

EARLY SPRING 2015

# SPLASH! NEWS

from Children's Ministries at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church

## EXPEDITION TO EVEREST IS UNDERWAY!

**A** hardy group of Saint Luke's adventurers are preparing for the climb of a lifetime..."Everest" Vacation Bible School is scheduled to reach base camp on Monday, June 8 – reaching the summit on Thursday, June 11.

This will be lasting memory for both our children and our youth and adult leaders, as we learn that ANY obstacle can be overcome with God's love and power. Student registration

begins in March. Volunteers may email [jbtroha@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbtroha@bellsouth.net), or sign up on the display in the church lobby.



# JUNE 8 - JUNE 11





## LENT WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHILDREN

Lent is an important season in the church year. Here are some highlights of what families with children can expect at our worship services, as well as opportunities for children to participate throughout the Lent and Easter season:

### **Ash Wednesday** February 18

*Worship at 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary*

This first day of Lent sets the tone for the 40 days and 40 nights to follow. While the mood is somber, it is also filled with interesting sights and sounds. The sanctuary will look different, with purple fabric draped across our banners and other spare decorations. Our worship is led by this year's Confirmation Class, so children will get to see kids they may know or have seen around church guiding us through prayers and readings. The lights are dimmed, which sends the message that this is a special time to be in church. And of course, each person is invited to come up to the communion rail and have a cross made from ashes applied to their forehead. These ashes represent our sins, the sins that Jesus took away.

### **Palm Sunday** March 29

*8:30 in the Chapel, 11:00 in the Sanctuary*

All children are invited to lead our palm procession, as we re-enact the celebratory arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. After walking up the center aisle waving a palm frond, children will go sit with their parents, so

be sure to let them know where you'll be. Palm-wavers will gather in the parlor at 10:45. Parent helpers are welcome!

### **Maundy Thursday** April 2

*Worship at 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary*

This is the most dramatic of all our special Lent worship services. As the service progresses, the path of Jesus from arrest to crucifixion is told through scripture, dimming lights, and the gradual removal of our worship pieces; the cross, the candle holders, the paraments, and even the Bible are taken away. The service does end with a very loud drumroll, so you may wish to give younger children a "heads-up." This worship service is impactful to all who attend, and the congregation exits in silence. Its unique nature would certainly provoke some important conversations at home.

### **Good Friday** April 3

*Noon, Chapel*

This brief time of worship includes songs, readings, and a message from one of our ministers. After worship, everyone is invited to the Great Hall for homemade soups and bread.



## Easter Sunday

April 5

7:00 a.m.

*Sunrise Worship,  
Hannaford Garden*

This casual, outdoor worship service brings to mind how it must have felt when the women in the garden found the stone of Christ's tomb rolled away. Children may especially appreciate the doughnuts that follow!

*8:30 and 11:00, Sanctuary*

These traditional Easter services begin with the "flowering of the cross," which involves each child picking a flower from the basket and putting it on the formerly spare cross. Expect lots of "Alleluias" and exuberant singing! The children "bury the Alleluias" before Lent, and release them on Easter Sunday as we all celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

## LENT CHAINS CONNECT FAITH WITH FAMILY!

Families with children are invited to take home a "Lent Chain" filled with simple daily activities from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. Even the youngest children can prepare their hearts for Easter by discovering the value in waiting with purpose. These paper chains will be available for pick-up beginning in early February. Look for them in the main lobby and Sheppard Hall.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Who doesn't love pancakes and bacon?! Join us on the evening of **Tuesday, February 17** to celebrate the last day of "excess" before the spare days of Lent. We'll have Mardis Gras crafts, New Orleans jazz, and even King Cake! This is a very family-friendly event, so load up the car and join us for this fun time together.

## EASTER EGG HUNT IS IN SIGHT!

Believe it or not, it's time to save the date for our Easter Egg Hunt! This year's event will take place on **March 29**, which is Palm Sunday, right after our Church Family Lunch in the Great Hall. As always, we will have three separate hunts so that children of all ages will find lots of eggs! We are asking each family to bring one bag of candy or prizes appropriate for their child's age group. We'd also love any empty plastic egg donations!





### FEAST IS BACK!

It's never too late to join the fun, food and friends at FEAST! Dinner begins at 5:45, and classes for all ages run from 6:30 to 7:15. We have child care for little ones, a preschool class called "Tooty Fruity" for threes, PreK, and K; "The Letters of Paul" for first, second, and third grades; and "LifeLab Science" for fourth and fifth grades. Come see why Wednesdays are way more fun with FEAST!

### THE LIBRARY NEEDS "YOUNG KNEES"!

Our church library has lots of great books, but when books are returned, they must be reshelved... and that takes some stooping and kneeling. Our librarians could really use a little help with this task. (It could easily be done during Children's Choir rehearsals, or other convenient time.) Please contact Susan Edmonson at [susanedmonson@bellsouth.net](mailto:susanedmonson@bellsouth.net). Her knees will thank you.

### FAMILY PROMISE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20** Grab a picnic dinner and join us at 6:00 p.m. We'll watch "Mr. Peabody & Sherman" with our Family Promise friends at 6:30.

#### A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SPLASH BABIES:

**WILLIAM TURNER**, 10.27.14

to Betsy & Ian Turner

**RJ FERRETTI**, 10.30.14

to Anna & Bobby Ferretti

**RILEY LAMONT**, 11.16.14

to Becky & Jeff Lamont



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*We, the church, in partnership with families, welcome all children to discover, know, and share Christ's love.*



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