



Sunday School Parent's Guide

2017-2018

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

509 Milwaukee Avenue
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Purpose of Sunday School

Moses and the children of Israel were instructed by God in Deuteronomy to teach His commandments to their children:

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. *(Deuteronomy 6: 6-7)*

As parents we encourage you to help the teachers instill this in your children. Discuss with them on the way home what they learned in Sunday School and answer any questions they may have and encourage their spiritual growth.

Curriculum

The Board of Education has again chosen "Growing in Christ" from Concordia Publishing House as the Sunday School curriculum for Preschool-Grade 8. Older grade curriculum is developed by the teachers with help from the Pastor.

Sunday School Sessions

Sunday School is scheduled from 8:30-9:45 a.m., between church services, September 10, 2017 through May 20, 2018. Please do your best to have your child in their classroom on time.

Parents are welcome to take part in Fellowship or Adult Bible Study during this time or to join their child's class to see what they are learning and help out.

Classrooms

Preschool & Kindergarten – classroom in church basement
Grades 1 through 8 – classrooms in upper level parish hall
Grades 9 through 12 – in the media room

Opening and Closing Devotions

Class time should begin and end with a short prayer. This practice is intended to foster successful class time and to encourage children to pray regularly.

Sunday School Attendance

Regular and faithful attendance at Sunday School is vital to teaching success. The ongoing relationship building with the teacher and other students fosters more fruitful lesson time, discussion, learning and living God's word. Please do your best to have your child in attendance and ready to learn each week.

Church Attendance

Sunday School is not church! Therefore, families are encouraged to attend weekly worship regularly and faithfully. Attendance on Sundays when the children sing or play instruments during the service is especially important. A children's message is included in the service on these Sundays. Younger children may also participate in Children's church, available the fourth Sunday of each month.

Use of Bibles

To encourage children to regularly use their Bibles, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday School presents a Bible to all 5th grade students at the beginning of the Sunday School year. Older children are presented a Bible upon enrollment.

Children in 5th grade and up are expected to bring their Bibles to Sunday School each week. The lessons all have a Biblical foundation so the Bible is an important reference.

Singing and Playing Instruments

Sunday School students will have the opportunity during the year to sing and play instruments as part of the regular Sunday morning worship. This is a very meaningful experience not only for the children, but for the entire congregation.

Pre-school through 2nd Grade students generally begin class each session with song. Grades 3 thru 6 generally take the last portion of each class session practicing hand bells. Beginning in September, Sunday School children will typically present songs on the fourth Sunday of every month during the 10:00 a.m. service. See calendar on last page. Parents are asked to plan for attendance on this Sunday.

Organization / Staff

The Sunday School ministry at St. Paul's is under the responsibility of the Board of Education. Volunteers assist the Board of Education to teach, assist the teachers, and direct the music. The following is a list of volunteers and their positions:

Preschool & Kindergarten

Mrs. Sarah Block (Teacher)	920-946-8871
Miss Tessa Bidingger (Helper)	920-528-8881
Mrs. Kimberly Czerwinski, (Helper)	920-980-0328
Mrs. Tammy Kowalczyk (Helper)	262-339-6780
Mrs. Lori LaPorte (Helper)	262-244-5354

Grades 1 & 2

Mrs. Jennifer Schneider (Teacher)	920-980-2057
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Grades 3 - 6

Mrs. Margie Arbuckle (Teacher)	920-838-0027
Miss Kennedy Arbuckle (Helper)	920-447-2725

Grades 7 & 8

Mrs. Jessica Haak (Teacher)	920-917-3867
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Grades 9 - 12

Mrs. Jenny Bidingger (Teacher)	920-528-8881
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Multi-Grade Helper

Mrs. Kathy Breit	920-946-5785
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Memory Work Assistant

Mr. Justin LaPorte	262-422-3456
Mr. Larry Rosche	920-893-9623

Music Coordinator/Special Programs

Mrs. Martha Rosche	920-893-9623
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Bring a Friend to Sunday School

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, students are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend along to Sunday School.

Memory Work

It cannot be overstated how important committing to memory Scripture, Luther's Small Catechism, and the passages' meanings are to our Lutheran students. It provides them a working knowledge of the Lutheran faith and doctrine. This allows them to grow in, explain, and defend, their Christian faith. It better prepares them for confirmation instruction.

The Memory Work Program encompasses the aforementioned. It is published in booklets and provided to the 1st through 6th grades at the beginning of the Sunday School year. Each booklet provides an outline of various items each grade level will be memorizing and are divided into sections. Milestone deadlines are listed to help keep students on-track.

In order to finish the Memory Work Program by the end of the Sunday School year, students must learn one section each week. It is requested that parents make memory work part of their children's home routine during the week, so they can meet memory work goals. If possible, it is recommended that parents work with their children to complete their memory work. A child will place more value on accomplishing tasks that their parents are actively engaged in.

Incentives are offered for individual and class completion of memory work sections by the milestone deadlines. Our Sunday School program runs from the Sunday after Labor Day to the Sunday before Memorial Day. Every twelve weeks within this timeframe will be a milestone marker for memory work. Giving the students three milestone markers within the course of the Sunday School year (November 26, 2017, February 18, 2018, and May 13, 2018). These milestone markers are not dependent on whether the students have Sunday School classes that day, but rather a date that required Memory Work needs to be completed by in order to meet the milestone marker. Students Sunday School memory work will be divided into three parts to match these three milestone markers. If students successfully complete their corresponding memory work curriculum by the milestone deadline, they will be credited \$5.00, with the potential to earn a total of \$15.00 throughout the Sunday School year.

If a student misses completion of the corresponding memory work by a milestone deadline, they will not earn the \$5.00 for that section, however, they may earn \$5.00 by the next milestone marker if they complete ALL the memory work for the Sunday School year up to the next milestone deadline. An example would be that a student doesn't complete their corresponding memory work by the first milestone marker date. They miss out on their chance to earn a \$5.00 credit, however, if they successfully complete the corresponding memory work they missed by the first milestone date, and the corresponding memory work up to the next milestone date, they will earn a \$5.00 credit.

The week prior to the end of the Sunday School year, credits for each student will be tallied, and each student will be able to order an item(s) from the Sonlight Books catalog. Catalogs will be provided to each classroom for students.

Memory work deadline dates and the corresponding curriculum will be noted on the memory work charts that will be posted in front of the church office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Education.

Another incentive for individual and classroom completion of Memory Work sections is the Mission Offerings.

Mission Offering

As the Lord is the giver of all good things, students are encouraged to support Mission Offerings. As most children in Sunday School do not have the means to give monetarily, they will be given an opportunity to earn money to be given to a designated mission goal. This is intended to help the student feel ownership of their offering gift.

Different missions will be selected as appropriate throughout the Sunday School year. The entire Sunday School will be involved in setting mission goals. Students will receive regular updates as to the progress the Sunday School is making toward these goals.

Thanks to private sponsors, for each Memory Work milestone met, a child will earn \$5 to be put toward the Sunday School's Mission Offering. If the entire class meets the milestone, the class will earn an additional \$20 to be put toward that Mission Offering. Parents are encouraged to remind students of the Mission Offering often and their role in supporting it.

There will be two Mission Offerings milestones during the Sunday School year. The first will be Sunday December 3, 2017. The next will be Sunday May 13, 2018. To meet the Mission Offering goal for the first milestone, students will have to complete approximately one third of their required Memory Work. To meet the second milestone, students will have to complete ALL of their Memory Work requirements. All of this information will be noted and available on the Memory Work chart that will be posted on the wall in front of the church office.

Additional donations from the children, as well as the any member of the Congregation, to the Mission Offerings are always welcome, but not expected. Please contact the Board of Education with any questions.

Discipline

Unfortunately, from time to time, behavioral problems occur in the classroom. The following procedures exist to help deal with these situations:

1. Verbal warning from the teacher.
2. Child is taken out of class to discuss the problem with a Board of Education member.
3. Pastor will call parent to discuss the child's behavior.
4. Parent is required to sit with the child during next class time.

Christmas Program

A Sunday School Christmas Program will be chosen in the Fall and distributed to teachers. To minimize interference with teaching time, practices should consume no more than 20 minutes of class time each week leading up to the presentation.

The program will be presented Sunday, December 17th during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. with Fellowship to follow. Families are encouraged to attend.

All-student practices will be held the three Saturdays prior: December 2nd, 9th & 16th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. A hot dog lunch will follow practice on December 16th.

Volunteering

A successful Sunday School takes a great deal of time and effort. Volunteers to fill teaching positions, help with music, with memory work or in the classroom are always welcome. If interested in volunteering, please let Pastor, any member of the Board of Education, Sunday School Superintendent know.

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Ideas for Improvement?
If you have any ideas for improving the Sunday School program, please let Pastor or any member of the Board of Education know. We want parents and children to be active participants in making the educational experience at St. Paul's great!

Sunday School Calendar for 2017 - 2018

Sunday, September 10 Sunday School Classes Begin 8:30–9:45 a.m.
Parent’s Meeting during class time
Sunday, September 24 Sunday School students sing & play instruments
@ 10 a.m. worship service
Sunday, October 29 Sunday School students sing & play instruments
@ 10 a.m. worship service
Sunday, November 19 Sunday School students sing & play instruments
@ 10 a.m. worship service
Sunday, November 26 No Sunday School Classes
Saturday, December 2 Christmas program practice 9-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 9 Christmas program practice 9-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 16 Christmas program practice 9-10:30 a.m.
Lunch afterwards
Sunday, December 17 Christmas Program during 10:00 a.m. worship service.
Fellowship to follow
Sunday, December 24 No Sunday School Classes (Christmas)
Sunday, December 31 No Sunday School Classes (New Year’s)
Sunday, January 28 Sunday School students sing & play instruments
@ 10 a.m. worship service
Sunday, February 25 Sunday School students sing & play instruments
@ 10 a.m. worship service
Sunday, March 25 Sunday School students sing & play instruments
@ 10 a.m. worship service
Sunday, April 1 No Sunday School (Easter Sunday)
Sunday, April 22 Sunday School students sing & play instruments
@ 10 a.m. worship service
Sunday, May 20 Celebration Sunday –
Sunday School students sing & play instruments
@ 10 a.m. worship service