



Third Grade Bibles—September 28

Fall Cookout for Grades 3-5—October 19

Valentine Party for Kindergarten through
Second Grade on February 8

Easter Egg Hunt (sponsored by Family Life
Committee) is held the Saturday before
Easter—watch for more information!

Church Camp—Please check
www.westmichiganconference.org—then
click on the camping link for the exact
dates

Vacation Bible School—watch for the dates

Family Camp—watch for more
information—usually the first weekend after
Labor Day

Benefits of Christian Education

Having your child involved in Christian Education benefits not only the child but the family, church, school and community.

1. It promotes their eternal happiness. Kids can find indestructible joy in Christ.
2. It helps them make sense out of life. Only understanding who made the world, what went wrong and God's plan to fix it can explain this world we all experience.
3. It's their best chance to accept Christ. Research has proven that kids tend to be more receptive to the Gospel than any other age group.
4. It can help counter balance worldly influences. Everyone knows the harmful influences present in our society. Kids need positive influences to tip the scale.
5. It can help them learn to love others. The 2nd greatest commandment is to love your neighbor. We must teach this way of life, because it doesn't come naturally.

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We at St. Joseph First United Methodist Church are called to receive, nurture and treasure each child as a gift from God. Our goal is to build a firm spiritual foundation that will last a lifetime. Our dedicated teachers invest their love and time in the life of your child. We also provide an atmosphere that is FUN and engaging. If you have any questions, please contact Lexis Van Epps, Director of Christian Education.

Rally Day—September 14

Hele mei hoohiwahiwa (Come celebrate)! We have a spot Malu No (reserved for) you at the luau! You'll want to taste the kaukau (food) and inu (drink), meet your hoalohas (friends) and kula (teacher) as we pa (start) the new year of Kula Kapaki (Sunday School). Dust off your leis and Hawaiian shirts and hula over! Ho'olu komo la kua (Please join us)!



Finding Paradise!

Mahalo E Ke Akua No Keia La

Worship and Sunday School

Nursery Care is provided during all three worship services and Sunday School classes. It is staffed by a paid nursery attendant. Our nursery attendant is certified in first aid and CPR.

A Time for Children (8:30 & 11:00) offers the children a special message with the pastor. Then they are dismissed to one of the following:

Kinderchapel is a 20-30 minute worship time for ages three through Kindergarten. The children hear a Bible story that is reinforced with a game or craft.

Children's Worship is for Grades 1-5. The children study a Bible message that is interactive using a variety of media—video, Powerpoint, etc.



Sunday School—9:45-10:45

Sunday School meets every Sunday through the school year (with the exception of some holidays). It is for two year olds through Fifth Grade and begins September 14 with Rally Day. Check the bulletin for locations for each class.

Wednesday Evenings



Children's Choir is for three year olds through Fifth Grade and will begin September 17, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the Chapel.

The leader is Lorie Kraus. They have singing, fellowship, games, stories and snacks. Children's Choir alternates weeks with Adventure Club.

Metamorphosis

Adventure Club is for four year olds through Fifth Grade and will begin September 24, 6:00-7:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. Join the fun at Metamorphosis!

- ⇒ Bible lesson
- ⇒ Play games
- ⇒ Make crafts
- ⇒ Eat snacks
- ⇒ Theme parties



Age appropriate—fun—biblical!