



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Sunday School
Parents Handbook
2011-2012

Dear Parents / Guardians:

“ Our Journey Together with Christ ” is Our Savior’s theme for this year’s Sunday School Program. We are delighted to have your child as a part of our Sunday School program. During the year, students will use the Witness Sunday School Curriculum to learn from the Bible to live the “Good News”. The good news is that God is here for us and others -- in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our churches, and all around the world. This is news worth sharing with our kids!

Throughout the year your child will learn about faith traits. Faith traits are values like generosity, loyalty, wisdom, stewardship, obedience, humility, and thankfulness that strengthen us to be disciples. Encourage your child to practice these traits in everyday life.

Please review the topic of the day with your child when they come home on Sunday morning. We know that sometimes **you’ll be away from church and your child will be unable to attend Sunday School.** Because Christian education is vitally important to their faith development, we have enclosed the upcoming Sunday School topics. If your child misses a class, you can use these topics to help them catch up.

You are your child’s most important day-to-day teacher and role model on Christian faith; however, you can learn much from your child if you let your child lead you. Ask your child questions about the lesson for the day and let your child lead **you to God’s Good News through his or her eyes.**

Thank you for letting us be a part of your child’s spiritual development and growth in Jesus.

Sincerely,
Renita Miller
2011-2012 Sunday Superintendent

Sunday School Teaching Team
and Board of Christian Education

Memory Work

Please assist your children in learning the memory work assigned for their appropriate grade level. Memory work plays a key role to the student learning the faith that he/she was baptized into. Learning about the Holy Sacraments also provides a vital connection between Sunday School classes and the worship service. Students will attend a worship service in May and recite their memory work to their families and congregation. What a great accomplishment for them!

Beginners/Second Grade

Our Savior's congregation and the Board of Christian Education provide a Bible Story book for students in the beginner class and **a Beginner's Bible for students in the second grade class.** The second graders will learn about the Bible and how to use it in class and at home. This completes another promise made at baptism to place in their hands the Holy Scripture and learn to live the Christian faith.

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is an important time for students to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion. Classes will be held during the Lenten season for the students and parents. First Communion will be celebrated during the Maundy Thursday service.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are held for the middle school-age students (6-8). The class time will include a lesson, fellowship, group discussion and sharing. Students in confirmation will also participate in service projects and camps as a portion of the confirmation program. Affirmation of Faith will be held in the fall of the students ninth grade year.

Food Sunday

Food is collected for the Channel One food bank on the second Sunday of each month. Please see the enclosed calendar for the types of food to bring each Food Sunday. Please know that any kind of food will be accepted. Thank you in advance.

Our Savior's Kid's Club

On several Sundays throughout the year we will have special activities for the children during the education hour. Activities may include watching a skit, play or puppet show, playing games, singing, or creating special art projects. Children should first meet in their classrooms for attendance on these Sundays.

Sunday Date	Bible Story/Text	Special
September 11		Rally Sunday!
September 18 Lesson 1	God Creates People Genesis 2: 4b-25	Food Sunday Pasta/Sauce
September 25 Lesson 2	Jacob and Esau Genesis 27: 1-40	
October 2 Lesson 3	Joseph's Dreams Genesis 37: 1-11	
October 9 Lesson 4	Pharaoh's Dreams Genesis 41: 1-36	Food Sunday Cereal
October 16 Lesson 5	The Ten Commandments Exodus 20: 1-17	
October 23 Lesson 6	David is Anointed 1 Samuel 16	
October 30 Lesson 8	Elijah and the Widow 1 Kings 17:8-16	Special Craft & Treat
November 6 Lesson 10	Queen Esther Saves the Jews Esther 2-8	
November 13 Lesson 11	The Lord is my Shepherd Psalm 23	Food Sunday Canned Vegetables/ Fruits
November 20 Lesson 12	Jonah and the Whale Jonah 1-4	
November 27	Happy Thanksgiving!	No Sunday School 1 st Sunday in Advent
December 4 Lesson 13	Mary Visits Elizabeth Luke 1: 39-56	2 nd Sunday in Advent
December 11 Lesson 15	Jesus is Born! Luke 2: 1-20	Food Sunday Canned Meats 3 rd Sunday in Advent
December 18	Birthday Party for Jesus! Please meet in your classroom	Christmas Program 4th Sunday in Advent
December 25	Merry Christmas!	No Sunday School

January 1	Happy New Year!	No Sunday School
January 8 Lesson 1	Jesus is presented in the Temple Luke 2:22-38	Food Sunday Soups
January 15 Lesson 2	Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41-52	
January 22 Lesson 3	Followers of Jesus Luke 5:1-11; 8:1-3	
January 29 Lesson 4	Jesus speaks of True Greatness Luke 9:46-48	
February 5 Lesson 5	Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37	
February 12 Bonus B	Love Others Leviticus 24:17-22	Food Sunday Boxed Meals
February 19 Lesson 6	Parable of the Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32	
February 26 Lesson 7	The Widow's Gift Luke 21:1-4	
March 4 Lesson 8	Jesus Heals 10 Men Luke 17:11-19	
March 11 Lesson 9	Zacchaeus and Jesus Luke 19:1-10	Food Sunday Rice/Beans
March 18 Bonus D	Cleansing of the Temple Luke 23:26-49, 24:1-12	
March 25	Palm Sunday Lesson Luke 19:26-40	
April 1	Spring Break Palm Sunday	No Sunday School
April 9 Lesson 10	Spring Break Easter Sunday	
April 16 Lesson 11	Crucifixion and Resurrection Luke 23:26-49, 24:1-12	
April 23	Jesus Appears to his disciples Luke 24:36-39	
April 29 Lesson 12	Jesus' Ascension Acts 1:6-11	
May 6 Lesson 13 (Mother's Day)	Paul and Silas in Prison Acts 16:16-40	Food Sunday Bring food of your choice!
May 13 Lesson 14	A Place to Give, Mark 10:17-31 Teacher Appreciation	Last Day of Class- room Sunday School
May 20	Carnival Parents accompany their child	Last Day of Sun- day School

Sunday School Staff

Administrators

Renita Miller

Beginners & Preschool

Linda Holm

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Kindergarten

Kari Richards

David Flynn

1st & 2nd Grade

Kristi Blattner

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Christmas Program

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