



### “ADOPT A CHILD FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL”

Children from baptism to grade nine and beyond are educated here at St. Paul's. As soon as a child is baptized the parent(s) are sent quarterly reminders/remembrances of the baptismal promises made on their child's behalf. When a child turns three it is time to enroll in Sunday School and it is there that they learn that Jesus loves them and they learn to pray a prayer. By the time children reach second grade they are invited to take First Communion classes and become Communicant members of the church. By fourth grade they take another giant step as they begin serving as acolytes in worship. By the time children enter seventh grade, they begin a three-year confirmation program where they prepare for adult membership in the church. The first two years of confirmation focus on the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Luther's Small Catechism; by the third year of confirmation classes the students are putting their faith into action through service, witness, and churchmanship projects. We also hope to be able to get an active youth group going for youth in grades 7-12.

All of these activities cost money, as you are aware. Our church budget supports our efforts and we ask for a donation from parents to help cover some of the costs associated with their child's Christian Education but those contributions only begin to cover expenses. (With curriculum, Bibles in Kindergarten, third grade, and seventh grade, classroom and teaching supplies, pageant expenses, etc. the numbers really add up.) No child would ever be denied a Christian Education because of the inability to make a donation; all are welcome to learn/hear the Word of the Lord! With the church budget continually strained, we invite you to lend your financial support by Adopting a Child for Sunday School. Please complete the form below, place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

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DETACH AND RETURN VIA OFFERING PLATE OR CHURCH OFFICE

Yes, I would like to support a Sunday School child for Sunday School by making a financial contribution.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

My one-time donation to Adopt-a-Child is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_