

Good Samaritan Family Newsletter

AT A GLANCE

Sunday School—
Green Eggs and Ham

Meets & Eats
8/9
9/13

Adaptive VBC
With Eden
Prairie UMC
August 2-6

Hearts and Hammers
September 12

Homecoming Sunday
September 13



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CHILDREN YOUTH AND
FAMILY MINISTRIES

Powerful One Liners for Parents:

K—5 News

Sunday School— July 17 — in room 200— **Bloom in the Desert**—Bloom Where You Are—Blanket Flowers— Isaiah 35:1 “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and bloom.”

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.

Planning Ahead for fall: CONFIRMATION PLANNING

Confirmation is such a fun and enriching experience for our students. It is a program that we care deeply about. We are keenly aware of the need for a program that is accessible to families with busy schedules.

Historically Confirmation was for students in 9th grade. We are now going to open it up to anyone 8th grade and older. When a student enters 8th grade they will be eligible to register for Confirmation, and they will remain eligible all the way through High school. This way you can choose when the right time for your family is to participate in Confirmation. Maybe that means waiting in order to allow siblings to attend together, maybe that means waiting for an academic year that is less demanding, maybe your student isn't interested as an 8th grader but will become interested as they get older. Whatever the case may be, we want to make this program more accessible!

This model gives us 9 weeks of class in the fall, field trips, and a retreat in the spring, and then service opportunities in the summer that will include instate and out of state opportunities.

If you and your student are curious about this opportunity, drop Jan an email (jan@good.org) and we can chat about it!

Family News

Summertime Meets & Eats – Our next summertime gathering will be **August 9** Following worship, join us in Aldersgate Hall for picnic fare and great fellowship. A simple cook-out will be provided, with gluten-free and vegan options available. Something interactive will be offered to help build community around each table, and of course, ice cream treats will be on hand! Freewill offerings will be accepted to cover costs. No pre-registration will be necessary and all ages will be welcome. Contact Pastor Jim with questions - jim@good.org or 952-452-9396. (future dates— 8/9; 9/13)

Hearts & Hammers Program Day

Sign up to volunteer on Saturday, September 12 and the days leading up to it. Hearts & Hammers is a local non-profit organization providing free exterior painting and maintenance assistance for income-qualified homeowners across the Twin Cities. Home improvements are limited to exterior painting and minor repairs. The Program Day is expected to consist primarily of exterior home/garage preparation, scraping, priming, painting, and landscape renewal. Volunteers are also needed to do repair and preparation work the week before the program day.

To volunteer for the Good Samaritan project, sign up in the Narthex or contact Brian Boyesen: (952) 937-0624 or (612) 220-3795 or email at: bteambackup@earthlink.net. Please provide the following information: name, contact info, and work Preference (repairs, landscaping, prep, and painting). Go to the [Hearts & Hammers website: https://heartsandhammers.org/volunteers/](https://heartsandhammers.org/volunteers/) to review safety guidelines and electronically sign your waiver of liability (bottom of page). Please note: Paper copies are NOT available on Program Day. Weather is always a factor, and we plan to get the home painted and the project finished on Saturday, September 12.



BFF – Building Faithful Families! Road Trip Activity Pack. 4 different seek and finds (same picture different 25 things to find) a activity sheet with word play and license plate game sheet. 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.