

August 28,2023

Welcome to the 2023/2024 GRACE KIDS Sunday School program!

The main focus of our program is our kids and building a sense of community with our families. We want our children to be a part of all aspects of church life, from participating in worship, to helping with charitable work, to having fun as a group with lessons, crafts, games and music.

We understand that our Grace families have conflicting priorities – from school, to sports, to family events and beyond. We take those demands into account when planning our program calendar. We only plan for two Sunday school sessions each month and they are individual lessons that don't require regular attendance to be meaningful!

If you can only make it to one session every month or two that is OK. We want our families to know that they can come as often as they are able! Please do not feel you cannot come if you are only able to attend once in a while. Everyone is welcome at every session!

Some things that are new/updated this year:

- We are going to split up the older and younger kids. With more families joining/participating we
  realize that to give our kids the best program, we want to provide lessons tailored more
  specifically to their age group.
- We will be holding "Worship Classes". These are classes where the kids will get to learn how to
  participate in various aspects of worship. We understand that sometimes it is daunting to sign up to
  participate in worship especially if you are unfamiliar with the process/rules/expectations. We hope
  these classes will fix that!
- Charitable giving is important to our congregation and faith so we are planning quarterly giving events that the kids will have a direct say in. More information to come!

We are including our Grace Kids Year Calendar - it highlights the Sunday School sessions, monthly events and activities - this is to help as you plan your year

Please note - we will be updating this calendar over the year as we have additional events planned and if there are any updates that are needed. We will send out new calendars when that happens.

To help with communication for our families so they have an easy way to access any and all information about GRACE KIDS:

- The Blue Sheet in our weekly service bulletin
- The Grace Lutheran Website www.grace53092.org
- Regular emails to the parents

Please mark your calendars for September 10th - we want to kick off the year with a quick 15 to 20 minute meeting with the families right after service to discuss the upcoming year and answer any questions.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or just want to discuss the program, please feel free to call me, Trina Brown or Pastor Bill.

Peace.

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