

Sunday Morning Children's Ministries

Sunday School

Bethany offers children, as well as adults, a chance to learn about God's Holy Word every Sunday from 9:40 until 10:30 AM. Children's classes are organized according to age groups and taught by vibrant, exciting, and knowledgeable Christian teachers.

Jr. Church

This is a service offered during our 8:30 and 11:00 AM Sunday worship. Children are called to the front, where they are met by a smiling adult who talks briefly to them about a Biblical topic. After this Jr. Sermon, children from 3 years of age to 3rd grade leave the sanctuary and participate in their own junior worship service. This involves prayer time, a brief lesson, and praise and worship music.

Nursery

Nursery care is provided for children 2 and under. The nursery provides a warm, loving, fun, and safe environment for children. Bethany offers this childcare during all 3 church services and Sunday School.

Children's Small Group Ministries:

Kids Aglow

Sonbeams (preschool), Sparklers (K-1st grade), & Starbursts (2nd and 3rd grade)

These 3 small groups for children will meet on first and third Wednesdays each month from 7:00 – 8:30 PM during the school year. These groups will enjoy large gatherings with the Lighthouse Friends where they'll sing, pray, and enjoy an object lesson or devotion. They will then break down into their smaller groups to learn about the Biblical lesson of the night - taught through games, activities, and crafts. Then, at the end of the evening, groups will gather for snack time where they will share about the evening before we have a closing prayer and parents pick them up.

Lighthouse Friends (4th, 5th, and 6th grade)

This small group meets on first and third Wednesdays each month with the Sonbeams, Sparklers, and Starbursts. However, Lighthouse Friends also get together 1 Saturday each month to do mission work. They might visit a nursing home, do gardening or yard work for someone in need, bake cookies to be given to shut-ins, collect canned goods or school supplies for Reach Out Lakota, etc. During the year, they also meet for social time. They may go ice-skating, have a swim party, or go play laser tag.

Other Special Groups and Events

Children's Choir (1st to 6th grade)

Children's Choir practices every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. This time may be extended during preparation for special performances. *Look forward to a new Preschool choir (ages 4 through kindergarten) beginning in October.*

Christmas and Easter Celebration

These big yearly events are usually scheduled on weekends. Children come and enjoy drama, music, games, crafts, and other special activities. In the midst of all this fun and activity, they are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas and Easter, and how special these times should be to Christians.

Vacation Bible School

This weeklong experience for preschool to 6th graders usually takes place in the evenings. It's a terrific program put on by many dedicated Christians. Children enjoy going from station to station learning the night's Bible truth through various avenues, such as missions, crafts, games, and drama. The participants' families are invited to stay, join in the fun, and hear a program on the final evening of VBS. It's a fun filled week full of wonder and excitement!