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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 12th -16th
9:00-11:30 AM



Vacation Bible School is a time for children age 3 through 5th grade to gather for a week to learn about becoming stewards of their environment through activities, music, stories, and further understanding of the Parable of the Sower. Becky Kirsh, Educational Ministries Coordinator, is asking for a number of things that will help in the activities, so please let her know if you have any of the following to contribute.

A straw hat	Seed packets (empty or full)	Stones or rocks (ping-pong to tennis ball sized)
A visor	Cereal box tops	Unwanted potted plants
A trucker's hat	Bandanas	Fruit pits & other large fruit/tree seeds (clean, of course!)
Gardening magazines/catalogs	Fabric scraps	Leftover birthday party supplies
Garden themed stencils	Egg cartons	
Plastic flower pots	Gently used pillow cases	
Lots of yogurt containers	2-5 quart plastic containers	

She is looking to **borrow** a few things, too, and promises to return them in excellent condition:

Buckets	Watering cans	Safe gardening tools
Gardening gloves	Toy cash register	

Please be sure to label any items you want back!

VBS is open to community children as well as First Church family, so grab a registration form from the wire rack in the foyer and share it with your children's friends and family.

Please check the bulletin board for a chance to help sponsor portions of this week through monetary donations. The week is free for the children, but there are costs that would be covered easily if a number of people choose to sponsor a small portion of the expenses.

NEAL OMI MISSION CLASSIC GOLF OUTING

Registration for the Neal Omi Mission Classic Golf Outing is building up, and the committee planning the event is urging everyone to gather friends to make a foursome (or more) for 18 holes at Glendale Lakes Golf Club. It's a **Friday** this year, and it's also **Friday the 13th**...of August. That's not so far away now, so please fill out the registration form in the wire rack in the foyer and let the organizers know that you'll be there. Single golfers will be paired with others to make a foursome, but it is expected that there will be a lot of already-joined foursomes for the day. Shotgun start is at noon, following 11 AM registration and lunch.

The \$125 fee includes 18 holes, cart, grilled lunch, dinner buffet with more selections than anyone can think of eating, and 2 drink tickets good for soft drinks or domestic beer. Add event, raffle, and door prizes, cash bar, bean bag toss, and it's a full day. Non-golfers may enjoy the dinner and all the event plusses for \$25, but those participants need to sign up early, too.

As a fundraiser shared by the Youth Community for its Mission Trip as well as by First Church budget, there is also an additional way to contribute by sponsoring a hole for \$100.

Questions? Contact Matt Kirsh at 630-495-5640 or mkirsh@colkyandkirsh.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets all summer long, and there is still a need for teachers for August 1st and 29th plus September 5th. Please contact Becky Kirsh, Educational Ministries Coordinator, at 630-629-2630, ext. 15, or bkirsh@firstchurchoflombard.org to volunteer to help on any (or all!) of those days. Curriculum is already prepared and placed in the classroom, so the task is an easy, and enjoyable, one.

WANTED: PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER

While Lisa Stahulak has been a dedicated pre-school teacher every Sunday for the last several years, she is going to be unable to teach this year; so there is a need for someone to take over the pleasant duties of teaching our youngest class, age 3-5. One person, or maybe a "tag team" of 2 people who can alternate months or Sundays. Suzanne Sichz will continue to be a second presence in the classroom, but two adults are required. Maybe you have your own children this age. Maybe you wish you still had children this age. Maybe you just plain enjoy the openness and ebullience of children this age. Whatever the scenario, please contact Becky Kirsh at 630-629-2630, ext. 15, or bkirsh@firstchurchoflombard.org to volunteer some time for our kids.

CREATION MURAL

It's done. And beautifully. Emily Suarino has finished the mural that depicts the biblical passage that refers to God separating the light from the darkness on the first day of Creation. We are fortunate to have Emily's talents utilized in this meaningful way, and it's worth the trip to the wall in the downstairs hall to see this bright addition.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

The next issues of the *News and Notes* will be July 18th, August 1st, 15th, and 29th, leading up to Rally Day when weekly issues will resume. Information needs to be submitted by the Wednesday prior to the dates listed above.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY TABLE

Fellowship Hall becomes a center of good food and fellowship exchange from 5:30-7 PM each Wednesday when the Community Table provides a nutritious meal for community members and First Church diners, too. This program offers an opportunity to welcome and become acquainted with people from the Lombard/Villa Park area in a casual and easygoing atmosphere, so please feel invited to join the crowd on Wednesday nights.

Sandra Hill, Outreach Coordinator, is looking for some extra hands to fill in for vacationing volunteers, so please contact her at shill@theoutreachhouse.org or 630-693-0187 to let her know that helping prepare food, serve, set up, or clean up is something that you can include in your schedule.

AND THE RAINS CAME

...but so did 50 people to Fellowship Hall where the church picnic was held, thanks to the downpours sinking the picnic area at Lombard Commons. The food selection was great, the face painter worked for 2 hours to "decorate" kids and adults creatively, and the day was a success. Nature can't dampen the enthusiasm of First Church family intent on enjoying good food.

SECOND SUNDAY SENIORS

Second Sunday Seniors will meet next Sunday, July 11th, at 10:30 AM at the Old Country Buffet, 551 E. Roosevelt. Early dining guarantees special rates, and gathering for the meal guarantees good fellowship.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK MOBILE TRUCK

There won't be a Mobile Food Truck this month, but please watch for sign up for the August 21st truck.

COMMUNITY TABLE FUNDRAISER

Flight 112 in Elmhurst has been "running" a fund raiser for Community Table as well as 5 other not-for-profits addressing food insecurities. The bulletin board has a poster covering this project, and please note the information in the bulletin.

There is another part to this fund raiser, a 5K walk/run on Sunday, July 25th. Should you be interested in "running/walking" and showing your support for The Community Table, The Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry,

Disciples Food Pantry in Villa Park, and Hand and Hand Food Pantry in Lombard, Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation and OxFam America, please log onto:www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=1W2V1K7

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

...We sympathize with **Alice Marks** whose arm is in a sling, thanks to surgery as a result of a “slipped” knife during dinner preparations...Our thoughts are with **Jack Livermore, George McCoy** and **Barb Barta** who have spent recent time in the hospital...Congratulations to **Charlotte** and **Jack Almond** who celebrate their 64th anniversary on July 14th...**Jeanie McCoy** is grateful for the First Church caring during the recent storms when huge branches littered her property and were cut up and completely cleared by the **John Lucas** family...Our prayers are with Ruth Ann Engstrom whose mother, Ruth Wigley, died recently

JULY 4TH – JULY 18TH AT FIRST CHURCH

Sun. 7/4	9:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:30 AM Sunday School	Tue. 7/13	9:00 AM Stephen Ministry 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry
Mon. 7/5	Office Closed All Day		10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 6:30 PM P.A.D.S. 7:00 PM Management Team
Tue. 7/6	8:00 AM Retired Men’s Breakfast 9:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training 10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 6:30 PM P.A.D.S.	Wed. 7/14	9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 5:30 PM Community Table 6:30 PM Women’s Retreat Planning Group 7:00 PM PRC Class 7:00 PM Quilt Group
Wed. 7/7	10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 5:30 PM Community Table 7:00 PM PRC Class 7:00 PM VBS Meeting	Thur. 7/15	9:00 AM Crafts Group 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 9:30 AM PRC Class
Thur. 7/8	9:00 AM Crafts Group 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry	Fri. 7/16	9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
Sat. 7/10	9:30 AM PRC Class	Sat. 7/17	9:30 AM PRC Class
Sun. 7/11	9:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM 2 nd Sunday Seniors	Sun. 7/18	9:30 AM Worship- Sanctuary 9:30 AM Sunday School
Mon. 7/12	9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council		

SUNDAY JULY 11TH

GREETERS: Judy Andersen, Laurel Christopherson, Dave & Gina Gardner, Jamie Geiger, Rick Hill.

USHERS: Dustin Book, Harold Hoffman, Dan Pike, George Vandon, Jr., Terry Walsh, Eric Wilson.

COUNTERS: Bruce Alexander, Peggy Hatfield, Margaret McCormick.

COFFEE HOUR: Geiger Family.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER: Alice and Steve Marks

SOUND TEAM: Joe Kirsh.

LITURGIST: Susan Wozniak.

SUNDAY, JULY 18TH

GREETERS: Andi & Jason Cooper, Peggy & Eric Hayley, Sam Pike, Jeri Shaw.

USHERS: Bill Berends, Paul Crews, Dave Ivey, Rick Kelly, Tony Oakson, Anne Wanicek.

COUNTERS: Stacy Bouchard, Mark Meyer, Jake Peters.

COFFEE HOUR: The Hayley and Ivey Families.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER: Kristi Carlson

SOUND TEAM: Kevin McGuire.

LITURGIST: Rick Hill.