

Everything You Need to Know about Children & Family Ministry at Faith Lutheran

(by everything, we mean everything!)

With school around the corner, we are excited for Faith's Children and Family Ministries to begin soon!

To kick off the school year, we invite you all to worship on August 17 to receive a backpack blessing. Students and those who work in education are invited to bring their backpacks or workbags to be blessed; this will happen at both services. Worship will be outside so please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

With that, we are having a ***Sunday School Kickoff on September 7 during our Education Hour from 9:45a to 10:45a*** on the lawn for all ages. During this time we'll have treats, games, a ministry fair, and activities for all ages and a dunk tank fundraiser to help support our High School students as they go on their mission and service trips next year! This is a great time for families to meet one another, see what Faith is all about, and to get excited for the school year ahead.

On September 14, Sunday School and other Education Hour activities will be in full swing. Education hour starts at 9:45am and ends at 10:45am. Check out the different activities you and your students can participate in below!

If you're interested in having your child participate in these activities, register below.

[Register for Sunday School](#)

Upcoming Events

August 17 - Backpack Blessing at BOTH Outdoor Worship Services
Sept. 3 - Joyful Noise, Faith's Midweek Children's Choir, begins!
Sept 7 - Back to (Sunday) School Bash - 9:45 to 10:45a
Sept. 10 - Joyful Noise
Sept. 14 - Education Hour for ALL ages; Parent Group
Sept. 17 - Joyful Noise
Sept. 21 - Education Hour; Acolyte Training for 5th-8th Graders
Sept. 24 - Joyful Noise
Sept. 28 - Education Hour; Mission Trip Reflection Forum
Oct 1 - Joyful Noise
Oct 5 - Sunday School; Parent Group

Important Dates for the Year

We have a lot of fun things in store this coming year! Here's a list of our important dates; we'll pass out physical copies at the start of the year.

Children & Family Ministry Important Dates

Children's Chapel during 8:30 Worship for Young Children

During 8:30 worship, children ages 3-7 are invited to the chapel for a Godly Play story during the scripture readings and adult sermon. Children's Chapel is an extension of worship especially designed for young children. Godly Play is a sensorimotor style of storytelling that uses tactile materials and wondering questions. It draws children into one of God's stories and invites them to experience God with their senses, curiosity, and spirituality. Godly Play begins Sunday September 7. If you have any questions or would like to help with this ministry, email Pastor Julie at pastorjulie@faithonline.org.

Parent Group (Once a Month)

In life's constant demands, it can be hard to find the connection and community we need to sustain us. Once a month on Sundays during Education Hour, Faith's Parent Group offers a space to connect with other parents in your church community and receive spiritual nourishment for this season of life. Childcare is provided for children under age 3. Fall dates include September 14, October 5, November 9, and December 7. We will meet in the Library, come when you can!

Sunday School (3 year olds through 4th Graders) | 9:45 - 10:45a

During our education hour, we invite our 3 year olds through 4th graders to participate in Sunday School! During Sunday School, students will have a time to build relationships with each other and to engage with different Bible stories.

Our Kindergarteners through 4th graders will meet as a big group in Luther Hall at 9:45am - during this time we'll hear some announcements, sing some songs, and read the story for the day. Our 3s and 4s will meet in Room 101/102 for their own Big Group time.

Afterwards, students will split up into classes based on grades. Students can be picked up from their classrooms at 10:45am. Our 3 year olds through 2nd graders need to be signed out of their classes. The classes will meet in the following areas:

Room 101/102 (Rainbow Room): 3 Year Olds
Room 103 (Polka Dot Room): 4 Year Olds
Room 104 (Green): Kindergarten
Room 204: 1st Graders
Room 205: 2nd Graders
Choir Room: 3rd / 4th graders

Studio 56 (5th and 6th Graders)

Studio 56 is our 5th and 6th Grade Sunday School experience!

Students will meet in Room 107 (the Scrabble Room) at the beginning of the hour. During their time, students will have discussions based off of different Bible stories and then have hands on

experiences to help them see how Bible stories are something that helps us even today.

Our 5th-8th Grade students have the opportunity to help with worship by being an acolyte. Acolyte training will take place during the Education Hour on September 21. Students who have already acolyted can sign up on the schedule for any date. Students who have not acolyted before should sign up for dates after September 21 so then they are trained.

Acolyte Schedule

Midweek Programming Option: Joyful Noise (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

Joyful Noise is Faith's Children's Choir and Midweek programming!

During this time, students in Kindergarten through 6th grade meet to do crafts, sing songs, learn more about God, make friends, and even put together a musical for the end of the year.

Joyful Noise meets on Wednesdays from 4:45 - 6pm at Faith. Joyful Noise will begin on September 4.

Registration form for Joyful Noise

Faith's Family Ministry Events

Faith's Family Ministry focuses on finding ways to bring families together to grow in their faith with one another in unique ways. A few events that Faith's Family Ministry hosts are:

Trunk or Treat (October)
Advent Fest (November)
Family Easter Egg Hunt (around Easter)

Specific dates and times will be communicated through this email - stay tuned!

Other Children's Ministry Milestones:

There are many other milestones and celebrations that Faith hosts throughout the year! Through this email, we will communicate when such events come up. Some things to keep in mind as we begin this year:

First Bible: Second grade students will receive their Bibles in February. Parents and students are invited to a class to learn how to read their Bibles. New Bibles will be given in worship the Sunday after.

First Communion: The timing of when a child takes First Communion is a family decision. We offer communion instruction classes geared towards third graders and up and their parents. Classes take place during Lent.

What if I have students who are older than 6th Grade?

Faith has options for everyone! If you have a student who is older than 6th grade, please contact me so then I can put you on the email chain for activities that your students can participate in through Confirmation or FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth, our High School Program)!

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