

St. Paul's Sunday Youth Ministry News

2018-2019



Things Are Looking Up!

Did you know that Kids Club and Boost participation has grown over the past three years? It has! 3K-8th grade total enrollment numbers were, 134 children (2015-16), 174 (2016-17), 193 (2017-18). What's the reason?

For sure, God is blessing what's going on. We praise and thank him for that! The following things also are having an impact:

- A great adult and teen teaching staff that is qualified, dedicated, loving, and fun.
- A Large Group/Small Group format and curriculum that engages all ages and learning styles.
- Modified Large Group Sundays that "switch up" our normal routine and bring all ages together in fun and faith-growing ways.
- Two, special holiday events (Christmas and Easter for Kids) that celebrate "highpoints" in the church year.
- Opportunities like the annual, Kids Club mission offering that encourage stretching ourselves to help others know Jesus.

Soon, we'll know what the 2018-19 total enrollment for Kids Club and Boost will be. Will it be another year of growth? Only God knows. What we do know, however, is that God's great love for us in Christ is something that moves his dear, dear children to always look up in thankful joy.

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Kick-Off Edition

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
- 2nd and 4th Sundays
- On and Off-Campus Activities
- "TUG-Talk" Discussions
- A Place for Teens to Grow in Faith and Develop Christian Relationships

Sunday Morning Youth Ministry Staff

2018-19

| Program | Teaching Teams | Room |
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| Kids Club 3K | Vicki Gabrus, Kim Redmond, Sarah Scheblein, Mikala Ellis | 108 |
| Kids Club 4K | Katie Becker, Savannah Christopherson, Olivia Guerten, Kate Sutton | 5 |
| Kids Club 5K | Mary Lee Lehmann, Kimmy Remschak, Natalie Schmit, Alexis Shannon, Amanda Veley | 6 |
| Kids Club Gr. 1 | Annie Hintze, Laura Horn, Sue Kuehl, Caleb Schneider, Cole Vahovick | 4 |
| Kids Club Gr. 2 | David Friesner, Nathan Grimes, Lauren Van Landeghem, Lisa Van Landeghem, Katie Massie, Kennedy Vahovick | 3 |
| Kids Club Gr. 3-4 | Kara Darling, Amy Grimes, Aaron Miller, Brian Tonn | 14 |
| Kids Club Gr. 5-6 | Kurt Steffen, Joel Weaver | 7 |
| Kids Club Support Staff | Deaune Gray – Materials Procurement Adam Scheblein – Tech Support Nicole Glodowski, Taryn Volbrecht, Jeff Wetzal – Substitute Teachers | |
| Boost Gr. 7-8 | Bryan Guhr, Andrew Lehmann, Brian Tonn, Nathan Zastrow | 9 |

Reviewing the Bible in One Year

This year (2018-19), Kids Club will explore the Old Testament of the Bible using the second part of the 3-year, *Dig In* curriculum produced by Group, Inc. Last year (2017-18), the focus was on the life and ministry of Jesus from birth to his ascension. Next year's lessons (2019-20), will dig into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Kids Club uses a "Large Group/Small Group" format each Sunday. Students in grades 4K-6, report to their classrooms for check-in and attendance recording. Children in 3K also report to their rooms at first, and usually remain there to cover their lessons and activities. After check-in, 4K-6th grade children proceed as classes to the Centennial Gym for 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 Small Group, lesson-reinforcement activities, wrap up, a closing prayer, and pick up.



On three Sundays this year, children will enjoy "Modified Large Group (MLG)." On these Sundays, everyone checks into the classrooms as usual and moves to the Centennial Gym. The children remain there, however, and are divided into mixed-age groups that rotate through four activity stations, one of which is a snack. We do MLG to switch-up the weekly routine, allow the younger and older children to interact together, and familiarize all the students with teachers and aids from all levels. Kids love it!

2018-19 Boost Lessons

- **Reading the Bible**
 - As God's Inspired Word
 - As Centered on Christ
 - As Law and Gospel
 - Distinguishing and Applying Law and Gospel
- **Look Up!**
 - Do Smart Devises Create Dumb People?
- **What's the Big Deal?**
 - Why Isn't Everyone Like Me (Prejudice)
 - Keeping Your Faith Afloat (Natural Disasters)
 - Close to Home, Close to Heart (Poverty)
 - Vicious People and Their Victims (Terrorism)
- **The Nativity Story**
 - Viewing and Discussing the Motion Picture
- **Witnesses for Christ**
 - Opportunities
 - Message
 - Follow-up
 - Preparing for a Specific Witness
- **Joseph**
 - Abandoned
 - Tested
 - Trapped
 - Promoted
- **Life of Jesus: Parables**
 - The Prodigal Son
 - The Great Banquet
 - The Talents
 - The Sower
- **The 4 T's of Stewardship**
 - Time, Talent, Treasure, and Testimony
- **Son of God**
 - Viewing and Discussing the Motion Picture



2018-19 Kids Club Lessons

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| God Creates Adam and Eve |
| God Gives Adam and Eve a Choice to Stay Close |
| God Tells Noah to Build an Ark |
| God Promises Abram a Son |
| God Promises Sarah a Son |
| God Brings Jacob and Esau Back Together |
| God Has a Plan for Joseph |
| God Sends Miriam to Protect Moses - MLG |
| God Rescues the Israelites |
| God Gives Moses the Ten Commandments |
| God Sees Aaron Make a Golden Calf |
| God Gives Caleb Courage |
| God Makes Balaam's Donkey Talk |
| God Sends Rahab to Protect Spies |
| God Wins Joshua's Battle at Jericho |
| Jesus Is Born |
| CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S BREAK (12-30-18) |
| God Sends Deborah to Help Barak |
| God Wins Gideon's Battle - MLG |
| God Gives Ruth and Naomi a Good Friendship |
| God Hears Hannah's Prayer for a Son |
| God Shows Samuel Who the King Is |
| God Helps David Defeat Goliath |
| God Gives Solomon Wisdom |
| God Proves to Elijah He Is Real |
| God Provides for Elisha and a Widow |
| God Shows Josiah Where Scripture Is |
| God Sends Nehemiah to Rebuild the Wall - MLG |
| God Sends Esther to Save the Jews |
| God's Plan for Job |
| God Is David's Shepherd |
| Jesus Dies and Comes Back to Life |
| EASTER BREAK (4-21-19) |
| God Chooses Jeremiah |
| God Saves Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego |
| God Saves Daniel |
| God Gives Jonah a Second Chance |



Parents: Attend a Sunday Morning Adult Class

TOPICS BELOW (9:15-10:15 a.m. in the church Grace Room beginning September 9, 2018)

- The Miracles of Jesus Through the Paradigm of Mark Chapter 5 (Professor Daniel Deutschlander – 4 weeks)
- The Reason for My Hope: Christian Apologetics (Rev. Dr. Michael Berg – 4 weeks)
- Deuteronomy: Encouragements and Lessons for New Testament Christians (Rev. Dr. Mark Braun – 4 weeks)
- From Christ to Constantine: The Testimony and Trial of the Early Church (Rev. Dr. Ken Fisher – 4 weeks)
- Sing to the Lord: A Study of Lutheran Hymnody (Mr. Jon Eiche – 4 weeks)
- The Portrait of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (Mr. Josh Seeger – 4 weeks)
- Will God's Word Always Be Reliable and Trustworthy: A Look at 2 Peter (Rev. Dan Kolosovsky – 8 weeks)
- The Case for Faith (Mr. Jim Haag – 6 weeks)
- What Makes Teens Tick: A Look at Adolescent Development & Their Place in the Church (Dr. Joel Nelson – 3 weeks)
- Being Awake and Alive (Mr. Mike Westendorf – 2 weeks)
- Living Faith: The Letter of James (Rev. Dr. Stephen Geiger – 3 weeks)
- A Taste of Group Work (Small Group Facilitators – 1 week)

Further descriptions of the above, as well as actual dates taught, can be found on the church website.

"FOLLOWING THE PROMISE" with Pastor Nathan Strobel is a review of the Bible. This is a great class for long-time church members as well as those desiring to become members. **This class is held 8:30-9:30 a.m. in school classroom 8 beginning October 14.**

Special Holiday Events Celebrate Church-Year Highpoints

As part of our youth ministry program, St. Paul's, in conjunction with Kids Club and Boost, sponsors Christmas for Kids (C4K) and Easter for Kids (E4K) events before each holiday. Below are some of the details. More information will be shared as we get closer to the actual event dates. The Sunday after each event, all children participating, as well as Kids Club children who did not attend C4K or E4K, are invited to sing at the morning Bridge worship service. This service begins at 10:15 a.m. in the Trinity Gym.



Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018

9:00-11:45 a.m.



Saturday, April 13, 2019

9:00-11:45 a.m.

2018-19 Mission Offerings for a Deserving Mission Partner

As a way to encourage our children to support the efforts of ministries outside of St. Paul's but within our church-body, Kids Club annually identifies a ministry to which the weekly Kids Club offerings will be given. Over the past three years, Kids Club has collected the following amounts for special mission efforts: 2015-16, \$503.02 for the Lighthouse Youth Center in Milwaukee; 2016-17, \$430.84 for WELS Christian Aide and Relief; 2017-18, \$562.48 for Feeding Jesus' Lambs in Nepal.

In 2018-19, Kids Club will support one of St. Paul's mission partners: Garden Homes Lutheran Church (GLHC) in Milwaukee's inner city. We will collect offerings to assist the GHLC Christmas for Kids and Easter for Kids programs. At GHLC, these events each bring 150-200 children and adults from the impoverished neighborhood around the church into contact with Jesus via the Christmas and Easter message and related activities. Supporting these special holiday outreach efforts—especially since St. Paul's does them, too—will be a great way to grow the supportive connections between Garden Homes and St. Paul's.



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 informal, on-campus, open gym/games night. Teens come, hang out, get active if they want, and interact with their friends and the adult leaders. TUG's 4th Sunday is an interactive discussion on a topic the teens have selected or on something timely for them. Past "TUG Talk" topics have focused on things like teen suicide, school violence, the life-choices of Joseph in the Bible, and relationships.