

Education Newsletter



December, 2009

November teaching schedule:

| | Nov 1, 2009 | Nov 8, 2009 | Nov 15, 2009 | Nov 22, 2009 | Nov 29, 2009 |
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| School Age Storyteller | Kids in Church | Theresa Schaeffer | Yvonne Burgess | Sarah Lorenzen | Yvonne Burgess |
| School Age Gatekeeper | Kids in Church | Cathy or Dan Springer | Chris Corneuelle | Trevor Freutel | Kevin or Wendy Morey |
| Pre School Storyteller | Kids in Church | Niki Freutel | Niki Freutel | Niki Freutel | Niki Freutel |
| Pre School Gatekeeper | Kids in Church | Jaime Cardenas or Michelle Habell | German Vergara or Paige Nguyen | Grace DarrochMannix | Dag Caron |

Greetings & Salutations!

Our school year has begun with a bang and we are settling in to new routines and new experiences. Godly Play now starts at promptly at 1015 am, giving us more time to enjoy the Sacred Stories, participate in the response time & share our Feast. Thanks for making the extra effort to get to class on time!

Remember to check your box in St. Tim's each week: this is where we distribute teaching schedules, Lesson Plans, training opportunities and various information related to our program.

If you have a conflict with your teaching assignment please try to swap days with one of the other parents. If you can't find a sub, please contact Niki Freutel (preschool) or Yvonne Burgess (school age) ASAP.

Please consider attending the training at St. Marks this month - it will strengthen your skills as a Storyteller / Gatekeeper as well as give you a deeper understanding of and appreciation for this marvelous program.

Upcoming Training:

St. Mark's Cathedral Seattle will be hosting: Godly Play: A day with Jerome Berryman on November 21st from 9:00 to 3:00. Jerome Berryman is an Episcopal priest, Montessori teacher, and the author & founder of Godly Play. This is a supporting workshop designed to introduce Godly Play (the Spiral Curriculum), with additional focus on such elements as Supporting the Circle of Children, Deepening the Response Time, etc. The cost of this training is \$50 for the full day. Scholarship money (1/3rd the cost of tuition) may be available through the Diocese. Please contact Niki Freutel if you are interested in attending this great training opportunity.

Wish List: there are materials for several lessons we would like to purchase (the Books of the Bible Enrichment Lesson & the Parable of the Good Shepherd). If you are willing to donate funds towards this or for training of our volunteers, please make your check payable to St. Luke's with a note in the memo box specifying "Education - materials or training".

Vestry Liaisons:

Niki Freutel - Godly Play Programming; Sarah Lorenzen - J2A; Lynette Mwaniki - Adult Programming

Yvonne's Corner



GODLY PLAY AT ST. LUKE'S is off to a great start in this new church year! We have about 10 regularly attending students in two classrooms and wonderful support from teachers, parents and friends.

Elementary school children meet in St. Tim's as usual for Godly Play stories and talk. Pre-K children meet in Pritchard Hall Room 3 (across from the Nursery).

We are still working to compile all the necessary materials for one classroom, and this raised the question of how we would properly outfit our new preschool room. This has worked out better than we thought it would; the preschoolers are working from a modified curriculum, better

suited to their age & attention span. This makes sharing the materials between the two classrooms much easier. And in the coming months we'll invite folks to join us in creating "home-church-made" materials of our own.

Parents, Friends, and Students should be sure to check their students' "mailboxes" in St. Timothy's each week. You will find Godly Play projects which are ready to go home with the student, schedules and other communiqués from teachers to parents, and notices of fun and interesting events coming up on our calendars.

FIRST SUNDAYS in church have been great experiences. Godly Play students have their own carpet to sit together on in front of the first pew, Gospel side of the church. Here the children can sit criss-cross-applesauce or other comfortable postures as they observe and learn with our entire church at worship. Some learners need activities for hands and eyes and minds while they are listening, and at the children's carpet they have access to markers, paper, books, quiet toys and stuffed friends which help the very young to attend to Fr. Kevin's God-blessed sermons. (Remember these quiet activity helpers are at the front pew every Sunday for your child's use in church.)

In our Sunday morning Godly Play program, children from 3 to 11 years learn the stories of Christianity and how we share the mystery and wonder of God's powerful love and creation. Storytellers and Gatekeepers are blessed and increased in learning and awe as we share this journey of faith development in children. The Lord is good indeed.

If you are called to join the fun and challenge of working with children, please speak to myself, Niki Freutel or Fr. Kevin for details on becoming a Godly Play member. We welcome you!

