



The Great Bible Reef Community Vacation Bible School was a great success. We had over 60 children and about 30 adults involved. It was a very positive, upbeat week of singing praises, learning important life lessons through skits by Starfish and Jellyfish, making fun crafts, learning about God's world through science, playing games with a purpose, and enjoying snacks and videos. The best part of the week was when I was told that some of the mothers wanted to know what we were doing because their kids wanted to come to VBS instead of going to their baseball games. Wow! I didn't think I would ever hear that!



The Parish Education Committee took a short break then got busy making plans for a new year of Children's church. The Living Inside Out curriculum that was used last year is not available for this year, so the committee reviewed many curriculums and decided to use Hands on Bible from Group Publishing. Their plan is to have a special self-contained program for the pre-school children in the lower educational wing. The school- aged children will meet in the Fellowship Hall for some large group instruction then divide into small groups. There will be more of an emphasis on using the Bible this year.

The committee is looking for teachers for the pre-school and for the small groups. If you are interested in helping on a teaching team, please contact Laura Nabors, Jenny Capizzi, Lisa Goodwin or the church office.

The committee will be meeting with the Music and Worship Committee and the Deacons to help plan worship for the fall.

Beginning in August, we are asking the children to bring in school supplies to help Women of the Church make school kits for Lutheran World relief. There is a list of acceptable items in this newsletter. When you are shopping for your own supplies, why not pick up a few extra items to donate?

Since the Huron schools start early this year, the Blessing of the Book bags will be on Sunday, August 19th. All children are invited to bring their book bags for a special blessing by the Pastor.

Rally Day will be August 26th. The Children's Church teachers will be installed during the church service. Children who are 7 years old will have Bibles presented to them. The committee is asking that parents pick up the Bibles, take them home, mark favorite passages and personalize the Bibles then return them to the church for presentation to the child on August 26th. There are tentative plans for a picnic following the church service that day, so watch the bulletins for more information.



Since all the schools in the area have starting dates before Labor Day, the committee decided to begin the regular Children's church season on September 2.

