

Zion Lutheran Sunday School

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WELCOME!

We sincerely welcome you to Zion Sunday School! We view our Sunday school as one way in which the church can assist families as they continue to grow and are nurtured in their faith through the study of God's Word. The Sunday school and the home must develop a partnership if the Sunday school is to help children grow in their faith. This handbook is designed to acquaint you with our Sunday school and to provide some of the information necessary to allow the Sunday school to become a better partner with you in the spiritual training of your child. Please feel free to contact Pastor Sims or any member of the staff should you have any questions!

PURPOSE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

The purpose of our Sunday school can be summarized with just one word: Jesus. Every thing we do in Sunday school focuses on Jesus. As Paul wrote, "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Corinthians 1:23). Everything we say and do in Sunday school is designed to focus our attention on Jesus so that both students and teachers grow in Christian faith and godly living.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GOALS

- To teach God's Word, both law and gospel to the children entrusted to our care.
- To make the gospel (good news about Jesus) the predominate teaching in all our Sunday school lessons, so that the children grow to trust Jesus as their Savior more and more.
- To motivate with the gospel so that children thankfully, willingly and gladly serve Jesus with a God-pleasing life.
- To encourage the children to share the good news of Jesus' love with others.
- To support mission projects through our Sunday school mission offering.

CURRICULUM

Once again this year we will be using the *Growing in Christ* curriculum from Concordia Publishing House. It is an excellent, dynamic, Biblical and Christ-centered curriculum. Students will learn all the major stories of the Old and New Testaments and see how God weaves his plan of salvation in Christ through the lives of ordinary men, women and children. The focus is squarely on the heart of the entire Bible: Jesus Christ, our Savior from sin, death and the devil. Each lesson reveals our sin and God's forgiving mercy in Christ. Students will grow to trust Jesus more and to serve him gladly with lives of thankful obedience.



ENROLLMENT POLICY

Enrolling your child is simple. All it takes is your desire for your child(ren) to have a basic understanding of the Scriptural truths. We would ask that you would take the time to fill out the registration forms for our records. We need to have this information on hand, especially in case of any emergency. **Without this form on file your child will not be able to attend Sunday school.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sunday school begins at 9:15am (perhaps a little later on communion Sundays) and concludes promptly at 10:15am.

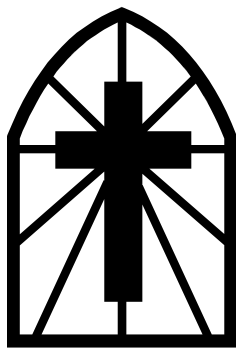
PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

Please arrive promptly at 10:15am to pick up your child. Often our Sunday school teachers have responsibilities in the 10:30am worship service (choir, for example) that make it necessary for them to get back to church as

soon as possible. Please be courteous to them and pick up your child promptly at the conclusion of the Sunday school hour. In the past, concern has been expressed by some about the safety of our Sunday school children as they are being picked up and dropped off at Sunday school. For this reason the Sunday school staff is asking all parents to observe the following guidelines:

- Parents of children in preschool through second grade are asked to park, walk up and meet their children at the building in order to pick them up.
- Parents of children in third through eighth grade are asked to pull forward as far as possible to the south end of the parking lot (by the main entrance). This will help the children see when their parents arrive.
- All Sunday school parents are asked to take care when picking up their children. Please drive slowly and be alert. Watch carefully for children because they aren't always watching out for you.

Remember, Sunday school ends at 10:15am. Please be there promptly to pick up your children. Thank you for your cooperation!



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday school is not church! Therefore, children are encouraged to worship the Lord regularly and faithfully by attending worship services. Worship services are offered on Thursdays at 6:30pm and on Sunday mornings at 8:00am and 10:30am. Occasionally,

selected classes or departments or even the entire Sunday school may participate in some special activity during a worship service. Parents will be alerted to these dates early enough to plan accordingly.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Children learn a great deal from the actions of adults. While your children are attending Sunday school, you have the opportunity to demonstrate to them your personal

commitment to the continued study of God's Word by attending one of the adult Bible classes.

- There will be an adult Bible study each Sunday at church starting at 9:15am.
- Bible Breakfast is offered on Friday mornings at 6:00am (starting in the fall). Many enjoy this study on their way to work. Join us for a light breakfast, hot coffee and great study.
- Other Bible study will be offered at other times. Call the pastors for the current topic and schedule.



SINGING IN CHURCH

The Sunday school will have the opportunity during the year to sing as part of our regular Sunday morning worship services, and in our special Children's Christmas Services (Sunday, December 20, 2015). These are very meaningful experiences not only for the children but for the entire congregation as well. The teachers will organize the singing. However, you will want to encourage your child(ren) to participate. Teachers will often send music home with the children. Please help them to learn their songs so that they can sing with joy to the glory of God. For specific singing dates, please take a look at the Sunday school curriculum / schedule (last page of handbook).

MISSION OFFERING

A mission offering will be collected each Sunday morning. The Sunday school staff believes that this will help teach proper stewardship. The children are encouraged to give faithfully in order to develop the habit of giving regular gifts back to the Lord who is, after all, the giver of all good things. We combine our mission offering with that of our Zion school. It is sent to a different mission each semester.

VISITING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents and guardians are encouraged to visit classes at any time. However, discussions

about children, procedures, etc. should be reserved for after the Sunday school hour as teachers need the time prior to Sunday school to get ready for the day's lesson. Please wait until the children are dismissed. You may even want to wait and call the teacher at home since some will be worshipping in the late service.

BRING A FRIEND

The goal of our Sunday school is not only to teach God's truth to our children, but also to encourage them to be witnesses to the world. Our Lord has commanded, "Go and teach." Therefore, children, parents, and teachers are encouraged to bring unchurched children to our Sunday school program. Everyone is welcome!

PHOTOGRAPHS

Occasionally pictures will be taken of Sunday school children and their activities. These pictures will be used for the church newsletter and website, and may even be printed in the local Columbus newspaper. When you register your child for Sunday school you are granting us permission to use your child's picture in this way. If you do not want us to do so please contact Pastor Sims.

SPECIAL DAYS AND DATES

Please refer to the Sunday school schedule for information on singing dates and days when there will be no Sunday School. This schedule is also available on the website.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

Please feel free to contact any member of our excellent staff with questions or concerns. We will do our best to resolve the situation. Thank you!

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Grades 3-5

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Grades 6-8

Meeting in the Seventh & Eighth Grade Room

Leo Fischer 623-3018