

St. James "Straw" Church  
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# St. James 'Straw' Sunday School Newsletter



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## Rally Day is Sep. 7

The first session of the 2003-04 Sunday School year will convene on September 7 starting at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

All families are asked to bring a baked good. Coffee, tea & juice will be provided.

Our opening worship service will feature the Junior Choir. Junior Choir members are asked to report to the practice room downstairs at 9:15 a.m. to prepare for the opening songs.

Our new *benevolence projects* will be introduced afterwards (see article on next page) as well as this year's SS teachers (see article below.) Two long-time SS teachers retired at the end of last year and will be honored at this time: Mr. Bob Babcock & Mrs. Jan Rossetti.

After meeting your SS teacher, everyone will adjourn to Fellowship Hall to enjoy food, fun & fellowship for the remainder of the time.

## 2003-04 SS Teachers

Nursery . . . . .	Mrs. Gloria Schramm
Pre-School . . . . .	Mrs. Becky Nowalk & Mrs. Nancy Carhart
Kindergarten & Grade 1 . . . . .	Mrs. Mary Ericson, Mr. Richard Beatty & Ms. Alicia Zaro
Grade 2 . . . . .	Mrs. Luann Beatty & Mr. Jeff Beatty
Grades 3 & 4 . . . . .	Mrs. Susie Kramer
Grade 5 . . . . .	Mrs. Vicki Pede
Grade 6 . . . . .	Mrs. Cathy Morgan
— Grades 7 & 8 (Confirmation Classes) —	
Pastor Kramer, Mr. Ed Frey, Mr. David Pede & Mrs. Susanne Riemer	
Grades 9-12 . . . . .	Mrs. Sherri Abel
Adult Bible Study . . . . .	Mrs. Eileen Page
— Substitutes —	
Mrs. Nicole Feenan, Mr. Steve Stocker, Mrs. Sandy Takacs & Mrs. Marion Zaro	
— Office Helpers —	
Mrs. Kathy Carpenter, Mrs. Kristie Vincent & Mr. Richard Zaro	

## The Super's Corner

On Monday, July 28, 11 individuals met to discuss & analyze what last year's SS program did well (ex. purchase of reading-level appropriate bibles & *Heifer* benevolence project), needs to improve upon (ex. Junior & Senior high programs and connecting SS program with worship service), and what we are missing (ex. Men's Bible Study group).

On Sunday, September 7, we will unveil & commence with the 2003-04 edition of St. James' SS program. It features new teachers: Mrs. Ericson (K & 1) & Mrs. Morgan (6); new benevolence projects (see article below); SS attending the 4th Sunday of the month

regularly (grades 1 & below will be excused at sermon time); and the start of a men's Bible Study group.

The Lord has blessed our VBS program greatly over the past two years. This year's program registered 75 students!

I'm hoping & praying that he has similar plans for our SS program. *My hopes & prayers include having more adults volunteer their time & energies.* Who is better able to provide the proper Christian guidance & knowledge to our youngsters than the people who know them best?

See you Sep. 7. Don't forget your baked goods & school supplies. *Chuck*

## School Supplies

SS benevolence monies this year will go to the *Central Asia Institute* to help one of the poorest & most destitute regions on earth. Our monies will also help fight terrorism. More details will be given on Rally Day but you can read more

about it on the Internet at [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org).

We will also support peoples locally through NORWESCAP. *For Rally Day, everyone is asked to bring school supplies.* Each month of the SS year, we will focus on different needs locally.