

## 2022-2023 Children's Ministry Activity Calendar

October 2 (12:30 pm): Picnic in the Park

Pack a lunch and come to [Ellsworth Urban Park](#) (621 Ellsworth Drive, a short walk or drive from Saint Luke). It is a great place for the kids to play and the parents to meet other parents from Saint Luke.

October 16 (10 am): God's Work Our Hands

Come to the white tent in the upper parking lot before or after worship to participate in a congregation-wide service event where 500 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief will be packed. Toddlers to adults can help with this project.

October 22 (10 am): Pumpkin Carving and Decorating

Bring your pumpkins to the white tent in the upper parking lot to carve and/or decorate (with paint, stickers, etc.). The carving tools, paint, and stickers will be provided.

November 6 (10 am): Pastor Miller Chats with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Sunday School class

Pastor Miller will answer questions about God, faith, the Bible, her life, and other questions the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders may have.

November 13 (11:15am): Bible Presentation

During October, the 3rd-5th graders will be participating in activities to help them learn about and how to find things in the Bible. To cap this learning off each year, the third graders will receive their own Lutheran Study Bible during worship presented by their parents and given by the congregation.

Questions or concerns, contact Melissa Groen at [mgroen@saintluke.us](mailto:mgroen@saintluke.us).



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November 13 (12:15 pm): Thanksgiving Bag Service Project

The PreK-12th graders and their families are invited to the Great Hall after the 11:15 am worship service ends to create Thanksgiving bags for our Food Pantry clients that will include body wash, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, cereal (non-sweetened), granola bars, and fruit cups. These will be given out on November 18. Donations for this project will be accepted in October and early November.

December 11 (12:15 pm): Creche Rehearsal

The children and youth who will carry the figurines or read the lessons during the 4 & 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Creche worship services practice their roles in the sanctuary.

December 18 (10 am) Sunday School Gathering

All Sunday School grades (PreK-5th grade) will come together for a lesson focusing on Jesus's birth.

January 7 (Time TBD): Ice Skating

Families with children 5th grade and younger are invited to go ice skating together at [Veteran's Plaza](#) in downtown Silver Spring. More information in weeks ahead.

January 22 (10 am): Congregation-wide Service event

The congregation will gather to put their faith in action. All ages are welcome!

February 26 (10 am): First Holy Communion Workshop

Children interested in participating in communion will attend worship at 8:45 am and then meet gather together to learn about what is and why we participate in Holy Communion along with baking bread for the following week's worship services.

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March 5 (8:45 am): First Holy Communion

Children who attended the communion workshop the week before will participate in their first Holy Communion at the 8:45 am worship service.

March 11 (Time TBD): Working Together in the Community

Join others from Saint Luke at A Wider Circle ([www.awidercircle.org](http://www.awidercircle.org)), an organization whose mission is to end poverty. Work side-by-side sorting donations (household goods, linens, children's toys, unloading trucks, etc.) that will help others on a path to self-sufficiency.

March 19 (Time TBD): Easter Egg Stuffing

Come to the Faith Formation Office to stuff over 500 Easter eggs that children will look for during the annual Easter egg hunt on April 8.

April 8 (10 am): Easter Egg Hunt

Meet under the white tent in the upper parking lot for songs, an Easter story, and a prayer before we hunt for Easter eggs on the parsonage lawns. Afterward, return to the tent for snacks and to make some Easter crafts. Bring your own Easter basket.

June 26-30 (9 am-12:15 pm): Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Children 4 years old by 9/1/2022 through current 5th graders are invited to attend VBS where children learn about God through story time, games, science, service projects, crafts, and more. More information about VBS, including registration, available March 2023.

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