

## 2023-20234 Children's Ministry Activity Calendar

September 23 (9 a.m.): Sweep the Creek

Come help clean God's creation by cleaning up Sligo Creek. We will meet at the parking lot near the corner of Dallas Avenue and Sligo Creek Pkwy, not too far from the Sligo Creek Pkwy & Colesville Rd intersection. Wear old clothes and sturdy shoes.

RSVP to Melissa Groen at [mgroen@saintluke.us](mailto:mgroen@saintluke.us).

October 15 (10 a.m.): God's Work Our Hands

Come to the Great Hall to celebrate God's Work Our Hands and ministry in daily life. The children will come to the Great Hall with their parents and then go to a Sunday School classroom to work on a service project for Lutheran Social Services (LSS).

October 28 (10 a.m.): Pumpkin Carving and Decorating

Bring your pumpkins to the blue & 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. RSVP to Melissa Groen at [mgroen@saintluke.us](mailto:mgroen@saintluke.us).

October 29 (10 a.m.) Bible Presentation

During October, the third-fifth 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 (and any new fourth and fifth) graders will receive their own Lutheran Study Bible during worship presented by their parents and given by the Saint Luke congregation.

November 5 First Holy Communion Workshop

Children interested in participating in Holy Communion will attend worship at 8:45 am and then meet together to learn about what is and why we participate in Holy Communion along with baking bread for the following week's worship services. If your child is interested, contact Melissa Groen at [mgroen@saintluke.us](mailto:mgroen@saintluke.us).



## 2023-2024 Children's Ministry Activity Calendar

November 12 (10 a.m.): Pastor Chat

Pastor Miller will meet with the third-fifth graders in Sunday School class to answer their questions.

November 19 (12:15 pm): Thanksgiving Bag Service Project

The PreK-12th graders and their families are invited to the Fireside Room when the 11:15 am worship service ends to set out food for the Food Pantry clients' Thanksgiving bags. Lunch will be provided for the children and parents who are helping after the food is set out.

December 10 (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 28 (5:30 p.m.): Chili Cook Off and Game Night

Bring chili (or your favorite side dish) to the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a meal with others from the congregation. Stay after dinner to play board games or cards.

February 11 (10 a.m.) Sunday School Gathering

PreK-8th graders will gather in the Great Hall for a service project actively being the hands and feet of Jesus. Project TBD.



## 2023-2024 Children's Ministry Activity Calendar

March 9 (Time TBD, most likely 10 a.m.): 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. RSVP to Melissa Groen at [mgroen@saintluke.us](mailto:mgroen@saintluke.us).

March 16 (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 March. More information in the spring.

March 30 (10 am): Easter Egg Hunt

Meet under the blue & 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 24-28 (9 am-12:15 pm): Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Children 4 years old by 9/1/2023 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 2024.

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

