

**SEPTEMBER
2009**

Thought for the Month

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:4*

KIDS' CORNER

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EVENTS

September 2

CMT Meeting

September 6

One Service at 10:45 a.m.

September 9

Children's Music

September 11

Family Fellowship

September 13

Fall Festival

Christian Education Volunteer Dedication

Third Grade Bibles

September 16

Children's Music

September 20

Bible BLAST

Sacraments Class

September 23

Children's Music

September 27

Bible BLAST

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September 30

Children's Music

What's Happening Sunday Mornings?

Bible BLAST & Children's Worship, That's What!

Bible BLAST is an exciting way to explore God's word and grow in God's love. It's a rotation Sunday School that happens throughout the school year. Classes are available for children ages three through fifth grade. Each Sunday, the schedule will be posted in the Allen Street Lobby for class locations along with a take-home note for the children.

This year's **Bible BLAST** theme is "New Beginnings." Our first rotation will be God's Work in Progress—Creation. As children hear and perform the creation story, they learn that God's creation is not finished but is a work in progress. While shipwrecked on a deserted island, children explore God's "earth machine" as a wondrously balanced ecosystem and learn that God gave them responsibility for its care. A story and a related science experiment teach children that they are created in God's image and through Christ they can be a new creation. Included is the special Celebration Sunday activity "World Distribution of a Cookie." The rotation will include drama, games, science, nature, and Bible knowledge. **Please join us on September 20 at 9:45–10:30 a.m. (new time) as we kick off this exciting program with a celebration.**



Children's Worship is an exciting worship time for children ages three through fifth grade. **Starting September 20, we are excited to offer Bible stories, a special time of singing (with Guy), crafts, and snack.** Children attending the 10:45 a.m. service are invited to attend Children's Worship following the Children's Time in the Sanctuary. The 3's, 4's, and young 5's will be in Room 114 with Mrs. Brookens, and Kindergarten through fifth grade will be in Room 116 with Mrs. Lewis. Please join us for an awesome time.

Childcare

Your infants and toddlers are invited to spend time with Elizabeth Blumenshine and Lori Wirtz in the nursery on Sunday mornings. They will be waiting for them from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Please contact us with suggestions, questions, comments, or RSVP's.
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Do You Feel Called to Help with Children's Ministry?

We have a place for you! There are many volunteer opportunities that will put a smile on your face and the faces of children in your church family. You can choose to help for a one-day commitment or the whole school year, with any combination in between. Give Wendy or Diana a call to chat about the many rewarding ways you can help.



Fall Festival

Please join your church family as we celebrate people, programs, prayer, and worship on September 13. The picnic will follow the 10:00 a.m. service. Many exciting events await the children after the picnic. Come one, come ALL!

Happy Birthday!

Madeline Matuska	9/1
Brynn Rohde	9/7
John Riley Herman	9/12
Jack Dreyer	9/13
Megan Dastick	9/27
Tanner Squires	9/29

If your child has a birthday this month and is not on this list, please call to register them.

Sacraments Class

Children in the second grade or older who would like to learn how our church celebrates the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are invited to join us on Sunday, September 20 and 27. We will meet from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. We will provide lunch for you and your parent or guardian. Sacraments Class is led by Karen Banaszak with lunch and activities provided by Wendy Lewis and Diana Brookens. Please register for this class by contacting the Children's Ministry office. We look forward to having you join us.

Movin' Up

Movin' Up is a fellowship group for children in fourth and fifth grades. We meet on the second Sunday of the month, October through May, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Join us for fun activities, participate in community service, and enjoy fellowship.

Our first get-together is October 11. We will meet in Room 58/60 for pizza then have a friendly scavenger hunt to gather food for the Community Thanksgiving Baskets. More information will be in the October newsletter.

Plan to join us for our Junior's Retreat at Spring Hill. The date for this event is November 6-8. Please contact Wendy or Diana with any questions.

Christian Education Volunteer Dedication

We would like to dedicate all persons involved in Christian Education for the 2009-2010 program year. The dedication will be held during the 10:00 a.m. service on September 13.

Third Grade Bible Presentation

If you will be a third-grader in the fall, we would love to present you with your own Bible on September 13 during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. If you are unable to make it on the 13th, we will have your Bible available after that date. Please contact Wendy or Diana to make sure we have the correct spelling of your name. We will celebrate with cake and refreshments at the picnic.



Registration

Please register your child(ren). In order for us to have accurate information about your child while they are in our care on Sunday mornings, we need you to fill out a registration form. This includes all children infant through fifth grade. You may register at the Children's Ministry table outside of Room 116 or in the Nursery. Forms are also available in the Allen Street Lobby.

Family Fellowship

Pizza and games should be on your calendar for Friday, September 11. Please come to the Parlor at 6:00 p.m. for a family meal. When we are finished eating, the adults will remain in the Parlor for fellowship while the children have fun in Room 114 with creative childcare providers. The fun ends at 8:00 p.m. Please call the Children's Ministry office to say your family can join us.