

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has been so nice to be able to join together once again with Peace Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School! Due to the pandemic, our last VBS was held in 2019. How wonderful to especially see the children after so much time has passed, but "**Wow**," how much taller some of them are than in 2019!

Last night was our final evening of Family Vacation Bible School 2021. Although we had four very hot days, we had sunshine too! We were able to be outside in the shade, on the front steps of the church, and the front lawn of the church and parsonage. And we had plenty of water, lemonade and fruit drink!

Each day began with a meal, which included dishes provided by parishioners from St. Paul's or Peace Lutheran. This was followed by an opening session, complete with a skit, songs and the presentation of the theme for the day. The children and youth then rotated with their group to story time, crafts and games. Adults attendees participated in a Bible Study. At the end of the evening, we came together again for a quick review and more songs!

There are several photos that were taken during Vacation Bible School that have been posted on St. Paul's Facebook page. Please take a few minutes to look at them. You will see several familiar faces!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the VBS Program. Our children, youth and adults who participated, Pastors Dawn and Brad Lindberg, Greg and Nalani Bever, Angie and Katie Gruen, Carrie Tiber, Justin and Kirsten Arndt, Karen Arzt, Barb Bever, Barb Forseth, Gwen Nelson, several of our youth attendees who pitched in when needed, and all of the people from both churches who provided food for the meals. I would also like to thank St. Paul's council members Steve Brandau, Sr., and Lori Brueggen, for preparing the church and parsonage grounds; Thadyn Conner, for getting the church building ready; and April Arndt for her work with our Facebook page. Thanks as well, to all the parents, grandparents, and other relatives who dropped off and picked up the children each day. We had a successful VBS, because of the assistance of many people. Thank you!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy

P.S. Just a reminder--there will be **no worship service at St. Paul's this Sunday** (August 1) due to the ecumenical service at Wilton Fest at 10 a.m.