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Dear Sunday school parents,

We are delighted to announce that we will begin our Sunday school program this year with a six-week outdoor series titled "God's Amazing Creation!" Specially designed for us in tracks for younger and older children (ages 5-7 and 8-13), the classes will take place outdoors on our church property starting September 13 from 10:45-11:15 a.m. following the Sunday morning service. Orientation is September 13 at 10:30 a.m. If you can't be present, please let me know.

Topics for these six weeks are: birds, bugs, and gophers; air and wind; rocks and sand; trees and leaves; grass and weeds; and autumn miracles (colors in nature). Activities will include observation, especially with magnifying lenses; journaling, reflection/meditation/quiet time, making something to use for exploration (e.g. pinwheel, toilet paper binoculars), reading Bible verses, singing, and stories about people's experience of God in nature.

Our teachers and adult/teen helpers will make sure that students stay safely distanced for all activities. All children should wear their face masks. Each child will assemble a large zip-lock bag with all their materials, to be stored in a bin and retrieved at the beginning of each lesson. We ask that a parent, grandparent or guardian remain nearby during class time. If your child must use the restroom and needs help getting there, we will ask you to take them.

We are very excited about this experiential approach to learning. As there is no firm date yet when we will resume worship and other activities indoors, we can't say now in what form our program will continue beyond October 18, other than we will return to our good Sparkhouse Bible-based curriculum. If we are back inside for worship by then, classes will be held in the fellowship hall with all possible safety precautions.

Please fill out the enclosed registration form in full and return it to the office **by September 5** or at your earliest convenience, so we may ensure we have supplies for all students. You may mail it to us, drop it in the offering box on Sundays, or scan and email to me at the address above.

Thank you for all the ways you support Holy Trinity! By the grace of God, we will meet the challenges of this time together as we nourish the faith and imagination of our children.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Nancy Raabe