



# Children's Ministry News

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### Prayer Partners

All children from birth through grade 8 have been assigned a prayer partner. This person will pray for them weekly during Lent and send them an Easter greeting card. There are also special events for all ages where prayer partners, children and youth and parents can get acquainted.

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### Sixth Grade Retreat

**Registrations due on April 8.**

**Bring friends!**

The annual retreat for sixth graders and their friends has had a change of date. This event will take place on **April 16-17** at Camp St. Croix south of Hudson, WI.

This begins on Friday night meeting at church at 6:30 pm and then ends on Saturday afternoon. Parents are invited out for lunch on Saturday and are asked to take their students home.

The purpose of this retreat is to explore the *Great Commandment* and the *Great Commission*. Parents will also talk about confirmation in the fall for their students.

### All Ages "Fruity" Event

April 25—All Ages "Fruity" Event.

9: 20 -10: 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Come to explore the fruits of the Holy Spirit through activities and service projects involving mixed age groups. Travel around the building to collect your 9 fruits of the Spirit. Eat special "fruity" treats.



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### Sunday School Schedule Change

Music Openings for Sunday School students will resume on April 11 at 9:30 am in the chapel. The Sunday School children will participate in the Pentecost processional and worship on May 23.

If possible, don't miss on April 11 & 18, May 2, 9, 16 & 23.

Beth Kautz will lead music on April 11 but Diane Shallue will lead the rest.

### Schedule

March 28—Palm Sunday, regular Sunday School

April 4—EASTER—no education hour

April 11—Fifth grade faith step in worship; skit on the Apostles' Creed and leading the congregation.

April 11—Sunday School openings in the chapel at 9:30 am resume. Beth Kautz leads.

April 16 -17 - Sixth Grade Retreat at Camp St. Croix

April 18—Sunday School Opening in the Chapel at 9:30 am

April 25—All Ages "Fruity" Event

May 2, 9, 16 & 23 — Sunday School Opening in the Chapel at 9:30 am led by Diane Shallue

May 23—Pentecost

May 23—last session of Sunday School until September 12



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## The Four Keys to Faith Formation

Parents are the most important influence on the faith formation of children. There are four faith practices which are significant: Service (especially if done as a family), Caring Conversations, Family Rituals and Traditions, Devotions (including Bible reading). Caring Conversation is the focus for this winter and spring but we will continue to emphasize family service projects.

## FAITH STEPS

Each grade/age level in our children's faith formation program has an assigned faith step.

- Preschool—grade one students learn the song, “This Little Light of Mine” and learn that Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World.” They learn about worship through the use of the Liturgical Guides.
- Grade 2 students learn about the Lord’s prayer and John 3: 16 and recite them in worship.
- Grade 3 study the Bible and memorize the books of the Bible. They receive a Bible from the congregation.
- Grade 4 studies the Ten Commandments and has acolyte/worship training.
- Grade 5 students learn about the Apostle’s Creed and recite it in worship.
- Grade 6 learn the Great Commandment and the Great Commission at an overnight retreat.

**Birth—5 brunch and parent’s time out coming on a Saturday in May. Look for more details in the future.**

## We bring HOPE through our values:

### Worship

We celebrate our Christian heritage through liturgy, challenging preaching and vibrant music reflecting many traditions.

### Community

We are an urban spiritual center in a changing University neighborhood, opening our facilities and ministry to groups and individuals outside the congregation.

### Relationships

We are a diverse community empowered by the love of Christ to care for and support one another as we grow in faith.

### Learning

We are thoughtful believers dedicated to faith formation and mindful inquiry expanding our understanding of how God is at work in our lives.

### Service

We commit ourselves to Christ’s command to love our neighbors, both near and far, through life-changing service to others.