



Sundays

Kids are divided into **K-1st, 2nd-3rd** and **4th-5th grade** age groups. Each group has slight differences according to the unique needs of the age group.

Large group has worship and teaching that helps kids connect to God and the truth of His Word.

Small groups focus on relationships. Leaders commit to one small group of kids in order to get to know them and apply biblical lessons to their lives.

We offer programming at 8:00 am,
9:30 am, 11:15 am and 4:30 pm.

Please note our holiday schedule below!

Coming up!

Christmas Eve—Services at 1, 3 & 5.

Christmas Day—Services at 10 am only.

January 1— Services at 9:30, 11:15, 4:30 and 6:00 only

FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE DATES:

Elementary kids join their parents for services.

Childcare offered for birth—pre-K at all hours except 6 pm on January 1.

January 6—Family Fusion in the Eastside Auditorium 6:30 pm. Join us for another special event!

January 8—Regular Elementary

A Note from Carol

Our Bible verse for the month of December helps to define what it means to be rich. It says **“Be rich in good deeds ... be generous and willing to share,”** 1 Timothy 6:18, NIV. We often think that our ability to be generous is connected to our monetary riches. This month we can challenge one another to change our perspective about generosity. We are not generous because we are rich; we are rich because we are generous. When we choose to give generously to others, we are blessed in the things that matter most in life.

May you have a blessed Christmas!

December’s Virtue is Generosity

This month, we are learning how generous God has been to us. Our response should be to offer generosity to others. That ties right into Advent Conspiracy: a movement of churches striving to refocus Christmas from commercialism to Christ. This year, the Advent Conspiracy theme is to *Give Hope*. Blackhawk is having a special Advent Conspiracy Offering on Sunday, December 18 that will go towards local and global initiatives centered on the theme of survive and thrive. We hope kids and families will participate in this movement.

Participate as a family in Advent Conspiracy

▪ Give Hope to the Community

- Check out the ideas your family could do to give hope to others in need. Our Impact Ministry has provided [many opportunities](#). Looking for another idea? Have kids choose to receive one less Christmas gift. Use the money that would have been spent on that gift to put in the offering. Talk to kids about what it looks like for us to give to others in the way that God gave to us.

▪ Give the Gift of Time to Each Other

- Take a break from the full holiday schedule and plan a family night. One idea: Do something out of the ordinary; everyone put on pajamas, pour hot chocolate into travel mugs, and drive around admiring Christmas lights, singing carols, and talking with each other. Another idea: Stay home and sit by the fire as you take turns reading Christmas books as a family.

▪ Give Focus to God

- Do something that helps you focus on the meaning of Christmas. One idea: Make a birthday cake for Jesus that you eat on Christmas morning for breakfast! Let your kids decorate the cake themselves, as an act of worship- even if that means it’s not as “pretty” as if you would have done it. Ask questions as the kids decorate, like why was the birth of Jesus so special?

Making an Im-

Money put in the piggy banks for the month of December will focus on the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County and Advent Conspiracy. Our goal for impact projects is to help kids foster a spirit of generosity and service, develop a worldview that values and is responsive to the needs of others, and give kids experiences that enable them to see how God can use them and their gifts to make a difference!

- CONTACT US -

Contact us at 828.4200 or elem@blackhawkchurch.org
Information is always available at blackhawkchurch.org/elem