MUSIC PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

CHERUB'S CHOIR *3YRS-K* is a music and movement program for children. The children learn about Christian values through song and develop motor skills through movement and playing instruments. They perform for a few worship preludes throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to attend rehearsals with their children on Weds. 6:30-7:15pm in the David area. Contact Kay Coryell, kayc@stlukeshr.com.

KIDZ PRAYZ Primary Prayz GRADES Junior Prayz GRADES 4-6

to participate in learning to sing, play instruments and learn Christian principles through song. This program is designed to develop cognitive skills by engaging children in a variety of musical and movement activities. Children will sing the prelude in Sunday services 5-6 times a year. Rehearsals: Weds. Sept-May, 6:30-7:20pm. Contact Kay Coryell, kayc@stlukeshr.com.

TONE CHIMES *GRADES 4-6* are invited to participate in this fun and musical program. No experience needed. Rehearsals: Weds. 7:25-8:00pm. Contact Kay Coryell, kayc@stlukeshr.com.



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ST. LUKE'S LITTLE SCHOOL Programs are designed to provide a developmentally appropriate, play-based, Christian curriculum and to affirm each child through group and one-on-one interaction. Each child is viewed as an individual with unique gifts and abilities. The children enrolled in our program will find a world of educational materials, toys, dedicated professionals, and other children who are exploring the world under the guidance of a highly trained staff. Our program provides a variety of enjoyable and creative learning activities in literacy, math, science, social studies, and performing arts. Contact: Kelly Amadeo, Director 303-791-1982 kelly@stlukeshr.com. Also see the separate Litlle School Brochure





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WELCOME to St. Luke's Kids our ministry to children birth through grade 6. We offer a wide variety of programs and events for children and their families to grow with God!

In caring for the children of St. Luke's and their families, we seek to nurture and develop faithful loving lives, modeled after the Love, Acceptance, Justice, and Hope of Jesus, through relationship and learning. We strive to create sacred spaces and experiences for children to discover and share our prinicples of GRACE, COURAGE, WONDER & BEYOND inspired by God's love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **9:30am JOY TREK** 2YRS-PreK uses the Spark rotational curriculum, so children will learn about a new Bible story for several weeks, through a variety of age-appropriate activities to accomodate different learning styles. They will receive a Family Sheet to take their lesson home to share. They will also create a craft, play a game and participate in music time.
- **9:30am PEAK** K-GRADE 4 concentrates on one major Bible story or concept for 3-5 weeks. Our children K-grade 4 will explore Bible stories in a different way each week through kid-friendly multimedia workshops including Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Cinema, Games and Science.
- **9:30am TWEENS** *GRADE 5-6* have the opportunity to learn about God and the Bible and address issues and questions that they want to explore with others through a curriculum made just for them.
- I I:00am GODLY PLAY PREK-GRADE 6 is based on the Montessori learning format. Children sign in with the Superintendent upstairs outside the Sanctuary and head to worship with their parents. After Children's Time they will be lead to the Chapel for Godly Play. Each week children are presented a Bible story and then have an opportunity to explore the story at a variety of stations. Children enjoy this unique approach to learning about God's love!

SIGN UP TO SERVE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE.

OTHER PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

- **ACOLYTES** An opportunity for children 2nd-6th grade to participate as acolytes in the worship service.
- **BIBLE STUDY for KIDS** Each fall we offer a weekly Bible study for kids 3rd-6th grade to learn Bible basics.
- **BIBLE SUNDAY** A St. Luke's fall tradition of gifting our 3rd graders with a Bible plus an additional Bible Study.
- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE** Services offered at two times the afternoon of Dec. 24 for children and families.
- **CHILDREN'S LIBRARY** Browse the collection of books and videos in the Faith Harder Children's Library downstairs.
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM Lay members and those interested in helping plan and vision for St. Luke's kids.
- **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** is a musical presentation of the Christmas story by our Sunday School children during our Tree Lighting Service.
- **CHILDREN'S DINNER THEATER** Our annual spring performance by children in grades 1-6. Be involved in a missional project, learn to perform and build community.
- **CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOP** Provides a Christmas shopping experience for children.
- **EASTER FUN DAY** Annual fair of fun, games, crafts and more, usually held on the weekend of Palm Sunday.
- **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** Opportunities to help enhance parenting/teaching skills and provides a forum to discuss topics related to children and faith.



FALL FESTIVAL A community family event to celebrate fall with our pumpkin patch. Enjoy games, crafts, activities and trunk or treating!

FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

A great mid-week church experience to share your family. Gather in Fellowship Hall for the four Wednesdays before Christmas for a quick lesson and craft to learn more about the season and it's message of hope, peace, love and joy.

FAMILY CAMP is offered every summer. In the past years, thirty or more families have enjoyed this annual event by getting together in an informal and recreational setting.

- **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** Several times a year, families gather at the church for a family-friendly movie, popcorn and time together. Wear your pj's and bring your pillows!
- **HOLY LISTENING** A trained Holy Listener is available during Sunday School for many Sundays throughout the year to sit with a child and help them find comfort in God as they are experiencing a difficulty in their life.
- **PARENT'S NIGHT OUT** Be a part of this great group that offers the opportunity to work with other couples a few times a year caring for children at the church. The other 9-10 months you have a night out. Sign ups for the coming year happen in November.
- **P.R.A.Y. PROGRAM** God & Me GRADES 1-3; God & Family GRADES 4-5 Open to Girl and Boy Scouts, as well as those not in a Scouting program. You do not need to be a member of St. Luke's to participate in our classes. We will offer this program in January of every other year (odd numbered years).
- **PARENT'S TIME AWAY** Offered monthly to families with young children to give parents some time to themselves while we care for their children in a fun and nurturing environment.

SLY, JR. GRADES 5-6 is a service and fun club for St.

- Luke's 5th and 6th graders on Sunday evenings. It runs September through May and usually meets 2 Sundays per month from 5:30-7:30pm. Come, bring a friend! We take part in a meal and then gather for an evening of faith development activities, games and FUN! We also participate in service projects, lock-ins and outings throughout the year. The complete schedule is available online.
- **TREE LIGHTING** A family-friendly evening service that usually takes place on the first Sunday of Advent each year to welcome the season with carols, Children's Christmas Pageant, cookies and the lighting of the Christmas trees.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** *PREK-GRADE 5* VBS runs in the mornings of the last week of June. Registration opens in April. A great opportunity for volunteers.
- **WACKY WEDNESDAYS** AGE 2.5-GRADE 3 Summer fun takes place on six Wednesday mornings. This program provides Bible-based stories, games, crafts, music and snacks! Registration is required for all of the sessions.

CHILDCARE

NURSERY/CHILDCARE Supports Sunday morning worship and small groups of St. Luke's with trained caretakers. Parents can participate in church activities knowing their children are cared for in a secure, nurturing environment. Reserve with Email sam@stlukeshr.com at least 48 hours in advance. No reservation needed for Sunday mornings. See our separate Nursery brochure for more information.