

Greetings!

I hope this finds everyone enjoying summer and excited for the beginning of the school year. As September is fast approaching, so is the start of the 2015 / 2016 Youth Religious Education program (Sunday School) at Christ Lutheran Church!

Jesus paid the ultimate price for our salvation. At CLC we believe there should be no financial burden to learn about and grow in God's love. Our Youth Religious Education Program is FREE for all children, preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, to attend! We also offer confirmation classes.

**The first day of this year's Youth Religious Education program will be Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive at 10:15**, we will meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We have special group activities planned and will also receive a special blessing from Pastor and a welcome from the congregation.

Enclosed you will find a calendar for this year's program as well as a registration form. We do need a separate registration form completed for each of your children, ideally before the start of the program. You can return the form via US mail, by leaving it in the basket marked "Youth Religious Education Registration Forms" on the information desk in the narthex, or by dropping it off in the church office.

I am excited that we will be using Groups Hands-On Bible curriculum. Just as Jesus used everyday objects to teach eternal truths, this award winning curriculum, uses fun gizmos and hands-on activities to help kids understand God's Word, love it and remember it for a lifetime! In addition to utilizing our age appropriate classroom settings (both in and outdoors), we will also have large group activities, games, movies, music and will continue our successful "Kingdom Projects" as well.

Lessons and activities are designed to build upon each other. However, if your student misses a week, they will not be lost when they return. In addition, everything is more fun with friends - Feel free to bring a guest anytime. Visitors and newcomers are welcome all year long!

At the conclusion of the Youth Religious Education program and our contemporary worship service on September 20<sup>th</sup>, CLC will be hosting our annual picnic. It is a fun, outdoor event. Food and drinks for all, games and prizes for the kids too – it is FREE!! Send the kids to Religious Ed and you can enjoy worship. Then stay for the picnic!

As you know, we have raised the bar of our program even higher! CLC will be hosting a FREE workshop based on our curriculum. The workshop will be 8/29 from 2-4 pm. This workshop will provide teachers, volunteers and parents the opportunity to earn more about sharing our faith with our children and about our curriculum. This workshop is free, however an RSVP is appreciated in order to have ample materials for you.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you soon!

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