

2021 was another complex year for ParishEd programs.

**Sunday school:** Sunday morning adult class and prayer time were set to resume in January, however given Council's decision that groups must follow AHS restrictions, the class and prayer time were suspended at the church. Children's Sunday school was also on hold given the congregation's motion to follow AHS guidelines, which specified that faith-based classes for children operate under Day Camp guidance and therefore were not allowed at that time. Plans were in place to hold both adult and children's Sunday school classes in September, however with no participants attending, classes were suspended.

**Other:** Cindy delivered 15 Bibles to Gr 3 & 4 students in our community on behalf of ELW.

**VBS:** Rocky Railway program was successfully carried out Aug. 16- 20, once again using the set and decor from Christian Fellowship Assembly. There were 26 children registered, 22 children participated - 4 from our church, 18 visitors: 5 local kids and 13 from surrounding communities. Many visiting family members attended the program and lunch, 2 parents asked when Sunday school would be starting. Thank you to the more than 15 wonderful volunteers, which included many youth!

**Joint Deacon/ParishEd Meeting** was held in September. In addition to reviewing the SMART plan, possible alternate programs for children, such as an after school program were discussed. It was noted, there were no confirmation students. We praised God for the Young Adults' Bible Study group, which continued to meet. Internet Based Prayer/Bible reading groups were discussed as a possibility, given the difficulty of people attending such groups in person.

**Bell Tower Club:** Under Cindy's leadership, the Bell Tower club was meeting after school during the fall through Christmas. There were a total of 14 kids in attendance. Seven of them participated in the Christmas Eve service, as many had family gatherings to attend. They read the Scriptures and lit the candles for the Advent Wreath, sang two songs accompanied with percussion instruments, and stood at the front with Hymn books to lead the congregation in carols. Most of the 50 people who attended that night were family of the club members, so great to see! The ELW provided candy bags for all the children at the service and oranges for everyone else. The club will take a break for a few months and start up again in the spring. Thank you to Cindy for her work in this ministry!

Thank you to Ann, as she finished her term of dedicated service on the ParishEd board! Finally, please pray that God will lead us in following His plan for 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

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*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*  
Matthew 19:14