



## ***Welcome to Christ Lutheran's Sunday School Program 2009 – 2010***

Christ Lutheran Christian Education Ministry is dedicated to assisting the family with the cultivation of a foundation for the growth of our children's faith. Attending Sunday School is one place where we can share our knowledge, love of Christ, and faith experience freely with our children as a way to demonstrate Christ's love for all of us.

The program that is used by Christ Lutheran Church for PreK – 4<sup>th</sup> gr. is published by Augsburg Fortress and is titled *Witness*. This program offers a two-year cycle of resources that build a solid biblical foundation for all learners. The goal of the program is to match the characteristics of a witness and the job of witnessing. A witness is someone who *knows* the Word, *grows* in faith, and *shows* service. To witness is to respond to God's gifts of Word, faith, and service. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be piloting a brand new curriculum from Augsburg Fortress. It is called *SPARK: Activate Faith* and has many features that we think our children will enjoy, including vivid graphics, weekly leaflets that are age-appropriate, and more relevance to their life. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have a variety of topics to discuss. As part of their confirmation program they need to attend a minimum of 8 weeks a year, but may attend all topics.

It is important to remember that we should be working together to help our children find their place in our church community. Religious education provides information about our Lutheran traditions, but faith begins at home. As parents, you are the primary teachers of our faith. The Sunday School program and teachers are here to provide you and your children with resources and support, but without parental involvement these lessons are meaningless. We encourage you to take an active part in your children's faith formation. Some ways to do this include; attending Family Express service, taking part in your child's Milestone Ministry event, helping out in your child's Sunday School class, checking out resources from the library, or ask your children about their lesson each week.

Children learn by example. Both Sunday School teachers and parents must provide living examples for our children. By working together, we will help to prepare the foundation that is needed for our children to continue to grow in their faith and become active members of our church community.

## **Registration and Placement Policies**

Registration for Sunday School begins in August. Children PreK (3 years old) thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to register. Forms can be found in the Ambassador, online at the church website [www.clcstoughton.org](http://www.clcstoughton.org) and at the church office. Announcements are placed in the bulletin also.

1. Families are asked to fill out a registration form for each child they are registering. We use this information to update our church records so we ask that at least one of the forms be complete and specific.
2. Registration fees are used to cover part of the cost of Sunday School curriculum and supplies. Fees for 2009-2010 are \$20.00/child or \$40.00/family. Fees may be waived.
3. Children are placed with the class that they would be with in the school system under most circumstances. Occasionally, classes may be combined due to teacher shortage or extremely small class size.
4. Parents, please consider helping out in your child's class one time to provide support for the teacher and your child, especially if your child is younger.
5. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders will also sign up for Sunday School. Confirmation students are required to attend 16 weeks of Sunday School within a two-year time period. We prefer that they attend a minimum of 8 weeks each year. They are welcome to attend all sessions that are available.

## **Behavioral Guidelines**

- Family Express Service begins at **9:10 am** and lasts until roughly 9:40. We invite you to sit with your children and attend this service. Please be prompt to help us settle all the children down to begin worship on time.
- Children are dismissed from Family Express to go to their Sunday School classrooms. Sunday School lasts from 9:40 until **10:20 am**.
- Make sure children are prepared to be in class. Having a good breakfast first will help them to focus on the lesson. Please do not allow your children to bring distracting items to class such as electronics or toys.
- Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up should bring *The Adventure Bible* with them.
- Please help your children to understand what type of behavior is expected of them while at Family Express and Sunday School.
- Please make a commitment to have your children at Sunday School on a regular basis. Make it a habit and part of your children's normal routine. Ask them about what they learned at Sunday School each week.

## **Sunday School Classrooms**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Room Name</b>	<b>Staff Name</b>
PreK-3/4 (A – L)	<i>Noah</i>	<b>Holly Nelson</b>
PreK-3/4 (M – Z)	<i>David</i>	<b>Nina Milbauer / Kiersten Hosfeld</b>
Kindergarten	<i>Abraham</i>	<b>Lisa Graffin / Elizabeth Miller</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Solomon</i>	<b>Matt Geister-Jones / Kirsten Sletten</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Daniel</i>	<b>Jenifer Model / Kirsten Sletten</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Esther</i>	<b>Lisa Quale / Stephanie Stokes</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Jonah</i>	<b>Eileen Klinzing / Alix Klinzing</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Isaac</i>	<b>Rachel &amp; Sara Tupper / Ivyanne &amp; Margo Elborough</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ruth</i>	<b>Dave Erdman / Danita Ewald</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lower Youth Room</i>	<b>Pastor Paula / Madeline Koch</b>

## **Holy Communion**

The Family Express Service will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month beginning in October. Parents are encouraged to commune with their children. Children who have not gone through the First Communion classes will be encouraged to take a small piece of bread to become familiar with the ritual.



## **Bad Weather**

During the winter month's weather can sometimes be a problem. Use your best judgment as to whether you should risk coming out into the elements. If it is questionable as to whether Sunday School is being held, please escort your children inside the church, or call the church office at 873-9353 and listen to the message on the answering machine for cancellations. *We will cancel Sunday School in case of a blizzard warning.*

## **Sunday School / Education Events Schedule 2009-10**

### **September 13, (Wed. 16), 20, & 27**

- September 13 Kick-off Sunday
- September 16 Confirmation orientation *Journey Begins - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade*

### **October 4, 11, 18, & 25**

- October 4 & 11 Parents and child meet with pastor to learn how to use your Bible. *Milestone Ministry – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*
- October 11 Receive Bibles during Family Express Service. *Milestone Ministry – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*
- October 18 PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> gr. sing at 10:30 am service
- October 25 (Reformation Sunday) Confirmation Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### **November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**

- November 22, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> gr. sing at 8:00 am service
- November 29 Practice for Christmas program for portion of Sunday School class hour
- November 29 Make Advent logs with devotion guides to use during Advent season. *Milestone Ministry – 1<sup>st</sup> grade*

### **December 6, 13, (Sat. 19), & 20**

- December – all month NO Sunday School for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, they will help w/ SS Program
- December 6, 13, 20 Practice for Christmas program for portion of Sunday School class hour
- December 19 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas program
- December 20 Sunday School Christmas program at 10:30 am
- December 27 *No Sunday School*

### **January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31**

- January 3 *No Sunday School*

### **February 7, 14, 21, & 28**

- February 16, PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> gr. sing at 8:00 am service
- February 28 Parent and child attend First Communion classes with pastor. *Milestone Ministry – 4<sup>th</sup> grade*

### **March 7, 14, 21, 28, & (Wed. 31)**

- March 7, 14, 21 Parent and child attend First Communion classes with pastor. *Milestone Ministry – 4<sup>th</sup> grade*
- March 7 Make Lenten crosses *Milestone Ministry – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*
- March 14 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> gr. sing at 10:30 am service
- March 21 Parent and child meet with pastor. *Milestone Ministry – 3 year old Preschool Children*
- March 28 (Palm Sunday) Receive *A Child's First Bible* at Family Express Service. *Milestone Ministry – 3 year old Preschool Children*
- March 31 Make Communion bread after school *Milestone Ministry – 4<sup>th</sup> grade*

### **April (Thur. 1)4, 11, 18, & 25**

- April 1 Maundy Thursday receive First Communion. *Milestone Ministry – 4<sup>th</sup> grade*
- April 4 (Easter Sunday) *No Sunday School*

### **May 2**

- Last Day of Sunday School – *Teacher Appreciation Sunday*