cronin
Here We Stand Confirmation Gr 7 & 8 Katie Room	Jan Berger, Mike Davidson, Pastor Bob, Bob & Laura Turnmire
High School Youth Luther Room	Sharon Fletcher, Craig Stoxen
Adult Education Narhex and Ducate Fellowship Hall	Craig Stoxen, Bob Gill, Pete Amoth, Vicar Sarah Flatt, Jennifer Wiggins, Sarah Sweitzer, Peter Moore, Dan Wuori, Pastor Bob, Pastor Chris, Nickie Riley, Jerry Horan, Peter & Debbie Zvejnieks
Substitute Teachers for Children's Classes	Amy Sensabaugh, Kari Arnold, Brantley Davidson, Dan Wuori, Amy Olsen, Peg Fox

NOTE: Students grade 2 and younger will be released to parents, guardians or older siblings as indicated on the child's registration form. Students grade 3+ will be dismissed at 10:30.

LESSON TOPICS

Date	Beginner's Bible Kids Age 2 & 3	Come and See Jesus PreK – Gr 6	Here We Stand Confirmation
8/23	RALLY DAY ALL AGES		
8/30	Entering SS Milestone	The Book of Ruth	Confirmation Orientation
9/6	The Beginning	Jesus Heals A Dead Man	Old Testament
9/13	Noah's Ark	Hezekiah's Prayer	Abraham and Sarah
9/20	A New Home	Who is the Greatest?	Sarah, Hagar & Abraham
9/27	Isaac's Blessing	Gideon's Victory	Isaac and Rebekah
10/4	Joseph's Colorful Coat	God Creates Eve	Jacob and Esau
10/11	Pharaoh's Dreams	Jesus and a Rich Man	Joseph
10/18	A Baby in the Basket	Jesus Teaches About Serving	Moses and Pharaoh
10/25	REFORMATION SUNDAY – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES		
11/1	The Red Sea	God's Holy People	The Ten Commandments
11/8	Food From Heaven	Elijah and a Widow	Wilderness to Land
11/15	BRING YOUR BIBLE SUNDAY – INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT		
11/22	The Ten Commandments	King Jesus Before Pilate	Judges
11/29	An Angel Visits Mary	God's Wonderful Promise	Top Ten Bible Miracles
12/6	Baby Jesus is Born	The Birth of John the Baptist	Ruth
12/13	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL		Samuel and Saul
12/20	CHRISTMAS BREAK		
12/27	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES		
1/3	The Bright Star	Wise Men Visit the Christ Child	King David
1/10	John Baptizes Jesus	The Baptism of Jesus	Lesson on Epiphany
1/17	Jesus Chooses His Disciples	Jesus Changes Water to Wine	Wisdom Writings
1/24	Jesus Feeds Thousands	The Church: One Body, Many Parts	David and Nathan
1/31	Jesus and the Children	Jesus is Received at Nazareth	Solomon
2/7	PRAYER SUNDAY – INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT		
2/14	The Good Neighbor	Mose's Shining Face	Israel
2/21	The Poor Widow's Gift	Harvest First Fruits	Judah (Part 1)
2/28	The Lost Sheep	Jesus' Sorrow For Jerusalem	Judah (Part 2)
3/7	A Short Man	The Golden Calf	The Exile
3/14	The Lost Son	The Parable of the Lost Son	The Return
3/21	The True King	The Passover	Ezra and Nehemiah
3/28	PALM SUNDAY / GR 5&6 TEACH THE EASTER STORY		Esther
4/4	EASTER SUNDAY – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES		
4/11	Jesus Returns	Peter's Escape From Prison	Job
4/18	Loving Others	Saul's Conversion	Daniel
4/25	Jesus is Always With Us	Dorcas	Psalms of Praise
5/2	Jesus Goes to Heaven	A Picture of Heaven	How to Receive God's Grace Daily
5/9	The Friends of Jesus	Paul's Vision	Rehearse
5/16	YEAR END CELEBRATION / TEACHER APPRECIATION		

High School Youth will study ELCA Faith Lens and Dave Ramsey's Generation Change Bible Study. Book of Faith Bible Study will study the New Testament. Adult Education topics will be listed in the bulletin.

Expectations & Affirmative Discipline Policy

Discipline procedures are designed to be fair, consistent, effective, and loving. Our approach is to use positive reinforcement, warning, and time out from the group for behavior that endangers others, is disrespectful, or continually disrupts the program.

Our students are expected to bring **MORE** to their classroom:

1. **Model** Christian behavior. What would Jesus do?
2. **Obey** their teachers.
3. **Respect** everyone.
4. **Exercise** appropriate language.

In addition, teachers are encouraged to make **DEPOSITS** into their student's Christian education.

1. **Demonstrate** Christian values.
2. **Empathize**.
3. **Prepare** lesson plans and media aids before class time.
4. **Orchestrate** age appropriate instruction.
5. **Start** class on time.
6. **Identify & support** individual learning needs.
7. **Tell** the students your expectations.
8. **Sustain** child protection policies.

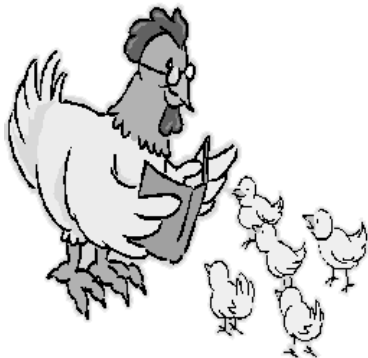
When misconduct occurs, after all is done to prevent it, the following discipline progression and procedure will be used:

1. Remind the child of rules and expected behavior.
2. Redirect the child's activity. Remove the child from the misbehavior site, and involve the child in a new activity.
3. Remove the child from all activities for a time-out period so that the child can calm down, regain control, and think about the situation. Co-superintendent may be asked to assist.
4. Remove the child from the room under the supervision of the co-superintendent until the child regains control and is ready to comply with the expected behavior and rules.
5. The co-superintendent should contact the parents and arrange for a conference, if there is no success after step 4 and the child continues to display disruptive, disrespectful, or harmful behavior towards others.

The goal is to get the child to reflect on his/her behavior. ***Corporal punishment is never permitted.*** This includes, but is not limited to, spanking, biting, slapping, shaking, unusually long time-outs, or depriving of food, water, or bathroom usage.

Child and Youth Protection Policy

Living Springs Lutheran Church is committed to being a true sanctuary, both nurturing and protecting its members and visitors. Abuse and harassment are, therefore, violations of the faith shared by this congregation.



The key to any relationship is communication. We encourage you to get to know your child's teacher or ministry connection. Find out who your son or daughter is spending time with at church. While we do everything possible to ensure safety within the ministries, you are the best advocate for your child.

If you believe your child is experiencing any form of mistreatment (injury, bullying, gossip), please contact the ministry or your child's teacher directly. We ask this as we may not yet be aware of the situation with your child. Similarly, if you have concerns about your child's teacher or ministry leader, please trust your instincts and contact the Pastor or a staff administrator as soon as possible.

You may feel confident that the teachers and leaders in each ministry hold the safety of your child in the highest regard. We have taken great care to develop guidelines, policies and procedures to increase safety while your child is involved in ministry.

Please feel free to contact the ministry or your child's teacher anytime with questions or concerns. Or you may contact the church office directly at livingspgslutheran@sc.rr.com or 803-736-0661.

Heifer International

Heifer International is a non-profit organization that offers a sustainable approach to end hunger and poverty worldwide

- one family at a time
- one animal at a time

Heifer's strategy is...

To “pass on the gift.” As people share their animals’ offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

Since January 2005, the offerings collected at Living Springs Lutheran Church Sunday School have supported the Heifer Project. To date, the congregation has donated more than \$9,850. While kids might have difficulty in understanding what it means to write a check to charity, they can easily grasp the power of giving an animal – a goat, flock of chickens, cow, llama or honey bees – to poor families in 128 countries around the world.

In addition to sponsoring animals to fill the ark, children may participate in the Read to Feed program.

- Read to Feed encourages children to read for pleasure and understanding.
- It is empowering. Children discover that they have the power to change the world.
- In addition to a global education opportunity, Read to Feed provides a way to help children understand and appreciate the complex web of relationships between people, actions and environment.
- Through Read to Feed, you can say to your children, "This is what the world can look like, and this is how we can get there. It's not too late!"

A selection of books are available in the church library on the main level of the administration building, or your child may select the books they like from the website. www.heiferreadtofeed.org

Thank you for your support in this Sunday School mission project. To learn more, visit www.heifer.org