



### Please Join Us

You are invited to the installation of Pastor Brahm and Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith into the ministry of Trinity on Sunday, June 9, at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship. Rev. Greg Kaufmann of the NW Synod of WI will preach and preside at the rite of installation.

Pastors Brahm and Sarah will begin on June 4. You can read more about them at trinity-ec.org

## Reconciling: Task Force Approved

The Council of Trinity has formed a task force to provide for the study and educational process leading to a decision for our congregation to adopt an Affirmation of Welcome for LGBT people. In a time when the voices of fear or ignorance speak to public discussion on sexuality issues in our society, the work of the Reconciled In Christ Task Force will be to lead the process as outlined in materials from reconcilingworks.org The task force will invite all the people of Trinity to be included, educated, and informed of the meaning and purpose of the RIC Affirmation of Welcome.

The task force is comprised of Paul Karker (Chair), Sarah Wright (Secretary), Dan Alexander, Peggy Casper, Erik Dovre, Sharon Bram, and Ron Retzlaff. Please pray for the process they'll lead for our congregation.

## Safety Task Force

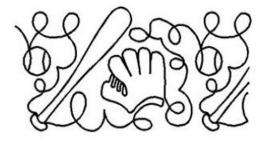
The Safety Task Force has continued their work on the following goals:

- To review and update the Guidelines for the Protection of Children, Youth, and Those Who Work With Them.
- To examine the safety and security of our facility with regard to programming and facility use, and to make short and long-term recommendations to the church council.

The Trinity website will be updated periodically with notes on the Task Force's progress; please check that for further information. If you have additional questions, comments, or concerns, please contact any of the Task Force members: John Moen (chair), Lanette Hesse (secretary), John Rush, Mary Schoenknecht, Jeanne Cooper, Cassie Brenden, Anne Josephson, Marlee Knickerbocker, Mike Voelker, and Heather Day.

# Churches of Our Synod to Meet

The Northwest Synod of WI meets in assembly June 1–2 at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire. The theme "All Things New" was chosen to recognize the new life we have in Christ and the 25th anniversary of the ELCA. The election of a new bishop will be the major item of business. The four pastors and Mary Schoenknecht will represent Trinity at this event. To learn more, visit nwsynwi.org



### "Guys and Dads"

Pastor Jim invites guys and dads to join him and his son, Ben, at Target Field to watch the Twins play the Kansas City Royals on Saturday, June 29. Game time is 3:10 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Our group will be sitting in the US Bank Home Run Porch Terrace near the main concourse level in left field. Group size is limited to 30 people. We'll caravan to Fort Snelling and take the light rail train to the stadium. For more information and to sign up, visit our website www.trinity-ec.org and click on the "Guys and Dads" link. Come on guys...let's go see the Twins!



## **High School Graduates**

On Sunday, June 2, we will recognize students who will graduate from High School this year. We wish you grace and peace in your new adventure. Go knowing God goes with you into the future! 2013 Graduates: Austin Auleta, Andrew Bien, Tyler Black, Alexandra Blackledge, Cassidy Brownell, Cooper Campbell, Lillie Cox, Anna Dovre, Betsy Fawcett, Allen Fliehr, Laura Gross, Anthony Hansen, Heidi Hujik, Blake



Klick, Brynn Larson, Zachary Luther, Megan Netzinger, Garrett Nowak, Zachariah Pater, Jaren Peplinski, Nathan Pientok, Claire Richie, Sydney Risen, Mila Schroeder, Alexis Smith, Jacob Sparger, Hunter Strozewski, Kaitlyn Tepsa, Molly Walker, Taylor Walker, Davis Walsh, Katelyn Walsh, Carter Webster, Tyler Weegman, Tyler Wilson, and Amanda Wurtzel.

## Music is the Speech of the Soul

The Trinity Choir, Tollers, and three children's choirs have concluded their season of offering music to inspire our praises of God in worship. Thank you to all singers, ringers, and instrumentalists who comprise these groups and bless us in worship. Look for the choirs starting again in September, and consider enrolling your child or joining either the Trinity Choir or Trinity Tollers yourself. The Crossword Band for teens leads Wednesday evening worship and resumes on September 11. Thank you also to Harmony In Spirit who leads praises every Sunday morning at 9:45 A.M. They serve all summer long and invite you to join them as they rehearse prior to worship at 9:10 A.M. each Sunday morning this summer. Check out trinity-ec.org Worship/Music.

#### Thank You!

Thank you to all our Sunday School and Wednesday Evening Volunteers and School Year Day Camp Leaders! Our Sunday School teachers, Wednesday Camp T.G.I.F. teachers and kitchen staff, kids' choir leaders, weekly day camp teachers and lots of other support people are taking a well-deserved rest for the summer. Did you know there are over 150 adults, middle school youth, and high school youth who volunteer on a weekly basis from September through May to teach our children the stories of faith? They come with many different talents and gifts—they love the Lord and want to share their faith with our children. Thank you to all for your dedication and commitment.

# Thank You, Uff Da Fest Volunteers and Participants

We finished up the Sunday School year with a picnic, carnival, and inflatables in Trinity's own back yard with over 390 people in attendance. Thank you to the many volunteers, both adults and youth, who made the morning a fun time for all. A special thanks to the key leaders: Sarah Pedersen & Paul Pedersen, Sandy Moszer, Andrea Jadeke, Barb & Scott Baker, Scott Mohr, Kelly Fridlund, and Anne Josephson, and to Aiming Higher, Travis & Benita, who were so willing to set up the inflatables during the threat of adverse weather conditions!

# Caring Adults Appreciated!

We have ended another year of shaping young lives with faith, the awareness of God's presence and grace, and the call to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News. The Youth Leadership Team would like to extend our gratitude to those who have volunteered to be Group Guides, Mentors, and Teen Study Leaders. Your role is essential in this journey of faith. Thank you for all you do! You have made a contribution to God's reign on earth through your loving service this year!

- Sunday Teen Study Leaders Linda Berg, Michelle Glaser, Mike Voelker, Jill Brandenburg
- Mentors Doug Auleta, Rich Belmont, Karyn Broeckert, Susan Caterer, Pam Craker, Steve Craker, Mike Emberson, Missy Emberson, Natalie Hanson, Kay Hayden, Scott Hayden, Peggy Holmstrom, Slavko Ivankovic, Shaun Messer, Nathaniel Murken, Karn Netzinger, Andra Palmer, Sarah Pedersen, Eric Pepperl, Debbie Pientok, Jeremy Proudlock, Gary Rambo, John Richie, Randy Risen, John Rush, Darrin Schober, Scott Webb, Todd Wright.
- Group Guides Austin Altmann, David Backstrom, Chrissy Baumgardner, Allison Carpenter, Darla Eilen, Chris Goodwin, Kim Hill-Phelps, Andrea Jadeke, Mary Karker, Michelle Messer, Mike Moszer, Tammy Potapenko, Karen Rosolowski, Rachel Studt, Mike Voelker, Steve Zainhofsky.

#### Friendship Group

Don't forget the outing to see the new play."The Geriatrical Theatrical," in Plymouth. For those with reservations, we leave the Trinity parking lot at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, June 12.



# Become a Home Communion Visitor

Do you enjoy visiting with people, especially those with years of rich life experience? Consider becoming a volunteer communion visitor and forming a connection with a home or facility-bound member. If interested, please contact Director of Visitation Ministries Pat Garber by calling 715.835.5801 or emailing pat@trinity-ec.org. Orientation sessions will be arranged.



## Thrift Sale Shoppers!

The Quilt Ladies would like you to know that they are in need of gently used bath towels and flat sheets. They are also accepting donations of black or white thread. We thank you for all of your past support. It is much appreciated.

## When You Are Hospitalized

The pastoral care team of Trinity makes frequent trips to visit hospitalized Trinity members. They depend upon the hospitals having your admission coded into their system. When you or a family member is admitted, please inform them of your church affiliation. Better yet, share information about planned or unexpected hospitalizations directly with us by:

- Calling or emailing (trinity@trinity-ec.org) the church office in advance of or at the start of hospitalization.
- Asking the hospital chaplain to call Trinity's office at 715.832.6601

If ever you wonder if a pastoral care team member is going to call on you, that's the time to call the church office! Thank you.

## **Prayer Link**

You are invited to join in praying for others who ask for our prayers by becoming part of Prayer Link. Each week many people ask for the prayers of the pastors, staff, and members who've agreed to pray for others. When you join Prayer Link, you will receive prayer requests via email or phone message. Then you pray wherever and whenever you can! We'll provide you a monthly update of prayers and some inspiration for your praying.

If you appreciate the benefits of prayer and are willing to pray for those who share requests, email Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org or note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of trinity-ec.org

# Women's Summer Study Group

The Women's Summer Study Group will take a video journey with Beth Moore through the Book of Daniel. This is a 12 session study beginning Monday, June 17, from 12:30–2:30 P.M. in the chapel and ending on August 26. We do not meet during VBS week. Sign up at Clipboard Central to secure a workbook. Everyone is welcome!

#### Circle Listings

#### Deborah

Thursday, June 20, 9:30 A.M. Trinity

Hostess: Helen Mateski Leader: Joyce Davis

#### Martha/Mary

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 P.M. Trinity

Hostess: Norma Linn Leader: Kathy Gjesfjeld

#### Miriam

Wednesday, June 19, 9:30 A.M.

Trinity

Hostess: Norma Marking

Leader: Group

Dorcas: No meetings in

June/July/August

Ruth: No meeting in June

Sarah: No meetings in

June/July/August

# The Chippewa Valley Women's Retreat

Mark you calendars now! The Chippewa Valley Women's Retreat will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, August 14 and 15, at beautiful Luther Park in Chetek. Registration is from 12:00–1:30 P.M. on August 14 in Luther Park's Fireside Room. Come, renew, refresh, and relax in God's creation.

## The Quilt Ladies

Come join the group! Quilting pros and novices alike are invited to join at any time. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 9:00 A.M. in Trinity's lobby. Sew a quilt, and give the everlasting warmth and comfort of God's love! Join us June 11 & 25.

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## Thrivent Member? The Choice is Yours

If you hold a qualifying insurance or annuity product with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you may have "Thrivent Choice" dollars available that could benefit Trinity and our Noah's Ark Preschool. Last year \$10,700 in Choice dollars benefitted ministries of our congregation. But about 50% of Trinity Thrivent members eligible to direct Choice dollars have not elected to have them benefit our church. Contact your Thrivent representative or log-in to your account, click Choice dollars, and elect Trinity today!

## **Nurturing Generous Lives**

Generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has to do with the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors (see Mark 12:28–31). Each of us brings our heart, mind, soul, and strength. The Old Testament word for "heart" is literally the leaning or thrust of our lives. We might call it our lifestyle or nonverbal witness. In other words, it is about how we steward 100 percent of our lives, not just the "religious" sector or the percentage we give away.

### **Good Financial News**

Your offerings to God through Trinity are so important. Thank you for giving. Each dollar you offer is invested in bringing hope and encouragement to people, advancing ministries that bring healing and faith development, and investing in missions that bring alive here and across the world our desire to "Serve in Christ's Love and Share the Good News."

For the first half of 2013, your generosity has resulted in a good financial picture. Remember that your weekly offerings to Regular Ministries and to Mortgage Payment may be made through the service of electronic fund transfer. You may set this up on Trinity's Give page at trinity-ec.org or by contacting Amber Moltzau at amber@trinity-ec.org.

Your generosity is appreciated as your church invests faithfully and wisely to make a difference in people's lives with the grace of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

## Financial Update

_	January through April	2013	2012
	Offerings to Regular Ministries	342,652	346,976
_	Expenses	305,786	330,961
_	Variation	+36,866	+16,015

April 2013 offerings for Mortgage Payment \$13,312

Monthly Mortgage payment \$8,413

Additional principal payments made in 2013: \$49,145

#### Trust Fund Awards Grants

To serve God's people in Christ's name by providing financial foundations to the ministries and missions of Trinity Lutheran Church for all generations is the purpose of the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund. This fund exists so that your values and legacy of Christian faith will live on and further God's work for generations to come. Gifts to the Endowment Trust Fund become part of a perpetual fund with earnings used to advance Trinity's ministries and global missions.

In May, the Board of the Endowment Trust Fund awarded grants that further this mission. They are grants for:

Global mission projects

- Providing shipment for school materials to Malawi, Africa where Trinity member Cam Stanley is a Peace Corp Volunteer;
- Assisting "Operation Mobilization" volunteer Allison Carpenter as she spends the summer in Hungary coaching high school students.
- Beginning additional school structures for Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica where Trinity men will build next winter.

Supporting future church leaders

- Providing tuition support toward Synod Lay School of Ministry for Jackie Krumenauer.
- Providing tuition support for our seminarian, Jamie Brieske, as she starts her final year at Luther Seminary, St Paul, MN.

Church improvements

 Assisting with Trinity office updates as space is reconfigured to accommodate a growing staff.

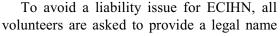
You can leave a lasting gift to the future of this mission through the wise distribution of your estate or gifts/memorials right now. When you include the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund in your charitable giving, your assets can go on to influence lives with God's love for generations to come.

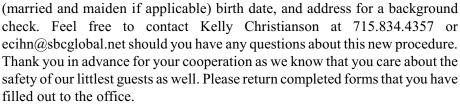
Please visit trinity-ec.org to explore creative ways you can make a difference in the world through the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund. An 11 member Board of Trustees elected by the congregation guides and carries out this mission.



## Beacon House Volunteers Needed!

Trinity will host the homeless in our area at the Beacon House June 16–19. Volunteers are needed to provide an evening meal, host evening activities, stay overnight at the Beacon House, and serve breakfast in the morning. Please pick a time when you can volunteer by signing up at Clipboard Central.





### Wish List For Beacon House

The Beacon House attempts to provide an array of personal care items as a means for clients to regain and maintain dignity, and as a necessity for those who, in finding their way to an independent and productive life, are employed or are seeking employment.

Your gifts bring added relief from the struggles and social indignities that many who come to their door must struggle with on a daily basis. You can leave your donations in the lobby in the marked tub! Thank you.

- General items for the shelter: toilet bowl cleaner, general cleaners (pine sol, disinfectants), laundry soap, fabric sheets, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner-full sized, feminine hygiene products, garbage bags-kitchen and leaf, snow shovel, sidewalk salt, adult bus passes and tokens, bath towels, alarm clocks, toilet paper, baby wipes.
- Pantry items: pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, cereal/oatmeal/cream of wheat, hearty soups, chili, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, hamburger helper, canned pasta, Rice a Roni©, Pasta Roni©, canned corn, canned peas, salt, sugar, rice, (soups cream/vegetable/chicken noodle, etc.)
- For past families: cleaning kits (mops, brooms, buckets, cleaning products, etc), diapers and pull-ups, socks and underwear up to size six, digital thermometers, dish soap, razors, sleepers, onesies, car seats/boosters-new only, baby wash, gift certificates for oil changes/haircuts.

### **Drivers Needed**

The food pantry is in need of volunteers (with pick-up trucks or similar vehicles) to pick up undistributed food from Ruby's Pantry in Elk Mound and bring it back to Trinity's food pantry. If you can help with any of the following listed times, call the church office at 715.832.6601. Drivers are needed for: Saturday, June 22, 10:30 A.M.; and Saturday, August 24, 10:30 A.M.

#### Sojourner House Volunteers Needed

Trinity Lutheran volunteers are scheduled for the Sojourner House again on Friday, June 21, from 6:30–9:30 P.M. Please check your calendars now and, if you can help, sign up at Clipboard Central. Trinity volunteers are scheduled 6:30–9:30 P.M. the third Friday of the month. If you have questions, contact Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055.

#### Sojourner House Wish List

Getting donations of the following items helps the Sojourner House to provide our residents with everything they need to stay clean, healthy, and well fed while they are at the shelter. Our list includes: bus tokens, gas cards, razors, deodorant, towels and washcloths, seasonal clothing, shoes, socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, hoodies, backpacks and reusable tote bags, dish soap, high efficiency laundry detergent, assorted cereal, facial tissue, and feminine products. You can leave your donations in the lobby in the marked tub! Thank you.

### Reaching Our Children at Flynn

The end of the school year is in sight bringing to an end our first year of providing weekend meals to the students at Flynn Elementary. We are excited to share that nearly 11,000 meals were delivered to children who struggle with hunger when school meals are not available. Each Friday, our volunteers delivered food packages which contained for two breakfasts and two lunches to Flynn to be distributed to students. In addition, our youth and other members of our congregation periodically helped pack the meals at Feed My People. If you would like to help us get started for next fall, please indicate "Friends of Flynn" on your donation. Thank you!



### Car Seat Checks

Trinity is hosting a car seat check administered by Safe Kids of the Chippewa Valley. Join us in the parking lot on Thursday, June 27, from 5:00–8:00 P.M. when trained technicians will make sure your car seat is properly fitted for your child and appropriately secured in your vehicle. Please bring your vehicle's owner manual, as well as your child's car seat instruction booklet. If a new car seat is needed, they are available for purchase. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Hospital, Center for Healthy Living.



### Free Foot and Nail Care Clinics

Please call to register for the Free Foot and Nail Clinic held at First Lutheran on Friday, June 14, from 8:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M. Registered nurses will perform foot and nail care services as part of a two-day certification program. The clinic will be supervised by a nurse practitioner certified in foot and nail care. Diabetic clients and individuals with difficult foot and nail care issues are encouraged to attend. Registration begins June 3 by calling 715.836.3636. For more information, see www.uwec.edu/ce

## Recycle Old Cell Phones

Trinity's Health Ministry Committee is collecting old cell phones for a company called "Hope Phones." Each donated phone will be refurbished and used by community health workers in medical clinics in over 230 countries around the world. Hope Phones' first pilot project distributed cell phones to community health workers in 100 rural villages in Malawi, saving thousands of dollars in travel and hospital costs and doubling the number of patients treated for diseases such as tuberculosis. Put your old cell phones in our collections boxes available in the lobby, food pantry hall, or preschool hallway. To date, Trinity has recycled 178 cell phones. Learn more about "Hope Phones" at www.hopephones.org

## **Nature Calls**

Trying to find a creative solution to a problem? Instead of sleeping on it, you might want to take a hike. A study of 52 backpackers found they scored 50% better on a creativity test after spending four days in nature, disconnected from electronic devices. It's not clear whether the wilderness or the lack of cell phones was responsible—researchers say it may be a bit of both. You can get some of the same benefits without decamping to Alaska or Colorado. Experts suggest starting with a 10–15 minute walk in the park five days a week. *Source: www.webmd.com* 

### Helping Haitians Change Haiti Through Education

Thank you for your weekly offerings to regular ministries which empower the advancing of God's reign on earth through Trinity's mission while changing lives here and across the world. Some of your offerings to regular ministries are shared with Haiti Partners that provides education for children and adults in hopes that the mercies of God bring hope and new life to the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Thank you! Remember your charitable gifts through the summer and consider the electronic service of automatic transfer from your financial institution. You can set this up and give online anytime at trinity-ec.org

# Youth Ministries

# Confirmation Students Mark Your Calendar!

- Mentor selection is due NOW for eighth grade students. Email the name of your mentor to Cassie at cassie@trinity-ec.org.
- Students who have completed Club
   please contact your assigned
   Pastor and schedule your
   appointment by July 21.
- Sunday, October 20, is the Confirmation Banquet from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room.
- Sunday, October 27, is the Affirmation of Baptism Worship at 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M.





## Join the Summertime Fun and READ!

#### New to the Trinity Library

- Between Sisters by Kristin Hannah. Description: Years ago, Meghann Dontess made a terrible choice that cost her everything, including the love of her sister, Claire. Now Meghann is a highly successful attorney who doesn't believe in intimacy—until she meets the one man who can change her mind. Claire Cavenaugh has fallen in love for the first time in her life. As her wedding day approaches, she prepares to face her strong-willed older sister. Reunited after more than two decades, these two women who believe they have nothing in common will try to become what they never were: a family. Tender, funny, bittersweet, and moving, Between Sisters skillfully explores the profound joys and sorrows shared by sisters, the mistakes made in the name of love, and the promise of redemption. (FIC HAN)
- Some Assembly Required by Anne Lamott. Description: In Some Assembly Required, Anne Lamott enters a new and unexpected chapter in her own life: grandmotherhood. Stunned to learn that her son, Sam, is about to become a father at nineteen, Lamott begins a journal about the first year



of her grandson Jax's life. In careful and often hilarious detail, Lamott and Sam struggle to balance their changing roles. By turn poignant and funny, honest and touching, *Some Assembly Required* is the true story of how the birth of a baby changes a family. (B LAM)

Population: 485 by Michael Perry. Michael Perry is a local author from New Auburn. This book about small town life has been compared to Garrison Kellor's *Lake Wobegon* and Sinclair Lewis's *Main Street. Population:* 485 was a selection for World Book Night 2013. (630 PER)

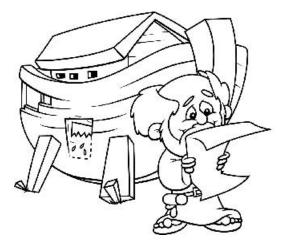
## Summer Story Time for Young Children

- Dates: June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14
- Place & Time: Trinity's Library on Sunday mornings following the 9:45 A.M. service.
- Description: Library members will be on hand to read story books. Children will receive prizes and have an opportunity to check out books.

### Trinity Page Turners Book Club

May is over, and we had our final book club meeting for the school year. After a wonderful inaugural year, we are taking the summer off to read some books on our own personal lists. BUT we will return in September for our second year of the Trinity Page Turners Book Club!

Our completed book list for 2013–2014 is available online at www.trinity-ec.org or you can pick up a brochure in the office. We have no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. So are you ready to start reading in September? We're happy to have you join us! For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org



# Noah's Ark News!

Noah's Ark is officially on summer vacation! We give thanks for a wonderful school year and are in the planning stages of the 2013–2014 school year. We have two 4–5 year old M/W/F A.M. openings and two 4–5 year old M/W/F P.M. openings. Please tell your friends! T/Th classes are FULL. We know Noah's Ark is a great place to be! Email noahsark@trinity-ec.org for more information, or pick up a BLUE brochure to give interested families.

We give thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church for our beautiful classroom, a warm and safe building, and wonderful opportunities here together. The children of Noah's Ark are blessed to call Trinity Lutheran Church their home! Hugs to the Trinity Lutheran Church congregation.

Next year we look forward to more fun including: a faith filled curriculum celebrating God's love, exciting field trips, Pastor visits, Party Programs, inside and outside play, and great friendships, both children and parents! We give God thanks for the JOY!

P.S...2013–2014 families should look for a mid-July mailing with information on the 2013–2014 school year! Don't forget, second payment options are due July 1.



# Children's Ministries

## Summer Day Camp Opportunities

We have a few openings still available. Contact Mary Schoenknecht to register or for more information at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org

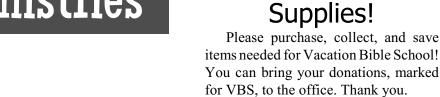
- Camp Discovery Dates: June 12–14 Time: 9:00 A.M.–12 noon
   Cost: \$40 For: Children who were three by 9.1.12 through those who have completed grade 5.
- Trinity Sports Camp Dates: June 17–19 • Time: 9:00 A.M.–12 noon • Location: Northstar Middle School • Cost: \$40 • For: Children who were three by 9.1.12 through those who have completed grade 4.
- Camp Come & Play Dates: June 24–27 Time: Session 4, 12:15–2:15 p.m. Cost: \$52 For: Children whose birth dates are between 9.1.2009 through 8.31.2010
- Camp Veggie Tales Dates: July 8–12 Time: 9:00 A.M.–12 noon Cost: \$65 For: Children who were three by 9.1.12 through those who have completed grade 5.

## 2013 Vacation Bible School Amazing Love in God's Word

Dates: July 22–26 • Time: 8:45 A.M.–12:00 noon • Cost: Suggested \$20 donation per child • For: Children who were three by 9.1.12 through those who have completed grade 6. • Description: Great and amazing are God's deeds! Join us this summer to explore five Bible stories about our amazing God: Creation, The Battle of Jericho, Queen Esther, Four Friends, and The Wedding at Cana. The Kick Off Event is Sunday, July 21, at the 9:45 A.M worship service.

## Staff Needs for VBS

Please help us as we look for teachers and student helpers (must have completed 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades) for classroom and the nursery. To Volunteer please Please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 for more information. Teachers are needed for Preschool 1 (5), Pre-Kindergarten (4) Kindergarten (3), Grade 2 (1); Grade 3 (2), Grade 4 (1).



• Jewels and gems for stepping stones

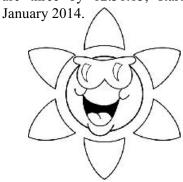
Collect VBS

Ice cream buckets with handles and lids

# Fall Programming for Young Children

These are the midweek program opportunities designed for young children during the 2013–2014 school year. Registration information will be available in July. Phone-in registration is Tuesday, July 16, beginning at 8:00 A.M. For more information, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org

- Music and Movement Mondays, for children ages 1–3, starts in September on Monday mornings.
- **Great Pretenders,** for children who are four by 12.31.13, starts in September on Tuesdays at 1:00 P.M.
- Camp Come & Play Semester One, for children with birthdates between 9.1.10 and 5.31.11, starts in September on Wednesdays with two sessions, 9:15–11:15 A.M. and 12:15–2:15 P.M.
- Thrilling Thursdays, for children who are four by 12.31.13, starts in September with morning and afternoon sessions.
- Friday Friends, for children who are three by 12.31.13, starts in January 2014





# Health Ministries

## **Summer Safety**

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1 NLT

After the long winter and rainy spring, everyone is anxious for summer and the activities that take us outdoors. To be sure you enjoy all that summer has to offer, remember to be observant and practice safety measures.

Don't miss out on the summer fun. Follow these tips when making your plans:



- Camping © Be sure to plan for unexpected weather or storms, carry plenty of water if hiking, take a map/compass to prevent getting lost, wear comfortable walking shoes, wear a hat and sunscreen for sun protection, use insect repellant for mosquitoes and ticks, and wear a whistle to use in case you get lost.
- Swimming or Boating Drowning can occur in less than two inches of water so teach your children to swim, wear properly fitting flotation devices, keep children out of hot tubs (they get dangerously overheated), use the buddy system, dive only in areas marked for diving, watch for shallow depths in lakes, and supervise all activity.
- Fireworks © Explosions of any kind are dangerous, so handle with care. Keep sparklers outside and at arm's length (they can reach 1,800 degrees), have a bucket of water nearby in case of fire, don't allow children to handle them before or after firing, and keep pets indoors as they get frightened and may get injured.
- **Bicycling ©** Head injuries are common, so protect children with properly fitting helmets, replace ones that have hit a hard surface, wear bright clothing for visibility, tie loose pant legs to prevent tangling in the chain, teach the rules of the road, never wear headphones, and maintain the bike (inflate the tires, oil the chain, adjust the handlebars, replace worn out brakes, and adjust the seat).
- Sun Exposure Sun damage is cumulative (children gather 50% to 80% of their lifetime exposure before 18) and causes wrinkles, sunburns, cataracts, damage to the immune system, and skin cancer. Be extra careful with skin protection if you have very fair skin/hair, a family history of moles, a family history of skin cancer, or take medicine that causes increased sun sensitivity. Source: www.kidshealth.org

Happy Safe Summer to all! Peace, Marti Hofer, Parish Nurse

#### Memorials & Gifts

#### **Library Fund:**

- In memory of Marion Hoesly: Elmer
   & Ann Felton, Barbara Johnson
- In memory of Willard Johnson: David & Christine Gessner

#### **Building Maintenance Fund:**

• In memory of Willard Johnson: Susan Schaefer

#### **Memorial Fund:**

- In memory of Willard Johnson: Morris & Audrey Brumberg
- In memory of Carol Mason: Bill & Beth Remington, Jack & Lois Olson, Family & Friends

#### **Mission Jamaica Fund:**

- In memory of Romaine Anderson: Eric Nelson
- In memory of Tim Voigts: Joel & Mary Strayer

#### **Habitat for Humanity Fund:**

 In memory of Tim Voigts: Joel & Mary Strayer

#### **Children's Bible Fund:**

- In honor of Sharon Engstrom's birthday: Paul Engstrom
- In memory of Marion Hoesly: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Ron & Cindy Beck
- In memory of Lillian Moltzau: Ron & Cindy Beck

#### **Food Pantry Fund:**

- In memory of Phyllis Severson: Jim & Lynn Gullicksrud
- In memory of Carol Mason: Barbara Vorhes
- In memory of Willard Johnson: Steve & Vicki Borsheim

#### **Endowment Trust Fund:**

- In memory of Marion Hoesly: Jon & Maureen Homstad
- In memory of Willard Johnson: Ron Retzlaff

#### **Lenten Offering:**

• In honor of Olivia Cooper's First Communion: Jeanne Cooper

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