

## **From the Director for Youth and Children's Ministries**

Should we send our kids to school? Should we use the online curriculum? Should we home school? These are the questions that are bombarding our community of parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, and families.

As leaders of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we too are weighing all of these questions, especially: when will our kids be able to meet in person for Sunday School and youth activities?

Williamson County is a very large community with many schools. We have the Williamson County School District, the Franklin Special School District, many private schools, and many home school groups. What a wonderful place to live where there are so many resources available to provide education opportunities to our children and families.

Because of the diversity of this vast educational community and the rapid way that COVID-19 spreads, we don't feel it would be wise to gather in person just yet. It would be challenging to gather our children, youth, and volunteer teachers in classrooms with 6 ft. social distancing guidelines and other safety measures recommended by the CDC.

Everyone is expressing how much we miss seeing each other in person and how we miss our church family. As the leaders of Faith Formation at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we ask for your continued prayers as we navigate through this time of pandemic. We will continue to provide online faith formation opportunities for children, youth, and families. If you would like to help teach Sunday School or volunteer your time in another way, we would love to hear from you.

Missing our time together in person, too!

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