

Dear Families,

My name is Rachel Stambaugh and I will be teaching the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class this school year. I have been teaching Sunday School at First Lutheran for seven years. This will be my first year with this age level and I am very excited about it!

We will be using Group's FaithWeaver again this year. Attached is our weekly lesson schedule and memory verse. You can learn more about each lesson at <http://www.group.com/sunday-school/scope-and-sequence?nodeid=37077> (3rd/4th grade, Fall 2013).

Please find a place in your home to post the attached schedule. Ask your children what they learned each week, talk to them about it and try to answer any questions they have. Please repeat the weekly verse each day, helping them put it to memory in their hearts.

Sept 15th – Rally Day and Lesson

9:45 - Roundup in the Fellowship Hall
10:15 - We will go to class for a short lesson

Sept 22nd – School Year Schedule

Class: 9:45-10:20
Youth Choir: 10:20-10:45.



TIME CHANGE

It's a lot of fun to run to the fellowship hall and drool over the selection of treats each week; however, it seems to take up too much of our lesson time. To save on time, I would like to change our schedule and habits a bit. I am requesting that each family sign up and bring in a healthy snack to share while we work on our lesson.

I will have a snack sign-up at Rally Day as well as on my parent board in our classroom. PLEASE be sure to list any food allergies your child may have on his/her registration form so I can work to ensure safe and healthy snacks are brought in and shared.

New for 2013-2014

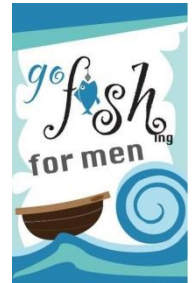
I'm really looking forward to building this group up as strong and courageous Christians.

I really want to focus this year on ways to be Christians and live it in everyday life; for students to stand strong in their faith and share it with others.

Sharing their faith:

One way I want this group to learn to share their faith is by inviting others to Sunday School.

Mom and Dad, relax on Friday night after a long week of work and let the kids have their sleepovers on Saturday night! Then they can bring their friends with them to church on Sunday morning!



Every time a student brings in a guest to class they get to add a fish to our "Go Fishing for Men" board and the student and friend each get to get a treat from the fish bowl.

Sharing their faith AND standing strong together:

One way I would like to encourage our group to reach out and build relationships with each other is by having a few special group activities just for them throughout the year (kind of like a junior youth group).

To do this, I will need your help. Please prayerfully consider hosting an activity at your house or helping schedule one at another location. Some ideas include bowling, laser-tag, a lock-in, bonfire, campout, etc... These will include devotional time, prayer time, and offer an opportunity for the students to bring a friend into Christian fellowship. This sign-up will also be available on Rally Day and on the parent board in my room. (I can help create and distribute invitations).

Looking forward to a great year!

Rachel

