



Sunday School Handbook

2009—2010

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Welcome

What JOY to be back in Sunday School! Christian education is one of if not the most important ministries in which a church can engage. We cherish those times of study that cause us to grow in our relationship to Jesus Christ. Our Sunday School has dedicated and gifted program coordinators and equally gifted and committed teachers, crew leaders, and helpers. So, we welcome and invite children of all ages to grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God—a living-out of our Baptismal promise together.

Pastor Lyn



VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Joy's Vision Statement

Grounded in scripture and Lutheran tradition and led by the Holy Spirit, we are growing people into a deeper relationship with Christ and to greater service in our community and world.

Joy's Mission Statement

We share the love of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with all people through worship and discipleship to extend Christ's kingdom in the world.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

2009

August 19	Teacher Orientation
September 13	Rally Sunday Teacher Installation
September 20	First day of class
September 27	4th Grade Bible Presentation
October 4	First Communion
October TBA	Fire Drill
October 25	Confirmation
To be announced	Christmas Kids Program
December 25	Christmas (NO SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 27)

2010

January 3	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 4	Easter (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
May 16	Teacher Appreciation

2009-2010 SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

SUNDAY SCHOOL CO-COORDINATORS:

Lisa Block (303-805-4134)

Carol Yoss (303-840-8093)

PRESCHOOL (Preschool classrooms)

Preschool Opener:

Fall Rotation

Storytelling: Naomi Brutlag

Crafts: Carol Robideaux

Movie: Susan Lewis

Science: Chuck West

Spring Rotation

Storytelling: Lisa Jensen

Crafts: Laura Jones

Cooking: Naomi Brutlag

Science: Chuck West

Crew Leaders

2's: Kristy Davis & Paul/Tonya Ferrando

3's:

4's: Gary Block & Katie Fox

4's: Kathy Johnson & Nancy Vorderstrasse

1st THROUGH 3rd GRADE (Big Room)

Opener: Colette Miller

Fall Rotation

Storytelling: Dale Odernheimer

Cooking: Pia Williams

Movie: Sarah & Brian Hassler

Science: Chuck West

Spring Rotation

Storytelling: Sheri Hoff

Crafts: Cindy Zediker

Games: Kristi Barta

Science: Chuck West

Crew Leaders

1st Grade: Michele Scaperlanda & Samantha Doty

2nd Grade: Tracey Ramirez & Erin Jacobs

3rd Grade: Sheri Giles & Lori Benolken

4th GRADE TEACHER: Al Snook

5th GRADE TEACHERS: Tiffany Jessop and Karen Hoppestad

6th GRADE TEACHER: Lea Martellaro

7th GRADE TEACHER: Steve Nack

8th GRADE TEACHERS: Lois Tan and Todd/Cami Jacobsen

CURRICULUM AND GOALS

Two year olds through third graders are using *Kingdom Stories* Rotation model by Augsburg Fortress. The fourth through eighth grade curriculum is *Witness Works* by Augsburg Fortress. *Witness* Sunday school curriculum teaches kids to “learn from the Bible to Live the Good News.” *Witness* session is easy to use and has three goals (know, grow, and show) that carry out the theme and broaden both teachers’ and learners’ understanding of the story. These goals help everyone remember what it means to be a witness in the world. A witness is someone who

- KNOWS the Word,
- GROWS in Faith, and
- SHOWS service.

The *Witness* curriculum is:

- Biblical: based on a strong Biblical foundation;
- Mission-oriented: dedicated to the mission to “Learn from the Bible to Live the Good News;”
- Salvation story focused: committed to teaching the salvation story each year within a complete two-year cycle; and
- Age-appropriate; focused on presenting the Bible stories in a way that engages learners appropriately for their age.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Sign in and out

Parents sign students up to 3rd grade in and out.

B. Behavior Expectations

It is the belief of the Children's Ministry staff that both volunteers and children exhibit the Fruit of the Spirit when attending any program. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control."
Galatians 5:22

Our goal is to provide a warm and caring classroom environment that is safe and conducive to learning. Our Sunday school expectations are:

1. Be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing,
2. Be respectful to yourself, others, and property, and
3. Be safe and responsible.

In the event that a child is having trouble exhibiting the Fruit of the Spirit, the following steps will be taken:

1. A positive verbal prompt will be given by the volunteer to the child to make a better choice;
2. If the behavioral issues continue, a time out for the child, from the group will take place and a Children's Ministry staff person may talk with the child to try and support them in making a better choice; and
3. If the behavior is not resolved, the child will be taken to join his/her parent or will sit with a responsible adult at the Sunday school desk.

It is our desire to walk with you in your role as a parent and spiritual leader. We want to help you and your child work through these issues in a loving, Christ-centered way, along with ensuring that each child's experience is a positive and safe one.

Please make sure your child knows where you are and how you can be reached.

C. Emergency procedures

Emergency evacuations are posted in each classroom. Fire drills are conducted each semester.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Following is a list of job descriptions for each position that we have available in the Sunday school areas.

Please read them carefully and prayerfully, and use them to choose how you will partner with us in leading your children on their journey with Christ.

1. Sunday School Teacher: Requires one-year commitment
2. Rotational Model Crew Leader: Requires one-year commitment
3. Rotational Model Workshop Teacher: Requires September-December and a January-May commitment to teach art, storytelling, drama/movie, or games/cooking throughout the year
4. Substitute Teacher: Available when needed throughout the year

