

# Church of the Cross

2022-2023

Church School

Parent Handbook

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**"Making Jesus known by sharing our gifts"**

**\*Donation:** There is no fee for Church school, but we would ask that you make a donation of \$10 per family if possible, to help offset some of the costs we incur. Please mark your donation that it is intended for Church school supplies and put in the offering plate or send it with your child to give to their teacher.

**\*Curriculum:** This year we will be using the curriculum *Whirl and Spark* from spark house through Augsburg Fortress. "Why choose Whirl and Spark All Kids? Whirl and Spark connects older and younger kids with a "buddy" system. The curriculum is designed for multiage classrooms featuring built-in opportunities for older kids to mentor younger kids. The lessons help kids learn key Bible themes and stories by relating to kids through entertaining and theology-targeted Bible stories, which are also relevant to their lives. There are videos with each lesson that engage the kids to show them what it's like to go through their faith journey with animated characters as visual of how to live out faith. Whirl also provides extend learning from church to home by engaging with families with take-home learner leaflets that offer weekly opportunities to learn about how kids can put faith into action.

If you are interested in reviewing the curriculum in detail or if you have any materials that may be helpful to the teachers, please contact Janie or the church office.

**\*Celebrations:** We celebrate several milestones during the church school year. We recognize both birthdays and Baptism Anniversaries. These are recognized during the music portion on the church school hour.

**\*Memory Work:**

This is an important part of our program. Our goal is to have each grade memorize a part of our religious teachings and prepare them for Confirmation. The teachers will work with your child in class and ask you to please work with you child at home. Children may say their memory work to their teacher, or Janie. Children are recognized during music time when they have completed their memory work. Below you will find the memory work for your child's class. Copies will be handed out within the first month of church school and are available from their teacher and Janie.

Pre-k	"Jesus loves me"
Kindergarten:	John 3:16
1st Grade:	The Lord's Prayer
2nd Grade:	The Apostles' Creed
3rd Grade:	Ten Commandments
4th Grade:	Books of the Old Testament
5th Grade:	Books of the New Testament

**\*Offering:** At the start of each class, offering is taken so children learn the importance of good stewardship. It is not important how much we give, but that we recognize that all we have comes from God, and as Christians we establish a pattern of thanking God for what we have and returning a portion to God for the Work for the Church. This year's offering will be given to the following causes:

**Sept - Oct - Nov: Little Free Food Pantries** - Imagine not having food on your dinner table, especially in our cold winter months. Our offering during these months will go to the Little free food pantries. Families are encouraged to bring a financial donation or nonperishable canned good items.

**Dec - Jan - Feb: Heavens Helpers Café** - In America we have the luxury of bug spray and medicine that protects us from mosquito bites. Some places in the world don't have that luxury. By providing mosquito nets for people to put over their bed helps people be protected from mosquitos and the diseases that they may carry. Our offering during these months will go to help the Malaria Campaign.

**March - April - May: C.A.R.- Sweet Deal for the Central African Republic** (our sister synod) is a way for us to support our sister synod financially. Our offering during these months will go to help them.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>September 11</b>	Rally Day	<b>September 14</b>	Rally Day
<b>September 18</b>	Whole Family - Adam and Eve	<b>September 21</b>	Whole Family - Adam and Eve
<b>September 25</b>	No Church School	<b>September 28</b>	Service Project Night
<b>October 2</b>	Memory Work - Ten Commandments	<b>October 5</b>	Memory Work - Ten Commandments
<b>October 9</b>	The burning bush and the plagues	<b>October 12</b>	The burning bush and the plagues
<b>October 16</b>	God calls Samuel	<b>October 19</b>	No Church School
<b>October 23</b>	No Church School	<b>October 26</b>	God calls Samuel
<b>October 30</b>	Memory Work - Memorize Old Testament	<b>November 2</b>	Memory Work - Memorize Old Testament
<b>November 6</b>	The Red Sea	<b>November 9</b>	No Church School
<b>November 13</b>	No Church School	<b>November 16</b>	Whole Family - David and Goliath
<b>November 20</b>	Whole Family - David and Goliath	<b>November 23</b>	No Church School
<b>November 27</b>	No Church School	<b>November 30</b>	Christmas Program Practice
<b>December 4</b>	Christmas Program Practice	<b>December 7</b>	Christmas Program Practice
<b>December 11</b>	Christmas Program Practice	<b>December 14</b>	Christmas Program Practice
<b>December 18</b>	Sunday and Wednesday Christmas Program practice at 9 am. Christmas Program at 10am	<b>December 21</b>	No Church School
<b>December 25</b>	No Church School	<b>December 28</b>	No Church School
<b>January 1</b>	No Church School	<b>January 4</b>	Boy Jesus in the temple
<b>January 8</b>	Memory Work - The Lord's prayer	<b>January 11</b>	Memory Work - Lord's Prayer
<b>January 15</b>	No Church School	<b>January 18</b>	Jesus Calls the Disciples
<b>January 22</b>	Jesus Calls the Disciples	<b>January 25</b>	Jesus walks on water
<b>January 29</b>	Valentine's Day Cards	<b>February 1</b>	Valentine's Day Cards
<b>February 6</b>	Jesus turns water into wine	<b>February 8</b>	Jesus turns water into wine
<b>February 12</b>	Whole Family - The Lost sheep and coin	<b>February 15</b>	Whole Family - The lost sheep and coin
<b>February 19</b>	No Church School	<b>February 22</b>	No Church School - Ash Wednesday

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<b>February 26</b>	Memory Work - Apostles Creed	<b>March 1</b>	Memory Work - Apostles Creed
<b>March 5</b>	Jesus feeds the 5000	<b>March 8</b>	Jesus feeds the 5000
<b>March 12</b>	Jesus meets Zacchaeus	<b>March 15</b>	No Church School
<b>March 19</b>	No Church School	<b>March 22</b>	Jesus meets Zacchaeus
<b>March 26</b>	Peep Dioramas	<b>March 29</b>	Peep Dioramas
<b>April 2</b>	Memory Work Memorize New Testament	<b>April 5</b>	No Church School - Holy Week
<b>April 9</b>	No Church School	<b>April 12</b>	Memory Work - Memorize New Testament
<b>April 16</b>	Memory Work - memorize bible verses - John 3:116	<b>April 19</b>	Memory Work - memorize bible verses - John 3:116
<b>April 23</b>	Whole Family - Rejoice in the Lord always	<b>April 26</b>	Whole Family - Rejoice in the Lord always
<b>April 30</b>	May Day Baskets	<b>May 3</b>	May Day Baskets

