

## **Life of the Church – September 11, 2011**

### **Part II – Children Exploring Worship**

**Today, on Rally Day, we kick off the fall season of the educational programs in the church. There are many classes for adults and children. You can read more about the classes in the insert in the church bulletin. And -- you'll be hearing about the classes today at Rally Day and in future Life of the Church updates.**

**This morning, I'm going to talk about the part of the program for children during the second part of the 11:00 worship service -- the time period after the children's message. Today, we begin a new – or revived old -- program for elementary school-age children in grades K-5. This is called Part II – Children Exploring Worship. It will take place every other month, so will be in Sept., Nov. Jan., March, and May.**

**In the alternate months – Oct., Dec., Feb., and April, we'll be continuing with Enrichment, which is for children in grades K-2 during the second half of the 11:00 worship service. Children in grades 3-5 will remain in church to experience for themselves the entire worship service with their parents.**

**Each month of Part II, a single theme will be explored in a variety of learning activities such as drama, music and art. The theme for this month will be The Psalms. I don't want to tell too many of the details of what we will be doing, but you will see some of what we will be exploring at the beginning of the 11:00 worship service on World Wide Communion Day on Oct. 2.**

**Directly following the children's time in the Worship Service, all children in grades K-5 who would like to participate in Part II, Children Exploring Worship will go to the Narthex and then we will proceed together up to the largest of the classrooms across the hall from Westfel Lounge. We ask that parents go up to the room for their children after the worship service.**

**We are looking forward to providing this new opportunity for Children to Explore Worship.**