

Christian Education Team Report  
July 2015

Have you taken the Pop Quiz in Tidings? We are all in this together, helping our children BELONG. Make sure you've got the answers!

Vacation Bible School is next week, July 20-24 from 6-8 pm. It is not a joint VBS this year, as the two other churches decided not to join us due to lack of children and volunteers in their congregations. We will be using the North Central "New Beginnings" team to lead our time together. We have volunteers who will be assisting them, and parish nurses available most nights.

Movie Night is coming on August 15. We will be watching Lion King on the lawn, or inside if it rains.

Sunday School Kick-Off is September 13th. We will continue with the rotation model curriculum with Preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Children explore a different story each month, and learn through cooking, games, arts, music, and story. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will continue in their class with Pastor Sarah looking at the Nativity story. We continue to work to make the 9:30-9:45 "Gathering Time" a meaningful time for our children to be together before going to their separate classrooms.

Children will always be welcome to worship with their families in the Sanctuary. As a congregation, we can welcome them into our midst and share Children's Bibles and activity bags with them. Those resources can be found in the back of the Sanctuary. We realize young children experience worship differently, so preschool through 2nd grade children are invited to leave for a short "Children's Church" worship time in the Chapel where they pray, sing, share Scripture and a story, and learn the liturgical seasons.

We are thankful to have a growing team working hard to raise up our children. We also know that Christian Education is vitally important to so many of the adults in our congregation. Adult classes are times for fellowship and feeding of our souls. However, our congregation's passion for education cannot stop with the adults. Please prayerfully consider how you can donate your time, energy, or other resources to our children's education. The children of this church would love to get to know you! We are always welcoming new Sunday School and Children's Church teachers.

Submitted,  
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