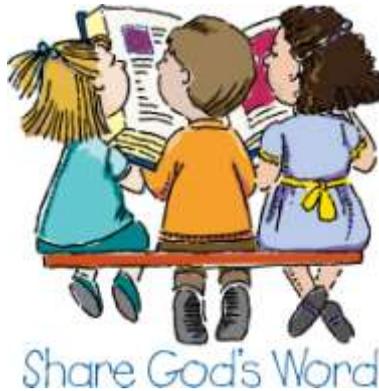


## **5 Reasons for Children attending Worship & Sunday School**

1. Learning that Jesus loves and promises his presence with them forever and always...no matter what!
2. Building relationships with other kids in the community of faith.
3. Being ministers to others in sharing their gifts and talents with the larger CGS community.
4. Getting to know the stories of the Bible in Godly Play and other class material.
5. Knowing the community of faith supports, loves and encourages your family through every stage of life.



### **Save the Date: Family Fellowship Events!**

**St. Francis Blessing of the Animals in Greely Park- October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Harvestfest- October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Deck the Halls Sunday- December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Community Day- June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Questions? Please email or call the office (603) 882-5352 for:**

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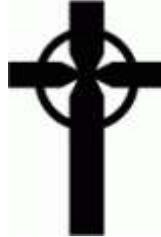
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# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Children Education

Equipping our Kids, Changing the World

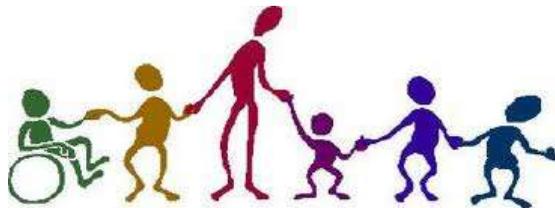
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**Parent Orientation & Class Registration starting Homecoming  
Sunday: September 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:45 a.m.**

*3 year olds thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

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PROGRAM

\*Students accepted throughout the year contact office for information

**First Day of Class: Sunday, September 16, 2012**

**EQUIPPING OUR KIDS, CHANGING THE WORLD**

Children are a crucial part of the community of faith. Following Jesus' saying, "Let the little children come to me" Church of the Good Shepherd (CGS) seeks to uphold kids in their relationship with Christ. *Through our Worship and Sunday School program we equip children with an inspiring spiritual foundation in the Christian Tradition so that as they grow into adulthood they are fluent in God's language of spirituality, love, hope and compassion.* We're excited to partner with parents equipping your kids with the tools they'll need through all stages of their faith and life journey!

## **INTEGRATED GODLY PLAY & SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS**

*(3 years thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) 9:00 –10:10 a.m.*

Godly Play is based upon the recognition that children have an innate sense of the presence of God. All they lack is the appropriate language to help them identify and express it so it can be explored and strengthened. The Godly Play approach teaches classical Christian language in a way that enhances the child's authentic experience of God so it can contribute to the creative life of the child and the world. *Here at CGS we compliment the Godly Play materials with supplementary activities and lessons, enriching our children's learning with developmentally appropriate experience.*

Because the quality of time is such an important part of Godly Play Sunday School, we ask that **parents bring their children to class on time at 9:00 a.m.** At the end of class, parents may either pick their children up at 10:10, or children will be brought into the church to join their parents at "the peace" and participate in the rest of worship. We encourage children to take communion with their parents. There are crayons and papers for coloring or drawing available for children in the church. If you don't know where these are kept, ask an usher.

**"RISERS CLASS"** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 9:00 –10:10 a.m.

To meet the needs of our oldest Sunday School Children the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be participating in a dynamic Sunday School Curriculum led by Ms. Nancy Madeira and Mr. Dan LeGallo. This class will creatively explore the Bible, Episcopal Traditions and Church History throughout the year. They will have opportunities to begin teaching/mentoring younger students as they get ready for their teenage years.

**CLASS FOCUS & TEACHER INFORMATION:**

This year all class sections will have a specific Learning Focus to complement their Godly Play lessons and will also participate in larger group activities that encourage connections between faith and community service. This year's sections are:

**3 and 4 Year Olds:** Child must be 3 yrs by August 2012 to attend this class.  
*Learning Focus:* Songs of Sunday School

**Kindergarten:** *Learning Focus:* Bedtime & Table Prayers

**First Grade:** *Learning Focus:* Lord's Prayer

**Second Grade:** *Learning Focus:* Sacraments

**Third Grade:** *Learning Focus:* History of the Church-The Creeds

**Fourth Grade:** *Learning Focus:* Books of the Bible

**Risers Class-Fifth Grade:** *Learning Focus:* Episcopal Tradition

**2012 Sunday School Teachers:** John Andrick, Julia Balukonis, Deb Desilets, Dan LeGallo, Maureen LeGallo, Arianna Liles, Gabby Liles, Nancy Madeira, Jackie Marshall, Melyssa Millett, Mary O'Reilly, Erin Rosier, Paige Schaller

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ACQUIRING LIFE SKILLS:**

An essential part of our Sunday School curriculum is that children know the biblical stories by heart. This is different than memorizing the stories. Through our enriched curriculum and Godly Play lessons, the biblical stories will **shape their imagination with the hope, love and compassion of God in service to the community of faith and world.** **By attending Sunday School, you child will learn:** Bible Stories and how they relate to their life; Bedtime and table prayers; The Lord's Prayer; the sacramental/liturgical life of the church; leadership in worship and public speaking; collaboration as part of a community.