

Minnetonka Lutheran Church

Sunday School Parent Handbook 2011-2012



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MLC's Objectives for Christian Learning

Know, Grow, and Show God's Love

Know: To know God's love for us through God's Son, Jesus Christ. We view this as a partnership with Parents who vowed at their child(ren)'s baptism to bring their children to church, teach them the ten commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed, and Holy Scriptures.

Grow: To grow in the knowledge of God through study of God's Word and shared experiences with people of God.

Show: To show the love of God in all that we say and do. To provide opportunities for service in the name of Jesus throughout the year.

ACTIVATE Faith

With the start of the 2011-2012 Sunday school year, MLC will be using the SPARK curriculum to help our youngest members activate their faith.

Spark is a faith formation program that gets children ages 2 through grade 6 excited about God's Word. Spark lessons bring to life 150 stories from the Old and New Testament through games, art, music, and science, to accommodate all the different ways kids learn.

MLC uses the "team" approach to Sunday school education. Groups of people usually team up together (about 2-3) to co-teach. Low pressure, high rewards.

Sunday Worship and Education Schedule

8:45 Traditional Worship

9:50 Education Hour

Preschool and Kindergarten meet in Activity Room

1-6 Activity Room

7-12 Youth Room

9:50 Adult Education

The Blue room

9:50 Adult Forum (occasional)

Follows coffee in the Fellowship Hall

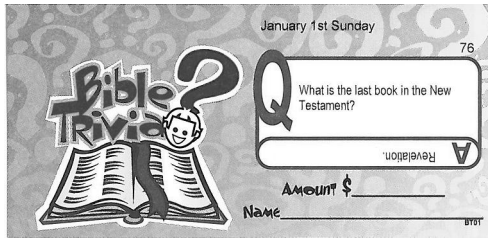
11:00 Contemporary Service

Sunday Morning

Preschool—Grade 6

All students begin at 9:50 a.m. Children should go to their classroom in the Activity Room. Parents are welcome to attend the classes with their child. There will be some days when classes may meet in other locations, so please make sure you are aware of the classes' plans, by discussing with your child's teacher. **Parents are required to sign their child(ren) in and out of the classroom** at the beginning and end of Sunday School.

Offerings



Sharing our gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure are important things to learn about, and good stewardship habits should begin early in a child's life. Sunday school students will receive a box of offering envelopes on the first day of Sunday school. No records will be kept of individual contributions. The offering will purchase materials for the Lutheran World Relief School Bag project.

Snacks

Snacks are sometimes served during Sunday school. If your child is allergic to something please be sure to indicate allergies on the registration form, and inform your child's teacher.

Memory Challenge

These memory challenges will be worked on during Sunday school. Parents are encouraged to reinforce these at home.

Preschool and Kindergarten: Mealtime and bedtime prayers (see page 4 for suggestions)

1st and 2nd Grades: The Lord's Prayer (see page 4)

3rd and 4th Grades: The Ten Commandments (see page 4)

5th and 6th Grades: The Apostles' Creed (see page 4)

Special Events

Sunday, September 11th

First day of Sunday school

Blessing of the Backpacks

Installation of Sunday school teachers and small group Confirmation leaders

Sunday, September 18

Kindergarten and 3rd Grade students receive Bibles during 11:00am worship

Sunday, December 18th

11:00am worship service

Mark your calendars and invite the relatives. This is Minnetonka Lutheran's Christmas Program performed by the Sunday school children.

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

No Sunday school classes

Palm Sunday, April 1

Sunday school classes and singing at both services

Maundy Thursday, April 5—7:00pm

5th grade students receive their First Holy Communion

Easter Sunday, April 8

No Sunday school classes

Sunday May 20

Last day of Sunday school

Sunday School Singers

The Sunday school children are scheduled to sing in worship on the following Sunday's this year:

October 30, *December 18 (Christmas Program), **February 12, April 1** (Palm Sunday), **May 13.**

The students will sing during both worship services on these selected Sundays. They will sing at the end of the early service, and the beginning of the later service. *On December 18, the Christmas Program will be performed at the 11:00am worship service only.

Suggested Meal Time and Bed Time Prayers

Bedtime prayers:

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep:
May angels watch me through the night
And wake me with the morning light. Amen.

Before I close my eyes tonight
I thank you Lord with all my might
For my friends and neighbors, too
For everyone that's in my school
And keep my family in your heart
And may I remember
We're never apart. Amen

Thank you, God for today,
You blessed my work, you blessed my play. Amen

Mealtime prayers:

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything. Amen

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest,
And let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen

For what we are about to receive,
May the Lord make us truly thankful.
And may we always be mindful of the needs of
others. Amen



Memory Challenge

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be
Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

The
LORD'S
Prayer

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose
again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his
manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything
that is your neighbor's.