

First Lutheran Church of Aitkin, MN



2017-2018

Informational Packet

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to **Sunday School** where children learn through fun, stories, discussion, and activities how to develop a relationship with God and each other! If you have not registered yet, please take the time to do so by filling out the registration form. This can be found in the church office or online at www.flc-aitkin.com.

On **Sunday, Sept. 17th, 2017** we begin a new year of Sunday School! Kids will begin Sunday School right after the children's message (10:30am) and be going to 11:30. There are going to be a couple of new changes this year that we are going to be trying out. On Sundays, our pre-k through 2 graders will be having their normal Sunday school while our 3rd through 6th graders will be having a different group Sunday school experience that will be focusing on practicing their faith and community building. We are also going to be offering a time on **Wednesday nights, starting Sept 20th, from 6:30-7:30, for our 3rd through 6th graders**, to go more into the stories of the bible. We hope that this new time offers more children and youth a chance to enter into a faith education experience each week!

This year we will be learning about different bible stories during Sunday School. These bible stories will be the same ones that we will be learning about during Worship that particular week, so we encourage you to continue the discussion with your child(ren) after Sunday School each week and throughout the week.

Our Sunday School offering this year will be taken on Sundays during the children's sermon and on Wednesday Nights at the beginning of the hour. All offerings will go towards "PV for Phebe", where we will be helping a hospital in Liberia, Africa achieve self-reliance through solar power. Phebe Hospital serves nearly 450,000 men, women, and children where less than 1% of the population has access to electricity. We will also be doing a couple of special projects with our offering as well so keep an eye out for those announcements. Please help your child save some money each week to donate to this important and life changing ministry!

We have so much to be thankful for as we begin this year together! Our Sunday School team looks forward to doing our best to **supplement** your love and guidance of your children's faith in the best way we know how. You are **never alone** in this journey with your children but please remember that you are the **#1** spiritual guide of your child. We are excited about **joining** you as we walk with Christ in 2017-2018! Remember to pray for our leaders, teachers, and children as we journey closer to God through Jesus Christ this year and develop new relationships with one another! You will most definitely be our prayers as well!

Looking forward to a great year,

Marcy Mateyka, Dori McMillan, Pastor Jordan Gades & Pastor Darrell Pedersen
First Lutheran Sunday School Leadership Team

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

At First Lutheran Church, we understand that you, the Parents are your child's #1 spiritual leader! We are here to support you! These expectations will help us work together for the kids!

Expectations of Parents:

1. Support your children in their regular attendance of Sunday School. If you have registered, your child is part of a class of students and is missed when not present.
2. Support your child's education by following up on Sunday School time with questions and discussion from the papers or projects they bring home.
3. Provide your support to the leaders with your prayers, cooperation, and helping in the classroom when needed, or as a substitute.
4. Support your child's efforts to give to the mission outreach project by helping your child remember to bring offering each week.
5. Encourage your child to ask questions of faith. If you are unsure of the answers, the pastors are available to help you find appropriate resources.

Expectations of the Children.....(Please review with your children!)

1. Behave in a respectful manner which reflects Christian attitudes and values.
2. Arrive at Sunday School on time, ready for fun, fellowship, and learning (9:45 start this year!)
3. Participate in the activities and refrain from disturbing the other Sunday School classes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS*

We are still in need of part-time teachers!!

(*Subject to change)

<u>AGE/GRADE</u>	<u>TEACHER(S)</u>	<u>MEETING ROOM</u>
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Sunday Morning

Preschool

(3, 4 & 5 yr. olds
not yet in Kindergarten)

Jennifer Hirschey

Rebecca Hoppe, Nicole Visnovec, Emily Bellah

God's Garden

Kindergarten

Jessica Martin Campfire Island/Whispering Pine
Lynn and Nick Wenzel

1st/2nd Grade

Amber and Lincoln Roth **Lakeshore**
Jenn and Tony Klee, Kevin Peterson,
Kent and Tara Proctor, Rob and Brita Williams

3rd/4th/5th/6th Grade

Marcy Mateyka

Deer Haven

Ann Kukowski

Wednesday Night Faith

3rd/4th

Tricia Martin, Lori Packer

Lakeshore

5th / 6th

Ann Kukowski, April Kuhlman
Kristen and Tara Ratz

Deer Haven

Substitutes: Jessi Winter, Jill Sadlowsky, Amy Dotzler

Sunday School Leadership Team:

Dori McMillan, Marcy Mateyka, Jordan Gades, Darrell Pedersen

MILESTONES MINISTRY

Milestones are a once a year class designed for parents and their children as we fulfill promises made at baptism and walk in our faith journey together. One Sunday per year, a Milestone replaces your child's regular Sunday School class time at 10:00am and includes worship participation at 10:40am.

Milestone events include:

- Teaching time for parents with their child on an important faith topic
- A remembrance or take home item to bring faith to life at home
- Connective experience in worship to mark what was learned

Parents and children receive detailed invitations to their annual Milestone approximately two weeks ahead of event. Please save the date for your important Milestone Event!!

Age/Grade	Milestone	Event Date (10:00am-10:40am)
2 Year Olds	Spark Storybook Bible	Sunday, October 8 th , 2017
3 Year Olds	"My Church"	Sunday, November 5 th , 2017
4/5 Year Olds (pre-k)	Prayer	Sunday, January 21 st , 2018
Kindergarten	Gifts & Abilities	Sunday, February 11 th , 2018
1 st Grade	Worship	Sunday, March 4 th , 2018
2 nd Grade	Lord's Prayer	Sunday, November 19 th , 2017
3 rd Grade	Bible	Wednesday, September 27 th and October 4 th , 2017
4 th Grade	Apostle's Creed	Wednesday, April 11 th , 2018
5 th Grade	Communion	3 Wednesday Evening Classes Feb 28 th , Mar 14 th , Mar 21 st Seder Meal - Thursday, March 29th
6 th Grade	Lutheranism/Confirmation	Wednesday, April 25 th (6:30-7:30pm)

Watch for more information in the newsletters and in the mail regarding your event as we near the date!

Sunday School Safety Procedures

Our goal at First Lutheran Church is to provide a safe, secure, loving environment for children, and a place where parents feel comfortable leaving their child while they are in worship. The safety expectations for our volunteers and children are laid out in the full Safety Policy Manual of First Lutheran Church. We invite you to read through the policy to understand what we expect of our volunteers and children in order to keep everyone safe from harm. A few key notes to point out that are found in our Safety policy that pertain to Sunday School:

- **First Aid Kits** are kept in the Kitchen at First Lutheran and in the Education Wing Hallway. There is also a defibrillator located in the hallway between the Narthex (just outside the Sanctuary) and the fellowship hall. Parents will be notified if first aid treatment was necessary.
- Parents are responsible for their children during unorganized periods (before and after Sunday School) and may be held responsible for any property damages and/or injuries to others.
- All volunteers that will be working with children/youth will undergo a screening process including background check.
- **In case of an emergency** or fire that requires children to be taken off property, children will be taken to the Maryhill Manor parking lot (kiddy-corner from the church parking lot). Teachers will stay with their classes, and parents may meet their children at that parking lot to pick them up.
- Please do not bring your child to Sunday School if they are sick, have a temperature, or have been sick in the last 24 hours.

(For more information, please read the entire Workplace Safety Program for First Lutheran Church)

CREATION STATION CHILD INFORMATION

(Please fill out and bring to your child's Sunday School teacher)

Name _____

Age _____

Birthday _____

ALL ABOUT MY CHILD

Please fill in any information that will help the teachers know your child better!
(Play, interests of child, hobbies, temperament, etc.)

What things help during separation?

Special words used for using the Restroom (preschool), or other?

SNACKS: Occasionally, snacks are served during Sunday School.

Please list any food allergies:

_____ I would be willing to bring a snack once throughout the year.

We want Sunday School to be a wonderful experience for your child! We pray that working together, your child will grow in his/her understanding of God's love and Jesus' teachings!

Thank you!

Sunday School Leadership Team

Sunday School Schedule 10:30 – 11:30 am

Sept 10	Rally Sunday
Sept 17	Sunday School
Sept 24	Sunday School
Oct 1	Sunday School
Oct 8	Sunday School *2 year old Bible Milestone*
Oct 15	Sunday School
Oct 22	NO Sunday School – MEA Break
Oct 29	Sunday School
Nov 5	Sunday School *3 year old My Church Milestone*
Nov 12	Sunday School
Nov 19	Sunday School *2 nd grade Lord's Prayer Milestone*
Nov 26	NO Sunday School – Thanksgiving Break
Dec 3	Sunday School
Dec 10	Sunday School. Christmas Program
Dec 17	Sunday School – Christmas Party
Dec 24	NO Sunday School – Christmas Break
Dec 31	NO Sunday School – Christmas Break
Jan 7	Sunday School
Jan 14	Sunday School
Jan 21	Sunday School *4/5 year old Prayer Milestone*
Jan 28	Sunday School
Feb 4	Sunday School
Feb 11	Sunday School *Kindergarten Gifts & Abilities Milestone
Feb 18	Sunday School
Feb 25	Sunday School
Mar 4	Sunday School *1 st grade Worship Milestone*
Mar 11	NO Sunday School
Mar 18	Sunday School
Mar 25	Sunday School
Apr 1	NO Sunday School – Easter
Apr 8	Sunday School
Apr 15	Sunday School
Apr 22	Sunday School
Apr 29	Sunday School
May 6	Sunday School – Last Day

Wednesday Night Faith 3rd – 6th Grade, 6:30-7:30pm

Sept 20	WNF
Sept 27	WNF 3 rd Grade Bible Milestone*
Oct 4	WNF 3 rd Grade Bible Class*
Oct 11	WNF
Oct 18	No WNF – MEA Break
Oct 25	WNF
Nov 1	WNF
Nov 8	NO WNF
Nov 15	WNF
Nov 22	NO WNF – Thanksgiving Break
Nov 29	WNF
Dec 6	WNF
Dec 13	WNF
Dec 20	Christmas Party
Dec 27	NO WNF – Christmas Break
Jan 3	NO WNF – Christmas Break
Jan 10	WNF
Jan 17	WNF
Jan 24	WNF
Jan 31	WNF
Feb 7	WNF
Feb 14	NO WNF
Feb 21	WNF
Feb 28	WNF & 5 th Grade Communion Class*
Mar 7	NO WNF
Mar 14	WNF & 5 th Grade Communion Class*
Mar 21	WNF & 5 th Grade Communion Class*
Mar 28	NO WNF 5 th Grade Seder Mar 29 th
April 4	WNF
April 11	WNF & 4 th Grade Creed Milestone*
April 18	WNF
April 25	WNF & 6 th Grade Confirmation Intro*
May 2	Year End Celebration

*Milestones (Age-specific) - Teachings will be done during class times

Tentative date for Christmas Program