

## Sun Prairie United Methodist Church's Mission Statement

Is to invite and welcome people to be committed and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ through worship, through spiritual growth, through fellowship, through service to others.

### LOGOS Mission

The LOGOS Ministry is a Christian organization that partners with congregations and other ministries to establish and support a unique design of ministry that equips adult leaders to nurture people of all ages into discipleship.

### LOGOS Vision

Children, youth, adults and families worldwide are nurtured into a lifetime of Christian discipleship through the design of Ministry known as LOGOS.

Fall, 2017

Dear LOGOS Families,

Welcome to LOGOS at the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church! This is the 20th year of LOGOS ministry at SPUMC. What a blessing to think back over that time and offer gratitude for all the children and youth who have had their lives impacted by LOGOS. We also offer thanks for the thousands of parents and other volunteers who have given of themselves and their time over 20 years to make LOGOS the best it can be. We are excited and grateful that you have made the decision to participate in this wonderful ministry which over time has become one of our signature ministries at our church.

The LOGOS ministry at SPUMC has had a long, deep, and consistent presence and reputation within our church, our surrounding communities and our Wisconsin Conference. LOGOS is one more way we show that our welcome knows no boundaries at SPUMC and a way that we invite and welcome our children, youth, and families to be committed and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ.

The Bible speaks a great deal about time and shares wonderful stories of Jesus and our ancestors in the faith through time. Our children and youth will explore the timeless Bible stories of our faith in LOGOS this year. Perhaps one of the best known Scripture verses about time comes from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, where the writer tells us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." and then goes on to list many things for which God has provided "a time."

Thank you for the priority and commitment of your time to the LOGOS ministry while your child or youth is involved. We are also grateful that our LOGOS families are part of our worshipping community of faith. Worshipping together is the core of who we are as a faith community and the best way for us to grow in our relationship with God through Jesus the Christ and with one another.

I look forward to our 20th year of LOGOS and extend my sincere welcome to this wonderful ministry. Thank you for being part of the 2017-2018 LOGOS year!

In God's Timeless Grace,

Rev. Jenny Arneson

August 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome to LOGOS at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church! I am so excited that you will be joining us this year, whether it is your 1<sup>st</sup> year in LOGOS or your 20<sup>th</sup> year, or somewhere in-between! I am excited you have chosen to make this ministry a part of your families' time of spiritual growth. LOGOS is an amazing way the whole family can grow in faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ.

LOGOS is part of GenOn Ministries, which is a ministry committed to intergenerational relationship building. This year, the broader LOGOS ministry is celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> year of LOGOS. We, at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church, are starting our 20<sup>th</sup> year of LOGOS, with one of the biggest LOGOS programs in the United States.

As we have been praying, planning, and gearing up for this 20<sup>th</sup> year, I have often found myself thinking about where I was in my own life 20 years ago. I was 12 and heavily involved in a church that offered Wednesday night ministry. There were so many loving adults around me at this junction in my own faith journey.

This is one of the reasons why my husband and I have made a whole family commitment to this ministry. We both have experienced and understand that it takes many loving, kind, Christ-centered adults to help shape each of our children's faith journey and relationship with God.

It is my hope that as our students travel through time this LOGOS year that they will encounter God in so many different places and settings.

Please know that my heart is always open to hearing from you about how to make our 20<sup>th</sup> year of LOGOS the best!

Blessings,

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Hello LOGOS Families,

I want to welcome you to LOGOS' 20th year here at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church. I am thrilled that you will be joining us for such an exciting year!

For the past 20 years the LOGOS ministry at Sun Prairie has given the chance for countless of people to grow in their faith, fellowship with one another, and to be able to understand God's unending love for them. In our 20th year we will continue to grow in our faith together with one another.

As you join us for our 20th year of LOGOS I pray you'll experience the love of Christ in so many ways. It is my hope that you will engage with new and familiar faces and genuinely check in with them to see how they are. I pray you aren't afraid to dig deeper in your faith and openly share it. I encourage you to take leaps of faith and delve outside of your comfort zone, whether it is through volunteering in a new area, offering your treasures, etc. I pray you and your family grow together.

I can't wait to share this time with you at LOGOS. It's always a wonderful time for me to see my students be nurtured in their faith and grow, along with their families.

Thank you for all you do and for giving of your time this year to celebrate 20 awesome years!

If at any time you have a question, idea, or concern about LOGOS please feel free to contact me. I'll be happy to listen and chat with you.

With God's Unending Grace,

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**GenOn Ministries'** mission—and we believe calling as well—is to equip churches and families to develop lifelong Christian disciples of all ages. This occurs in faith communities when we implement three key practices:

- Build Christian relationships among children, youth and adults
- Experience a balanced approach to ministry
- Use a purposeful method to help adults serve where they are gifted

When intentionally practiced, this intergenerational ministry approach has shown to be highly effective in nurturing children and youth on their faith journeys, passing along the faith to younger generations, and energizing the whole church.

**LOGOS** is GenOn's signature offering. This ministry is a weekly intergenerational experience for children and/or youth that creates an intentional arena where all ages, together, can learn about, experience, and practice the art of Christian relationships. In these cross-generational gatherings everyone eats together, plays together, studies together, and prays together.

**LOGOS**  
is about building  
relationships

**Definition:** **LOGOS** is grounded in biblical theological concepts. The word "LOGOS" literally means "The Word" and is taken from John 1:1-18 *"In the beginning was the word..... and the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us....."*

LOGOS  
Is the Greek word for  
"the Word"

The 4 parts of LOGOS are shown in this [key Bible verse](#): *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."* Acts. 2:42

LOGOS is an international interdenominational program. At SPUMC, it includes grades K-12 and is designed to nurture loving, Christ centered relationships. It is an opportunity to consistently experience and practice Christian relationships with children, youth and adults as taught in Scriptures.



LOGOS is not a substitute for, or replacement of, other programs of Christian education. Rather, LOGOS is another area of Christian education and a strong supplement to those programs, which are enhanced, extended and improved through the contribution made by the LOGOS program. Participation in LOGOS helps our children find a peer group at church and makes them eager to see their LOGOS friends at other church functions.



## LOGOS PROGRAM at SPUMC –

### Grades Kindergarten- 2

Kindergarten through 2nd graders will meet at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church for LOGOS where they will have Recreation, Worship Skills and Bible Study. K, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will need to be dropped off at the information station and walked to our Sanctuary by an adult where their evening will begin. They will join in the mealtime with the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They will end their night with Bible Study and can be picked up at 6:50pm in Fellowship Hall. Their leaders will walk them over and then they can be signed out at the Information Station.

### Grades 3-5

The program for grades 3-5 will meet at church. Their program includes the 4 areas of study and experience...Recreation, Worship Skills, Bible Study, and Family/Dinner Time.

## **Grades 6, 7 & 8**



With these older middle school grades, we start to transition to more of a “youth group” atmosphere. Their Worship Skills time includes a choice of age-appropriate activities offered for these youth. Before dinner, they have Rec time, playing a fun, noncompetitive game together with their leaders. The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be eating together in our new multipurpose room. After dinner, they move to Bible Study time. This time is spent discussing topics pertinent to adolescents in the world today and what the Bible says about how to live our lives.

## **Grade 9**

9th grade is the year set aside for kids to go through the confirmation process. Confirmation is also held on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8:15pm. This is concurrent with LOGOS to be convenient for parents with other children in the program, but it means that confirmation replaces the LOGOS time for 9th graders. Confirmation starts in early September, so if you have a 9th grader who is interested in being part of our confirmation program and have not been contacted, please contact Pastor Jenny at [jennySunprairieumc.org](mailto:jennySunprairieumc.org) or Deb Mulhern at [dmulhern@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:dmulhern@sunprairieumc.org) for more information

## **10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade High School**

Our high school program meets at the Wesley House this year. The students and leaders share fellowship with each other over dinner and then move into a time of discussion. The discussions they have revolve around what’s going on in current events, issues that pertain to youth culture, and what is going on in their lives, all through a lens of faith. This group also entirely plans a weekend of worship (all three services). This worship service generally has a theme relating to something they have talked about in the year or feel reflects their journey of faith. Aside from having meaningful discussions and planning the worship service, our students also have the chance to give back to the community. Over the past several years our students have decorated and delivered pumpkins to some the homebound members of our church family, rang bells for the Salvation Army, and participated in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine.

## DISCIPLINE AT LOGOS

**EVERYONE IS TO TREAT EVERYONE ELSE**

**AS A CHILD OF GOD.**

**NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TREAT  
ANYONE ELSE AS IF THEY DO NOT MATTER**

All relationships in LOGOS are guided by this rule. We believe that nothing is more important to God than our relationships with others and with God. All that we do will reflect this theology. At all times we remember that the root word of 'discipline' is 'disciple'. Our goal with discipline is to nurture respect for all of God's people.

The discipline policy of LOGOS is intended to support this important principle. Courtesy, good manners, and good sportsmanship are expected at all times. Inappropriate boisterous behavior will not be tolerated. All adults are encouraged to work together to raise our LOGOS kids. The saying goes "It takes a village to raise a child". To support this, if you see a child who is acting inappropriately, please bring that to their attention. Don't wait for another adult or their "leader" to do so.

Disciplinary problems will be dealt with as promptly, realistically, and consistently as possible. It is our intention to provide a warm, loving, nurturing environment for the development of a strong Christian character.

This year children and families will receive a LOGOS Covenant which both the child and the parent will sign. We will mail them home before LOGOS begins, so please watch for this, discuss and read it with your child.



The **Discipline policy** we will be using will be:

1. When observing a “**below the line**” behavior from the Covenant triangle, the leader will talk to the child and reinforce the LOGOS rule “Everyone will treat everyone else as a child of God. No one will treat anyone else as if they do not matter.”
2. If the “**below the line**” behavior happens again, the next step is to remove the child from the class and have him/her talk to one of the “Comforters”. The ministry of the Comforter is to listen to the child, help solve the difficulty, and encourage a recommitment to the rule of LOGOS, in order to return to class. The child may remain with a Comforter until s/he is ready to return and participate. If a child goes to a comforter, the parents will be contacted.
3. If the behavior continues after seeing the comforter and contacting a parent or guardian, the parent will be required to attend the class to help us come up with effective ways to deal with problem behaviors.

If a “**bottom line**” behavior happens, the first step will be skipped and the child will go directly to the comforter.

Our goal in the LOGOS ministry is to build a positive relationship with each child and thus avoid most discipline problems. **However, we need to hold the children accountable in order to make the LOGOS evening enjoyable for ALL of the kids, as well as the leaders.**

To this end, our church staff will be a liaison between the families and the teachers. They will work with any child, and their parents and leaders, who is having a hard time in LOGOS on effective ways to help the child. Amanda is available if you have any questions or concerns at [ahinthorn@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:ahinthorn@sunprairieumc.org) or 837-5554 ext. 107.

One of the things that we are doing to encourage respect is to have the children call the leader by Miss, Mr or Mrs. It will be up to the leader to decide how they want to be addressed, but we encourage you to ask about their leaders and their classmates, so that they learn their names. We know that using names helps build relationships and treat each other as children of God.

This year our LOGOS ministry will also host a workshop as part of our staff training morning entitled *Discipline with Love*. The training comes from feedback from both parents and leaders that there is still a need for us all to learn in this area. The workshop is presented through our parent organization GenOn Ministries.

The church is offering various parenting classes, workshops and small groups. Watch the bulletin announcements and the church website for information on upcoming classes and small groups or contact Lisa Wink, Director of Small Group Ministries.

## RECREATION

Recreation frees children and adults to be themselves, surrounded by Christian love. People develop relationships while playing that wouldn't develop otherwise. It is designed for youth and children to experience great fun at no one else's expense. Children and youth participate in games, crafts, sports, hobbies, and service projects.



## WORSHIP SKILLS

Worship is central to the Christian faith. Teaching one another about the love of Christ is incomplete without providing opportunities to participate in worship. LOGOS students will participate in worship periodically in a variety of ways.

If your child's class is scheduled to participate in a worship service and they are not able to be there, it is important for you to call their worship skills leader or coordinator to let them know. Families who worship regularly with another congregation are expected to attend the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church on those dates that their children participate in our worship services.



## BIBLE STUDY

The goal of Bible Study is to nurture youth into intelligent, obedient and Biblically informed discipleship. The Bible Hour is a time for building bridges. During Bible Study we strive to build a bridge of relationships between God and God's people, and among God's people; a bridge between ancient words of scripture and the world of the learners today; a bridge between weekends and a bridge between the church and the home.



## FAMILY/DINNER TIME

The dinner hour is full of fun and great food! Usually 5-6 children in grades 1-6 sit at the same table all year. At their table are 2 table parents who try to establish a family atmosphere. The result is great as kids and adults learn to appreciate one another. During dinner kids will sing, play and be challenged to know the God who loves them. Dinner Time includes training in unselfishness, sharing, cleaning up, serving one another and manners too. Good food, table games, and contests are just part of the fun!

## Worship

This is actually the 5<sup>th</sup> part of LOGOS. Worship is the heartbeat of the church. Attendance is expected in worship as often as possible and especially when worship skills groups participate. Regular worship attendance is important for personal spiritual growth.

## LOGOS SCHEDULE

Grades K-2	4:30 – 6:50 p.m.
Grades 3, 4, 5	4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Grades 6, 7, 8	4:30-7:30 p.m.
Confirmation	6:00– 8:15 p.m.
Grades 10 – 12	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

## Library Supervision After LOGOS

Please note that the libraries will be open and supervised by volunteers from 6:45 – 8:30 if your child arrives prior to, or stays after, his/her session of LOGOS. If your child will be spending time in the library please have them bring homework or reading material, and remind them that they should remain in the library when not in LOGOS activities. **It is important that they stay in this supervised area until the parents are ready to leave.**

## Nursery

The LOGOS program provides childcare for any LOGOS Volunteers who have children too young to enroll in the program. **Parents may only use this service when they are working in the program and are in the building.** Kids eating in the nursery are asked to pay \$2 per meal or \$20 a semester. Children who are 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> through Kindergarten will go to Preschool LOGOS from 5:45-6:30. These children need to be checked in and out of the nursery.

The nursery will be staffed with volunteers from 4:20 – 8:00, and later if there is need. If you will be needing nursery care after 8:00 please let Kelly Nelson know in advance.

## VISITORS

Visitors are welcome at LOGOS! After visiting two times, parents will need to formally register their child for LOGOS and set up a parent meeting with Amanda. Please consider the outreach ministry that can happen through this program and thoughtfully encourage your children to invite their friends. Guests are \$5. The host should pay for the meal for the guest.



## PARENT/ GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION

The LOGOS program enables parents to fulfill a portion of the basic vows required of them when they present their children for Christian baptism. Parents are to encourage their faith, trust and regular participation and to raise them in the love of the Lord.

Young people recognize the value of something when a parent/guardain makes a commitment to it. They know their parent's time is important. They know they are important when a parent says "I am doing this because I love you and this is important for you.

Active participation by at least one parent (or other loving adult) is required. Since the staff is almost exclusively voluntary, additional volunteer service by a large number of people is essential to keep the many activities going. This is a vital element in the successful operation of the LOGOS program.

At the time of registration, one or both parents/guardians should sign up to volunteer where they feel called to participate. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available – talk with Amanda to see which is the best fit for you.

## DINNER GUESTS

The cost of dinner for all adults and non-registered children visiting during dinner time is \$5.00 per meal, \$2.00 for children in the nursery. Please call Amanda by noon on Tuesday if you will be bringing a guest so that we can plan accordingly and have a place set.

## Allergies/Sugar

If your child has a food allergy, you will be contacted by Deb Lohr to get more information on that so that we can make sure we have food for him/her at dinner. We are also cutting down on desserts/sugar this year.

## Snow Policy

If Sun Prairie Schools are cancelled, we cancel LOGOS. In case of bad weather predicted for late afternoon or evening, we will watch weather reports and cancel, if necessary. If we are cancelled, we will send out an email by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. We will also have it listed on the answering machine at church. If you would like to receive a text message, please let Amanda know early in the year. If LOGOS is not cancelled and you are coming from communities other than Sun Prairie, always do what you are comfortable with. You and your child's safety is our main concern. If you are not able to come, please call the LOGOS office at 837-5554 ext. 107 if you do not feel comfortable driving.

## TRANSPORTATION



Carpooling is encouraged and should be arranged by parents. If you need transportation for your youth or can provide transportation, please indicate this on your registration form and talk to Amanda as soon as possible. The LOGOS Transportation Coordinator will work with the parents as

much as possible to help each student obtain needed transportation. It should be noted, however, that it is the final responsibility of the parent to ensure that the student gets to and from LOGOS. **If the student is not picked up by the driver, the LOGOS office should be called immediately at 837-5554 x 107. Please let your childcare provider know this.**

## Need to get a hold of Amanda Hinthorn?

Call church at 837-5554 ext. 107. **Need to get me on a Wednesday evening?** Call MY church extension – 837-5554 ext. 107 and leave a message. If you do not dial directly to my extension, it goes on Laura's voice mail and will not be retrieved until Thursday morning. Or you may call my cell phone – 698-1895. I will not be at my desk starting at 2:30pm so please call or text my cell at this point on Wednesday afternoon.

## Need to get a hold of Autumn Hartman?

Call church at 837-5554 ext. 112. **Need to get me on a Wednesday evening?** Call MY church extension – 837-5554 ext. 112 and leave a message. If you do not dial directly to my extension, it goes on Laura's voice mail and will not be retrieved until Thursday morning. After 4 call me/text me on my cell phone which is 608-347-9328.

## Check in

Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders need to be walked in to the church at the Information Station and signed in. Children may not be dropped off before 4:20, unless the parent is volunteering at that time and needs to be in place by then. If so, make sure that Amanda is aware of this so they can make arrangements. Children may not be left in the building unattended.

## **Check out**

According to our Safe Sanctuaries policy, everyone 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under needs to be checked out of the building from children's programming. Parents need to indicate on the registration form that is authorized to check your child out each night or you may authorize your child to not be signed out each evening. If you authorize your child to go out to your vehicle alone, we need the children to remain in the entry way until they see the car pull up and you signal to them to come out. There are a LOT of vehicles coming and going on Wednesday evenings and in the dark, cold, snowy weather, it is dangerous for children to be waiting in the parking lot alone.

Any child who is leaving early in grades K-8, needs to let whoever is staffing the Information Station know.

Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who are picked up after their LOGOS evening is finished (6:50) need to be picked up in Fellowship Hall. (Adults still need to checkout their children at the door). Any K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders who are still at church, will be escorted down to the Children's Library. Parents who arrive after the dinner hour is finished may pick up their K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders at the Children's library until 7:30. After 7:30, they can be picked up in the adult library.

**Absences** – In case of a child's absence, please contact the LOGOS Director by 4:00 that afternoon. Also, please notify us of a planned, prolonged absence.

**Information Station** – This is the table by the entry where kids check in and out. Be sure and check the table for any special handouts or communication. There will also be a board that will tell of any last minute needs for subs. If you are able to help out, please let the person at the table, or Amanda, know.

## **Website**

Click on the LOGOS tab of the church website, [www.sunprairieumc.org](http://www.sunprairieumc.org) for up to date information, like cancellations for inclement weather, announcements, and what the theme and menu is for that week.

## Registration

Families who are new to our LOGOS ministry this year will need to attend a parent meeting. This is your chance to see what LOGOS is like for your child(ren). Our time together will also give you a better understanding of our behavior expectations and discipline policy.

You can pick from any of the following meeting dates & times:

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Childcare will be provided if requested at least 48 hours ahead of time. If you are unable to make any of these meetings, call 837-5554 ext. 107 to set up an individual meeting.

Registration is completed when all of the following are completed:

1. Registration and Medical forms have been filled out
2. A parent or guardian of NEW FAMILIES has attended the Parent Meeting
3. First semester fee has been received, or you have worked out a payment plan with Amanda Hinthorn
4. A parent has signed up to volunteer in the program.

**Deadline for LOGOS Registration for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester is Sept 15, 2017.** This allows us time to create rosters for classes, find the necessary adult volunteers for each class, make nametags, order curriculum and food for the first night, get pictures of the students and create dinner table assignments before the first night of LOGOS.

## REGISTRATION FEES

The LOGOS year runs from October 4<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup> and is divided into 2 semesters. Included in the fee is a new LOGOS t-shirt for everyone. If finances are a concern, partial scholarships and alternate payment plans are available. **Talk with Amanda before the due date if this is a need.**

### **The LOGOS fees for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester –**

1st child - \$87 (\$95 after Sept. 15)

2nd child - \$77(\$85 after Sept. 15)

3rd child - \$67(\$75 after Sept. 15)

Maximum per family - \$250 (\$265 after Sept. 15)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> semester –**

1st child - \$87 (\$95 after Jan. 5)

2nd child - \$77(\$85 after Jan. 5)

3rd child - \$67(\$75 after Jan. 5)

Maximum per family -\$250 (\$265 after Jan. 5)

All checks should be made out to “SPUMC”, with “LOGOS” on the memo line. It is important that your check be in an envelope marked “LOGOS” so that it gets to the LOGOS treasurer and is put in the correct account. If you are completing registration online payments can be made there.

LOGOS functions entirely through participant fees. The fee includes dinner each week, study books and curriculum resources, crafts/supplies, worship skills materials, t-shirts, student & volunteer recognition, costs for administrative services as well as a LOGOS mission membership fee.

## **Staff Meetings**

This year we are excited to bring in an outside trainer from our parent organization GenOn Ministries to share with us on Discipline with Love. Our spring feedback showed this is an area where our leaders would like more training. Here is how LOGOS staff training will look this fall.

LOGOS Staff Training:

**Saturday, Sept. 16th**

8:30am Gathering Time/ Fellowship/Light Breakfast

9-10:30am GenOn Ministries Workshop on Discipline with Love

10:40-11:30am LOGOS Staff training and Coordinator Check-in

YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR STAFF TRAINING THIS YEAR. This is due to us hosting the GenOn Ministries Workshop in the morning. You can register at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc05-cynvfSp0ui4hbXOPGDW5JGuJyrdAVr6QcW7qdNVYTheQ/viewform>

## **Common Questions about LOGOS**

**My kids are involved in (insert extracurricular activity here). How could we fit another thing in our busy schedule?** Extracurricular activities are an important part of life and help to build character and a well-rounded person. Consider your family's schedule and how you can also make room for developing a lifelong Christian faith. We believe that nurturing children and youth into a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ is more important than anything else and supporting the family in doing so is one of the most important things the church does. We hope that you will partner with us through LOGOS!

**My child has too much homework. What should we do?** We usually make time for those things we count as important – priorities need to be established. If you consider that you will be eating dinner, whether at church or at home, LOGOS demands are not extravagant. In the past, I have talked to my sons' teachers and they have always been willing to work out a solution that works when they know it is "church night". However, if it remains a problem, talk to Amanda and we can talk about possible solutions.

**Does every child need to go to worship skills? My child doesn't like music!** Yes. Worship Skills is not always music, there are other ways we learn to praise God through participating in worship. Whether it is music or another way, we are offering praise to God! Your child is learning various ways to give personal service to God and the church.

**Can't we do away with dinner and save time, trouble, and money?** To have only part of the program destroys the essence of its success. Eliminating any part of the program diminishes its importance and success by over one-half. The value of LOGOS is not the activities offered, but a total program of growing relationships.

### **What about Worship on weekends?**

This is actually the 5<sup>th</sup> part of LOGOS. Worship is the heartbeat of the church. Attendance is expected at worship as often as possible and especially when Worship Skills groups participate.

**I work late and cannot easily help. What should I do?** There are many areas where help is needed at different times. We can help you work out a volunteer assignment that fits your schedule and interests.

**Can my neighbor, who belongs to another church, join?** The program is open to all children in the community. However, it will be occasionally required for children to attend worship services at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church. They will need to attend when their worship skills class is leading a part of the worship service at SPUMC.

**Doesn't this compete with Church School?** No. LOGOS enhances other Christian education systems. The children come to the church as closer friends and with a better background to add to class discussions.

**How important is it for my child to be in worship service?** Very!! We feel the weekend worship experience is central to your child's spiritual growth. We will expect them to be present.

**Does my child have to attend all four parts of the program?** Yes! All four parts are interdependent and make an essential contribution to the success of the whole.

### **What else can I do to help my youth in LOGOS?**

Insist on regular attendance in the program and in worship; particularly those services in which your child will be leading a part of the worship.

Be sure your child brings his/her Bible to class each week (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up). If they do not have a Bible, talk to Amanda.

Fulfill your volunteer commitment of LOGOS service. Volunteer staff members are working for their Lord in committing this time for the development of young people; and you, by giving of your time, can render a vital service to our children.

When your child is scheduled to lead in worship, it is important that you help your child fulfill this commitment by getting him/her to church and rehearsals, if scheduled, on time. If your child can't be there, please call the Worship Skills leader or Coordinator.

Participate in and encourage daily Bible reading and family devotions at home. Stress the importance of courtesy and good behavior at LOGOS.



## **LOGOS 2017-2018 Calendar**

LOGOS Staff Training: Saturday, Sept. 16th

8:30am Gathering Time/ Fellowship/Light Breakfast

9-10:30am GenOn Ministries Workshop on Discipline with Love

10:40-11:30am LOGOS Staff training and Coordinator Check-in

Family Movie Night: Mr. Peabody and Sherman, Saturday, Sept. 9th at 6pm

### **1st Semester**

October 4th	Introduction to Time Travel- Wear your LOGOS Shirt
October 11th	Mr. Peabody and Sherman- Wear your LOGOS Shirt
October 18th	History of Farming- Dress Like a Farmer
October 25th	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame- Wear your favorite band's gear
November 1st	State Fair Night- Wear your blue ribbon blue
November 8th	Renaissance Florence- Wear your favorite color
November 15th	History of Flight- Wear your LOGOS shirt
November 22nd	No LOGOS- Happy Thanksgiving
November 29th	Noah's Ark- Wear your LOGOS shirt
December 6th	Apollo 11- Wear your LOGOS shirt
December 13th	Birth of Jesus- Wear Green or Red

**December 21st and December 28<sup>th</sup>, January 3rd WINTER BREAK**

### **2nd Semester**

January 10th	1950s Beach Party (Teen Beach Movie)- Dress for the Beach (No Swimsuits Please)
January 17th	Martin Luther King Jr. and Civil Rights- Wear your LOGOS Shirt
January 24th	World's Fair in Chicago- Wear your LOGOS Shirt
January 31st	Let's Go to the Movies- Wear your pajamas
February 7th	Heart of the Church Night- Wear Red
February 14th	Ash Wednesday- Wear Purple
February 21st	President's Day- Wear your LOGOS Shirt
February 28th	Under the Big Top- Wear your LOGOS Shirt

March 7th  
March 14th  
March 21st

Wild West- Dress like a Cowboy or Cowgirl  
Mr. Peabody and Sherman- Wear your LOGOS shirt  
Year End Celebration---20 years of LOGOS

## **LOGOS BOARD**

Elementary Director  
Middle School and High School Director  
Pastoral Support

Amanda Hinthorn  
Autumn Hartman  
Rev. Jenny Arneson

Bible Study Coordinator      Mark Engle

Worship Skills Coordinator      Cecily Brose

Recreation Coordinator      Emily Clevenstine

Family Time Coordinator      Hillary lobenstein and Jill Bandli

Treasurer      Lisa Wink

Kitchen Co-Coordinators      Joe Kott

High School Coordinator      Jack Clevenstine

Nursery Coordinator      Kelly Nelson