

August 1, 2011



Dear Friends,

We're very excited about God's Plan this Fall at Joy!, and we want you to know what you and your children need to do to participate. Inside this packet you will find volunteer opportunities and registration information for Kids' Adventure Klub - 3yrs. old through 5th grade.

### Here are the action items for you:

1. **Beginning August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Register your children. The information you need is included in this packet. Additional forms are available on the Joy website ([www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org)). Nursery registration forms will be available in room 1/2.
2. **Offer to volunteer:** It takes the **whole** community of Joy! to make children's ministry happen. We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon.
3. **Bring your child/children's** back pack to worship on August 21<sup>st</sup> for a backpack blessing.
4. **September 11<sup>th</sup>:** First Sunday of Kids' Adventure Klub (KAK)—our Sunday School program.

The Children's Ministry Administrative Team has been working hard this summer to gear up for the fall. Our theme this year is "B-I-B-L-E...That's the Book for Me!". We will explore stories where, through the Word of God, children and volunteer staff alike will take a journey of faith learning how God nurtures us through His word. We will use the Workshop Rotation Model at age appropriate levels at all sessions. For more information on the Workshop Rotation Model, please see reverse side of this letter. We have made some changes to our preschool program and are excited to share the love of Jesus with our little ones.

**Beginning, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** we will offer KAK for children ages 3 through 5th grade Sundays during the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services. Children begin in their classroom; **children entering the 3 year old class must have their third birthday by Sept. 1, 2011.**

In the best interest of our children, staff and classroom size, **the number of children enrolled (each class/service) will be limited.** This keeps our mission to *Invite...* all children to experience the love of Jesus; *Nurture...* them through the creative teaching of God's Word; and to *Send...* them out to reflect Christ in their daily lives, a reality. **PLEASE FILL OUT ONE (1) REGISTRATION FORM PER CHILD.**

**Registration for Kids' Adventure Klub will begin on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in Rooms 1/2 (Classroom off the lobby);** extra KAK and Nursery registration forms will be available at that time. We are requesting \$35 per student for materials to help defray the cost of curriculum and workshop supplies. This is a one-time request for the entire year. If this prevents you from enrolling your children, please see Cheryl O'Neill or stop by the registration table. We care about your children learning about Jesus much more than the money. This is an offering and can be adjusted. We will also have "wish lists" available to help with supplies that are needed.

Do you feel God's call to serve in Children's Ministry? We need at least 45 volunteers every Sunday to run Kids' Adventure Klub. There is also a need for volunteers on the Administrative Team to help coordinate various workshops, you can work with a partner so grab a friend and join the fun. Enclosed is a volunteer form along with brief role descriptions. Please prayerfully consider joining this exciting and growing ministry.

If you have any questions please contact Cheryl O'Neill or one of the Children's Ministry Staff. **And be sure to invite the unchurched children in your neighborhood to join you!**

Sincerely,

The Children's Ministry Team



## Kids' Adventure Klub Program Information



This fall, Kids' Adventure Klub will once again be using the Workshop Rotation Model for all children (3yr. old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade). We have made several changes in the Preschool through Kindergarten which will make the program better than ever!! It has the energy level and fun of Vacation Bible School year round for our students and volunteers. This innovative program helps make the Word of God attractive and memorable to our young people. It supports our volunteers' giftedness and recognizes their limitations. This model is practical, flexible, kid-pleasing, teacher-friendly, inviting and aimed at producing Bible literacy.

So that we can effectively teach our children, **we will limit the number of children per class at each session**, depending on the classroom size and age of the children. We believe it is in the best interest of our children, staff, program, and will keep our mission a reality.

The Workshop Rotation model uses many activities in weekly lessons so that each student, whether he/she learns best by listening or watching, creating or singing, playing or cooking, will learn God's word in a fun and meaningful way. It also allows volunteers to choose an area of participation where they feel they are gifted...crafts, games, storytelling, music, science projects or cooking. If you just love to be with children, then you can be a "guide", whose primary role is to love and nurture children in their faith journey and by being a friend without having to "teach" a lesson. **What could be more important – and more exciting – than teaching little ones about Jesus? Nothing!**

One of the reasons many volunteers enjoy this curriculum is that they learn and teach only one story, game, craft, etc... during the entire rotation. Each workshop, whether it is drama, science, crafts, games, or cooking, is the same! The children change but the foundation of the material does not! Volunteers (pathfinders) sign up for a 1 to 3 week commitment for either PS-K or 1st through 5<sup>th</sup> grade! The year is divided into 7 workshops. So, you may volunteer for one or all workshops that fit well in your schedule. Pathfinders should plan to be in attendance for the entire rotation so they will perfect their presentation as they go from week to week, which also means they only have to prepare once for their entire rotation!

So, where do you fit into this model? Look at the brief job descriptions included in this packet and pray about where you feel most gifted and have a passion to serve! Teams of pathfinders, guides and music volunteers are being formed now!! Fill out and return the enclosed volunteer form and one of the children's ministry team will be in contact with you shortly.

I urge you to prayerfully consider joining this **exciting and growing** Ministry **and help make this program effective**. You don't even have to have children in the program! If you have a passion to make a difference in a child's life, I invite you take a step toward making our **mission to invite all children to experience the love of Jesus; nurture them through the creative teaching of God's Word; and to send them out to reflect Christ in their lives** a reality. If you feel this is an area where God is calling you to serve, you will help our children live out Christian values such as honesty, integrity, faith, hope and love. You might be surprised, **the children aren't the only ones who will be changed – you will be too!!!** Feel free to contact me at the church office with any questions or concerns and stop by the information/registration table in room 1/2 after service.

Yours in Christ,

Cheryl O'Neill  
Children's Ministry Coordinator

