



Katelyn Rudolf

(Lead Teacher - Infant/ Toddlers)

About Me: I have been working at Circle of Friends for 4 years. I recently got engaged to my boyfriend Jake and we are planning a wedding in 2012. I like shopping, hanging out with my friends, and helping Jake race at Slinger Super Speedway.

Education: I attended St John's Lutheran School for Pre K3 through 8th grade. I attended high school at Living Word Lutheran High School in Jackson. I am currently attending Moraine Park for an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education.

Five values I wish to pass on to children:

1. Be honest
2. Trust in yourself
3. Strive for your dreams
4. Remember that with God's help you can do anything
5. Live up to Christian morals and values

My favorite Bible Verse is: Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." It reassures me that God will always be there for me.

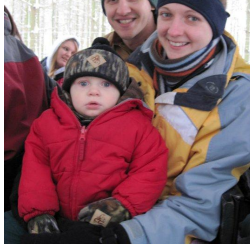
When I was little: I wanted to be a mommy. I always loved babies and playing with them.

The biggest role model in my life: Are my parents.

I enjoy working with children because: I love knowing I have taught them things they need to know and they make me smile.

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Mel Raddemann

(Lead Teacher - 4 year room)

About Me: I have been married to my husband Doug for just over 5 years. We have been blessed with a son, Elias. We both have gained an appreciation for family times. We also enjoy playing and watching a variety of sports.

Education: I have my Bachelors degree in Early Childhood with a minor in Adaptive Education from Concordia University Wisconsin.

5 values I wish to pass on to children are

1. faith in God
2. love
3. respect for others
4. good manners
5. a desire to help others

My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps %may have plans/goals for my life-but in the end the Lord determines if/how/when I get there.+

When I was little I wanted to be a teacher. My mom said that I always played school as a child and I just had to be the teacher every time.

The biggest role model in my life are my parents- they are truly a blessing!

I enjoy working with children because I enjoy teaching children new things- to watch them as the light turns on and that they have reached an understanding.



Summer Davis

(Assistant Teacher - Infant/1 year rooms)

About Me: I am originally from Iowa City, IA and lived in Wisconsin since 2002. My husband Brian and I have been married for five years and are blessed with our daughter Aubrey. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading and traveling.

Education: I have my BBA in Business Management from the University of Iowa. I am returning to school in fall of 2011 to obtain my teaching certificate from Marian University.

5 values I wish to pass onto children:

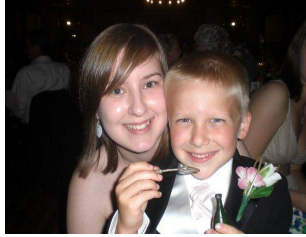
- 1) Love
- 2) Faith
- 3) Kindness
- 4) Caring
- 5) Compassion

My favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: Faith, hope and love. But the greatest gift of these is love. This is one of my favorite bible verses because it was read in my wedding and I also believe that love is one of the greatest gifts from God.

When I was little I wanted to be too many things to name but I know I always wanted to be a mom.

The biggest role model in my life my parents.

I enjoy working with children It brings me joy to watch them grow and learn. Their smiles and hugs are one of the greatest gifts in the world.



Trisha Rudolf

(Summer Program & Substitute Teacher)

About Me: I am a senior at UWM. In my free time I like to spend time with my friends and boyfriend. I also enjoy playing volleyball and reading.

Education: I graduated from Living Word Lutheran High School and have completed two years of college at UWWC. I am currently attending UWM for a degree in Early Childhood Education.

5 values I wish to pass onto children are

1. honesty
2. kindness towards their friends and teachers
3. a strong faith
4. obedience
5. respect

My favorite bible verse is Psalm 117:2- For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD+It shows us how much the Lord loves us and how He will always be faithful to what He promises+

When I was little I wanted to be a teacher- I love being around children and enjoy teaching them new things.

The biggest role model in my life is my parents.

I enjoy working with children not only do I get to teach them new things but they teach me new things every day! I love being able to interact with them.



Cheryl Wojtasiak

(Office Assistant & Substitute Teacher)

About Me: I am married with two children. We live in West Bend and have one cat. I like to read, do crafts and have fun with my children. I also love animals and volunteer at the Washington County Humane Society.

Education: I graduated from Kewaskum High in 1985. I received certification in Early Childhood from WECA in 2006, and I also received certification as a Vet Assistant in 1995.

5 values I wish to pass onto children are being kind and generous with your love and time; don't forget God up above and all that He has created. Look in a mirror from time to time, you can see YOU! Family and friends will always be there for you, and finally remember the 3 B's. Be Happy, Be Healthy and Be Safe. There is only one of you. That you are very precious and loved, God doesn't make junk.

My favorite bible verse is **Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope

When I was little I wanted to be a nurse. I like to help people.

The biggest role model in my life is a friend who is a nurse.

I enjoy working with children because I like to help children learn new and fun things.



Cheryl Rudolf

(Director of Children's Ministry)

About Me: I have been employed at St. John's since Oct., 2001. I enjoy shopping, interior decorating, and spending time with my family. My husband Dan and I have been blessed with 5 wonderful children. Trisha attends UWM for Early Childhood Education; Katelyn attends MPTC for Early Childhood; Lexi attends UWVC for a degree in Neonatal Nursing; Macki is a Sophomore at Living Word Lutheran High School and enjoys playing volleyball; and Christian is in 3rd grade at St. John's Lutheran School. He loves hunting, fishing, and baseball!

Education: K5-8th grade I attended David Star and Good Shepherd Lutheran Schools. I am a graduate of West Bend East High School and continued my education at Moraine Park in Accounting.

5 values I wish to pass onto children are

1. Faithful commitment to the Lord in the lives we lead
2. Love unconditionally
3. Respect everyone
4. Honesty is always best, no matter how bad or hard the consequences may be
5. Generosity - all we have is from the Lord, so be fruitful to others and give abundantly

My favorite bible verse is Joshua 24:15, Choose you this day whom you will serve; as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

When I was little I wanted to be a teacher. They showed so much love and patients and could always make me smile.

The biggest role model in my life is my MOM! She is the most hard working, generous women I know. I give thanks for all she has done to help my family and for instilling Christian values in my life!

I enjoy working with children In today's society, it is necessary for both parents to work outside the home. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to provide a loving, Christian environment in which our Circle of Friends staff can assist parents in caring for the children the Lord has blessed them with.



Nancy Legate

(Lead teacher 3 year room)

About Me: I grew up and went to school in the West Bend area. I was married in June 1988 to my husband Daniel and have two wonderful children. Tiffany, currently a full time student at Concordia University in Mequon, is studying Physical Therapy, Our son Steven will be graduating in 2011 from West Bend West High School and is going on to Carthage College for Pre Medicine. We are members of God's family here at St. John's Lutheran church.

Education: I have completed classes at MATC in Mequon for Early Childhood and have my certificates for infant and toddlers. I am also certified in Red Cross First Aid and Infant/Adult CPR. I have worked at two other centers and ran an at home day care for 8 years. I have been working for Circle of Friends, almost from its beginning, since 2004.

5 values I wish to pass onto children are: respect for others feelings and possessions, that way they can respect themselves. Honesty and being truthful are values that are very important to me. I like to tell children that no matter what happens, they should always tell the truth. Caring for others and giving back help children to be well rounded and gives them a feeling of being important. Finally and most important teach spiritual values. These will guide a child through their whole life and teach them right from wrong.

My favorite bible verse is John 13:34 ~~the~~ new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.+I try to instill this verse in everyone I touch because if you love one another how can you hurt them. I think if everyone would just think of this verse before acting on their feelings there would be more peace and love in the world.

When I was little I wanted to be a veterinarian. I loved animals and I wanted to be able to help pets stay healthy and strong. I always had pets and to this day I still do. I realized in high school that I did not have strong science skills so I changed my dream. After taking a class in child development I realized I wanted to work with young children.

The biggest role model in my life is My mom was my biggest role model. She taught me a lot about caring for others and how to raise a family even through the roughest of times. She was always ready to just listen to me and not judge.

I enjoy working with children and helping them learn and explore the world around them. To see their faces when they see something new or master a new skill is priceless. Young children have no cares. I love their innocence and love for life.



Lisa Stoffel

(Afternoon Teacher - 3 year room)

About Me: I am the mother of two wonderful children; Sam is 19 and a sophomore at Concordia (Moorhead, MN), and Ellen is 15 and will be a sophomore in high school. I recently moved back to West Bend, where I grew up, after being away for 13 years. We also have a rescue dog, Moose, who lives up to his name.

Education: I graduated from West Bend East in 1983. I attended UW-Milwaukee and UW-Madison. I recently finished my bachelors degree in history and am currently working on my masters degree in education and technology.

5 values I wish to pass onto children are:

1. To be kind to others, even when they may not be kind to us.
2. To appreciate and love all that God has created: people, animals and nature.
3. To be yourself and know that you are the only you and cannot be replaced.
4. To know you are never alone. God is always with you.
5. To love yourself and who you are.

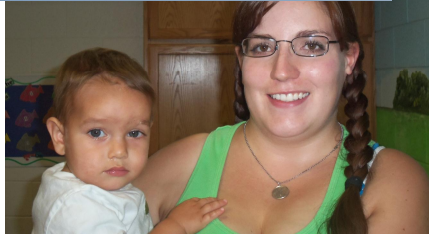
My favorite bible verse is: Psalm 46: 10-11

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. +The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. +We all need to take the time to be still so that we can hear God. He is always with us so we do not need to be afraid.

When I was little I wanted to be a doctor. I thought that being a doctor would be the best way to help others. Now I know that everyday we are given an opportunity to help another person, even if it is just with a kind word or a hug!

The biggest role model in my life is: This is a hard question because so many people have been influential in my life. However, I will always remember my history professor at UW-Milwaukee, Professor Stagakis. He showed me how history can be enjoyable and extremely useful. He is why I changed my major from pre-med to history.

I enjoy working with children: Children are so honest and open and loving. We are given a great gift when we are allowed to help them grow and learn and learn to love themselves and the world around them.



Trisha Nell

(Teacher - Infant/One year rooms)

About Me: I live in Cedarburg with my Parents and attend Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grafton. I am 21 years old and in my free time I love to read and study German.

Education: I graduated from Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in 2008 and studied at Wisconsin Lutheran College and Moraine Park Technical College.

My Favorite Bible Verse is: Deuteronomy 31:6 **Be** strong and courageous, do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God is with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you.+This reminds me that nothing in life is worth fearing because God is always there.

Five values I wish to pass on to children: Faith, Compassion, Respect, a desire to learn, and Kindness towards others.

When I was little: I loved helping my mom with the children she babysat for. Ever sense then I knew I wanted to spend my life with children.

The biggest role model in my life: Was my Grandmother. She was a very strong Christian woman. I work to have a faith like hers and I also learned the importance of family from her.

I enjoy working with children because: Children always love you, even if you're having a bad day. I love how children see the world and try to see the world the same way. Children get so excited about learning new things and I love helping them learn.



Lauren Heller

(Assistant Teacher - After School Program)

About Me: I would be outside enjoying creation all day and into the night if I could. I am a wife (to Rick), mom (to Simon), daughter and sister to 6 siblings.

Education: Bachelors degree from University of Milwaukee in education and broad field science. I am studying what it means to be a child of God at St. Johns.

Five values I wish to pass on to children:

1. God is Awesome- life is better when we fear, love, trust and worship Him.
2. God blesses us through the authority He places in our lives.
3. Be honest to ourselves, others and God.
4. We aren't perfect, repent often, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.
5. Accept and offer forgiveness always.

When I was little: I wanted to be a Dentist like my Grandfather, because he gave people rides up and down on his big chair.

Bible Verse: Luke 22:19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me" given for you +

The biggest role model in my life: Jesus is my role model and my Savior. Thank God for the examples of St. Paul who considered himself to be in Christ.

My mom who depended on Christ to nourish us and protect us.

My son Simon who said God is the only interesting thing on earth.

My courageous husband Rick trusts God in the struggles of our life.

I enjoy working with children because: When Rick and I got married, I wanted 10 children. Rick wasn't so sure and God gave us one child. I am thankful for God bringing more kids into my life so we can grow, in His love together.



Sandi Peterson

(Assistant Director)

About Me: I will be married to my husband Brad 7 years in October. We have two amazing children, Samantha who is 3 years old and a son, Landon, who was born in October of 2010. When I am not chasing our daughter to dance class or gymnastics and changing my son's diapers, I enjoy cooking or baking, watching sports, doing activities outside of the house with my children or spending time with our families and friends.

Education: I graduated from West Bend West High School in 1998, and received my associate's degree in Early Childhood from Moraine Park Technical College in 2000. I continued my education and received a bachelor's degree in speech communication with a minor in broad field social studies from Concordia University Wisconsin in 2003.

5 values I wish to pass onto children are:

1. Know right from wrong
2. Live up to your Christian values
3. Never be afraid to be yourself; you don't have to do what every one else is doing.
4. Be honest and always tell the truth. If you say something mean to someone you can never take it back, and those words may affect them the rest of their life.
5. Always remember God created you and you're beautiful no matter what anyone says.

My favorite bible verse is: Psalm 127:3 Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.

When I was little I wanted to be either a policewoman or an Air force pilot. I am not sure if it's because I thought they wore cool uniforms or the fact that I would be going after bad people. Yeah that changed.

The biggest role model in my life is my Grandma Klug! She is always there for our family no matter what. She never judges any of us and gives her opinion in a tactful way. Lastly, she is hard working, strong, independent, and has a very strong faith. My mom is also a role model because she is my best friend and is always there for me when I need her.

I enjoy working with children I love working with children, helping them learn new things, and watching them grow into little people. I also enjoy seeing them smile every day and hearing them laugh. They also tell the best stories ever!!!



Desiree Kuehl

(Substitute Teacher for summer)

About Me: I am a member at St. Johns Church. I have an older brother who attends Concordia University Wisconsin and is studying to be a pastor, a twin brother studying accounting and a little sister who is a sophomore at Kewaskum High School. In my free time I enjoy playing sports, being around children, reading and writing stories.

Education: I graduated from Kewaskum High School in 2008 and will be graduating from Moraine Park Technical this May with a degree in Early Childhood Education. After graduation I plan on transferring to Concordia Mequon to get my bachelor's degree.

5 values I wish to pass onto children are:

1. Patience
2. Love
3. Faith in God
4. Kindness
5. Good Manners

My favorite bible verse is: Isaiah 41:10: +So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.+

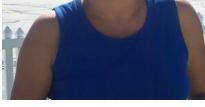
When I was little I wanted to be a ballerina.

The biggest role model in my life is my mom and God; they have both always been there for me.

I enjoy working with children: They make me smile all the time. I always have fun interacting with them and it's interesting watching them grow.

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Carla Bruskievicz

(Assistant Teacher - Infant/1 year rooms)

About Me: I have been married 13 years to a wonderful man named Chris and we have been blessed with three children Dominic, Carolann and Marlo. I am also a mom to three beautiful step-children. We are very active members at St. John's Church.

Education: A graduate from Milwaukee Vincent.

5 values I wish to pass onto children are:

1. Read the Bible
2. Exercise and Eat Healthy (mine, body and soul)
3. Always be kind and forgiving
4. Don't be afraid. Always have faith in God.
5. Always be thankful of what God has provided.

My favorite bible verse is: Matthew: 20-22 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, %I only touch His cloak, I will be healed.+ ²² Jesus turned and saw her. %Take heart, daughter,+He said, %your faith has healed you.+And the woman was healed at that moment.

It reminds me to be steadfast in my faith, that only through faith and true belief in Jesus Christ are all things possible.

When I was little I wanted to be a baseball player. I enjoy playing sports and baseball.

The biggest role model in my life is my grandmother. She had 11 children, 28 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren. She taught me patience, forgiveness, and how to love big.

I enjoy working with children: Children are a wonderful blessing from God. I consider it a privilege to be able to provide a safe, secure and God loving environment for them to grow.



Sonia Taylor

(Assistant Teacher - Infant/1 year rooms)

About Me: My husband Steve and I have three beautiful children Nick (7) Hannah (5 ½) and Josh (3 ½). I was a former teacher at the West Bend High Schools. Originally from IL, I'm a big Bear\$ Fan! I also own my own company called %Sonia\$ Sassy Gifts+in which I make unique gifts for infants and toddlers.

Education: Bachelors in English and Education; Minors in Psychology and Sociology. I took master courses in reading and I'm certified to teach grades 8-12 and Lutheran Education.

5 Values I wish to pass on to children

1. Love of Jesus, friends and family and their importance.
2. Honesty
3. Respect for self and others
4. Gratitude
5. Appreciation of life and its opportunities, especially for fun and learning

My Favorite Bible Verse is: Isaiah 40:31 %Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary they will walk and not be faint.+

When I was little I wanted to be: A veterinarian or marine biologist.

The biggest role model in my life is my grandparents and parents

I enjoy working with children because I love to watch as lights of learning brighten their faces. Every day is different and they are just fun in their individual energies.