

Sunday School plans in the year of COVID-19

Our parental survey revealed that most parents desired an in-person Sunday School, especially for older ages. So the teachers and Christian Ed committee met and determined the following guidelines which were approved by the Reopening task group and Council.

All classes

- Sunday school will occur after 9AM worship, from **10AM – 11AM** (except for the youngest class – see below)
- Sunday school will begin in outdoors in the **field with an opening** led by Pastor Ingrid and then teachers will take children/youth to their class areas (see below for each age group)
- In case of **inclement weather**, the opening will be canceled and:
 - Ages 3 – 5: Class will be canceled
 - Grades 1-2: Children will go directly to Faith Hall for class
 - Grades 3-8: Children will go directly to classroom using separate stairwells
- Christian Ed team members will **take temperatures** as children exit car. Children should be wearing masks to keep everyone safe.
- **After class**, teachers will bring students back out to the field to be picked up by parents.
- Parents are encouraged to **avoid entering the building** except in cases of crisis/emergency, and then are asked to wear a mask.
- Each Saturday, teachers will email a **weekly sign-up genius** to Sunday School parents in order to count attendance for Sunday and tweak plans if necessary.
- **Bathrooms** will be available – but only one person/household can be in the bathroom at a time unless a child needs help and then teachers and child will wear masks.
- We will have adequate supplies of hand sanitizers, wipes and tissues.
- The committee will meet with teachers in October to make improvements and develop plans for the colder weather. **If you have any questions/concerns** the first few weeks of class – please let us know; that is either Marie Strebel, Melissa Brobst, Pastor Ingrid, or Becky Rasmussen.

Ages 3 – 5: Led by Megan Davis

- Will be held outdoors in field with social distancing
- Will occur for 30 minutes two times per month and will include Bible story and a craft (10 – 10:30AM)
- No masks will be required for little ones
- The format will be a “parent-and-me” one so that a parent will be required to attend - we hope this provides time for both parent & child to safely socialize
- Parents should bring a blanket or towel upon which to sit with child/ren
- Church will provide bag of craft supplies for each child and a lap tray upon which to work
- In case of inclement weather, we’ll cancel class for the day

Grades 1 – 2: Led by Marge Scudese & Melissa Brobst

- Will be held outdoors in the field with social distancing
- Will occur for one hour each Sunday (10 – 11AM)
- Masks will be required (however, we are open to input from the families when we will be outside)
- Parents should send with child a blanket/towel upon which they will sit
- Church will provide bag of craft supplies for each child and a lap tray upon which to work

- In case of inclement weather, class will meet in Faith Hall, with masks & social distancing
- For those who do not wish to send their child/ren – Mrs.' Scudese & Brobst will provide at-home learning through the church office
- Along with their labeled and sealed pencils, and other necessities for story and activities, the teachers will make sure the bags are sanitized each week.
- No snacks or drinks will be allowed

Graces 3-5: Led by Cheryl & Brodie Fritsch

- Will be held in a large classroom upstairs in the Schwartz Education Center; class will use one of the two stairwells (with the other class using the other stairwell)
- Will occur for one hour each Sunday (10 – 11AM)
- Masks will be required
- Social distancing will be observed
- Hand sanitizer & tissues will be available in classroom
- Windows will be opened for ventilation
- Zion will provide bag of craft supplies for each child
- For those who do not wish to send their child/ren – Mrs. Fritsch will invite virtual participation via Zoom

Graces 6-8: Led by Mr. Humcke & a volunteer parent each week

- Will be held in a large classroom upstairs in the Schwartz Education Center; class to use one of the two stairwells (with the other class using the other stairwell)
- Will occur for one hour each Sunday (10 – 11AM)
- Masks will be required
- Social distancing will be observed
- Hand sanitizer & tissues will be available in classroom
- Windows will be opened for ventilation

Note for 7th & 8th grade Confirmants: Pastor Ingrid will reach out to you in the next week or so in order to determine a safe and parent-approved way to teach Confirmation this fall.