

Dear Parents of Children at First Lutheran Church -

Welcome to a new Sunday School year! We are so excited to welcome you and your children to a fun, grace-filled year of growing in faith. The fall season begins with the Blessing of the Backpacks on September 7, followed by Rally Sunday Kick-off on September 14.

Rally Sunday Event:

Date: Sunday, September 14
Time: Program begins at **9:45 a.m.**
Location: Parish Hall
Who: All ages - grownups too!

The **Rally Sunday** event will feature interactive games, music and activities to introduce everyone to the new education year. During the final part of the hour, children will go to their classroom areas for a time to meet teachers and have a welcome activity.

Regular classroom locations are as follows:

2 & 3 year olds meet in the Promise Preschool room on the London Road level. Parents stay with their child(ren) for all classes.

4 & 5 year olds meet in the Space to Grow room on the London Road level.

Grades 1 & 2 meet in room 301 on the 3rd floor

Grades 3 -5 meet in the basement classrooms

Grades 6-8 meet in the basement Youth Room. If you have a 6th grader, a separate mailing is sent from Deb Westerberg, Director of Youth & Family Ministry.

Enclosed is a Sunday School registration form, which can be used for all children in your family. Forms can be mailed to the church office, dropped off at the Welcome Desk, or brought to Sunday School. For planning purposes it is helpful to have the forms completed and sent ahead of time.

For Grades 1-5 we continue with the **Faith Quest** Rotation Sunday School, in which children take an in-depth look at a Bible story for 3-4 weeks. Each week they explore the story in a different "workshop" during small group time. The workshops will be activities that might include art, science, games, drama, video, or cooking. The lesson rotation schedule will be handed out at your child's Sunday School room. Parent involvement as workshop leaders or assisting as a shepherd is encouraged and welcomed!

We are continuing the sign-in/out system for the safety of our children. Our church building is a wonderful place to gather for worship and education, but it is also challenging as we have activities happening on many levels. To ensure children are safe when coming to and leaving our classrooms, we ask that parents or another adult sign each child in and out of the classroom each week. Your child's teacher

will have a clipboard for you to sign-in and out each week. The registration form has a spot for you to indicate who can pick up your child from the classroom.

You as parents and caregivers are the most important people in the faith life of your child! We are here to support you as continue on this journey of faith with your children. There will be education opportunities for parents & all adults during the education hour each week. Adult Forums on topical issues will be offered in the Parish Hall, and a variety of programs and classes in the Adult Ed room (next to the nursery). If you are not helping in a Sunday school classroom, we encourage you to find a place where your faith can be fed too!

Attending Sunday morning worship is the most important thing you can do each week to help your child grow in faith. We worship each week at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Plan to join us before or after the Sunday school hour for worship!

Important Dates for Sept & Oct:

- Sept. 7 Blessing of the Backpacks in worship @ 8:30 and **10:00**
(note we will still be on the "summer" worship schedule, although inside)
- Sept. 14 Rally Sunday Event, 9:45 in the Parish Hall
- Sept. 21 Sunday School classes begin at 9:45
3rd Graders receive Bibles @ 11:00 worship
- Oct. 5 2 year olds & 4 year olds receive Bibles in worship @ 8:30 and 11:00
- Oct. 12 ELW hymnals for 1st graders will be blessed at 8:30 and 11:00

We are looking forward to this year of Sunday School with your child!

Blessings,

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