

SPLC Sunday School FAQ's 2018-19

What is Sunday School?

Sunday School is one of many student ministries at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. This is a time where relationships are nurtured between students, teachers, and families. Each week, students are taught by volunteers. The lessons vary from core Bible stories, like Jonah and the Big Fish, to the start of catechism materials like the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed. All of this is done with the goal of equipping our children, no matter how young, with the tools of being a member of the body of Christ – understanding and being able to talk about our faith are huge pieces in spreading the Good News!

When and where is Sunday School?

Most Sunday mornings we meet for class 9:35-10:25 (a full calendar is available online, hanging on the Community Room window, and on the back of this paper). We start with opening in the Community Room and then dismiss to individual classrooms where students can be picked up at 10:25.

Who is Sunday School for?

Programming is set up for 3 year olds (who are able to handle their bathroom needs) to 6th graders. Our 5th and 6th graders (called 56rs) have special curriculum that is pre-confirmation based. Members and non-members of St. Philip's and visitors are welcome to participate in Sunday School.

What does it cost?

There is no fee for Sunday School at St. Philip's.

What do Parents do?

Parents are encouraged to teach, substitute, and help in Sunday morning fun. If teaching is not possible, parents are encouraged to stay on campus for the time. During the education hour, Adult Spiritual Growth offers programming. Also, weekly projects will be made available – like the timeline, birthday cards, and more – this can definitely be parent driven.

Why is Sunday School important?

During baptism, families and church families make many promises – including providing for Christian education. Sunday School is one of the ways the church family supports families in keeping this promise. Faithfully bring children to Sunday School is a way families can keep their promises. Also, there are dozens of scriptures about the value of wisdom, learning, and taking steps to know God. Proverbs 4:5-7 "Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." Sunday school is a building block – one piece of building a faith life through education and fellowship. Home life and study is the main base for any child – and it is our hope to offer support to families as they learn together.

Questions? Please contact Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries:

Stephanie Becken stephanieb@splchastings.org or 651-437-6541

Date	What's The Lesson (Lessons different for 56rs)
September 9	Rally Day—Make nametags & enjoy church family fellowship
September 16	Creation
September 23	Noah's Ark
September 30	Abram's Call (Confirmation Sunday)
October 7	Abraham and Sarah's Visitors
October 14	Isaac's Blessing
October 21	Off for MEA
October 28	The Reformation
November 4	Free from Slavery
November 11	The Red Sea
November 18	The Ten Commandments
November 25	Christmas Program Prep and Set up Party
December 2	The Battle of Jericho
December 9	Christmas Program
December 16	Christmas Lesson (SPLC written)
December 23	Off for Christmas
December 30	Off for New Year
January 6	Naomi and Ruth
January 13	David and Goliath
January 20	Elijah and the Widow
January 27	Camp Sunday
February 3	Jonah and the Big Fish
February 10	Jesus' Baptism
February 17	Off for President's Day (long weekend from school)
February 24	The Disciples
March 3	The Lord's Prayer
March 10	Woman at the Well
March 17	A Storm
March 24	The Centurion's Servant
March 31	Jesus Blesses the Children
April 7	Musical
April 14	Holy Week (SPLC written)
April 21	Off for Easter
April 28	The Great Commission (SPLC written)
May 5	VBS Preview & Sunday School Final Celebration
	Have a wonderful and safe summer filled with many blessings!

****Subject to Change****

Color Key

Classroom Sunday School

No Sunday School

Intergenerational/Large Group Event

Special Event

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Sunday School Registration Form 2018-2019

Please complete this form by September 12th so we can update our records.

We accept new students any time during the school year. All are welcome!

This form can be mailed back to, or dropped off at the church office at 1401 15th St. W, Hastings, MN 55033.

You can also scan and email it to stephanieb@splchastings.org

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Grade (2018-2019)</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Baptism Date</u>
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___ Check here if all of the following contact information is the same as last year or is the same as in the most updated St. Philip's Directory. If you check here, you do not need to fill out the contact information. Please update additional contact information for family member that may handle drop off/pick up.

Name of Parent(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ Are you a member of SPLC? YES NO NOT SURE

Email address: (we communicate via email when possible) _____

Additional contact information for a family member that may handle drop off/pick up:

Name of Parent, Grandparent, Guardian, etc: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____

Email address: (we communicate via email when possible) _____

It is our goal to make St. Philip's Lutheran Sunday School a wonderful experience for your child.

If your child has an IEP, special behavioral needs, or strategies for success, please check here ___ and list that information on the back of this sheet. Special meetings can be arranged upon request.

If your child has allergies or health concerns that our volunteer Sunday School staff should know about, please check here _____ and list that information.

Parent or Guardian please initial below:

_____ During classes & activities your child may be photographed. By initialing, you are giving St. Philip's permission for the photographs to be used in ways such as monthly newsletters, church bulletins, DVD church presentations, Facebook, and on the church website.

I give permission for my child to attend St. Philip's Lutheran Church Faith Formation Programs and to take part in the regular program activities. I authorize St. Philip's to provide any necessary medical care in the event of an emergency. I understand that I will be notified as soon as possible if emergency care is needed.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Sharing the Ministry

The St. Philip's Sunday School program is coordinated by staff, but largely run by volunteers. We are in need of teachers, helpers, and substitutes. **Please circle areas you'd be interested in helping with (You will be contacted before being asked to do a role).**

- Teacher/co-teacher (small group leader with curriculum, supplies, and support offered every week—we have some Sundays off, and substitute teachers available making this a more manageable commitment.) Ages of students you'd prefer to work with:
- Substitute teacher (be on call to fill in for teachers and co-teachers. If you have a grade/age preference, please let the coordinator know) Ages of students you'd prefer to work with :
- Event support (Sunday school programs, Christmas programs, etc—this role would be seasonally intense, but require less week-to-week interaction).
- Supply needs (purchase supplies when needed/bring craft items/treats)
- Busy Bag Support (check the worship busy bags every month and restock as needed)
- Worship Wanderers (helping with 2-10 year olds during part of 10:30 worship)
- Music Support (lead opening music or help with music during other times of the year—great if you play piano or guitar, but other instruments are welcome)

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