

Los Altos United Methodist Church

Children's Ministries Family News

At LAUMC we are called to teach our children to: Know God's love for them, and grow in faith through understanding Jesus Christ in a safe, loving and joyful environment.

At LAUMC there are so many amazing opportunities for your child to understanding God's love! On January 24 and 31 our children shared offerings in Sunday School in support of the Haiti people. We sent UMCOR \$717.78 from our children. What a gift to teach our children that God's love calls us to make a difference all around the world.

On February 7th, our 1st grade class will learn about the sacrament of communion in class and join the congregation to receive communion. Special artwork will be created by all children on February 7th that will be displayed in the sanctuary on the 14th. Come see where our children see God's love every day! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 17th. On the 14th all children in Sunday School will receive a special Family Lent and Easter calendar. Share this time together as a family talking about what this season of Lent and Easter means to you. February 21st brings some special sing-a-long music with Paul Svenson! What an amazing month!

Don't forget to mark your calendar with our special summer camp dates! Registration forms will be available online and in Sunday School classes at the end of February. We are looking forward to another wonderful summer at LAUMC!

*In faith,
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Sunday School February Highlights

BUILDING A HEART OF FAITH PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Join us in the Children's Center Building for 9:30am and 11:15am Sunday School— Teachers will tell the stories of how Jesus helped and healed others. Our teachers lovingly reinforce the stories with crafts, stories and prayer time. Thanks to teacher Creag for leading singing at 9:40am in Room 4.

1st – 5th GRADE FAITH QUEST - Our rotation classes bring Bible stories to life with hands-on learning. In February our children will learn how Jesus called ordinary people to be his disciples. We will explore the ways Jesus calls us today to follow him and make a difference at home and around the world. How does Christ's light shine through us? Come explore the possibilities with us!

For classroom locations go to: http://laumc.org/ministries/children/sundayschool/faithquest_rotation.pdf

LIVE BIG – Faith in Action – 6th/7th grades in the Garden Room

Join us for this amazing hour of Sunday School in the Garden Room. Our 6th and 7th graders will work on a dramatization of Holy Week, and help our younger children in Sunday School! Add in some great Bible story discussions, some games, snacks, and more. What a great hour of fellowship and faith in action!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AT A GLANCE – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Sunday, February 7	1 st Grade Communion Lesson and Participation t 9:30am
Sunday, February 14	Lent and Easter Calendars go home with children
Saturday, February 20	Haiti Relief Dinner and Concert with Paul Svenson 6:00pm in Creekside Come enjoy a delicious meal, great music, and a chance to offer continued support to Haiti.
Sunday, February 21	Creekside Kids Concert with Paul Svenson – Special Event at 9:30am
Sunday, February 28	Sunday School Emergency Drill at 9:30am
Sunday, March 14	Heifer Sunday – petting zoo and awareness of Heifer International
Sunday, March 21	Walk Through Holy Week – a walking tour of the events of Holy Week
Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday – children carry palms into the church sanctuary
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday with special Easter Egg hunt!

GOOD OLD LAUMC HOSPITALITY! Would you consider hosting a pair of Japanese students in your home? Darren Damonte (yes Dirk's amazing brother) will bring 8 Japanese students to our home town and church on Saturday March 20th through Monday, March 29th. A pair of students would be ever so grateful for a warm bed, breakfast in the morning, and to share a few meals with you. As a host you will drop off and pick up these students/teachers from church or school each day, and bring them to a LAUMC church service on both

Sundays. The rest of their weekend time is free for you to bond and explore the bay area together. If you can show some awesome LAUMC hospitality – contact Lisa Conway at lisaconway@laumc.org

This is going to be an amazing summer at LAUMC



BAOBAB BLAST! June 14-18 Vacation Bible School

Calling all 3 ½ year olds through sixth graders! Save the date and join us for a week of amazing adventures as we explore how God calls us to trust, love, follow, care and share with one another. A week full of incredible music, singing, crafts, games, snacks and more! Look for registration forms in Sunday School and online on February 28th!



RE-NEW PERFORMING ARTS CAMP - JOIN US FOR DRAMA, MUSIC, AND ART CLASSES

August 9-13! Camp Re-New is a place to laugh, sing, dance, learn guitar, and cool art lessons! We will plant seeds of faith and learn from awesome Bible stories as we grow in friendship and fellowship during this special camp for Kindergarten-5th graders. Possible 2nd week of Drama camp August 2-6! More information will be available soon!

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS FOR KIDS IN CREEKSIDE! Calling all moms and dads! Enjoy a summer evening date night while we welcome your children to movie night. Movie night begins at 5:30pm. We will share a snack and craft, and discover the faith and value message in the movie! Mark your calendar now!

July 16 – Kindergarten through 2nd grade, July 23 – 3rd – 5th grade, July 30th 6th – 8th grades.