

# Growing in Faith Through Christian Education

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Parent Booklet

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Sunday school at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. We believe that CTS should be "a growing place" for people of all ages. That is what our Sunday morning Christian Education hour is all about. As teachers and students, we grow together in faith, hope and love as we encounter Jesus Christ in His Word.

Our Sunday school program has a dedicated staff of teachers and helpers. You will find them to be open to your questions and concerns. You will also find that they care deeply for your children. They are supported by a Learning Ministry Committee, which plans programs, sets policies, and reports to the Congregation Council.

We are implementing a new curriculum, FaithWeaver Bible Curriculum, published by Group, Inc. The Bible calls us to talk about and teach God's Word to our children. Through an age-graded format, each person attending Sunday school will focus on the same weekly Bible story, uniting families as they talk about their faith.

**There is one other ingredient for a successful Sunday school program . . . YOUR SUPPORT.** The religious instruction of your children will be effective if you show your children that you believe it is important for them to attend Sunday school and for your family to worship together regularly. As we all know, the Christian faith is only one generation away from extinction, and we need to work at passing our Lutheran beliefs along parent and teacher to child. With your help, our Sunday school will make a difference in the life of your children.

In Christ's Service,  
Jo Pirlott, Learning Ministry Chairperson

PS. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, please check out the Youth Room.



# Sunday School Curriculum

## Preschool through Grade 6



### FaithWeaver® Curriculum

FaithWeaver Sunday school curriculum weaves together a journey in faith by teaching the same Bible stories across all age levels. This way, families can apply what they have learned together in their daily lives, growing individually in their faith *and* as a family unit.

### FaithWeaver gets families talking.

We all know the greatest influences on faith are the conversations that happen at home. Whether at the kitchen table or in the car, FaithWeaver makes it easy for families to talk about the Bible and their faith.

### FaithWeaver encourages family development.

Everyone studies the same Bible message in an age-appropriate way. FaithWeaver lessons provide memorable Bible learning plus interactive teaching tools to engage and captivate students. Lessons are designed to encourage faith development beyond Sunday so faith grows all week long.

### FaithWeaver takes participants through the entire Bible in three years.

FaithWeaver is a three-year program broken up into four quarters per year. To help students understand the Old Testament as a whole, learners explore it chronologically during the summer and fall quarters. Then winter and spring quarter FaithWeaver lessons focus on the New Testament.



## Faith Lens--Grade 7

Again this year, we will be using Faith Lens with our seventh grade students. **Faith Lens** is a weekly Bible study older students. Each week the study links a current news story in the world and the scripture texts for the week. The purpose is to explore and better understand every moment of life in the context of our faith and God's Word.






# Faithweaver Course Overview: Semester 1

Week	Bible Story	Bible Passage	Bible Point
9-18-11	God creates the world.	Genesis 1:1-2:3.	God created the world.
9-25-11	God creates Adam and Eve.	Genesis 2:4-22.	We're important to God.
10-2-11	Adam and Eve sin.	Genesis 3:1-24.	We all sin.
10-9-11	Noah builds the ark.	Genesis 6:5-22.	God wants us to obey.
10-16-11	God floods the earth.	Genesis 7:1-8:22; 9:8-16.	God's promises are always reliable.
10-23-11	People build a tower at Babel.	Genesis 11:1-9.	We all need God.
10-30-11	Abram follows God's direction.	Genesis 12:1-8.	We can always trust God.
11-6-11	Lot and Abram divide the land.	Genesis 13:1-18.	God wants us to put others first.
11-13-11	God makes a covenant with Abram.	Genesis 15:1-18.	God has good plans for us.
11-20-11	Abraham's visitors/Sodom and Gomorrah.	Genesis 18:1-19:29.	God makes miracles happen.
12-4-11	John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus.	Mark 1:1-8.	Repentance makes our hearts ready for Jesus.
12-11-11	Jesus is born.	Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20.	We celebrate Jesus.
1-8-12	Faithful people thank God for Jesus.	Luke 2:22-40.	We thank God for Jesus.
1-15-12	Wise men find Jesus.	Matthew 2:1-12.	Jesus deserves our worship.
1-22-12	John baptizes Jesus.	Mark 1:4-11.	God sent Jesus.
1-29-12	Disciples follow Jesus.	Mark 1:14-20.	Follow Jesus.

## Faithweaver Course Overview: Semester 2

Week	Bible Story	Bible Passage	Bible Point
2-5-12	Jesus heals, prays, and preaches.	Mark 1:29-39.	Jesus cares for us.
2-12-12	Jesus calms a storm.	Mark 4:35-41.	We should turn to Jesus when we're afraid.
2-19-12	Four friends help a paralyzed man.	Mark 2:1-12.	Jesus forgives us.
2-26-12	Jesus heals the blind man.	Mark 10:46-52.	Jesus meets our needs.
3-4-12	Jesus clears merchants from the temple.	John 2:13-22.	God wants sincere worship.
3-11-12	Jesus explains why God sent him.	John 3:12-21.	God sent Jesus to save us.
3-18-12	Jesus notices a widow's giving.	Mark 12:41-44.	God wants us to give cheerfully.
3-25-12	People rejoice as Jesus enters Jerusalem.	Mark 11:1-11.	We can honor Jesus with actions and words.
4-1-12	Jesus is alive!	Mark 16:1-8.	We celebrate Easter because Jesus is alive.
4-22-12	Jesus appears to his Disciples.	John 20:19-31.	Faith is believing in Jesus even though we can't see him.
4-29-12	Paul teaches about spiritual gifts.	1 Corinthians 12:4-27.	God gives people different gifts for serving him.
5-6-12	Barnabas encourages Christians in Antioch.	Acts 11:19-26.	Christians should encourage each other in faith.
5-13-12	Jesus sends power from God.	Acts 2:1-21.	God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us.

**Memory Work:** In order to help our older Sunday School students prepare for Confirmation, they will be expected to learn the following passages.

<p><b>Grade 5</b></p>	<p><b>Lord's Prayer</b></p> <p>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen</p>	
<p><b>Grade 6</b></p>	<p><b>10 Commandments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me.</li><li>2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.</li><li>3. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.</li><li>4. Honor your father and your mother.</li><li>5. You shall not kill.</li><li>6. You shall not commit adultery.</li><li>7. You shall not steal.</li><li>8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.</li><li>9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.</li><li>10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbors.</li></ol>	
<p><b>Grade 7</b></p>	<p><b>The Apostles' Creed</b></p> <p><b>I believe in God, the Father almighty,</b> creator of heaven and earth.</p> <p><b>I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,</b></p> <p>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.</p> <p><b>I believe in the Holy Spirit,</b> the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p>	



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August 9, 2011

Dear Parents and Sunday School Students,

The Learning Ministry team is promoting a positive learning environment in Sunday School and has created a Student Code of Conduct that encourages our students to behave in a manner that honors Christ. Parents, please read and share this content with your child(ren). Then, we ask that parents and students in second grade and above sign the form and return it to the church office. Thank you for supporting our efforts to promote a respectful setting in Sunday School.

- This is God's house. Treat things here as you would want your things treated.
- Respect one another. God gave us voices to uplift one another. Talk and listen respectfully to your teachers and to one another.
- God gave us hands to help ourselves and to serve others. No hitting, poking, kicking, or pestering others.
- Respect God's written word and treat the Bible with reverence.
- Toys and personal property should be left at home. Please do not bring electronic games, cell phones, or I-Pods to play with in Sunday School.

In Christ's Service,

Jo Pirlott

Learning Ministry Chairperson



## Parent Responsibilities

1. Strengthen your family's relationship with God by regularly attending worship services and Sunday school.
2. Share your faith with your children. Talk about what you believe and participate in family devotions.
3. Encourage your children to attend Sunday school regularly and support their participation in special events and programs with your attendance or involvement.
4. Communicate with your children about their Sunday school. Ask them questions about their experiences.
5. Help them learn the different parts of the church service, so that they can participate and feel connected.
6. Visit your children's classrooms or their group activities occasionally.
7. Offer to support the Sunday School staff in special programs or projects by volunteering your particular talents.



## Sunday School Staff Directory

	Staff	Phone Numbers
Learning Ministry Chair Learning Ministry Member	Jo Pirlott Patti Marti Kris Bennett Cheri Bonell Brad Loeschmann	662-4328 446-0189 542-3309 650-8057 650-1741
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Grade 6	Linda Pischke	662-4834
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High School Sunday Discussion Group	Jessi Braun Jeff Rinderle	894-3850 414-803-4501



## 2011-12 Sunday School Calendar

Dates	Activity
September 11, 2011	Sunday School Begins
September 18, 2011	Third Graders Receive Bibles During either Church Service
November 27, 2011	Thanksgiving Weekend--No Sunday School
December 3, 2011	9:00 A.M. St. Nick's Breakfast 10:15 A.M. -11:30 A.M. Christmas Program Rehearsal
December 18, 2011	Sunday School Christmas Program 10:45 A.M. Service 
December 25, 2011	Christmas--No Sunday School
January 1, 2012	No Sunday School
January 8, 2012	Sunday School Resumes
April 1, 2012	First Communion for Fifth Grade Students
April 8, 2012	Easter Sunday--No Sunday School
April 15, 2012	Easter Break--No Sunday School
May 6, 2012	Third and Fourth Grade Secret Pal Party
May 20, 2012	Teacher Recognition at First Service Only Last Day of Sunday School Confirmation for Ninth Grade Students 
June 10-15, 2012 Tentative Dates	Lutherdale Confirmation Camp for Students Going into 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade