

# CHURCH SCHOOL OVERVIEW

As summer begins, and we take a hiatus from our Church School classes, we can't help but take a look back at our 2022-2023 program year with a smile. We were blessed with a fun group of children who joined us as they were able to learn about Jesus, to celebrate our faith and to support our community. We use a curriculum called "Seasons of Fusion" which offers us bible passages summarized in ways the children can easily understand. Whether through our lessons, our craft times, or hosting Fellowship Hour, our Church School children were active and energized to learn and grow together. Below are some highlights from our lessons this past year.

- We kicked off the year by "Growing with Kindness", making name tags, and hosting a collection drive for The Food Pantry here in Port Washington.
- In October, we read the story on how the Ten were Healed, and what it means to show gratitude.
- Jesus had a "Dream for the Future" which we put into motion by participating in The Food Pantry Gift-a-Child program and decorating ornaments for the church Christmas Tree Sale.
- In December, we studied the stories of Joseph and Mary, talking about courage and faith.
- Our January story was of Jesus asking for a favor, which partnered well with the creation of thank you cards to support the Stewardship Campaign.
- We rolled up our sleeves to make Mac and Cheese for our annual Church School fundraiser, making \$770 to support our program.
- In March, we read the story of "A Visitor at the Well" and made our very own wishing wells.
- Our final lesson was of the Early Church, the meaning of a congregation, and what church means to us.

Our last Church School on April 30 celebrated the advancement of three of our 7th grade students to Confirmation next year. Chloe, Kylee, and Simon have been very active in our Church School program and will be greatly missed as they move to the next step in their faith journey.

While this is my first year as the Christian Education Team Representative, this is my eleventh year supporting our Church School program. I feel very fortunate to have had an opportunity to lead this team, and am looking forward to another fun year ahead. Stay tuned for information on our 2023-2024 program year later this summer. If you are interested in joining our Church School team, or have a talent/craft you'd like to share with us in the year ahead, please feel free to reach out.

Have a wonderful summer,  
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