

From the Director for Youth & Children's Ministries

In the world of youth and children's ministry, things are ramping up in very exciting ways! It has been a strange season with more screen time than any of us ever asked for, but I have been so grateful for all of the ways folks of all ages have shown up to remain in community with one another.

I, Liza, will send out regular updates and announcements specific to youth and children's ministry. If you would like to be added to this list, please let me know or complete this [short contact information form!](#)

VBS

We had a fantastic week of VBS this summer! We had a total of twenty VBS-ers and nearly the same number of older youth and adults who helped make it happen. Our theme this summer was "Press Play" and we enjoyed getting to play in our beautiful backyard together. After a year of canceled and postponed events, it was so nice to be back together in person! One of our pre-K kiddos informed me it was her "most favorite week of her whole life," which is a pretty high compliment in my book.

As part of our new stewardship partnership with Inspiritus, our VBS project was to collect art supplies for the [MyCanvas art program](#). We have done two collections for Inspiritus so far, and we are thrilled to continue this partnership.

Thanks again to everyone who worked to make this a fun, safe, and meaningful week for our youngest members!

Rally Day 2021 - August 15

It has been a long and cautious year, but we are really looking forward to returning to full, in-person programming. We will be celebrating this return with Rally Day on Sunday, August 15 between worship services from 9:45-10:45. This will be a time for **all ages** to gather and explore the Sunday morning opportunities to be church together.

Speaking of Sunday School, if you are interested in teaching youth or children's Sunday School this year, please send a note to me via e-mail or contact Jeana Butler, our Faith Formation committee chair.

School Bags

On August 15, we will be putting together school bags! There are several ways to participate in this:

- come in-person to help assemble school bags
- assemble complete kits at home and bring them to church to be put into bags
- donate financially with a note that it is directed for "school bags"
- donate needed supplies for the assembly process

The list of supplies can be found [here](#), please contact Liza Hawkins via e-mail or reach out to Joni Donegan with any questions!

Et Cetera

This is just a small snapshot of some things we have in the works this month. Keep watch for other announcements and information!

As always, wishing everyone peace and all good things,
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