



God's Word is Surprising

Bethany Lutheran Church VBS
Wednesday, June 23, 2010



Dear Parents, Family, and Friends!

Today your child learned that God's Word is surprising. At each station they heard the Bible story Acts 28 about Paul surviving a bite from a poisonous snake. Ask your child about the daily challenge today. Tomorrow our snack will be chocolate graham crackers, whipped topping, and cherry pie filling. If your child has allergies to these foods please bring an alternative snack for them. We will always be serving water only at snack time to keep the children hydrated in the warm weather.

Thursday evening is a special night for all the children and their families and friends. If you have not already done so, please return your RSVP to the "What's Happening" table located in the narthex of the church (west entrance) by **Thursday at noon**. The highlight of the evening is at 6:30 PM when your VBS explorer can stand at the front of the sanctuary and perform his/her assigned song for their grade level. **Please bring a side dish according to the first letter of your last name: (A-F) Dessert; (G-M) Veggie/Dip; (N-Z) Fruit.** Please help us by returning the RSVP and by bringing lawn chairs/blankets for seating.

We consider our VBS program to be a service for Jesus to our community. For our program to be effective, we have over 250 volunteers serving in various ways, some beginning months prior to VBS. You can easily support us throughout the year by offering prayers for our children's ministry leaders and volunteers. VBS is the result of many prayers being lifted. **Please also fill out the attached evaluation form and return to the "What's Happening" table. Or fill it out on-line at www.blcms.org.**

If you feel moved to offer a financial contribution to our VBS program, please feel free to place contributions in the receptacle located in the narthex. Envelopes are provided for your convenience. A suggested contribution is \$15 per participant. We appreciate any support you offer.

If Bethany can serve you in any way, or if you have any needs or concerns regarding your child's experience, please feel free to contact Kim Lauer (292-8778). See you tomorrow!

Kim Lauer

Minister of Children & Youth

Today's Bible Point: God's Word is surprising!

Today's Bible Story: Paul survives a bite by a poisonous snake (Acts 28:1-10)

Today's Verse: "Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions."
(Psalm 119:18)

PARENT EVALUATION for preschool-4th grade

Please return to the "What's Happening" table) by Friday June 25

Please list the ages of the children you brought to VBS: _____

Thank you for sending your child to our High Seas Expedition! Your feedback is important to us since it helps us improve our ministry to children and their families. Please complete this evaluation form and return it by Friday June 25.

For questions that require a rating, please use the following scale and write in the blank to the left of each prompt.

1	2	3	4	5
Poor	Below average	Average	Above average	Exceptional

_____ Please rate your child's overall experience at VBS.

_____ Please rate the ease of your experience in finding your child's crew assignment and bringing your child into the sanctuary or pre-school rooms.

_____ If your child was in VBS, please rate how overall welcomed you felt by your **child's crewleader**

_____ Please rate how welcome you felt by all VBS volunteers in general.

Yes _____ No _____ If you attended the Thursday night picnic, did you feel warmly welcomed?

_____ Please rate you and your child's experience at the picnic.

Yes _____ No _____ After having your child at our VBS, do you feel that your child knows more about Jesus' love for him/her?

Yes _____ No _____ Would you be interested in enrolling your child next year?

Do you have a church home that you regularly worship at? _____ yes _____ no
(regularly means worship twice a month)

For any inquiry with a "no" response or a rating 3 or below, please feel free to comment and/or provide any additional comments or thoughts that might benefit this ministry:

Join us for worship this Sunday at any of our services (8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 6PM). Please also bring your child to Growing in Christ at 9:30 AM (our Sunday morning Children's education ministry). We also have several adult Bible studies at 9:30! We also are planning a special patriotic service on July 4 at all three of our morning services.