

MN235 Preaching with Children

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One Credit

Elective, Residential/Synchronous Only

Meets Youth and Family Ministry Requirement (old curriculum)

Course Description:

This course explores the theological purpose of and best practices for children's sermons, as well as "regular" sermons for which children are present. Topics for conversation include preaching the gospel (rather than moralism), taking children seriously as present (and not merely future) members of the body of Christ, and the image of God we foster in children by how and what we preach. All students will preach a children's sermon.

Outcomes:

1C. Proclaiming the Lutheran doctrine of justification by grace through faith in Christ

2A. Encountering and reflecting upon multiple, often conflicting, intersectional realities in ourselves, our churches, and the world.

2C. Practicing evangelical listening and sharing the faith with others.

Reading List:

Required

- *Spiritual Conversations with Children: Listening to God Together* by Lacy Finn Borgo
- *Preaching with Children* by Ann M. Garrido

Recommended

- *The Gifts They Bring: How Children in the Gospels Can Shape Inclusive Ministry* by Amy Lindeman Allen
- *The Sense of Wonder: A Celebration of Nature for Parents and Children* by Rachel Carson
- *Let the Children Come: A Baptismal Manual for Parents* by Daniel Erlander
- *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith Miller