

# **Children's Ministries Family News November/December 2009**

*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.*

## **3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY!**

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> twenty one 3<sup>rd</sup> graders joyfully received their personalized Holy Bibles! Take a look at this amazing class. What a blessing it is to honor this special moment in their faith development at LAUMC!



## **ADVENT LESSON AND STORYTELLING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are delighted that professional storyteller Kristin Link will share some Advent stories with our 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School children in Creekside on November 29<sup>th</sup>! Please drop off your child in their regular classroom by 9:30am and pick up in Creekside!

The 29<sup>th</sup> of November is the first Sunday in Advent! Each class will learn about anticipating the birth of Jesus Christ with lessons, crafts and stories. Each candle on the class Advent wreaths will be lit over the next four weeks as our classes offer prayers of hope, love, peace and joy to celebrate this glorious season.

**Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> Communion Lesson for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade!** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will be offered a special lesson on the sacrament of communion! This class will come into the sanctuary and receive communion at the end of the Sunday School hour, and then return to class. Please pick up your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader from their classroom in Room 7 at the end of the service.

May this Thanksgiving week fill your hearts with gratitude, and may the birth of Christ bring peace, hope, love and joy to you and your family during this Christmas season.

In faith,  
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## **Sunday School Classroom Highlights**

**BUILDING A HEART OF FAITH PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN** – Our children will be singing Christmas songs of faith with Teacher Creag, sharing prayers around their class Advent wreath, creating memorable crafts, and learning from the Bible stories of the angels, and Joseph and Mary as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAITH QUEST-** Our teachers are joyfully planning a month that will help our children learn how Christmas is celebrated around the world with special cooking, games, art, drama, film and more! Each class will decorate their own Advent wreath for classroom prayer time, and will discover that God sent Jesus into the world to bring peace to all people and all nations! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sunday School class will learn more about the sacrament of communion with a lesson and by receiving communion in church on December 6<sup>th</sup>!

### **LIVE BIG – Faith in Action – 6<sup>th</sup>/7th/8<sup>th</sup>**

Stories of the Angel's message to Elizabeth, Mary's visit with Elizabeth, and the journey to Bethlehem and birth of Jesus will be discussed with new insights for this age group. This month our class will silk screen some awesome LIVE BIG t-shirts, and continue having a blast with games and activities that bring their faith into action!

## COMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

***Creekside Christmas, Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – noon*** Come create over 18 Christmas ornaments and decorations! Morning treats will be offered, Christmas music will be playing, and yes, Santa will stop by for a visit too! A donation of \$7.00 per person or \$20 per family is suggested, and will help us continue this amazing event. Please remember to bring an unwrapped toy for a child in need. Donated toys will be delivered to our local Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos. This event is all about being together to share the joy of Christmas, and help others in need!

***Library Book Sale, Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> after morning services in Creekside.***

Our church librarians have carefully selected some great books for all ages for your home or to give as gifts focusing on Advent, Christmas and more!

***Children's Choirs' Christmas Show***

***Sunday, December 13 at 2:00pm in Creekside*** Our children's Rainbow Choir and Sunshine Singers have been rehearsing and preparing a very special afternoon of music, singing and storytelling for all of us! Don't miss this heart-warming concert!

***Festival of Carols and Lights, Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm or 7:30pm.*** Bring the whole family to hear the beautiful music of our combined youth and adult choirs, supported by an orchestra! **Childcare for our little ones will be provided during the 5:00pm Festival.**

***Christmas Eve Services***

Worship together as a family to welcome the Christ Child with joy and celebration at the worship service that best fits your schedule.

**3:00pm & 5:00pm — Traditional Family Service – childcare will be provided in our nursery**

**7:00pm— Contemporary Family Service – childcare will be provided in our nursery**

**9:00 & 11:00pm — Candlelight Service**