

# Guide for Church School Families 2020-2021

## Sharon Lutheran Church

### Faith Formation Ministries

- Our first months of church school this year will be “online all the time and in person when we can”. \* That means adjustments for all of us and a new way of connecting. As of now, this is the way our first four months will work:
- Each month we will deliver to your family all the materials you will need for church school sessions for approximately 4 weeks. Materials will be in a pizza box designated for your family. When we deliver the next month’s box, we will retrieve the current box to reuse for your family only. (In other words, each family has two boxes.)
- Each week there will be one video released that includes church school music and the main story for the session. You will be emailed an access code for this video. You may watch it any time after it is posted. This video is for all grade levels, Lambs-5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Each week there will be a follow-up video released that covers the “Activate Faith” portion of the lesson related to the story. These videos will be grade specific. Again, you will be emailed an access code for the videos. Students will need the “pizza box” materials to get the most benefit from these videos.
- At least once a month, the students will be invited to a ZOOM meeting that is grade specific and held at the “normal” times of church school—6:15 Wednesdays and 11:00 Sundays. A schedule for those meetings and the session ID numbers and passcodes will be sent when they are finalized. ZOOM sessions will begin with a large group, and depending on the size of the group, go to breakout sessions to afford the opportunity for students to interact with the teacher and with each other. There will be two adults at each ZOOM meeting—parents may be asked to be one of those adults.
- ZOOM meetings will include a chance to share highs and lows, ask questions about the lessons, build relationships, and participate in service projects. If a student cannot attend his/her designated meeting at the scheduled time, he/she may opt to attend on a different day or with a different grade level.



- This year's lessons will coordinate with the lectionary used in the worship services. Often the children's sermon may be based on the exact same story. Below please find the schedule of lessons:

September 20/23: The Vineyard Workers Matthew 20: 1-16

September 27/30: The Chief Priests Matthew 21: 23-32

October 4/7: Parable of the Vineyard Matthew 21: 33-46

October 11/14: The Wedding Banquet Matthew 22: 1-14

October 18/21: Paying Taxes Matthew 22: 15-22

October 25/28: The Greatest Commandment Matthew 22:34-46

November 1/4: Be Humble Matthew 23: 1-12

November 8/11: Ten Bridesmaids Matthew 25: 1-13

November 15/18: Parable of the Talents Matthew 25: 14-30

November 22/25: Sheep and Goats Matthew 25: 31-46

November 29/December 2: Be Ready Mark 13: 24-36

December 6/9: John the Baptist Prepares the Way Mark 1: 1-8

December 13/16: Jesus Is Born Luke 2: 1-20

If you have questions about any of this, please feel free to contact me.

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\*We will reassess church school plans for January through May and make some decisions by Thanksgiving. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we strive to keep our families safe as we move our faith journeys forward.

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 p.m. Lambs-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School Volunteer Orientation  
 (If you aren't sure whether or not you can volunteer, join us to see where you might be called to serve!)

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** 11:00 a.m. Lambs-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Orientation (with parents)/ 11:30 a.m.  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (with parents)

**Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 p.m. Lambs-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Orientation (with parents)/ 6:45 p.m.  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (with parents)

*If you have students in both age groups, you do not need to attend both sessions.*