

About 100 years ago, “sunday school” was instituted to “help” orphaned children who did not have parents to teach them about God and faith. No self-respecting parent would ever have left religious instruction of their children up to others! Obviously, the idea of Sunday school caught on, and it has become a vital part of the history and life of many congregations. And today, because the pendulum swings both ways, many churches are riding themselves of the “bother” of Sunday school.

That is not our story. Mount Calvary is a place of relationship, story and grace. Everything we do and everything we are is defined by the living out of these three words. Our Sunday school is no exception.

We look a bit different than many Sunday schools because our classes are taught primarily by High School youth who are being assisted by Middle school youth. We believe in a cascading mentorship where each older group of young people is involved with and influencing the younger group. We also believe “if youth are not leading they are leaving”. We believe one learns by teaching. And we believe our young children experience God through the amazing and constant relationships being built in the classroom, and the Spirit that empowers and blesses these relationships.

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church is a place where your children will for a short time become our children, our blessings. Your children will help fill our hallways with laughter and joy as they begin their journey in faith. Your Family is the cornerstone of our church and we believe that Mount Calvary starts the path of faith for you and your children.

We start this path of faith by providing a loving and nurturing environment with amazingly trained youth teachers to foster a faith relationship like no other.

By using our well selected, highly trained youth to teach our young kids we create an environment where they learn by example what it means to be a disciple. Our Youth teachers and students create an everlasting relationship that they will carry with them their whole lives. During Sunday School time your blessings will learn about God’s Big Story through relationships, crafts, discussions, large group, music, games, storytelling, prayer, and so much more. Our hope is that your blessings come home with the story, a question, and a craft, to create a discussion or lesson at home to help your family grow in faith together.

God’s story is stunning, exciting and worth telling over and over and over in a multitude of ways! The story of God’s people is wild and crazy and sometimes unbelievable! Our Sunday School Coordinators, Ketti and Randi, are both Professional Educators and skilled in using a variety of mediums and methods to tell God’s story and the story of God’s people. They truly understand the way children learn and the possibilities for experiencing God. All curriculum is shaped with educational know-how.

GRACE is our “best of all”. Each child is accepted, loved and celebrated. They are welcomed when they come and missed when they are gone. They are encouraged to be uniquely who they are. They are constantly reminded that they are precious and beloved Children of God and that God is crazy about them. Children are not expected to be perfect – or even well behaved all the time! It is a place to come and to know you belong.

Sunday School is not the end all be all, nor should it be. It is a time to come together and be about God! To know we are the Family of God in its biggest way – all are welcome.

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With over 11 years of teaching experience in the church, I’ve learned what it takes to make your children feel loved, understood, accepted, and part of our family. Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Luke 18:16. Here, we whole-heartedly believe that your children are our kingdom. We want help plant the seed of faith in your little blessings and to help share God’s love with them.

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