



Lighthouse Sunday School 2014-15

"Reflecting the light of Christ ...from Generation to Generation"

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:17

Important Info

- Sunday school goes from 10:10-10:55am - note the change in time from last year!
- Register TODAY!!
- Pick up and Drop off at your Student's Classroom. Parents need to sign in AND out each day.
- We still need teachers, volunteers for EVERY age group. Talk to Amy or Pr. Kristen about how you can help!

Curriculum



We will use the Spark! Lectionary curriculum. It is creative, full of life and energy and we are sure that your kids will enjoy learning more about Jesus! The lessons will usually match the Scripture from Worship. The Bibles we use coincide with this curriculum (all stories are found in the Spark Story Bible)

Learning Rotation

Students will begin in their assigned classroom. Then move to large group interaction and then back to classroom for focused Bible discussion. Usually there will also be a learning rotation of music, cooking, art, library, movie or science. At the end of the session students will return back to their classroom for pick up.



Bring Your Bible

Colorful Spark Story Bibles for 3year olds -2nd grade) are available for purchase for \$15 each. In the fall of each year, 3rd graders are presented with Bibles to use throughout their years. Please bring your Bible with you each week to Sunday School!

Offering

Children are encouraged to bring in a weekly offering that will support our church's mission, "to reflect the light of Christ in Crystal...from generation to generation". We may collect special offerings during the year for different organizations. Those will be determined as the needs arise.

Volunteers

Lighthouse cannot happen without the many volunteers who step forward to help. Would you like to teach an art or cooking class? Would you like to help with music or the story at large group? How about subbing for the small group guides or teachers who can't be here on a Sunday? There are so many ways to get involved... check out the back of the registration form!

Worship

St. James' worship is at 9:00am (a blended worship with both piano, organ). You are encouraged to attend worship regularly. Children are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the congregation. *We do not mind the wiggly, squirmy, noisy ones in the pews.* There is even a quiet space in the back of the Sanctuary for children. But, if your child is getting too wiggly for you, we do have the nursery available for those kids 4 and younger.

Singing in Worship

We like to sing! We love to hear the young voices praising God. From time to time, we will invite kids to sing the songs they are learning at large group in worship. Stay tuned for the dates.



Setting the Table

Children will have important roles in worship. Each week Sunday School students will set the table for Communion. For more information about how you can help talk to Pastor Kristen or Connie Blom

Contact Information

Amy Jermstad — (763)208-2251 or ajermstad@gmail.com
Pastor Kristen Brechler— (763) 537-3653 or kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org



Milestones

Faith milestones help parents carry out the promises they made at their child's Baptism and gives them tools to incorporate faith into the daily life of their family. Important faith concepts are taught through child/parent workshops, worship experiences and classroom lessons. For more information contact Pastor Kristen

Upcoming Milestone/Blessing Events:

- September 7 – Back to School Blessing
- September 27 – 3rd Grade: "Bible"
- October 5 – Blessing of the Animals
- October 12 – Kindergarten - Faith Five
- January 11 – 1st Grade - Lords Prayer
- February 1 – 3-4 year olds - My Church
- April 2 – Welcome to the Table
- May 3 – Teacher Appreciation Blessing

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 at 9:00am

Children will be leading worship sharing the Gospel Story through music and readings on **Sunday, December 21st at the 9:00am Worship service!**

Rehearsal for the program will be on Sunday, December 14 at 10:10am. If children are interested in reading, singing solos or singing as part of an ensemble, other practices may be held. More info to come.



Family Fairs & Events

Sunday, November 29th – Advent Family Event. Learn more about the season of Advent and take home a special project to help your family celebrate the season.

Note: other Family Fairs will happen throughout the year. Many of these will be intergenerational to be scheduled throughout the year.

Calendar

- September 7 - Rally Day & Orientation
- September 14 - First day of Sunday School
- October 19 - MEA Break (No Sunday School)
- November 9 - Family Fair
- November 30 - Advent Fair
- December 21 - Christmas Program
- December 28 - Christmas Break

- January 5 - Winter Break
- January 18 - Family Fair
- February 15 - President's Day Break
(No Sunday School)
- March 29 - Palm Sunday Family Fair
- April 5 - Easter (No Sunday School)
- May 3 - Last day of Sunday School &
Teacher Appreciation

Faith in the Home

The most powerful faith moments happen at home. We love it when we hear of families reading their Bibles, praying or serving together. Use the take home pages/parent resources (you will receive via email) to continue the conversation beyond Sunday and into the week!!

Leadership

This year Lighthouse Sunday School will be led by Amy Jermstad (coordinator) and Pastor Kristen, along with the Children's Ministry Team. We are expecting significant parent involvement in making this ministry a success.

For more information about the Children's Ministry Team or how to get involved contact Amy or Pr. Kristen