

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER | ORDINARY TIME



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter!  
Firstly, a **HUGE THANK YOU to Cindy and Jane, our NEW volunteer nursery leaders**, for agreeing to serve our youngest church members!  
We are so glad and grateful. They will serve at every Family Eucharist service.

### **Important Date(s):**

**Oct 1**, 5 p.m.: Blessing of the Animals

**Oct 28**: Parish Pumpkin Party

**Nov 10**, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.: **Parent's Night Out**

**Nov 25**: Have a Nog Make a Wreath

# WHAT WE'RE LEARNING & DOING

This time of year is a beautiful time in the Children's Ministry. The season of Ordinary time lets us grow! We prepared and celebrated for 12 whole weeks, and we need all of this time until Advent to grow. Our prayer table cloth is green to recognize this season of growth and new life.



Main presentations we will do and materials we will work with this Ordinary season are:

- **The Good Shepherd parables**
- **The Geography Materials**
- **The Practical Work Materials**



# MATERIAL FEATURE

This section of the newsletter features a different CGS material the kids use to worship God or learn about Jesus. In this newsletter, we are featuring

## GEOGRAPHY & PRACTICAL WORK



The Geography materials help the youngest children to understand Jesus in a specific time and place in history. They can see and explore, in both a visual and tactile way, where all these events take place.

Practical work helps children care for their space, learning both practical life skills while meeting a desire they have to do these things. It helps them to settle and regulate themselves, preparing them for the mental state required for prayer.



# WHIRL CURRICULUM

Our older kids, age 8 and up, get to follow the Whirl Curriculum. This curriculum follows the lectionary, so kids and adults are learning similar things each Sunday!

**Oct 1:** Year A: Rejoice in the Lord  
Always

**Oct 8:** Year A: A Questions about  
Taxes

**Oct 15:** Year A: The Greatest  
Commandment

**Oct 22:** Year A: Humble and Exalted

**Oct 29:** Family Eucharist Service - All  
Kids In Service, Nursery care provided.





# TEACHING & LIVING THE FAITH AT HOME

This section of the newsletter will highlight different ways to practice the faith at home, giving you simple tips to live out the faith as a family.

Ordinary time is a time of growth. Consider how you might grow in the faith as a family.

**Here are some ideas for practicing the faith at home:**

## **Families with Younger Kids**

- Bedtime habits: read a Christian Children's Book together at bedtime, and follow it up with saying a prayer together.
- If your kids can read, leave an encouraging Bible verse in their lunch they take to school.
- Dance to worship music together after dinner!

## **Families with Older Kids & Teens**

- Do your kids fight? How do the fights get resolved? As Christians, we not only practice the faith in overt ways, we also practice it in how we live our every day. Talk about what forgiveness is and what it looks like, and that even in fights we must remember to still love each other.



# PHOTOS FROM THE PAST MONTH



Photo above: a successful fort building initiative during our first fall forum!



**Photo above:** children work with the Good Shepherd parable material. **Photo right:** ring toss during our first fall forum.

