## Hearts & Hands

The Sunday School newsletter of
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## Sunday School begins Sept. 15!

Classes begin at 9 a.m. on September 15, but don't miss Rally Sunday on Sept 8th at 10 a.m. Register, meet the teachers, eat, play, and find out more about all that is going on at Holy Trinity!

Class Information: Holy Trinity offers Sunday
School to children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The
children gather in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. for
the first 15 minutes of the
service, then leave for
their classes after the
children's message.
Parents may greet their
children outside the
double doors at 10:15. This gives parents time
to enjoy treats and fellowship after church.

Class Details: Classes for younger children (3 yrs - 2nd grade) will begin with 10-15 minutes of interactive songs and then 45 minutes for a lesson comprised of a story and craft, game, or other activity. The older children begin with their lesson with art and discussion, and conclude with music from 10-10:15.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum we are following is from Sparkhouse. We are using the Spark Bible for the younger children. Each week children will be sent home with a family take-home

sheet which

contains scripture, talking points, and ideas for activities at home that build upon that Sunday's lesson.

**Program Goals**: The goals of the program are to

create an uplifting and fun environment for children to learn about God's message through the Bible's teachings and everyday life. It is also a place to make friends and learn more about themselves, one another, and the church as a whole as they grow in God's love.



Child Protection Policy: Holy Trinity follows a child protection policy. Please ask if you would like a copy to borrow. The policy exists to keep all children safe and is in accordance with guidelines from our insurance. Part of this policy is the completion of a few forms that include a photo release, for permission to use in our publicity or social media any photos your child might appear in. Please note that to follow with our policy, if a teacher is absent for illness we will combine the class for that Sunday with the class closest in age group.

**Returning Children:** This year is exciting as we have new engaging materials for lots of learning and fun; we can't wait to see your smiling faces again!



New to Sunday School? Especially if your child is new to Sunday School, come meet your teacher on Rally Day on Sept 8th before or after worship. You are welcome to attend with your child to help them feel more comfortable as well. We want to work with you so your child/children feel comfortable and enjoy coming.

How to Sign Up: Fill out a brief form with information, along with a photo release form. You can do this at our official registration day on Rally Day, Sept. 8. You may also register through Forms are also available on our web site, holytrinitymarshall.com or anytime you are at church, but on or before Rally Day is preferred so that we can order enough materials. Additions are always welcome!

**Did you know?** Holy Trinity has a Sunshine Room for those too young for Sunday School. There is even a speaker in the room so you can still listen to the service if you choose.

**Questions**: If you have questions at this point, please contact Superintendent Laurie Weisensel at <a href="mailto:lbn1925@hotmail.com">lbn1925@hotmail.com</a>, Pastor Raabe at <a href="mailto:pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com">pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com</a>, or call the church office at 608-655-4246.

Sunday School Backpack Project: WE STILL NEED SUPPLIES! Backpacks and quilts are being shipped out September 14, so backpack items are needed now. These are needed for each kit: 4 70-sheet lined notebooks (not loose paper), 1

ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 blunt scissors, 5 unsharpened #2 pencils, 1 small erase, box of crayons (16 or 24), 5 blue or black ballpoint pens. Provide as many kits as you can and drop them off in the basket in the narthex. Many thanks!

## **Vacation Bible School 2020**

We are now partnering with Bristol Lutheran Church for our VBS program. We will be alternating locations. This year's was held here on July 8-11 and attracted 18 children from the two congregations, plus lots of parent teachers and helpers. Our theme was "Renew: Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World" and we focused on the Parable of the Sower in Mark's Gospel. Here is the group in its "silly" photo:





Mark your calendars for VBS on June 29-July 2, 2020, at Bristol in Sun Prairie!

This newsletter will be published on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Sign up to receive it by email by sending a note to pastor@holytrinity-marshall.com. Limited copies will also be available at church.