



Sound the bells! Share the good news! Sunday School is almost here! Read below to learn of both continued traditions and new traditions-in-the-making for Sunday School at Bethel 2019-2020. Let's open our hearts and minds as a community doing God's Work and growing in our faith together. Exciting details below!

Sept. 8: Blessing of the Rocks and "God's Work. Our Hands".

At the 9am service we will have a blessing of the rocks created by many of you at Vacation Bible Camp this past summer. All children are encouraged to meet us in the Emmaus Room at 8:50am. We will process into the church at 9am carrying a rock to be placed at the front of the church. During the Children's Moment, Pastor Mike will bless the rocks before we install them outside during God's Work Our Hands.

God's Work Our Hands is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. This is a great opportunity for children to serve with their families or connect with other adults in the congregation. Check out the project possibilities below and join us on Sunday September 8 to do God's Work with Our Hands! More details at

<https://www.bethel-madison.org/connect/events/gods-work-our-hands-gwoh-sunday-sept-8/>

- Picking-up trash on State Street
- Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilts (knot tying)
- Packing LWR Kits (school and personal care)
- Packing Emergency Packs for the Homeless (We are needing donations for the emergency packs. Please drop off donations at the reception desk labeled GWOH Emergency Packs. Items include: cotton or wool socks, hand/foot warmers, small flashlight, tissue, deodorant, soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, washcloth/hand towel, wipes, power bar, bottle of water, Chapstick, and lotion)
- Food Pantry Drive – canned vegetables, soup, hot cereal, muffin mix, bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper. Drop off at the pantry (lower level).
- Install the rock path outside on Bethel's property
- Potters for Peace donations-based sale of children's clay creations *****We are looking for children to host this project by setting out the clay creations and accepting donations. Please contact cindy@bethel-madison.org if you are interested in leading. Thank you!**

Sept 15: Rally Sunday!

- Rally Sunday 2019 will be a western-style party for the congregation and the neighborhood to celebrate the start of a new program year at Bethel with our friends, family, and neighbors. We're going to have some good eats and a rowdy good time!
- Start the morning attending the 9am worship service with your children. Bring your backpacks for a Blessing of the Backpacks during the Children's Moment. After the service, everyone is encouraged to participate in a "Bethel Crawl" from 10:00-10:45am. The Bethel Crawl is a fun opportunity to get acquainted with the people who share God's love and explore all the spaces in the building where love is found. During the Bethel Crawl, children will meet their Sunday School leaders and visit their classrooms. ****There will be a prize for completing the entire Bethel Crawl!**
- From 10:45am-1:00pm, in the parking lot weather permitting, we will have many fun activities for people of all ages! Bounce House with a big slide, mechanical bull, face painting and balloon artist, carnival games with prizes, craft table, and a yummy western-style lunch.

Sept 22: First Day of Sunday School!

- Let's start the morning together in the 9am worship service. Children leave the sanctuary with Sunday School leaders following the Children's Moment to attend JAM (Jesus And Me). JAM is a group experience of songs, prayers, and a message to begin our youth Sunday morning programming including Sunday School.
- New this year - Kids Fellowship! Kids Fellowship will give children not interested in choir the opportunity to connect with Bethel friends across grade levels through crafts, games, and activities.

Weekly Sunday School Schedule! Updated 09.20.19

Age Group	2-3 year olds and 4K	Kindergarten-2nd grade	3rd -5th grade
	Worship at the 9am service with family/friends. Following the Children's Moment in the service, children will be lead by Sunday School leaders to JAM.	Worship at the 9am service with family/friends. Following the Children's Moment in the service, children will be lead by Sunday School leaders to JAM.	Worship at the 9am service with your family/friends. Following the Children's Moment in the service, children will be lead by Sunday School leaders to JAM.
Approx. 9:25am	Junior JAM (Rm. 202B)	JAM (Pentecost Room)	JAM (Pentecost Room)
9:50am	Sunday School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 yrs (Rm. 203) • 4 yrs (Rm. 208) 	Sunday School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten (Rm. 202B) • 1st Grade (Rm. 206) • 2nd Grade (Rm. 211) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids FellowSHIP (Rm. 216B) OR • Spirited Sound Choir (Rm. 216A)
10:20-10:30am	Transition and Snack	Transition and Snack	Transition and Snack
10:30-11:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Ages 2-3 will be taken to the Nursery (on sanctuary level) to play. • 4K will go to Kids Fellowship (Rm. 216B) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids FellowSHIP (Rm. 216B) OR • Joyful Noise Choir (Rm. 216A) 	Sunday School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Grade (Rm. 212) • 4th Grade (Rm. 213) • 5th Grade (Rm. 210)

October 6: Kick-Off Bethel Jr!

- Creative worship for ALL happens in the Pentecost room on the 1st Sunday of each month starting October 7. Experience a themed family worship in a relaxed, messy, and faith-filling setting. Music to get your heart and feet moving, hands-on learning, and a message to guide at-home discussions. Smiles and laughter abound in this service! Following the service, children will leave with their Sunday School leaders for the remainder of the morning. **Please note that in November, Bethel Jr will be on the second Sunday of the month, November 10, due to a special All Saints service on Sunday November 3.**

Choir with Chelsea!



Hello, Bethel Families! I am looking forward to meeting new faces and seeing familiar ones again when we kick off choir on September 22! If you have any questions at all about kids choir at Bethel, feel free to email me at chelsea.lauing@gmail.com.

Cheers to a musical year!

Register for Sunday School at www.bethel-madison.org/2018sundayschool.

We look forward to getting to know you and your children! See you September 15 for Rally Sunday!

Peace,

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Pam Shellberg, Director of Lifelong Education

