

Children's Ministry Roadmap

A Note from the Director of Children's Ministry

Dear friends in Christ,

Proverbs 22:6 advises us to “direct [our] children on the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it”. We diligently equip our children with tools to succeed in life....math, reading, writing, social, and emotional skills. While our children can be the best pitcher on the baseball team, fly through Advanced Placement courses, and win every popularity contest, we live in a time of deep unrest. Adults and children alike struggle to know their worth. We struggle to accept that we are priceless treasures in God’s Kingdom, and so is every person we meet on a playground, checkout line, and in traffic. This brings me to my passion for children’s ministry.

My passion for teaching, equipping, and building children runs deep. I believe we are most successful in this venture when our children know Whose they are, that their lives are purposed, and that their value is bestowed by the King of Kings without any need to earn or maintain it. Thank you in advance for your partnership as we journey together to build life-changing faith in every child at Bethel. I am humbled and blessed to partner with you in this capacity.

Blessings,
Brenda

Sunday School

Begins: September 24, 2023
Ends: May 19, 2024
Time: 9:45-10:30AM

Who: Ages 3 through Grade 5

Classes:
Preschool/Pre-K
Kindergarten/Grade 1
Grades 2-3
Grades 3-4

Limitless

Begins: September 13, 2023
Ends: May 8, 2024

Who: K- Grade 5
Activities:

Time: 3:30-5:45PM	Fellowship, Snack, Chapel, Skits, Service Projects, Choir, Bells, Lego Faith Building, Games, and more!
Retreats Oct. 6-7, 2023 Grade 5 March 10, 2024 Grade 4 April 14, 2024 Grade 3	<i>Grade 5- Holy Communion Retreat</i> Friday 6-8PM, Saturday 8:30AM-Noon <i>Grade 4- Holy Worship Retreat</i> Sunday Noon- 2:30PM <i>Grade 3- Holy Baptism Retreat</i> Sunday Noon- 2:30PM
Parent-Child Classes 9:45-10:30AM Sept 24 & Oct 1, 2023 Grade 2 October 15, 2023 Grade 1 January 21, 2024 Grade 3	Grade 2- How to Use the Bible Class Grade 1- Share, Save, Spend Class Grade 3- Prayer Class

Grades 4 & 5- Acolytes

How do acolytes serve during the school year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light the candles on the altar during Sunday and/or Wednesday Worship • Sit with the pastors up front • Give and receive the Offering Plates • Hold a basket to collect Holy Communion cups
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Limitless Ministry Details

Weekly Wednesday Schedule: 3:30 Fellowship 3:40 Snack 4:00 Chapel 4:25 Group Skit 4:45 Activity 1 5:15 Activity 2	Volunteer Opportunities We can't do any of these things without a team! Each week we rely on several adults to help with Snack, Check-in, Chapel, and Leading Activities. The nursery is open for younger children of volunteers.
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Chimes: Grade 3 January-May	Alleluia Choir: Grades 1-3 September- December
Chimes: Grades 4-5 September- December	Carol Choir: Grades 4-5 January- May
Faith Building Read a Bible Story and recreate an item or scene with Lego	Joyful Noise Read a Bible Story and use Orff Instrument to add sound effects as they bring the story to life.
Serving Others Daily (SOD) Service projects to serve our family, church, community, and beyond.	Faith Stretch Read a Bible Story and recreate the story through actions.
Fruity Skits Explore the Fruits of the Spirit and then create skits to show using or not using that fruit.	Skits on Command Explore the 10 Commandments and then create skits to show following or not following that commandment.
Scripture Search Use the Concordance in the Bible to find scriptures on the given topic. The team who finds the most scriptures gets an extra piece of candy.	Magnified (Grades 4-5) Dive deeper into the Small Catechism & beyond, bringing understanding and application to The 10 Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and The Armor of God.

Children's Christmas Program

Last, but not least, all children Ages 3-Grade 5 are invited to participate in our annual (often double cast) Children's Christmas Program. The program is shared during worship on December 17, 2023. We need parent volunteers during rehearsals on Sundays, Wednesdays and the day of the program. It's great fun. Join us!

Thanks for your support and sharing your precious children with us!