

Join us for a year full of fun activities and growing in God!



## Children, Youth & Family Ministry 2011-2012

**Church School Times**  
**One-hour Classes**  
**Preschool - Grade 6**

### **Sunday Classes**

**Sept. 18 - May 13**

#### **Easter on the Hill**

8:30 a.m.  
10 a.m.

#### **Easter by the Lake**

9:30 a.m.  
11 a.m.

### **Wednesday Classes**

**Sept. 14 - May 9**

#### **Easter on the Hill**

4:30 p.m.  
6 p.m.

## Jesus Loves You!

Welcome to Children's Ministry at Easter! We invite you to join us in a variety of activities throughout the year. We want you and your family to know the love of Jesus and connect in the Easter faith community.

Church School is offered for age 3 - grade 6 on Sundays or Wednesdays from September through May. Each session begins with a large group experience connecting all ages together praising God. Children then divide into age appropriate groups to learn Bible centered lessons.

Children's Ministry is a partnership between families and the church. We invite all parents to be involved in this ministry. There are many volunteer opportunities, both one-time and school-year commitments. Please prayerfully consider how you can volunteer to serve. Every family needs to be involved to show our children how to grow in faith.

This brochure highlights many ways families can grow in faith. Family Faith Nights, Advent..ure, and the Christmas Pageant are just a few. Please mark your calendars now; you will not want to miss any of the events.

Live the faith! SHARE the faith!

Easter's Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

--Watch newsletter for more activities and details!

## For All Ages:

Sun., Sept. 11 ..... Meet & Greet Teachers (Sun. & Wed. classes)  
Wed., Sept. 14 ..... 1st day of Wednesday Church School  
Sun., Sept. 18 ..... 1st day of Sunday Church School  
Sun., Oct. 16 ..... Church School sings in worship  
Wed., Oct. 26 ..... "Bible Bash" Party

Sat., Nov. 19 ..... Advent...ure!  
Sun., Dec. 4 ..... Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
Sun., Dec. 11 ..... Christmas Pageant

Sun., Feb. 19 ..... Church School sings in worship  
Sat. Mar. 31 ..... Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt  
Sun., May 6 ..... Church School sings in worship  
Wed., May 9 ..... Last day of Wednesday Church School  
Sun., May 13 ..... Last day of Sunday Church School



## Preschool:

Family Faith Night ..... Saturday, Oct. 1  
Music Explorers ..... Wednesdays, Sept. 14 - May 9

## Kindergarten:

Family Faith Night ..... Saturday, Feb. 25  
Cherub Choir ..... Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13

## Grade 1:

Family Faith Night ..... Saturday, Jan. 21  
Cherub Choir ..... Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13

## Grade 2:

Family Faith Night ..... Saturday, March 10  
Choristers ..... Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13

## Grade 3:

Choristers ..... Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13  
Family Faith Night ..... Saturday, Sept. 24

## Grade 4:

Family Faith Night ..... Saturday, Nov. 12  
Choristers ..... Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13

## Grades 5:

Family Faith Night ..... Saturday, Oct. 15  
First Communion ..... July, October and March options  
Choristers ..... Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13  
Choir Chimes ..... Wednesdays, Sept. 14 - May 9

## Grades 6:

Tintinnabula ..... Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13  
First Communion ..... July, October and March options  
Confirmation Info Meeting .. Sunday, Jan. 22



**Closing for Inclement Weather:** Easter Church will cancel all youth activities for the day whenever ISD #196 (Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan) cancels school, closes early, or cancels evening activities on that day.

# FAMILY FAITH NIGHTS

Mark your calendar now! It only happens ONCE a year! Join us for a special night for each grade level. Start as a family in worship and then join other families for pizza and fellowship. The night is highlighted with an activity for you, the parents, and your child. Sibling care is available.

## Schedule 2011-2012

Sat., Sept. 24	3rd grade - The Bible
Sat., Oct. 1	Preschool - age 4 by 9/1/11 Forgiveness (Orientation to Church School)
Sat., Oct. 15	5th grade - Martin Luther
Sat., Nov. 12	4th grade - Apostle's Creed
Sat., Jan. 21	1st grade - The Ten Commandments
Sat., Feb. 25	Kindergarten - The Lord's Prayer
Sat., Mar. 10	2nd grade - What's Fair

## Bring your family and celebrate!

5 p.m. Family worship at Easter on the Hill  
6 p.m. Pizza  
6:15 p.m. Activity (sibling care available)

One-time event for each age level



# PRESCHOOL AND UNDER MINISTRIES

## Welcome Wagon

If you are expecting, please contact the church office at 651-452-3680 when your new bundle of joy arrives. Easter's Baby Welcome Wagon ministry would love to greet your new baby and provide your family with a gift from Easter.

## Parent-Child Round-up (Age 3 by 9/1/12 ) *Sunday, April 15, 2012*

Howdy! Gather with your child for an experience of church school. Parent and child can saddle up for an hour of songs, Bible stories and fun activities. Information will be given to let parents know what to expect for their child in Church School in the Fall of 2012.

## Music Explorers



Discover the world of music! The expedition is led by an experienced music teacher and all things musical are investigated. Parents are invited to join their children the last 10 minutes of class. Parents also take turns assisting the teacher.

3 & 4 year olds  
Wednesdays, Sept. 14 - May 9,  
4:15-4:55 p.m. or 5:15-5:55 p.m.  
Easter on the Hill  
Minimum: 5 Maximum: 12

## Parent/Child Church School

(Age 3 by 9/1/11 )

**Sun. Oct. 9 - Sun. March 18**

Children are invited to attend church school with their parents. A lead teacher will teach the class for two weeks; then the parents take turns leading the class. All materials are provided. Jesus loves you! Join us as we explore Bible stories with activities, games, songs and art.

### Church School Classes:

10 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday (Lake)

## Preschool Church School

(Age 4 by 9/1/11 )

**Wed. Sept. 14 - May 9 or  
Sun. Sept. 18 - May 13**

Join us as we explore a different Bible story each week. We will read from the Spark Story Bible and try to find Squiggles the caterpillar in the pages. All grades and ages start in a large group experience to praise God. The learning continues as we go into small groups to have fun learning about the characters in the story so we can tell others.

## Pray & Play (birth - Kindergarten)

**Fridays, Sept. 23 - May 11, 9:30-11 a.m.,  
Easter by the Lake**

Open Gym Time for kids to run, bounce balls, scoot and play in the Great Room. Parents will watch their kids expend energy and meet others in a place that is always warm and dry! The community is welcome. No registration required. The schedule will follow ISD 196.

# KIDS IN KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 5

## Church School

Wednesdays, Sept. 14 - May 9 and Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13

Kids will love the Bible stories they learn each week. The Great Story will be told for all to listen and learn! Teachers will teach the SPARK lessons and read from the incredible Spark Story Bibles. You will not want to miss a single week! 5th graders are encouraged to be part of the drama for the Christmas Pageant.

### Age 4 through Grade 5:

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
10 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday (Lake)  
11 a.m. Sunday (Lake)  
4:30 p.m. Wednesday (Hill)  
6 p.m. Wednesday (Hill)

## 1st Communion Instruction

Easter Church provides communion instruction to prepare for the sacrament of Holy Communion for 5th graders. Children whose parents feel they are ready for Holy Communion before 5th grade may attend the Early First Communion Class offered in January. Registrations will be available in the fall for all sessions. If your child has not yet been baptized, please call the church office at 651-452-3680 to arrange for a baptism date before celebrating First Communion.



### Summer Retreat Option

Wednesday, July 6, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and

Thursday, July 7, 9 a.m. - noon

Parents attend Wednesday from 5-6 p.m.

Easter on the Hill

Cost: \$10, Min: 5 students

Pastor Sarah will be teaching this class on First Communion to students who are entering 5th or 6th grade in 2011.

## Early First Communion Instruction

for students younger than 5th grade;  
attend with at least one parent/guardian  
during all sessions

Sundays, Jan. 15, 22, and 29

6:30-8 p.m.

Costs: Supplies: \$5

## 5th Grade and Older

### First Communion Instruction:

#### Fall Option - cost \$5 for supplies

Sundays, Oct. 2, 9, 16

6:30-8 p.m.

Parents attend the first and last sessions

#### Retreat Option - cost \$10 (for lunch/snacks)

Thurs., Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-Noon.

Sun., Oct. 23, 6:30-8 p.m.

\*Parents attend the last session

Parents: instruction hours for the retreat option are the same as either option, but there are times for recreation & fellowship scheduled into the Retreat Option.

#### Spring Option - cost \$5 for supplies

Sundays, Mar. 4, 11, 18

6:30-8 p.m.

Parents attend the last session

## Singing and Ringing Choirs

All God's children have a place in the choir! So goes the song...and it's true. Children discover their singing voice, learn faith songs, and share their gift with the congregation. Choir Chimes is an introduction to handbell ringing.



### Cherub Choir

Kindergarten-Grade 1  
Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13  
11:10 - 11:55 a.m.  
Easter on the Hill

### Choristers

Grades 2-5  
Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13  
11:10 - 11:55 a.m.  
Easter on the Hill

### Choir Chimes

Grade 5  
Wednesdays, Sept. 14 - May 9  
5:40-6:20 p.m.  
Easter on the Hill

# GRADE 6

## Church School

*Wednesdays, Sept. 14 - May 9 and Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13*

6th graders will be challenged to be an integral part of church school. They will have a chance to work on some leadership skills throughout the year as well as classroom time to bond with one another. We also encourage them to be part of the Christmas Pageant as a cast member or work behind the scenes.

### Sessions for 6th Grade:

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
10 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday (Lake)  
11 a.m. Sunday (Lake)  
4:30 p.m. Wednesday (Hill) \*  
6 p.m. Wednesday (Hill)

\* Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. Hill

Join the group of 6th graders as we put our talents to work. Every week will be different. We will plan and lead large group for the 4:30 p.m. church school kids.

## Handbell Choir

Budding musicians, especially pianists and instrumentalists, love to ring handbells! Tintinnabula continues the experience started in Choir Chimes.

### Tintinnabula

Grades 6-8  
Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13  
5-5:45 p.m.  
Easter on the Hill



## SPECIAL EVENTS - all ages

### Bible Bash Party

*Wed., Oct. 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m.*

#### Easter on the Hill

Dress up like a Bible character or one of the animals on Noah's Ark and come join the fun! We will have games and activities for everyone! This is a family event! Dinner will also be available.

### Advent-ure!

*Sat, Nov. 19, 9:30-10:30 a.m.*

Get ready for THE Advent..ure! An Advent craft will be assembled by your family to get prepared for the SEASON! Donations to cover costs accepted.

### Christmas Pageant

*Sun., December 11, Easter by the Lake*

WOW! What a story! It is wonderful every way you hear it. The pageant will be quite different this year as we invite many groups to be involved. Church school to high school kids will experience the excitement of the story. Children in Grades 5 and 6 are encouraged to sign up and be a part of the drama or help with other behind the scenes fun. Kids age 3 - Grade 4 will be the amazing choir. Watch for the details in the October and November newsletters.

### Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

*Sat., March 31, 9:30 a.m.*

The morning will be filled with excitement as we come together for an energized kid's worship. Then we will head outside to find over 2000 hidden plastic eggs! Donuts and juice will be served as we enjoy the fellowship. The community is welcome. No pre-registration needed. Invite friends and neighbors.

# Church School and Music 2011-2012 Registration



Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone One (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Two (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mom Work (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Dad Work (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



## Register up to three students below (please see volunteer opportunities on back of form):

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F Grade Fall '11: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Church School:  
Selected Day/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Music:  
Selected Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any food allergies, special needs, or accommodations necessary for your child:

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Church School:  
Selected Day/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Music:  
Selected Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any food allergies, special needs, or accommodations necessary for your child:

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# Church School & Music Schedule 2011-2012

## Church School Class Options:

### Age 3 (by 9/1/11) (with parents):

10 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday (Lake)

### Age 4 (by 9/1/11) through Grade 5: 6th Grade ONLY:

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
10 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday (Lake)  
11 a.m. Sunday (Lake)  
4:30 p.m. Wednesday (Hill)  
6 p.m. Wednesday (Hill)

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
10 a.m. Sunday (Hill)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday (Lake)  
11 a.m. Sunday (Lake)  
\*4:30 p.m. Wednesday (Hill) (see pg. 5)  
6 p.m. Wednesday (Hill)

## Music Options:

**Music Explorers** - 3 & 4 year olds, Wednesdays, Sept. 14 - May 9, 4:15-4:55 or 5:15-5:55 p.m.  
**Cherub Choir** (singing) - Kindergarten-Grade 1, Sunday mornings Sept. 18 - May 13, 11:10-11:55 a.m.  
**Choristers** (singing) - Grades 2 through 5, Sunday mornings Sept. 18 - May 13, 11:10-11:55 a.m.  
**Choir Chimes** (ringing) - Grade 5, Wednesdays, Sept. 14 - May 9, 5:40-6:20 p.m.  
**Tintinnabula** (ringing) - Grades 6-8, Sundays, Sept. 18 - May 13, 5-5:45 p.m.

## Church School Volunteer Opportunities for Teens and Older

*Church School is a shared ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in children's ministries.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Teacher or Co-Teacher** – Teach students throughout the church school year. Teacher support and project materials are provided. Please select age/grade levels below (Fall 2011)  
 Pre-K - K     Gr. 1 - 2     Gr. 3 - 4     Gr. 5 - 6    ALSO:  Wednesday Session     Sunday Session
- Teen Teachers or Helpers**– Teach or be a teacher helper with students throughout the church school year. Teacher support and project materials are provided  
 Wednesday 4:30 p.m.     Wednesday 6 p.m.     Sunday Lake     Sunday Hill
- Large Group Leader** – Lead group of students with songs, prayer, and mini-lesson at beginning of the church school session. All materials and CD's provided. (approx. 15 minutes each Sun. or Wed. during a church school session of your choice).
- Lesson Coordinator** – Gather and organize materials with a partner for lesson activities for one age group throughout the church school year. Commitment: Weekly or bi-weekly, 1.5 hours per lesson.
- Church School Resource Volunteer** – Receive offering, take attendance, and prepare materials at least once a month during the church school year. Help organize and serve the teacher appreciation brunch in May. Commitment: 1 hour during church school times.  
 Easter on the Hill     Easter by the Lake
- Family Faith Night Assistance** (Hill) – Serve pizza or provide childcare to families one or more Saturday evening(s) from 5:30-7 p.m., which includes set-up and clean-up. This can be a service opportunity for your family or mentor group. Pick your dates or leave blank and we will contact you.  
 Sept. 24     Oct. 1     Oct. 15     Nov. 12     Jan. 21     Feb. 25     Mar. 10
- Welcome Wagon Team** – Welcome new babies in the Easter Church community, and congratulate their parents by bringing a meal and a gift from Easter.
- Pray & Play Co-Leader** (Lake) – Guide children birth-5 years old and their parents in play in the Great Room on Friday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m. during the school year. Lead children and parents in circle time with Bible story and prayer. Commitment: Once or twice a month.
- Take Pictures** – Help take pictures of all the kids in church school. We will develop church school class pictures for each student so they know each others names. Commitment – The first month of church school during church school sessions.  
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*Join in the fun!*



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