

BALTIC LUTHERAN Sunday School Handbook 2018-2019



The Purpose of Our Sunday School Program

“... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...”

Ephesians 4:12-15

Dear Parents,

Today we begin another great year of Sunday School at Baltic Lutheran Church! Classes will be held (10:00 am); worship will be at 9:00 am.

- We would ask all of you to take the time to read the handbook carefully.
- You as parents, are your child's first and most important Christian faith teachers! We really need your help and support in order for this important children's ministry to have a positive effect on your children. Take an active role in what your child is learning. Ask them questions, let them ask you questions, pray for and with them, and witness your faith to them in daily life.
- If you have comments or suggestions, please share them with the pastor or with a member of the Board of Education. We are here to help.
- Sunday School attendance is important and we miss your child when they are not here. Please be sure to attend worship together as well. This is an excellent opportunity to let your child know that you value your church and your relationship with God. Children with perfect or faithful attendance will be recognized on **Awards Sunday**.
- Each child is asked to bring a **weekly offering** which is used to help with the cost of Sunday School materials. **Envelopes will be given to them to use.**
- Each child will be recognized on the Sunday closest to their **birthday**. They are welcome to bring a penny offering (one for each year) for a special offering that day.

- Please remind your child that the church is God's House and that they need to act respectfully towards each other and their teachers while they are here.
- Please remember to include our Sunday School and church regularly in your prayers. We are engaged in a very important ministry in the lives of you and your children.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Board of Education:

Paula Gunderson
Ann Thompson
Taren Turner

PASTOR

Randall Questad

SUPERINTENDENT

Alana Tommeraasen

I AM a
CHILD
OF GOD
JOHN 1:12

TEACHERS

3 & 4 Year Olds & Kindergarten

Angela Aspaas

1st-2nd Grade

Alana Tommeraasen

3rd-6th Grade

Larry Miller

7th & 8th Grade

Katie Pauly

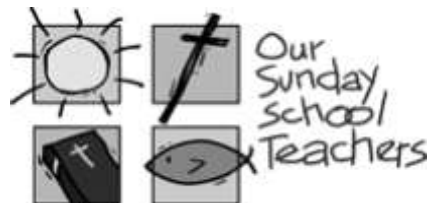
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Paula Gunderson

Barb Haux

Joann Moan

Corynne Teveldal



The mission of the Sunday School program at Baltic Lutheran Church is to enhance the ministry of our congregation by:

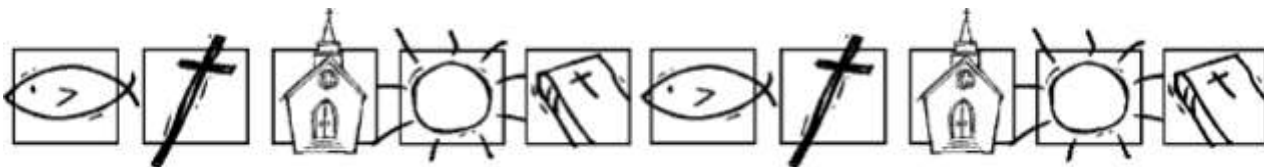
- + **assisting parents** and sponsors in fulfilling the vows they made at the baptism of their children;
- + **strengthening** the fellowship of believers;
- + **promoting growth** in the knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures, our faith, and Lutheran doctrine;
- + **encouraging the expression** of our Christian faith in our community and in the world.
- + **fulfilling the promise** made at this child's Baptism: the promise to faithfully bring him/her to worship services and teach him/her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments.

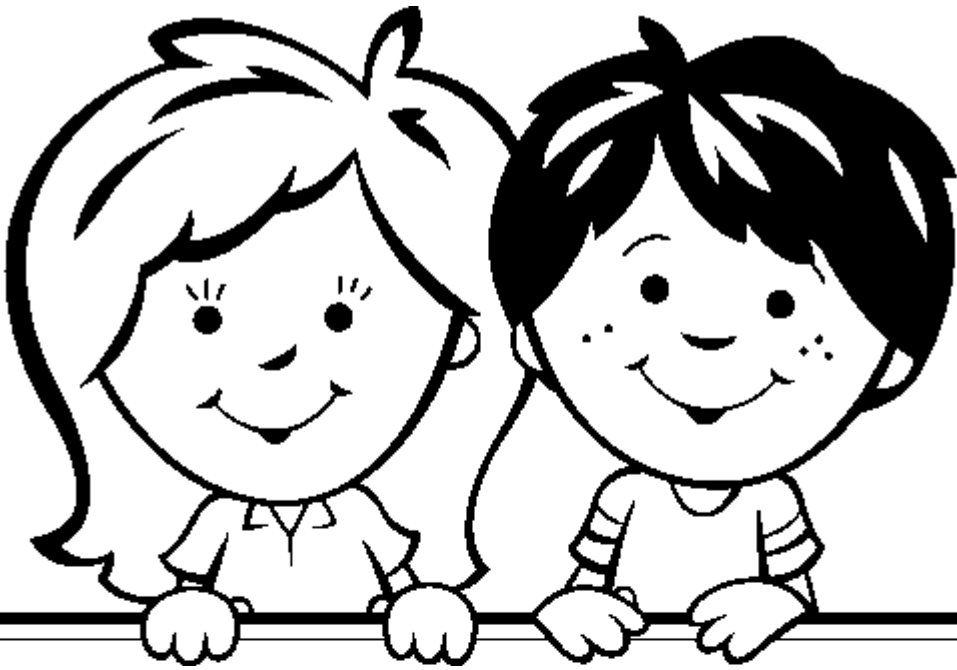
SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

For 3 year olds thru 6th grade we will use David C. Cook materials. 7th and 8th grade will use other materials.

MATERIALS NEEDED BY STUDENTS

1. Virtually all the materials needed for a lesson will be provided by the Sunday School.
2. Students in 3rd thru 8th grade are expected to bring their Bibles.
3. If other materials are needed, each teacher will inform the students as to what to bring to class.





Classes will meet at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted

September 9	Teachers' Installation Classes begin
December 16	Christmas Program, 9:00 am during worship
December 24	No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
December 31	No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
April 14	Palm Sunday ~Children sing in church
April 21	No Sunday School (Easter)
May 5	Last Day of Sunday School:
May 12	Awards and Bibles presented during Worship Service

Other activities will be announced as needed.

MEMORY WORK

All grades/ages will have memory work assigned by the teacher. It will also be the goal of our Sunday School to memorize the following items during the course of the Sunday School year. Their memory work assigned helps the children when they get to confirmation class! **Parents can assist the teachers in a significant way by reviewing the memory work at home.**



- 3 Year Olds—Table Prayers
- Pre-Kindergarten—The Lords’ Prayer
- Kindergarten— The Apostles’ Creed
- Grade 1—The Ten Commandments
- Grade 2—The books of the Bible (old & new testament)
- Grade 3—The Ten Commandments and their meanings from the small catechism
- Grade 4— The Lords’ Prayer and its meaning from the small catechism
- Grade 5—The Apostles’ Creed and its meaning from the small catechism
- Grade 6—The meaning of Holy Baptism from the small catechism

OTHER ITEMS

1. First grade students will receive Bibles from the Women of Baltic Lutheran Church on Awards Sunday.
2. On Awards Sunday, merit awards will be given to those students who have successfully completed their memory work assignment for the year. Perfect attendance will also be recognized.

A successful Sunday School program is based on the support of the congregation and especially the parents. All are asked to support financially; all are asked to help with instruction by being teachers and by teaching at home; all are asked to remember our Sunday School program, our children, and our teachers in their prayers.

Sunday School is Fun!



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Sunday School is a place where the children of God gather to learn more about their faith. As such, it is expected that behavior will be in accord with those who are the children of God. We have but one hour/week of formal instruction. In order to get the assigned tasks completed in that hour, the teacher cannot spend time disciplining students.
2. Our teachers deserve only the highest respect and honor. They are God's gift to us and are fulfilling one of the most important tasks of the church: that of teaching our children our faith. Our teachers deserve the respect and gratitude of children, parents, and congregation.
3. Teachers have the primary responsibility and authority for classroom discipline. They will assume that they have parental support in all that they do. They also assume that parents will back them up in any and all disciplinary situations.
4. If abnormal problems do arise and the teacher is not successful in attempts to correct the situation, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Board of Education, the Pastor, and the parents. If the classroom becomes disruptive because of a student, that student will be sent home. We again assume the full cooperation and support of the parents.
5. Children should arrive on time for class at 10:00 a.m. and will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. Parents will be informed of any changes in the schedule.

Cancellations:

When bad weather threatens, cancellations will be announced on KELO Radio (1320 am); KELO TV and KSFY TV , Facebook or call the church office for updated message.



Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, they learn to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, they learn to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, they learn to be confident.

If a child lives with praise, they learn to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, they learn justice.

If a child lives with security, they learn to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,

They learn to find love in the world.

