

The VBS Bdecan Mission Team from FPC/Rochester teaches that “We are God’s Treasure”

In June, the First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, sent a VBS mission team for the fifth year in a row to the Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio, North Dakota (on the Spirit Lake Reservation). Our mission team works closely with Joe Obermeyer (the Commissioned Lay Pastor of the Bdecan Presbyterian Church) as well as the church members of the Bdecan Church and members from the near-by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Devils Lake to plan and present VBS. This year we invited the children from the near-by housing development at Woodlake and were able to increase daily attendance from 20 kids to 30 to 33 children attending each day.

One of our goals is to let them learn about God in a fun way. The kids love to work on craft and woodworking projects, sing and play games. Each day we presented a Bible Story to the children and the rest of the day’s activities reinforced the lesson.

Another goal is to let the children experience that the church is a safe place where all are encouraged to treat each other with kindness and respect. Each day we provide breakfast items and a healthy lunch to help ease the worry of food insecurity that many of the children experience.

This year’s theme was “We are God’s treasure” and we finished off the week with a super fun treasure hunt!

We are already making plans to return next year!

Many pictures below..This is what they show: **The whole team, kids with their lunch, crafts, crafts, woodworking, a little guy, Joe Obermeyer lay pastor from Bdean team, a cute little girl, one of the great-grandmas from the church and the ladies from church presenting us with a traditional hand made quilt as a thank you!**



















