



2017-2018 Will Be Really Spectacular!

The new posters and “Welcome” signs are out. The staff is prepared and ready to go. A fresh curriculum will be unveiled. A compelling mission offering destination has been determined. And fun, faith-strengthening lessons from the Bible will be presented every Sunday at Kids Club and Boost. For everyone involved – students, teachers, parents, friends – 2017-2018 will be really spectacular! THANKS for being a part of it.

Beginning on Sunday September 10, 2017 and ending on Sunday May 20, 2018 (36 weeks), St. Paul's Sunday morning youth ministry for grades 3K-8 will help all youth see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly. The only Sundays Kids Club and Boost will not meet are December 24 & 31 (Christmas Break) and April 1 (Easter Break).

For parents, we also offer two excellent Bible study/discussion options during the Kids Club/Boost hour: **Parents Club** (sessions on parenting and family topics - see pg. 3), and **The Grace Room** (sessions on Bible books, doctrinal topics, and Christian life issues - see page 3).

It truly is going to be a spectacular year...made better by your joining in!

Jesus keep you,
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Sunday Mornings for KIDS



- 3K-Grade 6
- Large Group/Small Group
- Bible Lessons & Applications
- Upbeat, Interactive, Fun!



- Grades 7-8
- Teacher Led/Student-Centered
- Bible, Current Events, Life Topics
- Engaging, Meaningful, Fun!

Sunday Evenings for TEENS



- Grades 9-12
- Study, Pray, Reach, Care, Empower Format
- Worship, Education, Fellowship, Recreation, Service Activities
- A Place for Teens to Grow in Faith and Develop Christian Relationships

Sunday Morning Youth Ministry Staff

2017-18

Program	Teaching Teams	Room
Kids Club 3K	Vicki Gabrus, Stacy Guhr, Kim Redmond, Sarah Scheblein	108
Kids Club 4K	Katie Becker, Melissa Betz, Savannah Christopherson, Evan Guerten, Olivia Guerten, Emilie Schneck	3
Kids Club 5K	Mary Lee Lehmann, Sonja Olson, Kimmy Remschak, Alexis Shannon, Amanda Veley	2
Kids Club Gr. 1	Annie Hintze, Laura Horn, Elizabeth Koch, Sue Kuehl, Lorrie Schneck	7
Kids Club Gr. 2	Nathan Grimes, Kate Nitschke, Lisa Van Landeghem	13
Kids Club Gr. 3-4	Jeff Everts, Amy Grimes, Aaron Miller	14
Kids Club Gr. 5-6	Kurt Steffen, Joel Weaver	8
Kids Club Support Staff	Phil Loescher, Brian Tonn – Greeter, Large Group Music & Teaching Deaune Gray – Weekly Materials Procurement Adam Scheblein – Tech Support Samantha Loescher, Taryn Vollbrecht, Jeff Wetzel – Substitute Teachers	
Boost Gr. 7-8	Bryan Guhr, Phil Loescher, Linda Martens	10

Kids Club Will Dig into the Life of Jesus

This year, Kids Club will explore Jesus' life in a new curriculum produced by Group Publishing. The curriculum name is *Dig In* with this year's lessons focusing on the life and ministry of Jesus from birth to his ascension. Next year's lessons will dig into the entire Bible in one year.

Our Large Group/Small Group format will be retained. Each Sunday, students will report to their classrooms for check-in and attendance recording and then proceed as classes to the Centennial Gym for the Large Group. In the Large Group session (about 25 minutes) the Bible lesson and truth for the day are creatively presented along with music and singing. Students and teachers then return to their classrooms for a variety of lesson-specific reinforcement activities, wrap up, and closing prayer.

One thing that will be different this year, is that we will no longer use and give away "Memory Makers." The previous curriculum—*Living Inside Out* (now out of print)—included Memory Makers, but *Dig In* does not. We are confident the children will still really enjoy the interactive lessons and activities.



Mark Your Calendar

Christmas for Kids: Sat. Dec. 9, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.-noon.

Easter for Kids: Sat. Mar. 24, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.-noon.

(Kids Club will sing at *The Bridge* the Sundays after these events.)



Boost Lessons for 2017-18

This year, weekly lessons for grades 7-8 will have these themes:

The Story for Teens: New Testament

- Birth of Jesus to Crucifixion
- Resurrection to Revelation

Walk in My World – Series 2

- Witnessing Your Faith Among Your Peers
- Recovering from Addiction
- God Works Good Through Tragedy
- Living for Jesus and Touching Others

Luther Then, Lutherans Today

- A Look at Martin Luther's Life and Teachings

What's the Big Deal?

- How Should I Respond/Homosexuality
- Taking a Stand/Abortion
- Dr. Death/Euthanasia

Best Christmas Ever: A Personal Story

Oasis Online

- God Gives Us Promises for the Journey
- God Gives Us Provisions for the Journey
- God Gives Us Strength for the Journey
- God Gives Us Hope for the Journey
- God Gives Us Joy for the Journey

Risen

- Watching and Discussing the Motion Picture

It's a Big Deal: Comparing Religions

- Lutherans and Catholics
- Cults
- Judaism
- Mormonism
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Lutheranism



Mom/Dad, Do You Know How Much You Matter?

- “In all the studies we’ve accumulated over the years regarding what influences children, parents continue to be the most influential shapers of a person’s life—either positively or negatively” *Ben Freudenburg, The Family Friendly Church.*
- “Far and away, parents are seen as the most important influence affecting young adults’ religious attitudes and practices” *B. Goodman, Why Young People Leave WELS.*
- “Regardless of culture, economics, or any other factor, the chances of a person coming to faith in Jesus go down dramatically after childhood. On the other hand, every sinful dysfunction, character flaw, and destructive tendency in any person’s life are also formed in childhood. What we learn in childhood, in our families, is so critical that the good of it sustains us throughout life and the bad of it takes a lifetime to try to overcome” *Jason Nelson, Children in the Church.*
- “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it” *God, Proverbs 22:6.*

Yes, Mom and Dad, you matter SO MUCH! Leverage your influence by growing in your Bible knowledge and faith. Consider attending Parents Club or the Grace Room sessions this year.

Find a complete listing of the 2017-18 adult Bible class offerings at stpaulmuskego.org/grow/bible-courses.

SUNDAY PARENTS CLUB

9:15-10:15 a.m. in School Classroom 8

Beginning Sunday September 17

2017-18 Topics:

PARENTING: THE EARLY YEARS

10 Biblical Traits Your Kids Will Remember You For

HOUSE OR HOME?

God's Blueprint for Parenting

STRONG FAMILIES, BLESSED LIVES

What Research Says Makes a Family Healthy



Grace Room

Sundays 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the church Grace Room

SESSIONS FOR 2017-2018:

- Genesis 1-3
- Creation Science Part 1
- Martin Luther: Return to Grace
- Martin Luther on Vocation
- A Christian's Response to Cults
- Creation Science Part 2
- 1 Thessalonians
- Understanding Islam
- The Hard Life of Jacob
- Very Important Bible Chapters

Parent Partnership Sessions

As another way to nurture St. Paul's partnership with parents and strengthen their parenting skills, the following sessions are being offered in the school Saturday, November 18, 2017, 8:30-11:00 a.m. There is no charge. As we get closer to the date, an opportunity to sign up for one of the sessions will be announced.

● What Makes Teens Tick? *Dr. Joel Nelson*

This session will look at what's going on in adolescent children physiologically, psychologically, and spiritually. It will reveal the three big questions all youth want answered. It will explore the journey to independence and how that journey involves tremendous peer pressure and strong urges to break free. It will leave parents with three simple rules that can make a huge difference in their relationship with their adolescent children.

● Christian Identity: The Key to Navigating Life *Pastor Jeffrey Bonack*

This session will explore how to manage the pressures parents and children face: anxiety, withdrawal, shame, depression, guilt, rejection, aggression, stress-induced illness, at risk behaviors, suicidal thoughts, and more. Parents will be reminded that the key to successful coping is Christ and their identity in him.

● Why Study the Bible, Pray, and Live for Christ? *Pastor David Kuehl*

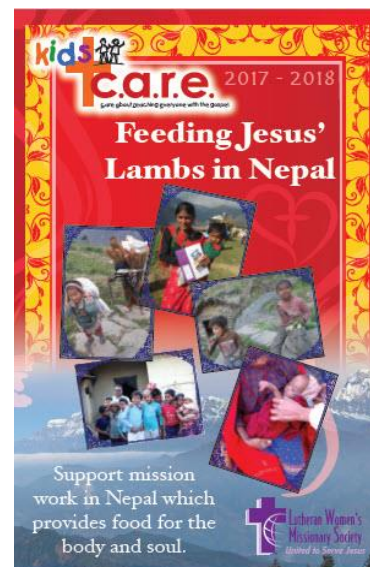
This session will focus on the vital importance of striving to grow in our faith, our prayer life, and our walk with the Lord Jesus. It will also offer practical application on ways to incorporate the truths of God's Word into our hurried and hectic lives. The world in which we live is filled with a cacophony of voices, each calling us in a different direction. Referring to himself as the Good Shepherd, Jesus says that his sheep follow him "because they know his voice" (John 10:4). How can we know the voice of the Good Shepherd? By listening to him as he speaks to us in his Word.

Kids Club Supporting Kids C.A.R.E.

Since 2005, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod children have been supporting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) KIDS C.A.R.E. (care about reaching everyone with the gospel) program. Through KIDS C.A.R.E. children learn that they have an important role in sharing the good news about Jesus with other children around the world. KIDS C.A.R.E. projects have supported mission work in places like Mexico, Russia, Malawi, and many U.S. missions. God has done amazing things through WELS children's prayers and offerings which have totaled to date, \$608,028.62.

The KIDS C.A.R.E. project for 2017-2018 is called "Feeding Jesus' Lambs in Nepal." The country of Nepal is the poorest country in Asia. More than half of the children are malnourished. Christians are a tiny minority in the country and often experience persecution. Nepal has been called one of the least Christian countries in the world—only one percent Christian. Yet, the Lord is spreading his Word there.

This year, St. Paul's Kids Club and Boost students will help the Christian children in Nepal to learn about Jesus through the *Feeding Jesus' Lambs* Sunday school ministry. The Nepalese children will be provided with food for the body and for the soul. Offerings received for KIDS C.A.R.E. will provide Christian literature for the Sunday school, food for snacks, teaching supplies such as white boards and crayons, and workshops for the Nepalese teachers. Kids Club and Boost students can bring a monetary offering each Sunday to be added to the *Feeding Jesus' Lambs* effort.



A Place to Grow in Faith and Develop Christian Relationships



Teens Under God (TUG) is St. Paul's ministry for high school students and their friends. It is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Trinity Café and Gym. TUG's 2nd Sunday of the month is an on-campus or off-campus social or service activity planned by the teens themselves. It will only take place if teen interest and schedules allow. TUG's 4th Sunday is a large group/small group discussion on a topic the teens have selected ahead of time. These "TUG Talks" will always take place no matter how many teens come.