



Sunday School Program



2011-2012 Schedule

August

24 7:20 pm—Sunday School Teacher Mtg.

September

11 9:30 am—Friendship Fair/Sunday School Reg.
18 9:30 am—Sunday School Orientation/Craft
25 9:30 am—Sunday School

October

2 9:30 am—Sunday School
9 9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Third Grade Bibles
10:30 am—Cherub Choir Sings
16 9:30 am—Sunday School
23 9:30 am—Sunday School
30 9:30 am—Sunday School

November

6 9:30 am—Sunday School
13 9:30 am—Sunday School
20 9:30 am—Sunday School
27 9:30 am—Youth Service Project

December

3 9:00-11:00 am—Christmas Program Rehearsal
for speaking parts
4 9:30 am—Christmas Program Rehearsal
10 4:30 pm—Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
10 5:30 pm—Dinner for Program Participants
10 6:30 pm—Christmas Program
11 9:30 am—Christmas Program Rehearsal
11 10:30 am—Christmas Program
18 9:30 am—Youth Service Project
25 No Sunday School

January

1 No Sunday School
8 9:30 am—Sunday School, Bible Bucks
Redemption
15 9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Cherub Choir Sings
22 9:30 am—Youth Service Project
29 9:30 am—Sunday School

February

5 9:30 am—Sunday School
12 9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Cherub Choir Sings
19 9:30 am—Sunday School
26 9:30 am—Youth Service Project

March

4 9:30 am—Sunday School/1st Comm Train.
11 9:30 am—Sunday School/1st Comm Train.
10:30 am—Cherub Choir Sings
18 9:30 am—Sunday School/1st Comm Train.
25 9:30 am—Sunday School/1st Comm Train.
10:30 am—5th Grade First Communion

April

1 9:30 am—Youth Service Project
8 No Sunday School
15 9:30 am—Sunday School
22 9:30 am—Sunday School
29 9:30 am—Sunday School

May

6 9:30 am—Sunday School
13 9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Cherub Choir Sings
20 9:30 am—Last Day Sunday School, Bible
Bucks Redemption
10:30 am—Teacher Recognition

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Sunday School Mission & Vision

Trinity Lutheran Church's Sunday School Program is committed to helping the youth develop a lifelong relationship with God.

The mission of our Sunday School is to provide a safe and caring place:

- where we teach youth to pray and study Scripture,
- where youth can build caring relationships with other youth and adults,
- where youth build a strong faith foundation and are involved in our congregation.

Our vision is that our youth will apply faith to their daily decisions throughout their lives.

Friendship Fair



The Sunday School year kicks off with Friendship Fair on September 11, 2011. Bring a friend and join us from 9:30 am—10:15 am (between services) for games, face painting, a jumpy house and other kid and family friendly activities. We will have baskets in the Gathering Space to drop off Sunday School registration forms and also someone taking new registrations. Teachers will be helping with the many activities.

Youth Service Projects

Our 'Youth Service Projects' are a way for our youth to experience Trinity's Mission of "Growing in Faith and Sharing Christ's Love" first hand. Over the years, these service projects have fed the needy, made blankets for the children's hospital, and shared the spirit of the holidays. Thank you for sharing our ministry with your children and supporting these projects through your donations and time. Below is a listing of this year's projects and dates.



Dates & Projects

November 27, 2011—Cookies in a Jar for the LM Food Pantry

December 18, 2011—Luminaries for Christmas

January 22, 2012—Blankets for the Children's Hospital

February 26, 2012—Collect Donations and Stock the LM Food Pantry

April 1, 2012—Easter Baskets for LM Food Pantry

Sunday School Mission Project

Every year, our 5th grade class chooses the Mission Project for the year. At the end of the year, 50% of all Sunday School offerings are donated to the mission project. In addition, some classes may do extra projects to benefit the year's chosen mission.

Last year we raised \$488.48 for the Ronald McDonald House of Madison. The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families whose children are being treated from often life-threatening illnesses at local area hospitals. It is an astonishing place of love and generosity, thanks to people like you. Keep up the great work, kids!

This year's mission will be announced by the end of September. We look forward to another great year of Growing in Faith and Sharing Christ's Love!

Sunday School Christmas Program

We are excited to announce that Leah Fritche will be leading our Sunday School Christmas Program this year and we have scheduled two performances: Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 am. We hope



with the two services, we will be able to accommodate schedules and space so all parents and extended family can attend!

For those participating in the Christmas Program, we ask that you make sure your child attends Sunday School, particularly during November and December, as we will be practicing during this time. In addition, we will have two Saturday rehearsals. Those with speaking parts will rehearse on December 3 from 9-11 am. Then on Saturday, December 10 prior to the program, we will have a full cast dress rehearsal at 4:30 pm. Following rehearsal, we will provide dinner for the cast and crew so they are ready for their 6:30 pm performance.

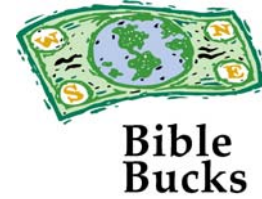
Please watch for more information on this year's program in upcoming Sunday School Newsletters.

Bible Bucks

Each week, children 5 years and up have the opportunity to earn “Bible Bucks.” “Bible Bucks” are given out by teachers during the year for attendance and good behavior.

We will open the Bible Bucks store two times during the school year (January 8, 2012 and May 20, 2012) where children can spend their Bible Bucks on small prizes such as pencils, erasers, bubbles, candy, stuffed animals, super balls, etc.

Ask your child how many Bible Bucks they earned today!



Cherub Choir



The Cherub Choir is open to all children ages 3 years through 2nd grade. The choir is led by Emily Lessner and practices during Sunday School and sings during the 10:30 Jubilee Service. Below are the UPDATED 2011-2012 choir dates:

October 23	March 25
January 22	April 29
February 26	

This is a great opportunity to invite your families to watch your children sing in church.

Third Grade Bible Presentation

The 3rd grade students will be presented with their own Bible on Sunday, October 9th during the 10:30 worship service.

In the coming weeks, we will be placing a Bible for each of our 3rd graders in the Gathering Space, along with highlighters and pencils. Please take a moment to highlight the verses of special meaning to you, and feel free to jot a little note in the margin.

We hope the students are intrigued to learn more about their Bibles as a result of the special messages that you provide and are encouraged to find some of their own favorite verses!



“Never give a child a new Bible...”

5th Grade First Communion and Training



First Communion

First Communion Training will be held for 5th graders this year during Sunday School from March 4 through March 25. It is strongly recommended that students avoid absences during these weeks. If an absence is unavoidable, please arrange ahead of time for the teacher to review with your child what they will be missing.

Receiving First Communion is an exciting day for the 5th graders, although a bit nerve-wracking. To celebrate, encourage your friends, family, and child’s sponsors to join you on March 25th at our 10:30 service for this special day!

Please take some time throughout the coming months to review with your child what your thoughts are on Holy Communion, as well as what your own experience was like the first time you received Communion.

Meet the Teachers

Pre-School (3 & 4 years)

Julia Wolfgram	648-2419
Sharon Franks	648-2113
Teri Strohschein	674-6094

Kindergarten

Marie Puttkamer	648-8318
Leah Fritsche	723-0906

First Grade

Brooke Smolinski	648-7650
Kris Guckenberger	648-6818

Second Grade

Chris & Dave Burghaus	945-0120
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Third Grade

Karen Johnson	648-3202
Dawn Ferry	988-5057

Fourth Grade

Kirsten Ruedebusch	945-0444
Monica Hepp	222-9238
Jenny Koester	648-8149

Fifth Grade

Chad & Dawn Patrick	945-0080
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Class Learning Goals

Below are the Learning Goals that each grade will be working on this year.

3-4 year old room – Class Mission: Story of Jesus' Birth & Noah's Ark

Kindergarten – Class Mission: Church colors and their meanings

1st Grade – Class Mission: How to Pray

2nd Grade – Class Mission: Ten Commandments

3rd Grade – Class Mission: Lord's Prayer & How to use the Bible

4th Grade – Class Mission: Apostle's Creed & Old Testament

5th Grade – Class Mission: Sacraments (Communion/Baptism) & New Testament

Class Behavior Expectations

Every child deserves a nurturing, friendly, caring and safe environment while attending our Sunday School. In order to support our Sunday School Teachers in providing this environment for children, we have developed the following Behavior Expectations for children as they spend time together at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please read over these rules with your children, helping them understand appropriate behavior so all children can experience the joy of learning about God.

- Follow the Golden Rule: **TREAT OTHERS, AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED**
- Be prompt and prepared.
- Arrive on time. Be prepared to have fun and learn.
- Respect your teachers, helpers, and others in your class.
- Use appropriate voice and language. Be kind. Be polite. Be cooperative.
- Respect your own property and the property of others.

How Can I Help?

Some are blessed with the gift of teaching. Others are not. How can those of us whose gifts lie in other areas give back to the Sunday School program here at Trinity? Below is list of some of the current needs we have for volunteers with our Sunday School program.

- Volunteer to help out with the Christmas Program.
- Volunteer to prepare a meal for our Christmas Program participants on December 10th.
- Donate items for dinner for the Christmas Program participants.
- Help with Bible Bucks Program.
- Bring in a donations for our youth service projects .
- Volunteer to help with the youth service projects.
- Prepare goodies for the bake sale at the Holiday Luncheon on December 3. All donations should be received by 9 am on the 3rd. Proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to Trinity's Sunday School Program.
- Help the older students prepare Communion Bread for a Sunday Jubilee service.
- Volunteer to be a substitute teacher for your child's classroom.