

Children's Ministry

Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man tossed into his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches."

Luke 13:18-19



ANNOUNCEMENT:

2/10 *Love Feast in Sunday School at 10AM.

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during His ministry and expressing the *koinonia* (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

2/10 *Volunteers Meeting after church service @ 11:30am
in the Fireside Room

2/12 *Taco Tuesday with the Youth

Class Hope

"Class Hope heard about the Kingdom of God. There were wonderings about the comparison made in the Parable of the Mustard Seed to God's kingdom. We held and heard how the tiny mustard seed grows to be a haven for God's birds like the Kingdom of God grows. The class wondered if the narrator of the parable was God or Jesus; and if the birds were like all God's children. They also wondered how they can help God's kingdom grow." Teacher Connie





Class Faith

The class seems to eagerly plant seeds of thought and discussion, regularly watering their spirituality with a nourishment of fellowship and bible study. This week, we delved a bit deeper into why parables serve as such a memorable way to remember God's layered stories of "instructions for the good life" within the Bible. The Book of Matthew's Sower of the Seed and Wheat and Weeds reminded us that however tempted we feel to judge others by their actions and determine the "followers" and "unfollowers," that determination isn't something for us, the hard working harvesters, to do in order to be closer to God. The Farmer at the end of the day is the only one who can really tell the weeds from the wheat and the final judgement belongs to only one God. Too easily, we can throw out the wheat with the weeds, no matter how they were planted in the first place. After a heated, but super fun game of "the floor is lava," we planted actual seeds in a compostable pot and discussed how we each nourish our faith in our daily lives. Like the plant, we need light and love and hydration for our souls in order to grow our best selves. **Teacher Suzanne**



SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION: Sunday School takes place during the 10am service. Our classes are divided according to grade levels: PreK to 2nd Grade is Class Hope and 3rd to 5th Grade is Class Faith. The curriculum for **Class Hope** is based on Godly Play, a Montessori-based curriculum built on the premise that children want to know God rather than know about God. In the careful telling of stories, and sharing of questions, adults help children develop a language to express what they already know about God. (And in the process, adults learn something, too). The class meets in the Fireside Room. **Class Faith** adapts the Episcopal curriculum *Weaving God's Promises for Children*, connecting worship and Sunday School. It is a comprehensive, Bible-based Sunday school curriculum designed for children to journey through the Bible with key stories from the Old and New Testaments. The class meets in the Garden Room. **For more information, contact Sandra Pathik, Director of Children Ministry (sandra@stjohnsross.org)**