

Thank you!



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"Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD your God, who teaches you for your own good, who leads you in the way you should GO!" ~ Isaiah 48:17

We are a SENT people...

A people SENT out to TELL the STORY!



TELL the STORY of JESUS' LOVE!

"Go out to the whole world to share the good news!"

- says Jesus

Handbook 2016-2017

Welcome to Emmanuel Sunday School!

At the time of Baptism, you made promises to your child(ren) to raise them in the faith at HOME as well as at CHURCH. A reminder of your promises :

- x Faithfully BRING them to worship & faith activities
- x TEACH your child the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed & the 10 Commandments
- x Spend BIBLE TIME with your child
- x Be sure they have FAITH EDUCATION...SS & beyond
- x So that within the faith community and in the world, they are able to live Godly lives all their days.

With God's help, and the help of the Church, do you promise to keep your promises?

Reminder

Update for 3 Year Olds!

We ask that each child is age 3 by Sept. 1, 2016 Also, that 3 year olds be accompanied by an adult for the SS hour.



RALLY SUNDAY is Sept 11th

YEAR ~ Keep SS calendar handy.
Posted online, too. Also, Baptismal Milestone calendar is posted in SS wing and you will receive letters of invitation in advance.

WEEK by WEEK ~ updates or changes:

- notes go home from SS, eblasts sent
- posted on large white board at end of SS wing
- posted on church website, too

We encourage you not only to stay in tune to what your child is up to in Sunday School,

but to WORSHIP together, too.

God's love is revealed through COMMUNITY.

Good habits & healthy faith begin AT HOME. Children learn the faith from HOME more than any other source.

"Train children in the right way
and when old they will not stray."
Proverbs 22:6



SS Thankofferings ~

Will be gifted during music time. Please work with your child on thankful giving habits.

We may have special collections throughout the year for donated goods.

Send pennies for BIRTHDAYS, especially for your younger children. Birthday pennies also add to our SS fund which benefits area missions throughout the year.

Baptismal MILESTONES ~

When your child's Baptismal Milestone gift date draws near, you will receive notice and with additional tips on celebrating Milestone opportunities at home.

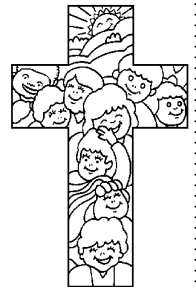
Milestone calendar is posted in SS wing, online & throughout church offices.

SAFE HAVEN Policy ~ Emmanuel Lutheran is a 'Safe Haven' Congregation, which means that we covenant :
'...to safeguard all children whom God entrusts to our care & spiritual nurturing. Safeguarding our precious cargo...God's children of all ages.'

Every SS teacher and staff member as a copy, including all members of Emmanuel council. Posted through SS office area, please ask for a copy.

Respect ~ We thank you for your patience, for you help, your seeking to keep your Baptismal Promises...and for empowering your child(ren) to respect their neighbor – all classmates & teachers.

Be aware, that if your child is not respectful of classmates or teachers, your child may be removed from the classroom for reinforced adult supervision. In such a case, you may be contacted. Our Safe Haven Policy is for the safeguarding of children of all ages – including teachers.



We ask everyone to respect our church, both inside and out. In the sanctuary, please, no running. And only water for food or drink.

WAYS to KEEP YOUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES ~



Stay involved with lessons and projects. Children will have memory work within the classroom per their age group.

BIBLES love to be open. Keep them open at home.

Worship together. Invite a friend. All are welcome here, for Christ Jesus welcomes all.

Please make SS a regular and consistent priority.

Stay in the loop: Keep teachers informed if you are not going to be around. There may be info that needs to be shared with you. Watch calendars, notes, updates.

Help on Extended Story Days, our long weekend Sunday focus days. We'll be celebrating God's Word in varied ways on those Sundays, and we welcome both your ideas and your help in being a part of the wondrous action!

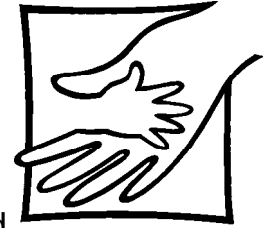
Be a BOOSTER! Want to help in classroom? At music? Offer ideas? Offer support to SS teachers and staff? Let education leaders know. Be a role model of faith!

Come be a part of the creative and powerful mission of planting and nurturing the seeds of faith! Grow in faith, together with the children.

Vital to Extended Story Days, too.

PARENTS to Sunday School! Come spring, we'll be signing up parents to visit SS for the morning.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S
Expectations of Sunday Schoolers ~



When We Gather ~

We gather celebrating God's Word and how God wishes to be a part of our everyday lives.

Please come on time, ready to learn and to participate in a way respectful of classmates and teachers.

Bible ~ We are story people. The Bible is our story.

BRING YOUR BIBLES!

BRING BIBLES, Bible books, favorite devotionals, Milestone books... If you do not have a Bible, let your teacher know and we will round one up for you.

SS Attendance ~

We'll take attendance at the very start of the SS hour. We honor SS time at any other church, too, when you are unable to be at Emmanuel. Just bring in a note or a worship bulletin.

Please keep attendance & participation as priorities.

Worship ~ Worship is vital to faith formation and for empowering us to love and serve our neighbor.

Sing during worship will be determined as we move forward and communicated to parents.

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1