

Good Samaritan Family Newsletter

AT A GLANCE

Sunday School—
Wonder Week 4

Jan out of the Office 5/11 to 5/16

Vacation Bible Camp
June 15–18, 2026

ASP Mission Trip
June 20-28, 2026

July 5th
No Sunday School

Adaptive VBC
With Eden
Prairie UMC
August 2-6



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CHILDREN YOUTH AND
FAMILY MINISTRIES

One liners for parents to build up your kids:

Your friends are really lucky to have you.

K–5 News

Sunday School— Room 200 Pre-k to 6th Grade– I Wonder Week 4

Vacation Bible Camp – Save the Date June 15th to 18th Snowball Mountain Challenge. We will be partnering with Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran again! I will be looking for volunteers for snacks, science station, set creation, Friday clean up, Recreation leader and group guides. Let me know if you are available Jan@good.org <https://goodsamaritanedina.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Registration link :<https://tinyurl.com/GSVBC2026>

Youth News

We are encouraging youth to stay in service with their families instead of Sunday School or they may choose to volunteer in the Nursery or in Sunday School.

ASP Mission Trip—June 20– 28, 2026 Our next gathering is Tool Time! May 16 9:00am to Noon For all participants. Learn about the tools we will be using, and how to use them. **We have room for two more participants if you are interested!** Contact Jan (jan@good.org)

Family News

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VBC registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/GSVBC2026>

Summer Planning - I am planning on having Summer Sunday school this summer. The only exception is we will NOT have Sunday School on July 5th. I will need volunteers to lead June 21 and 28 as I will be on the ASP Mission trip. Our Summer curriculum is called Bloom in the Desert. It is inspired by the beautiful, resilient flowers of the North American desert, these resources explore how God calls each one of us to bloom – and also to welcome the stranger, reach out to one another in generosity, and so together create a garden where everyone can thrive. Please e-mail jan@good.org if you can help.

Come See Me Reminder! Our lives are so busy with activities that sometimes we don't always make it to Sunday Worship. To help build our community, it is important to get to know each other. If your student has a concert, big game (or little!) or some other awesome event coming up send an email to Jan@good.org and I will try to make it, and bring your church family too! I am looking forward to spring concerts, games meets and field days!



Building Faithful Families - resource to use at home!

BFF – Building Faithful Families! Bringing back a favorite! Building Block Prayers . You can pick up this resource from the Welcome Desk in the Narthex or Jan can email them to you – Let her know at jan@good.org if you would like a copy.

Sunday School Helpers Sunday School is growing and we need to have a helper in the room! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AAEAA2CA31-61936359-sunday>