

# FAMILY

ministry



2015-2016

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# Family Ministry Mission Statement

Partnering with parents, St. Peter's Children's Ministry plans to...

Know & Teach God's Word to our children  
Involve children in friendship & fellowship  
Nurture children spiritually, emotionally & physically  
Grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Serve others in church & world

Know & learn how to share God's Word with others  
Instill Christian values  
Develop relationships with children and parents  
Safe environment for children

## Goals

1. To help children realize that God loves them so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, to die on a cross to forgive their sins.
2. To encourage all students from nursery age to seniors in High School to participate in St. Peter's Sunday School program.
3. To establish a stable, non-threatening educational environment for children to learn.
4. To provide assistance for children with special needs.
5. To have a dependable volunteer staff, who because of their personal commitment to Christ, serve as His teachers.
6. To provide Sunday School students with the opportunity to learn about stewardship and caring for the church.
7. To learn how to work together with one another in the House of God.
8. To make students aware of mission opportunities.

## Family Ministry Events

Social events will be provided throughout the year for children and their families. Family servant event opportunities will also be made available. Please see calendar and watch Life & Growth for exact dates.

## Family Ministry Facebook Page

Search "St. Peter's Facebook page" to see pictures and reminders of family ministry events.

## Sunday School Hours

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am and closes at 10:15 am. Students ages 3–sixth grade will meet in the 1st/2nd grade classroom. Junior High and High School will meet in the church office on designated Sunday's. Please pick up your child promptly so the teachers can get cleaned up in time to attend the 10:30 am worship service.

## Offerings

An offering envelope will be given to each child. The offering envelope can be placed in the offering plate with the general offerings. Occasionally families will be asked to bring in an item, such as school supplies or hygiene products to make kits to send abroad.

## Attendance & Registration for Sunday School

St. Peter sees Sunday School as a very important component of a child's development in the Christian faith. We feel it is important that each student, along with parents, make every effort to be consistent in the attendance of Sunday School. There are only 31 Sundays when we are able to have class. If you think about it, that's only 31 hours your child is learning about God in our building! We hope to see you every Sunday!

**Parents need to complete registration forms for Sunday School and return them to the church office.** It is very important for us to have emergency contact and allergy information for each child. Registration forms are available in the church office. Please note that your child's name is not on our list until we have a registration form.

## Presentation of Bibles

Each Rally Sunday, all students entering third grade in Sunday School will be presented with a Bible at the 10:30 am worship service. If you are unable to attend the service, your Bible may be picked up in the church office. These Bibles will be used in the classrooms, so students are encouraged to bring them each week. All new students in grades 3–8 will also be given a Bible.

## Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for the Christmas Eve Service .

# Vacation Bible School

St. Peter's VBS is scheduled for June 13th-16th 2016. VBS runs from 8:00-11:30. Look for more information in the narthex and Grapevine Newsletter. Registration forms will be available in April.

## Confirmation

St. Peter's Confirmation program for Grades 7 & 8 meets Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm during the school year. Contact the church office or Pastor for more information or pick up a copy of the Confirmation Handbook.

## Sunday School Curriculum

### Preschool (Ages 3-5)

Preschool students will meet in 1st/2nd Grade Classroom for the "Engage" (Opening). Preschool students will then move to the Kindergarten Classroom and watch a Bible Lesson from the "Right Now Media" web-based program.

### Elementary (Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Elementary students will be using the Cross Explorations Curriculum from Concordia Publishing House. Cross Explorations has three main components: Engage, Explore & Express.

**Engage:** Cross Explorations starts with "Engage." During this time all students take part in an opening activity together, singing and preparing for the rest of their exploration.

**Explore:** The Explore site divides kids by 2 age levels. Level 1 is for kids in grade kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, while level 2 covers grades 3-6. This is the Bible Study portion of the curriculum.

**Express:** During Express, kids apply the Bible learning to their lives as they create, experiment, sing, serve and more. This would be the craft time, experiment time and discussion.

## Discipline Policy

Children and youth are expected to be considerate and courteous to all adult leaders and peers. We treat other people, all physical property and ourselves appropriately and respectfully. Abusive or foul language or actions will not be tolerated. St. Peter Lutheran Church seeks to keep children and youth fully interested and involved in activities, but from time to time a child's behavior can disrupt the Sunday School lesson. At such times, the following steps will be taken:

1. Student will first be given a verbal warning by the teacher.
2. Teacher may try moving the seating arrangements, sitting or standing next to the child, or switching activities to improve the problem.
3. If the behavior does not change, action may be taken to have an adult supervise the child outside of the class activity.
4. Continued negative behavior will be brought to the Sunday School Superintendent's attention and parents will be called.
5. If the behavior continues after the parent has been contacted, the parent will be asked to stay in the classroom during class time.

## Safety Plan

All teachers and adult volunteers will be given an emergency manual. This includes emergency phone numbers and contact information, maps of how to safely evacuate the building, and the locations of fire extinguishers. Posters of escape routes will also be hung. We will do our best to ensure the safety of your children!

## Christian Behavior Expectations for Sunday School

St. Peter practices an open door policy. Parents and grandparents are always welcome to join us in the classrooms! In fact, we would appreciate your help!

Every child deserves a nurturing, friendly, caring and safe environment while attending our Children's Ministry Programs.

### Student Responsibilities

- Be prepared to have fun and learn
- Respect the adults and teachers in the room
- Listen to teachers and follow directions
- Accept responsibility for your behavior
- Be kind, polite and cooperative
- Treat other people and property appropriately and respectfully

# Christian Behavior Expectations for Sunday School continued...

## Crew Leader Responsibilities

- Attend Church & Sunday School on a regular basis
- Be here 5 minutes early to greet students as they enter.
- Join in activities
- Encourage students
- Share your faith and experiences with students
- Assist leaders if needed
- Help with prayers
- Pray for the children you serve
- Help lead and guide discussion
- Be a role model & a steady influence in their lives!

## Elementary or Preschool Lesson Leader Responsibilities

- Attend Church & Sunday School on a regular basis
- Prepare and teach your assigned lessons
- Encourage children to participate and cooperate in activities
- Establish clear rules for safety
- Pray for the students you serve
- Lead discussions
- Help students stay on task
- Share your faith with students through words and actions
- Be courteous to students and parents at all times
- Discipline students as needed
- Be here early to greet students as they arrive

## Background Checks for Volunteers

In order to provide a safe environment for your children, St. Peter has implemented a background check policy for all children/youth ministry volunteers. Volunteers will be asked to complete a form giving St. Peter permission to request background information. For more information regarding background checks, please contact the church office. All information will be kept confidential. Volunteers without a completed background check will not be allowed to be alone with students. Once the background check is complete, volunteers will be required to wear a name tag while participating with youth. Name tags will be provided by St. Peter.

# Sunday School Format

## "Engage" Large Group Opening

Preschool—5<sup>th</sup> Grade together in 1st/2nd Grade Classroom (15-20 Minutes)  
Openings consist of Introducing the Bible lesson, announcements, birthdays and Baptismal Birthdays, simple liturgy, offering, songs, guest speakers, etc.

## "Explore" Small Group Sessions (20-25 minutes)

### **Preschool (Ages 3-5)**

After the Large Group Opening, the 3-5 year old students will go to the Kindergarten Classroom

Will Utilize a Program from Right Now Media

### **K-2 Grade Explore Station**

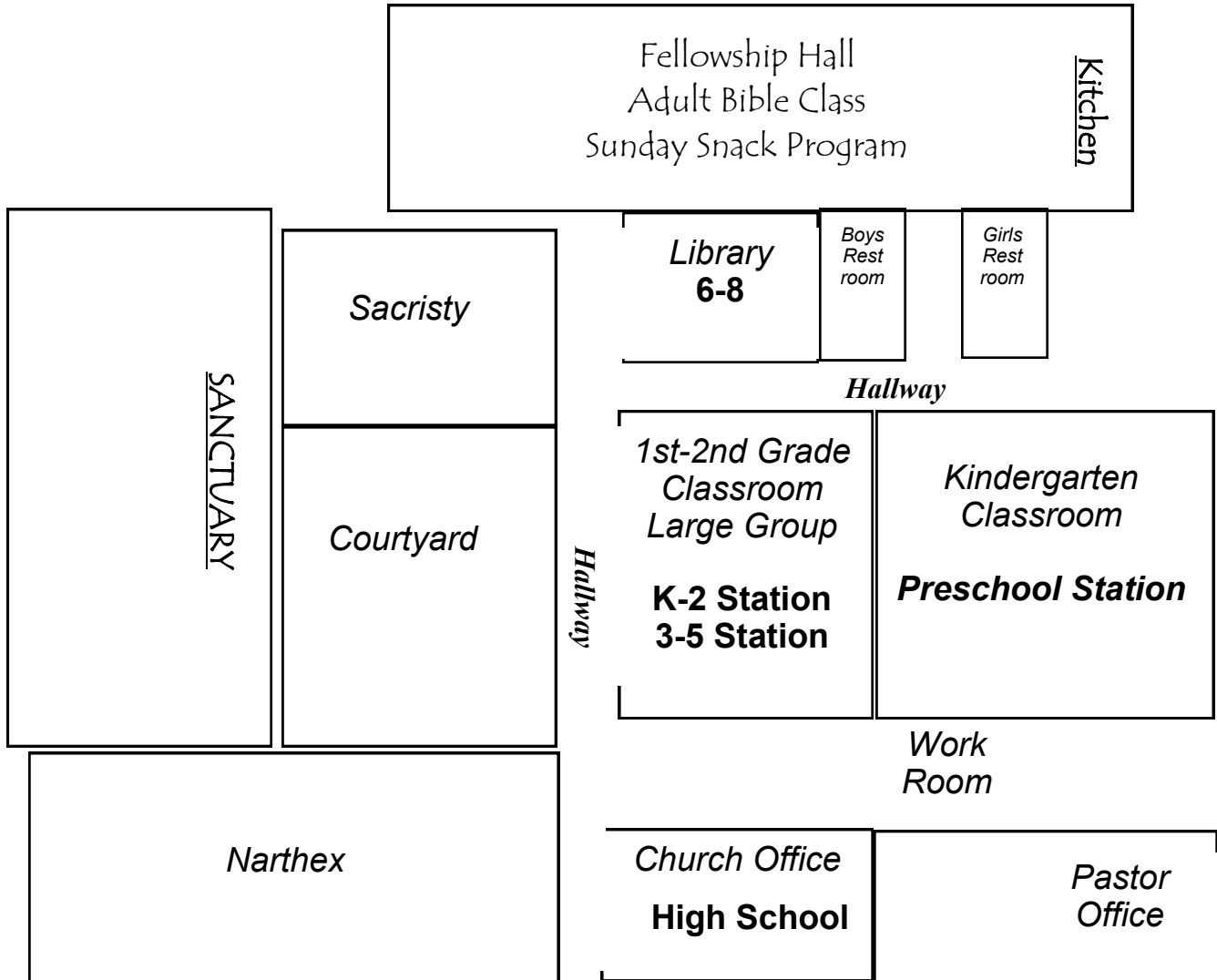
After the Large Group Opening, the K-2 students will complete the Level 1 Lesson Leaflet

### **3rd-5th Grade Explore Station**

After the Large Group Opening, the 3rd through 5th grade students will complete the Level 2 Lesson Leaflet

## "Crafts " Large Group (20-25 minutes)

# Sunday School Locations 2015-2016





## Sunday Snack Program

St. Peter's welcomes and encourages families to participate in the Sunday Snack Rotation. The Sunday Snack Rotation involves members from the various church boards, families with junior high and high school children, and 7th/8th grade families from LLS. A free-will offering is accepted during the Sunday Snack and the families that supply the Snacks for any given Sunday can use the free-will offering to offset the cost of the snacks or designate the money to support the various ministries at St. Peter's.

Coffee for Sunday Snack is provided by the Ladies Aid.

The Sunday Snack calendar is put together by the church secretary and the schedule is included on the next page. Please contact the church secretary if you would like to participate in the Sunday Snack Program or add our name to the Sunday Snack Calendar.

Sunday Snack is served between services prior to the start of Sunday School and Adult Bible Study.

We do have some members with peanut allergies. Please avoid bringing food that contain peanuts or tree nuts.

Foods to avoid:

1. Any peanut and tree nut foods (peanut butter, cashews, almonds, etc.).
2. Any foods processed on equipment shared with peanuts or tree nuts.
3. Any foods without an ingredient list disclosed (example, if a snack is provided from multi-serving packaging, please include the ingredient list for that snack). Some single-serving snacks are safe, but the same product in a multi-pack is not safe

**Sunday Snack Schedule 2015-2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday Snack Provide by</b>	<b>Other Scheduled Events</b>
9/13/2015	7th Grade LLS: Zach Kuehl Family	Bible Classes/Sunday School Kick-off/Bible Presentation
9/20/2015	Board of Church Properties	LLS K-2 Sing at 8:00 am SPLC
9/27/2015	Board of Stewardship	LLS/WSD No School September 25th
10/4/2015		<b>LWML Sunday</b>
10/11/2015	7th Grade LLS: Zach Kuehl Family	
10/18/2015	Board of Lay Ministry-A	Quarterly Voter's Meeting Germanfest @ ILC LLS 3-8 Sing t@ ILC
10/25/2015	Youth Family (May, Budewitz, Sippel)	
11/1/2015	7th Grade LLS: Kaelyn Braatz Family	LLS/WSD No School October 29th & 30th
11/8/2015	Ladies Aid	LLS K-2 Sing at 8:30 am ILC Christmas Program Practice
11/15/2015	Youth Family (Kehl, J & B Frank, Sierra Kuehl)	LLS 3-8 Sing at 10:30 am SPLC Christmas Program Practice
11/22/2015		<b>Christmas Program Practice</b>
11/29/2015		
12/6/2015	No Bible Class/Sunday School	<b>SPLC COOKIE BAKE Christmas Program Practice</b>
12/13/2015	Youth Family (M & S Maas, P. Maas, H. Nehls)	<b>Christmas Program Practice</b>
12/20/2015		LLS/WSD Christmas Break Dec 22-Jan 3rd Christmas Program Practice
12/24/2015		<b>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</b>
12/27/2015	No Bible Class/Sunday School	LLS/WSD Christmas Break December 22-January 3rd
1/3/2016		
1/10/2016	7th Grade LLS: Kaelyn Braatz Family	
1/17/2016	7th Grade LLS: Zach Kuehl Family	Quarterly Voter's Meeting LLS No School January 18.
1/24/2016		LLS K-8 Sing at 8:30 am @ ILC WSD No School January 22nd
1/31/2016	Board of Family Ministry	LLS K-8 Sing at 8:00 am @ SPLC
2/7/2016		WSD NO School February 8th
2/14/2016	No Bible Class/Sunday School	LADIES AID CHILI LUNCHEON
2/21/2016		LLS 3-8 Sing at 8:30 am @ ILC
2/28/2016	Youth Family (Ewert, Groeler, Kappell)	LLS K-2 Sing at 10:30 am @ SPLC
3/6/2016	7th Grade LLS: Kaelyn Braatz Family	Daylight Savings Time WSD No School March 4th
3/13/2016	Pfingsten Family	LLS K-8 Sing at 8:30 am @ ILC
3/20/2016		Palm Sunday-Potato Pancake Breakfast @ ILC
3/27/2016	No Bible Class/Sunday School	<b>YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST</b> LLS/WSD No School March 21-28th
4/3/2016	Youth Family (H. Kuehl, G. Kuehl, K & K Kuehl)	
4/10/2016	Ladies Aid	
4/17/2016	Board of Lay Ministry-B	Quarterly Voter's Meeting LLS K-8 Sing at 10:30 @ SPLC
4/24/2016	No Bible Class/Sunday School	<b>EXAMINATION SUNDAY</b> between services. WSD No School April 22nd
5/1/2016	No Bible Class/Sunday School	<b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b>
5/8/2016		<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>
5/15/2016		LLS K-8 sing 9:30 am @ St. John's Ashippun
5/22/2016		
5/29/2016		Memorial Day Weekend LLS/WSD No School on May 30th
	June of 2016	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
	July 16th-20th 2016	NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

**Ruby's Pantry Dates** 9/8/15, 10/13/15, 11/10/15, 12/8/15, 1/12/16, 2/9/16, 3/8/16, 4/12/16, 5/10/16, 6/14/16, 7/12/16

**Cookie Baking** on Saturday's & Sunday's in November. Then every night November 30th- December 4th

**Members are encouraged to sign-up for open dates**

Needed for Sunday Snack:

> 2 1/2 Gallons of combination Milk/Juice

> 60 cups Coffee (provided @ church, labeled in Refrigerator " Sunday Morning"

> Snack Items for 60-70 people (cookies, bars, fruit, toast, cheese/sausage)