

August 2018

Dear Life Plus Parents and Guardians,

Fall is just about here again and Life Plus will soon start a new season!

We look forward to having your children join us for Life Plus this fall and are excited for the new season beginning on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 6:15 p.m. Feel free to share this information with other parents whose children may be interested in Life Plus!

Please print this entire document and ensure you read the Safe Church Guidelines. The Registration Form and Parental Consent and Medical Forms will need to be completed for each child and mailed to:

Angie Meester
Christian Reformed Church
807 Grant Street
Parkersburg, IA 50665

Please mail your registrations so they are postmarked no later than August 31, 2018. You may also email them to me at am14341@cedarnet.org.

You should keep the Safe Church Guidelines to refer to throughout the year.

We look forward to receiving your children's registrations and seeing you all again on September 12!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 319-240-7708.

In Christ,

Angie Meester

Christian Reformed Church
Life Plus Coordinator

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

LIFE PLUS

2018-2019 Registration

Grade (circle one): Preschool (must be 4 yrs old) Kaleidoscope

Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade

Child's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Child's Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Dad's Cell Phone Number: _____

Mom's Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

At which church does your family worship on Sundays? _____

Vehicle Information for Picking Up Children

Color and Type of Vehicle _____

License Plate Number _____

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE LIFE PLUS GUIDELINES

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2018-2019 PARENTAL CONSENT AND MEDICAL FORM

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

I _____
(Parent or Guardian)

give permission for _____
(Name of Child)

to participate in the regularly scheduled activities of the following children's programs:

_____ Life Plus
_____ Sunday School
_____ Young Peoples Society

I have read and agree with the children's program guidelines, if any. I give permission to the supervisors of the activity to secure needed emergency medical treatment for the child named above. In case of accident or injury during the activity, I release the supervisors from all liability not covered by insurance.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Telephone/Cell Number _____

Additional Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Additional Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Family's Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

Allergies _____

Current Medications (Name, Dosage, Time of Administration) _____

Other Pertinent Medical Information _____

**PARKERSBURG CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
LIFE PLUS
SAFE CHURCH GUIDELINES**

Liability

No one will hold the Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church, nor any and all persons associated with said church, liable for any accidents or incidents which may occur while his/her child is arriving at, attending, or departing any church-sponsored classes/events, either on the church property or away from the facility. Parents/guardians assume all responsibility for their children before, during, and after all church-sponsored classes/events.

Scheduled Time

Life Plus begins at 6:15 pm. and ends at 7:45 pm.

Five minutes will be scheduled to line up the children for dismissal from 7:45-7:50 pm. Pick-up time afterwards will be 7:50 - 8:00 pm.

Children are not allowed to be outdoors without adult supervision either before or after Life Plus. Children should not arrive at Life Plus prior to 6:10 pm. Our goal is to have everyone on their way home by 8:00 pm.

Dropping Off Children

Only the south front entrance doors will be open for the start of Life Plus and should be used by all children and parents/guardians. The other doors will remain locked at the start of and during Life Plus.

Dismissal of Children

Picking Up Children Via Vehicle — Parents/guardians should form a pick-up line on the east side of the church using the driveway under the carport, entering from the north on Lincoln Street and leaving the grounds by turning east onto Grant Street to avoid traffic situations. The children leaving by vehicle will be waiting in the fellowship hall and should be ready when their vehicle is in line alongside the church.

Picking Up Children Who Are Walking/Biking — Parents/guardians should park on the south side of the church and must come into the church foyer to pick up their children.

Children Who Are Walking/Biking Alone — Children walking or biking home alone MUST have a note to be released. If children do not have a note, the parent/guardian will be telephoned.

Children Who Have Alternate Rides Home — If another person is to bring your child home, the parent/guardian MUST send a note along with him/her, and that person must identify himself/herself to Life Plus staff prior to the child being released to that person. He/she must also follow the appropriate pick-up procedures.

EXCEPTION — If a parent is helping his/her child with the nightstand project, and has ONLY that child that will be going home with him/her that evening (no siblings, friends), that parent and child may leave together and are not required to go through the vehicle pick-up line.

Activities Away From Church

In the event of an activity scheduled away from the church, parents/guardians will sign a

permission form if their child is allowed to attend the event and will also be responsible for their child's transportation to and from that event.

Classroom Rules

Classroom rules will be posted in each area of activity and will be discussed with the children at the first meeting of the season. Basic rules include:

1. Stay in your assigned seat/space.
2. No running in church.
3. Keep your hands, feet, etc., to yourself. Respect other peoples' space.
4. No shoving, pushing, hitting, horseplay, etc.
5. Foul/obscene language is not allowed.
6. Everyone is expected to help clean/straighten up after their activities, if necessary.
7. Ask the adult in charge to use the restroom, if necessary.

First offense for not following rules = Warning

Second offense = Time out and notification of Life Plus Coordinator. The time out will not be longer in minutes than the child's age in years (5 years old = 5 minute time out).

Third offense = Life Plus Coordinator will contact parents/guardians and pastor to discuss the situation and a solution.

Illness, Injury, Medical Situations

Any known allergies, medical conditions, etc. must be listed on the registration form.

In the event of an injury or illness, other than minor occurrences, parents/guardians will be notified.

It is requested that children not attend Life Plus if they are ill or have a fever or contagious disease. This includes, but is not limited to:

Common Cold	Influenza
Mumps	Measles
Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough
Strep Throat/Infection	Chicken Pox
Sinus Infection	

If a child comes down with a contagious disease while attending Life Plus, the Life Plus director will need to be contacted so that other parents and children may be made aware of the illness.

Cancellation

If A-P schools are dismissed early or canceled due to inclement weather, Life Plus will also be canceled that evening. If A-P schools have a late start, that will not affect Life Plus. It will continue as scheduled. Early dismissals due to teacher in-services will also not affect Life Plus.

Sporting events or other school activities that are scheduled or rescheduled on Wednesday evenings (such as playoffs or postponed activities) will automatically cancel Life Plus.

Emergency Situations

If a severe thunderstorm warning, tornado watch, tornado warning, or winter storm

warning is in effect one hour prior to Life Plus (5:15 pm.), Life Plus will not be held. If one of these watches or warnings is issued during Life Plus, the children will be moved to the designated safe areas in the church basement (council and nursery rooms on west side) to await the arrival of parents/guardians. Depending on the weather situation, caution should be used in determining when to pick up your children. Everyone's safety is our primary concern.

We may occasionally hold safety drills to ensure the children are aware of what to do in case of an emergency situation.

Tote/Project Bags

Personal bags will be provided to each child at the beginning of the Life Plus year. Children are expected to bring this bag each week to enable them to take their worksheets, crafts, and other items home. This alleviates the need for plastic shopping bags and makes it much easier for the children to remember all their items without losing them. They should consider this their Life Plus school bag/back pack.

Information Via Email

Paper newsletters and Life Plus information will no longer be provided, as we will now send the information home via email. In the event you do not have an email address, an exception will be made if you note that on the registration form and a paper copy will be provided.