

What to Expect from the Children and Youth Programs at Synod School

For Everyone: You are responsible for your children and youth at all times other than when we have officially scheduled programs planned just for them. This includes during morning and evening worship, mealtimes, post-lunch break time, and during all evening activities. Children younger than junior high must be picked up before lunch and after the afternoon session by a parent or older sibling or relative known to the teachers. Please let your child's teachers know who has your permission to pick up your child. If your child or youth will be absent from a scheduled class time, please let teachers and the Synod School office know so we will not be searching for them.

Nursery Program. Care is provided for children from birth through 3 years old during adult convocation and both afternoon and morning class sessions. If your child has special needs, please include the information on the health information form and inform caregivers on the first day. Please bring anything you know your child will need such as diapers, play things he or she cannot live without, a special blanket for naps, etc. The caregivers can help you decide what's necessary. Children will be dismissed with their teachers following morning worship each day and should be dropped off at the classroom before afternoon classes. The nursery room is usually open about 10-15 minutes prior to the beginning of class times so you can drop off your child and not be late for class.

PreSchool Program. A special program for children aged 4 through Kindergarten is planned during adult convocation and both afternoon and morning class sessions. This includes some Vacation Bible School type activities as well as play time. The teachers are experienced preschool teachers who will work with you to make sure your child has a good experience including adjustments in which age group the child should be placed. Please talk with the teachers about what will be best for your child as well as to alert them to any special needs your child may have. Children will be dismissed with their teachers following morning worship each day and should be dropped off at the classroom before afternoon classes. The preschool room is usually open about 10-15 minutes prior to the beginning of class times so you can drop off your child and not be late for class.

Elementary Program. Children entering grades 1-6 will participate in a Vacation Bible School experience during adult convocation and both afternoon and morning class sessions using the denominational curriculum. We use a workshop rotation model with children grouped in grades 1-3 and 4-6 for sessions on bible study, arts and crafts, music, science, games, and drama – something for everyone. Children will be dismissed with their teachers following morning worship each day. You should plan to pick up your child at Swope after the morning and afternoon class sessions and drop them off there for the afternoon session. Please alert the Coordinators of any special needs your child may have.

Youth Programs. All youth will attend the morning convocation this year with Rodger Nishioka. A separate section of the chapel will be reserved for them. Following convocation, programs are planned for both junior and senior high youth, including some joint time with Rodger and separate discussion and study sessions. In the afternoons, Senior High youth must either register for classes along with adults or volunteer to work with the children's programs. Junior high youth will participate in planned activities aimed at their interests and energies. Please alert the Youth Coordinators of any special needs your young person may have.