

Created by Him for Good Works...



**Two Educational Opportunities
Register for Both!**

August 1, 2010

Dear 3 Year Olds, Preschoolers, Kindergartners & Parents:

We want to welcome all 3 year olds - Kindergartners and Parents to an exciting 2010-2011. Whether you have attended before or this is your first time at St. Philip's Lutheran Church – we welcome you to a year entitled, “Created by Him for Good Works” (Ephesians 2:10). Beginning this year, we have **two** exciting programs to offer our 3 year old-kindergarten students – **“Faith Explorers”** on Sunday mornings and **“Phil’s Family of Friends”** on Wednesday nights.

Why two programs?

At St. Philip’s we realize that offering two different faith based educational opportunities – one on Sunday and one on Wednesday – will better meet our overall goal in giving each 1st-3 year old – kindergartner a stronger foundation on their faith journey. We want to encourage you to enroll your 3 year old-kindergartner in both programs to provide them not only a not only a strong Bible foundation, allow them to bring faith and fellowship together and fund and unique ways.

“Faith Explorers” Program:

- Explore the Bible – both the Old and New Testament
- Learn about the main stories & characters of the Bible
- Participate in music, crafts, snack and story time in both small & large group settings
- Sing in three 9:45 a.m. worship services throughout the school year
- Serve others through offering, donations and hands-on service
- Learn and practice to pray

“Faith Explorers” Curriculum:

- "DiscipleLand Preschool"
- Preschool (Year 1) – Old Testament Focus
- Preschool (Year 2) – New Testament (2010-2011Focus)
- "DiscipleLand Kindergarten"
- First ½ of year – Old Testament Heroes
- Second ½ of year – New Testament Heroes
- New Heroes introduced as well as a review of characters learned in preschool
- Parental commitment to review & assist with take-home activities, ask questions & pray for your child & others

“Faith Explorers” Program Details

Who: All 3 Year Olds-Kindergartners

When: Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Dates: Sept. 12, 2010 – May 15, 2011

“Phil’s Family of Friends” Midweek Program:

- Faith is expanded by learning, exploring, applying and carrying home a new Bible point each week
- Explore multiple Discovery Centers
- Expand on friendships made on Sunday as well as meet new kids of different ages
- Activities that challenge & help one’s motivational level, social skills & self-esteem
- Meet new and exciting “Special Guests”
- Play games that we just can’t play on Sunday

“Phil’s Family of Friends” Midweek Curriculum:

- Opening & Closings each week
- Exciting Special Guests – learning and getting to try out those hands-on skills
- Special projects that touch the lives of those in our community and around the world
- New Bible points from the Old & New Testament each week
- Learning life applications – respect, courage, faith, hope...
- Take home challenges

“Phil’s Family of Friends” Details

Who: All 3 Year Olds-Kindergartners

When: Wednesdays

6:00-6:30 pm Dinner

6:30-7:30 pm Class

Dates: Sept. 29, 2010 – April 20, 2011

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We are going to kick off the year for both programs on Sunday, September 12 – Rally Day! This is a great opportunity for students & parents to meet their leaders, explore the classroom and programs for the year and learn about all the fun filled activities planned for the year. So many new and exciting programs and events planned – you don’t want to miss it. Pick-up a schedule and find out how to get involved! The kick-off involves the whole family – so bring at least one parent and meet in the ELC 2 Room!

3 Year Old-Kindergartners Grader Registered for Sunday, Wednesday or BOTH:

Sunday, September 12	3 Year Old-Kindergartner	9:45-10:45 a.m.	ELC 2
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Enclosed you will find a registration form and a medical/permission form to enroll your child in the “**Faith Explorers**” (3 year olds - Kindergartners) Sunday Program, “**Phil’s Family of Friends**” midweek program or **BOTH!** Yes – we encourage you to enroll in both faith changing programs. Sunday and Wednesday are now both very different from the other!

Please return the registration & medical/permission forms to the church office by the **deadline, August 30**, and receive the **early bird discount**. The registration fee is used for materials, curriculum and for the overall faith formation of your child. If you have any questions about either program or would like to get involved - please contact Julie Henrichs at 438-9963.

In His Love and Service,

Julie Henrichs
Children and Family Ministry Coordinator