

LUMC Sunday School 2015-2016

Meet our Staff

Preschool – 5th Grade

Kristin Nelson: We have been fortunate to have Kristin teaching our youngest grades for the past five years. She is a positive presence who truly enjoys the excitement that the little ones have for learning about God. Kristin also enjoys sailing, travel, gardening, cooking, and golf. She has been a stay-at-home mom for the last 12 years, raising two daughters with her husband, Bob.

Amy Cheehy: Amy enthusiastically enjoyed our teaching staff four years ago. She loves getting to know the kids and helping them take the bible lessons into their everyday lives. Her teaching philosophy is simple...just Be Yourself! Amy is a stay-at-home mom of two children who enjoys aerobics, being outdoors, baking, and reading.

Christy Brosseau: Christy is a married mom of three children, ranging from Jr. High through College. She has been teaching Sunday School for 17 years. Christy believes that kids learn by doing and she enjoys making Sunday School fun for the kids. She says she wants them to keep coming to Sunday school to learn how the bible stories and lessons continue to be relevant today. During the week, she is a Speech Language Pathologist at Loyola, who also enjoys going to football games (all levels), doing cross fit, reading, and traveling.

Jodi Stood: Jodi is a Registered Nurse who enjoys camping, gardening, and biking. She has been teaching Sunday School for 11 years because she enjoys watching the kids learn about God and grow in their faith. She wants each child to know that, "God loves you and watches over you!"

Gina Walter: Gina has been involved with our Sunday School since her children started attending 17 years ago and will be a substitute teacher this year. She is happy to help out at the church wherever she is needed and often assists with the Open Pantry and Daybreak shelter. As a Sunday School teacher, her goal is to make learning about Jesus fun! She is a full-time mom and housewife, who loves reading gardening, swimming, decorating, and volunteering.

Jr. High

Dave Kennedy: Dave and his wife, Linda, raised their two children at the Lemont United Methodist Church. Three years ago, he joined our teaching staff because he loves trying to get kids to learn. Dave believes that deep down, we are all the same. He likes to use the class assignments and discussion to help youth apply what they learn to everyday life. His paid job is as an estimator and project manager in construction, but his true passion is woodworking and cabinet making.

Karin Peraino: Karin is a stay-at-home mom who has been teaching Sunday School for the past 14 years and directing the program for the past 11 years. Her teaching philosophy is simple: God loves you and will always be there for you! She says, "I enjoy having spiritual discussions with the Jr. High students. No matter what the issue, they seem to know the way God would want them to handle it. It is rewarding to see them embrace the importance of His presence in their lives." In addition to volunteer work, Karin also enjoys reading, baking, scrapbooking, biking, tennis, and travel.

High School

GleeAnn Kehr: GleeAnn is a consultant and counselor for people with disabilities who has been involved with the Sunday School for nearly 20 years. In leading our High School Breakfast Club, she enjoys challenging the teenagers and helping them figure out what they believe. "My goal is not to teach our young adults WHAT to think, but to challenge them in HOW to think. I encourage them to apply what they already know about being a Christian when facing the challenges of teenage life and making the difficult decisions that they encounter every day." When asked about her other life interests, GleeAnn states that she loves to "Laugh out Loud!"

Judy Janovyak: Judy has been involved with our Sunday School program for 15 years! She is a Financial Analyst at Argonne who enjoys running, reading, writing, drawing/painting, and travel. While leading Breakfast Club, she hopes to provide support for the students to grow spiritually and to faithfully face the challenges of every day life. Her message to students is, "Be who God wants to you to be and respect others for being who God wants them to be."

Tim Peraino: Tim has been leading our High School Breakfast Club for four years. He enjoys the dialogue and interaction with the students and likes to use everyday life experiences to show kids the importance of Christianity. Tim also appreciates our team-teaching concept because it allows for collaboration between the teachers and exposes the youth to a variety of different leadership/learning styles. During the week, he is a school furniture sales rep and baseball/softball coach. Tim says he enjoys all sports, travel, and time with his wife.

Steve Walter: Steve has been involved with our Sunday School program for over 14 years. He enjoys teaching and trying to find ways to keep the youth engaged. He says his efforts are paid back since most of the time, they end up teaching him something new! Steve is also an insurance salesman and father of two teens, who spends his free-time golfing and fishing.

Other

Linda Kennedy: Linda Kennedy is a married mother of two adult children, a proud grandmother, a teacher at Happy Hands Preschool and a Director at Champions after-school program at River Valley. In addition, she wears many hats at LUMC: substitute teacher, Kids' Korner creator, and Sunday School Treasurer. Linda believes that learning should be fun and she tries to impart her personal philosophy on children: be a kind and caring person and treat

others as you would want to be treated. Linda began teaching Sunday School when her children were little and has been involved with the program for over 11 years. During her free time, she enjoys tennis, baking, and cutting the grass.