

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

SUMMER 2022



All grade levels are based on grade completed in 2021-2022

The goal of Trinity's Children, Youth, and Family Ministry is for young people and their families to love God, themselves, and others, and be able to identify and positively live out Christ's presence in their lives. The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home. Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships, especially the relationship between a parent/caregiver and child.

As we navigate our ever-changing circumstances, we want young people and their families to clearly receive this message:

Because of Christ, you are **LOVED**, you **BELONG**, and you have **GIFTS TO SHARE**.

MINISTRY LEADERS

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

People of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, educational backgrounds, marital status, physical or mental ability, theological perspective, and economic conditions share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God, and as such are welcome in the worshipping community of Trinity Lutheran Church. We invite all people to be part of the faith community of Trinity.

All programs and events are open to the community, and all people are invited to participate.

INTERGENERATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 18-21 · 6:00-7:30 PM · Optional Picnic Dinner 5:00-6:00 PM

All ages are invited to Trinity's newest **holy experiment**: Intergenerational Vacation Bible School! We'll gather, learn, play, and enjoy fellowship together. Activities are designed for participation by children, youth, and adults so that **everyone** is welcome on the journey. *All children must be accompanied by an adult at VBS.*

Bring the whole family to Vacation Bible School! Intergenerational VBS will combine much-loved traditions from past summers with many new activities. There is no cost to register for Vacation Bible School, but a donation of \$5-10 per person is suggested to help cover the cost of food and supplies. [Pre-registration is required.](#) Nursery care will be provided for ages 2 and under.

Why have an Intergenerational VBS?

Many summer programs have traditionally focused on one generation being the focus of faith formation events. Kids go to VBS, families with kids may go to family camp, youth serve on a mission trip, adults participate in a book study. Intergenerational ministry brings all the generations together to learn, build relationships, and grow in faith together. Intergenerational VBS provides a way to explore this way of being the body of Christ together.

Backyard Picnic (Optional)

We'll begin each evening with an optional PICNIC in Trinity's backyard.

- Monday:** A pizza dinner will be provided for VBS participants.
- Tuesday:** Bring your own picnic dinner.
- Wednesday:** Bring your own picnic dinner.
- Thursday:** Let's grill! Trinity will provide hotdogs, burgers, and drinks. You bring a side item or dessert to share.



SUMMER STRETCH

June 15, 16; July 20, 21 · 9:00 AM –3:00 PM · Grades 6–8

Summer Stretch is a faith-centered approach to connecting community service learning and youth. Each day, youth will gather to learn about God and one another, serve our community with our time and presence, and play together through activities and fun. A minimum of 10 youth is needed to run Summer Stretch. Depending on enrollment, volunteer drivers may be needed. Cost is \$75. [Pre-registration is required.](#) For more information, contact [Ashley Olson](#).



WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Drop the kids off for fun and games in Trinity's backyard! We'll play water games, messy games, active games, silly games, and who knows what else! Invite a friend to come and play at church this summer! There is no cost to register for Wacky Wednesdays, but a donation of \$5-10 per child is suggested to help cover the cost of supplies. [Pre-registration is required.](#)



Ages 3½ –5

10:00-11:00 AM

June 15, July 13

(must be 4 by 9.1.2022)

Kindergarten-Grade 2

6:30-7:30 PM

June 15, 29, July 13

Grades 3-5

6:30-7:30 PM

June 22, July 6, 27

CAMP COME AND PLAY

Session One · June 13-15 · 9:15-11:15 AM

Session Two · July 11-13 · 9:15-11:15 AM

For kids who turn 3 between 9.1.2021 and 8.31.2022

Children will have an opportunity to play with other children their age in a safe, caring environment. They will hear Bible stories, participate in related activities, and take time out to share a treat. Camp Come and Play meets in the Noah's Ark Preschool classroom and is a great precursor to preschool! Children can register for one or both sessions. Cost is \$30 per session.

Both sessions of Camp Come and Play are full.



PLAYGROUND PLAYTIME

Thursdays · June 16-August 11 · 10:00-11:00 AM

Invite your friends and enjoy Trinity's fenced-in playground area together! The playground has a sandy surface, so there is plenty of opportunity for digging as well as exploring the playground equipment. This playground is best for ages 6 and under, but older siblings are also welcome. Trinity staff will provide a different activity each week (painting supplies, water play, etc.). No registration is needed! *Caregivers must stay with and supervise children at all times.*



LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP

Where Faith Is Nurtured Through Holy Play!

Luther Park offers a Christ-centered camping experience for children and youth. Staff is trained to help campers understand God's message of love and grace and to be positive Christian role models. All children and youth are encouraged to participate in Luther Park's summer programs.

Activities and opportunities for new experiences abound at Luther Park! Campers will have the opportunity for a variety of activities including swimming in the pool, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, archery, volleyball, basketball, arts and crafts, singing, campfire, high-energy games, and the ever-popular gaga ball and 9-square.

Trinity at Luther Park

Trinity leaders will be at Luther Park part- or full-time during the following weeks:

- **June 20-24 for Day Camp (Kindergarten-grade 3)**
- **June 26-July 1 for Overnight Camps (Grades 1-11)**

While kids can register for camp throughout the summer, we encourage you to send your child to camp during these weeks so they can build relationships with their peers from Trinity, as well as with new friends from surrounding churches.

Register for Camp

Register for Luther Park day camps or overnight camps at lutherpark.org (NOT through Trinity's website). *Discounts are available!* Register and pay in full by May 1 to receive a \$40 early bird discount. Additional discounts are available for first-time campers and for siblings.

Trinity offers scholarships (for Trinity members/active participants) toward Luther Park registration. Ask [Heather Day](#) or [Ashley Olson](#) about scholarship reimbursements.

Why Camp?

Recent research has uncovered five fundamental characteristics of Christian summer camp:

- faith-centered
- safe space
- participatory
- unplugged from home
- relational

The findings suggest that these characteristics come together to create *deeply impactful faith experiences*. Read more about the ways that faith is impacted by summer camp at effectivecamp.com.



LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP

Day Camp (Kindergarten-Grade 3) • June 20-24

Day camp is a great way for the youngest camper to get their first camp experience. Campers can sign up by the day; up to five times in a week. Trained Luther Park staff lead age-appropriate activities including Bible study, games, swimming, and much more. Day camp is provided Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, with lunch and snacks provided; Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM, with a large morning snack. **Cost: \$25/day, \$10/Friday**

Contact [Heather Day](#) for assistance in setting up carpools with other families.

Discovery Camp (Grades 1-3) • June 26-28 OR June 29-July 1

This camp is perfect for those campers who prefer a shorter week or for whom this may be their first overnight camp experience. All the fun and excitement of a full week is packed into a few days complete with s'mores and campfires! Check-in is 3:00 PM on Sunday or 9:30 AM on Wednesday, and check-out is either Tuesday at 5:00 PM or Friday at 12:00 PM. **Cost: \$205**

Seeker Camp (Grades 3-5) • June 26-July 1

Seeker Camp is five days of absolute fun and craziness. Archery, canoeing, swimming, cooking out, crazy games, worship, songs, s'mores all make for a full and fantastic week. Seeker Campers will stay in the cabins and experience much of what makes Luther Park great. Join us for a wonderful week with many old and new friends! **Cost: \$425**

Pathfinders (Grades 6-8) • June 26-July 1

Campers stay in cabins and experience a wide variety of fun activities available at Luther Park including the High Ropes course and Disc Golf course. Along with swimming and games with your new and old friends, you will get to experience amazing and creative Bible Studies, worships, campfires, and meaningful small group discussions. Pathfinders will experience a day long canoe trip on the chain of lakes surrounding Luther Park ending back at camp for an evening cook out and campout. **Cost: \$425**

Other Opportunities • June 26-July 1

Night Owls (Grades 7-9) - \$425

Art Camp (Grades 8-11) - \$425

PALS (Grades 8-11) - \$135 (two week session), \$80 (one week session)

CIT (Grades 9-11) - \$135 (two week session)

Find more information and register for camp at lutherpark.org.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

[Register for Summer Programs Here](#)

Register for Programs at Trinity

1. Complete a Registration Form for each program (one per child).

AND

2. Complete a Family Information Form (if you don't have one on file already).
 - *Hint: You already have a form on file if your child registered for a children's choir, faith formation class, or confirmation class during the 2021-2022 school year.*
 - To make changes to your Family Information form, or if you aren't sure if you have a form on file, contact Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.
3. Fees/donations can be paid online or with cash/check in the main office.

Register for Luther Park Bible Camp

- Register for all Luther Park programs at <http://lutherpark.org>
- Contact Heather Day or Ashley Olson for scholarship information.



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