

# GET READY FOR A FAITH JOURNEY WITH JESUS



God takes care of us through Jesus, our Savior.  
Jesus rescues us from our enemies: sin, death, and the devil.  
Jesus is the Light of Life that we share with others.  
Jesus rose from the dead to save us.  
Jesus, our Savior, prepares our heavenly home.



**A Parent's Guide to VBS 2011**  
**Welcome to Bethany Lutheran Church and Our**  
**Vacation Bible School Program!**

This guide is designed to help ensure a smooth drop off and pick-up of your child, as well as give a brief overview of our 2011VBS program.

## What your child can expect at the Big Jungle Adventure:

At **Big Jungle Adventure**, we will be exploring the mighty love of God with amazing Bible adventures, unforgettable songs, memory-making crafts, and life challenging missions.

**The Daily Bible Point:** teaches us all about what God does for us.

**The Daily Bible Verse:** teaches us about God and His saving powers!

**The Daily Bible Story:** invites us to learn more about Jesus!

**The Songs:** allow us to worship our God with gusto everyday as we learn a new song.

**The Daily Challenge:** gives us the opportunity to apply the daily Bible point at home. Look at your child's wristband each day and talk about the challenge!

## Here are some contact names and phone numbers:

VBS Director: Kim Lauer, Minister of Children and Youth – 292-8778

CIA Director: Kate Connor

Volunteer Registrar: Kari Janner

Elementary Registrar: Suzanne Carn-Allen

Preschool Registrar: Paula Hyde

**Daily Snacks for the children from Bobo's Banana Hut** *(Please note that you can bring alternative snack for your child on those dates. We also do not have any place to store the food. Your child will need to carry it with him/her.)*

**Monday – Bagel Baskets** – Mini Bagel and cream cheese topped with sliced canned peach and grape

**Tuesday – Rockin' Road Trip Mix** – Raisin, Cheerios, popped popcorn, animal crackers, mini pretzels, m&m's

**Wednesday – Little Lights** – Pretzel Sticks topped with large marshmallows covered with strawberry yogurt and sprinkles

**Thursday – Red Apple Roses** – Sliced Red Apples with sliced canned peaches dipped in pineapple juice

**Friday – Crown Cookies** – Graham crackers covered with chocolate butter cream frosting with raisins and chocolate chips

**CIA (Compassion in Action) 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp:** Each CIA camper will receive a special letter in the mail. If you have any questions, contact CIA Camp Director of CIA is Kate Connor. Each camper will have one bottle of water and a small snack each day. You may provide additional water bottle if you wish for your camper.

**Thursday Night VBS Celebration Picnic:** Thursday, June 23 at 6:30-8:30 pm. We will begin in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm with the children singing songs they learned at High Seas Expedition, picnic to follow. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and side dishes. Look for more details coming home with your child. We will not be doing a Carnival this year. We would like everyone to come and enjoy the children's program, eat hot dogs and spend time together socializing. Please join us!

If you are able, please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name:

**(A-F) Dessert**

**(G-M) Side Dish**

**(N-Z) Fruit/Veggie**

Please help us by returning the RSVP your child will bring home. Bring your dish to the fellowship hall prior to the 6:30 pm program. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit down on.

## Drop Off/Pick-Up Procedures

### Drop Off/Pick-Up of Preschoolers (3-5 years old -NOT entering Kindergarten)

Upon arrival, you will find your child's color group on the lists posted in the west (Wolftrap) entrance. Color group will list a homeroom #. Homerooms are rooms 117, 123, 124 & 125.

- ✦ Sign in your child by 8:50 am in your child's homeroom located on the south hall of the facility. When entering through the west entrance doors, turn down the hall to the right and follow the hall towards the back of the facility. Volunteers will be available to direct you.
- ✦ Sign out your child at their homeroom beginning at 11:35 am until 12:00 pm.

**NOTE:** Children must be **fully potty trained: no pull-ups and the age of 3 by June 1**. If your child is accident prone, you may send an extra change of clothing; however, we do not have a locked room, to store personal items.

### Drop Off/Pick-Up of Kinder through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Upon arrival, you will find your child's crew leader on the lists posted in the west (Wolftrap) entrance.

- ✦ Sign in your child in the sanctuary **prior to 9am**. Look for crew signs posted at the end of each pew.
- ✦ Sign out your child at 12:00 noon, at the same pew location at which you sign in.

We respectfully request that if the closing program is in progress, you wait outside the sanctuary to avoid disruptions during worship and prayer. You may enter at noon to sign out your child. **Please consider using the side entries of the sanctuary to help with traffic flow.**

### Late Drop Off/Early Pick-Up

Children who need to be dropped off late **must be checked in at the registration table**, located under the cover driveway area. A volunteer will take them to their crew.

Children who need to be picked up early **must be cleared through registration**. A volunteer will have the child brought to the registration area.

*\*\*For Pick-Ups each day, if you send someone to pick up your child who is not on the list of names you submitted in your registration, we will call you for approval. If you know ahead of time, please call the appropriate registrar the NIGHT BEFORE to add this person to your list.*

### Housekeeping Items:

If already registered you do not need to check in at the registration outside. Just find your child's crew on the posted lists outside the west entrance and follow check-in procedures noted on the opposite page.

- ✦ Go on-line daily for an extended newsletter.
- ✦ When parking against the curbs, please be aware of fire zones.
- ✦ Check your child's bag each day for announcements.

## **Notable Mentions**

**T-shirts & CDs:** T-shirts and CDs are available for purchase before and after VBS each day. All items are \$10 each.

**Volunteer as a Crew Leader!** This ministry is possible through a team of 275+ volunteers. We will have over 130 crew leaders this year and invite you to consider crew leading as well! **Sign up online.** We welcome you to join us in this ministry.

**We would enjoy your help!** Volunteer on the Bethany website at [www.blcms.org/vbs](http://www.blcms.org/vbs) and sign up now! We are looking for crewleaders!

## **Worship at Bethany!**

Join us for worship on Sunday. Our services are 8am, 9:30am, 11am, and 6pm. Come to Bible study at 9:30am and bring your children to “Growing In Christ”, our Sunday morning children’s education. Check out the **Growing In Christ** homepage at [www.blcms.org](http://www.blcms.org) under Children’s Ministry to learn more about this engaging and dynamic ministry for kids!

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