

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a joy to be able to share with you information about our 2021 Family Vacation Bible School (VBS), July 25-28! After more than a year without Sunday school or a 2020 VBS, we will once again be offering this special program in cooperation with Peace Lutheran Church in Tomah.

What is a **Family** Vacation Bible School? It is a VBS for everyone! There will be activities for all ages, and you do not need to have children in order to participate! Singles, couples, mothers, daughters, fathers, sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, families, all are invited! You are even welcome to bring your neighbors and friends (or their children, if you have their parent's permission.) The more the merrier!

We will kickoff our time together by giving thanks and praise to God in a combined worship service on **Sunday, July 25, at 9:30 a.m. (Please note the time change.)** We will gather at the lower shelter in the park in Wilton. (Some seating is available, but you may wish to bring a folding chair.) After worship, around **10:15**, the VBS activities will begin. Our theme this year is water, and the activities that have been selected, are appropriate for all ages.

At **11:00** or so, we will share a potluck dinner. Attendees from St. Paul's are asked to bring salads or side dishes. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex this Sunday to help us with planning and preparations. If you are unable to sign-up, feel free to bring a salad or side, or just come. Plates, cups, utensils, etc... will be provided. Our Peace Lutheran brothers and sisters will be providing the meat and desserts. (Note: St. Paul's is responsible for suppers on Monday and Tuesday evening. The sign-up sheet in the Narthex, will also have spaces for food contributions for those meals. If you are able to bring some food, and/or assist with meal preparation on those evenings, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.)

Vacation Bible School will continue from 5:30-8:00 p.m., Monday, July 26 through Wednesday, July 28, at St. Paul's. We will be outside as much as possible (weather permitting). In the event that we must move inside, masks will be required to insure the safety of all our children, especially those who are too young to be vaccinated.) Each evening we will begin with a meal, then an opening session. This will be followed by crafts, story time, and games for the children; and a Bible study at the same time, for the adults. We will conclude with the children and adults joining together for songs and closing activities.

Please join us for this very special program. While we would love to see you each day, you are welcome to join us on any day that you are available. Together we will celebrate being the multi-generational church family that God has created us to be. Thanks be to God!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy