# 2025-2026 Children's Ministry Activity Calendar

### September 27 (9 a.m.): Sweep the Creek

Come help clean God's creation by cleaning up Sligo Creek. We will meet at the parking lot near the corner of Dallas Avenue and Sligo Creek Pkwy, not too far from the Sligo Creek Pkwy & Colesville Rd intersection. Wear old clothes and sturdy shoes. RSVP to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.

#### October 19 (10 a.m.): God's Work Our Hands Service Project

Come to the Great Hall to celebrate God's Work Our Hands where we will create lunches for clients of Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.

#### October 25 (10 a.m.): Pumpkin Painting and Carving

Bring your pumpkins to the blue & white tent in the upper parking lot to carve and/or paint it. The carving tools, and paint will be provided. The paint is permanent so wear old clothes and bring a box to transport the pumpkin home. RSVP to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.

#### October 26 (8:45 a.m.): Bible Presentation

Third graders and older children who have not received a Bible yet will be presented Lutheran Study Bibles by their parents. The Bibles are a gift from the congregation.

## November 23 (12:15 pm): Thanksgiving Bag Service Project

The PreK-12th graders and their families are invited to the Fireside Room when the 11:15 am worship service ends to set out food for the Food Pantry clients' Thanksgiving bags. Lunch will be provided for the children and parents who are helping after the food is set out.





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#### December 13 (10 a.m.): Christmas Cookie Decorating

Come to the Fireside Room to help decorate the many Christmas cookies served during the Christmas Eve worship services.

#### December 14 (12:15 p.m.): Creche Rehearsal

The children and youth who will carry the figurines or read the lessons during the 4 & 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Creche worship services practice their roles in the sanctuary.

#### December 21 (10 a.m.) Christmas Play (tentative)

Depending on family schedules for Christmas, the PreK-8th graders will present a play for the congregation in the sanctuary.

#### December 24 (4 & 5:30 p.m.) Christmas Eve Creche Worship

Christmas Eve worship at 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Children and youth play an important part of this worship service making it very children-friendly.

### February 7 (10 a.m.) Valentine's Day Crafting and Card Making

Come to rooms 101-102 to create Valentine's Day crafts to take home and Valentine's Day cards to be sent to those in the congregation that are homebound of need an extra dose of care from the congregation.







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#### April 4 (10 am): Easter Egg Hunt

Meet under the blue & white tent in the upper parking lot for songs, an Easter story, and a prayer before we hunt for Easter eggs on the parsonage lawns. Afterward, return to the tent for snacks and to make some Easter crafts. Bring your own Easter basket.

#### April 25 (10 a.m.) A Wider Circle Volunteering

Join others from Saint Luke at A Wider Circle (<u>www.awidercircle.org</u>), an organization whose mission is to end poverty. Work side-by-side sorting donations (household goods, linens, children's toys, unloading trucks, etc.) that will help others on a path to self-sufficiency. Event is for children through adults, but children must be at least 7 years old. RSVP to Melissa Groen at mgroen @saintluke.us.

#### June 29-July 3 (tentative) (9 am-12:15 pm): Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Children 4 years old by 9/1/2025 through current 5th graders are invited to attend VBS where children learn about God through story time, games, science, service projects, crafts, and more. More information about VBS, including registration, available March 2026.

Questions or concerns, contact Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.





