



RBTS Sunday School Newsletter



Our Mission & Vision:

Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran church's Sunday School and Youth Program is committed to helping the youth develop a lifelong relationship with God.

Our Mission is to provide a safe and caring place; where we teach youth to pray and study scripture, where youth can build caring relationships with other youth and adults, and where youth build a strong faith foundation and are involved in our congregation.

Our Vision is for our youth to apply faith to their daily decisions throughout their lives.

Our Newsletter: Our goal is to provide helpful information and related resources that may be useful to further our commitment to you. Expect fun and interesting features, children's articles, program schedules and updates, upcoming Sunday School activities and acknowledgments. We encourage both the children and parents input and feed-back. **Be free to email ideas, comments or articles to the Newsletter Editor.**

Miss Rhonda's News Update:

During the Summer, we have been using a curriculum for our Sunday School called "Hands On Bible" and have received great reviews from both the teachers and kids. This curriculum works on the same idea as VBS and creates great interaction with the kids and helps them connect their daily lives to God. We have also added a curriculum for our nursery children to begin teaching them about God.



Rally Day is fast approaching and will be held on August 27th with a performance during the 10:30 service. The children will sing and present the "Armor of God" followed by fun activities in celebration of their promotion to the next grade level and the beginning of a new school year.

Speaking of promotions...

Meet the Board

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Upcoming Events:

9/3 Class Promotions

9/10 Back to School Sunday
Installation of Teachers

12/16 Christmas Pageant

12/24 Christmas Eve Worship

12/25 Christmas Day Worship

... we are mixing things up a bit in our Sunday School and Confirmation!

- Toddlers Classroom #1 (Nursery)
- PreK-K Classroom #2
- Grade 1-2 Classroom #3
- Grade 3-4 Classroom #4
- Grades 5-6 Pre-Confirmation Class (details to follow).
- Grades 7-8 Confirmation

The children will check in to their new grade levels on September 3rd, so be sure to register in your new classroom on that date.

Christmas is just around the corner, and we are already making plans for the Children's Pageant. So, if you are interested in being a part of the team, please let me know.

Until next time, keep serving the Lord!

Rhonda Sutherlin

Sunday School Director

Meet Our 2017-19 Sunday School!

NURSERY: Janice Bitner

PREK-K Gretchen Bolton & Clare Donovan

Grade 1-2: Bonnie Shanahan & Tanya Finnerty

Grade 3-4: Kris Urdahl & Kim Glassman

Grade 5-6: Jim Bennett (Pre-Confirmation)

Grade 7-8: Jill Rutan & Pastor Augie (Confirmation)

Greetings From the Choir Loft:



The Redeemer by the Sea Sunday School Choir has been rehearsing during second service from late July until late August in anticipation of Rally Day. We have been working on two songs that go along with our theme of PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD. This morning, the Sunday School children are singing "Whole Armor of God" (Tune: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"), and "Swing Low Armor" (Tune: "Swing Low Sweet Chariot").

Thank you for providing such wonderful children to work with every Sunday. Our Children's Choir will be singing during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We will begin rehearsing every Sunday during the second service for our annual Christmas Pageant, coming up in mid-December.

WE LOVE TO SING PRAISES TO OUR LORD.

Gary Wilson – Director of Choirs

Our Featured Teacher



My Name is Gretchen Bolton, and I live with my family, here, in beautiful Carlsbad. My husband (Blake) and I met in college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and have been married for ten years. We have two wonderful daughters, Reese (age 5) and Audrey (18 months). We enjoy spending time together at the park, pool, beach, Legoland, Disneyland, and all the fun places Southern California has to offer.

Prior to staying home with our daughters, I taught elementary school in the Bonsall Union School District where I taught Kindergarten and First Grade. In 2008, I was honored to be named Bonsall West Elementary School Teacher of the Year. We have been members at Redeemer by the Sea since 2013, and it has been a joy to teach in the Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School class. I've always loved teaching little ones, as they are so eager to learn and always make me laugh and smile.



What does it mean, “The Full Armor of God”?

Ephesians 6:10-19



Belt of Truth: A belt was the first item put on before the others. Integrity of character, truthfulness (as in faithfulness to God). Protects us and gives us the courage to stand firm against the devil knowing Jesus is the only truth. **Translation: Don't Lie.**



Breastplate of Righteousness: Putting on the breastplate of righteousness means we always want to feel good things that help us DO good things. The better we know Jesus, the more we will want to do good, to not lie, not steal, not be jealous, not gossip. **Translation: Do good things that honor God.**



Shield of Faith: When we believe in Jesus it's because we've had a special gift called the Holy Spirit who becomes part of our lives. The Holy Spirit tells us that Jesus is God's Son and we can believe it. That belief is called faith and it acts like a shield to protect us from temptation. **Translation: Have faith.**



Sword of the Spirit: The sword of the Spirit refers to speaking the word of God spreading the Gospel. **Translation: The Bible is the word of God.**



Helmet of Salvation: Putting on a helmet of salvation reminds us to, with our heads, remain strong in our faith and our hope of salvation (how God saves or rescues us). And, He has, through Christ! **Translation: God protects us. Keeps us thinking right!**



Gospel of Peace: The footwear used in battle allowed sturdy grounding. Here, feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace refers to standing strong in the word of God. It refers to a readiness of action-to spread the Gospel. **Translation: Talk about God.**

A New Season is Coming!

What Happens in Fall/Autumn...

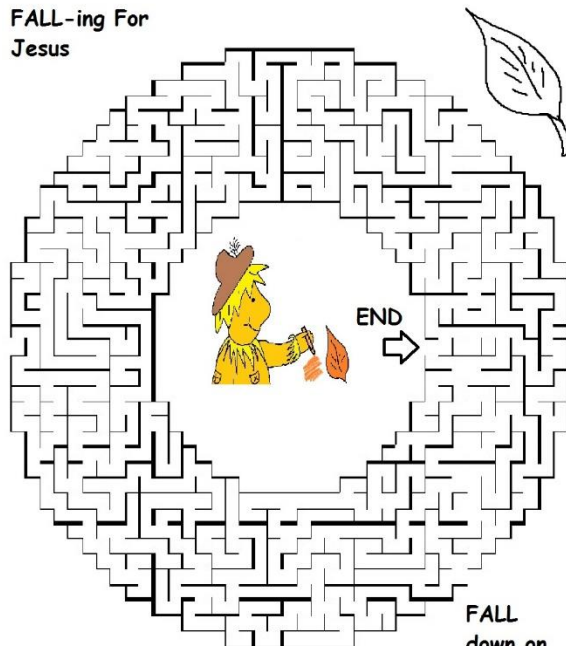


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- In Fall you will notice that the leaves on the trees start to change color but only on some trees.
- There are two types of trees Deciduous and Evergreens. Deciduous tree leaves change color, however Evergreens do not.
- So why do the leaves change color and drop from the trees? Lack of food and water is the answer. Read more below.

- Leaves contain [chlorophyll](#) which make the leaves green. They also contain xanthophyll which make the leaves look yellow and carotene which make the leaves look orange.
- During the Spring and Summer the leaves look green because photosynthesis is occurring. Photosynthesis is the process on how the leaf gets food and water.
- The chlorophyll gets light from the sun and water from the ground, turns it into food and stores it in the leaf.
- During the Fall the days get shorter and the chlorophyll cannot get enough light from the sun needed to make food. The leaf lives off the stored food and starts to lose chlorophyll and their green color.
- When the chlorophyll leaves the leaf the yellow and orange colors start to show. When all the stored food is used up the leaf dies, turns brown and falls from the tree.
- Some animals start preparing for Winter during Fall.
- Animals that hibernate such as bears prepare for Winter by eating more to put on body fat to make it through the Winter.
- You will see some animals such as squirrels collect more food and store it so they have enough for the Winter.
- Fall is the time of year where you can go pumpkin and apple picking.
- [Halloween](#) celebrated on October 31st and [Thanksgiving](#) celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the US.

FALL-ing For
Jesus



FALL
down on
your knees
and pray!

Jesus Never LEAVES you!

It's Autumn Season!

Color objects that belong to *Autumn*.

