

CHAPEL

CHAPEL SERVICES & FAMILY WORSHIP

Faith Lutheran Church's Day Care and Pre-school offers chapel services twice each week, on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:20 a.m.

These services last about 20 minutes and are planned for the needs of children. Parents are also welcome to attend whenever they are able.

These are fun and are medium-high-energy services.

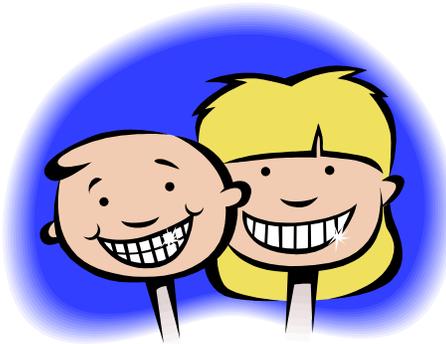
The services are held in FLC's worship building to give children a positive experience of being in church. Chapel services do not replace regular Sunday worship attendance.

One of the key indicators for the transmission of a living faith, as well as success in other areas of life, is children's regular church attendance with their parents.

We encourage your family to worship with us each Sunday or Wednesday if you are not already an active member of a local church.

Chapel services are led by David Berkedal,

Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. He would be happy to answer any questions you have about our chapel or Sunday and Wednesday church worship experiences.



Children have fun at Chapel

SERVICES ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE

Our chapel services are geared to children.

We include elements that engage the whole child: body, mind and spirit.

We want children to enjoy chapel and look

forward to it.

There is a great deal of repetition and consistency. We sing, we wiggle, we memorize and we pray.

We do these things on a level that make

these children's' services truly theirs.

Come and feel the excitement!

Questions?

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WHAT HAPPENS IN CHAPEL?

Chapel begins with singing. The songs teach concepts such as thankfulness, the Bible is God's Word and that the Church is people.

Pastor David Berkedal then brings out a simple object from behind the pulpit and teaches a lesson from the Bible. Children learn simple yet profound lessons about such things as how God loves us, or that Jesus died for us.

That is followed by an of-

fering of food and another song while children with food bring it up front.

Then, we learn some books of the Bible with a song, and sing the whole list when it is learned.

Finally, we pray for whatever the children want to pray for, ending with the Lord's

Prayer.

We end with each row filling out so that each child can shake the pastor's hand, just like in real church!



Children learn that the Bible is Good News.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOOD OFFERING

Children may not yet know the value of money, but they know a little bit of what hunger feels like.

Having your child/ren bring a food offering helps teach them that God wants us to share what we have with others.

More than that

even, God want us to share our best, to say thank you to God for giving us his best: himself.

Children learn compassion and that it feels good to help somebody.

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Don't have them bring the pickled Brussels sprouts. Have them bring the Spaghetti-O's. Help them pick-out what they bring and explain why.

FLC IS YOUR PARTNER IN THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR CHILD/REN

Faith Lutheran Church provides, among its many ministries, a program called "Faith Stepping Stones". Children and parents mark and celebrate key stages in their spiritual development.

We make a big deal out of seven events between Baptism (gift of a cross) and graduation from high school

(quilt presentation).

We also offer Kids Club, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Summer Christian Day Camp, and more, for children.

We know that you are deeply concerned about giving your child a true life in Christ and helping them form a moral compass. If you are

not already an active member of a local church, we want to be your partner through this Christian Community at Faith Lutheran Church.



LEARNING TO PRAY

We spend several minutes at the end of every chapel service in prayer.

The pastor asks each child if there is anything they would like to pray for that day. Parents are at the top of the list.

Then, the pastor says, "Let's bow our heads, and close our eyes and make ourselves quiet inside, and we'll talk with God."

Then we pray for everything that the children have said they want to pray for,

and for all the poor children and for all the sick children, for all the children with boo-boos or injuries, and for all the children who don't know that Jesus loves them, to make sure we remember others in our prayers.

Then, the pastor says, "And we pray for all the things you

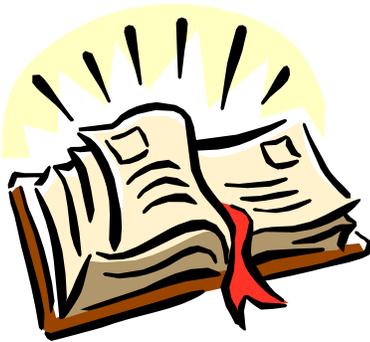
want us to pray for, in the words of the prayer you taught us," and we pray the Lord's Prayer together.



Chapel time, and especially prayer, help teach the children the basics of conversation with God and the experience of being in the presence of a loving God.

LEARNING THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

We spend some time at each chapel service learning the names of the books of the Bible. We learn 2-3 each service. We memorize,



using repetition and body movements that also teach the children concepts such as "up-down, fast-slow and up-side down".

Learning these books is difficult at first, especially for the younger children. But, they do learn them over time and when they do, they have a real sense of having accomplished something.

IF YOU START AFTER SEPTEMBER: RECORDING OF CHAPEL SERVICE

When children begin pre-school or day care after the start of a new school year, it helps them feel at home if they can learn the songs we sing, and hear the books of the Bible song that we learn.

A tape (and soon a CD or MP3 file) of a typical FLC school chapel service is available in the school office for

\$2.00.

Some of the families who have been pretty-well established here buy them just to have at home or in the car just for fun.



Worship is for the whole family