

This year's Vacation Bible School is going to be awesome!! Hope your children, grandchildren, friends or neighbors can join us as we journey back in time to the land of Jesus and Old Testament heroes. As always, we plan to begin our week with the Good News of the Birth of Jesus the Savior. Guided by a beautiful star, we will travel through a Christmas Maze. Along the way we will meet the Angels, Shepherds and 3 Wise Men through games, crafts and a variety of activities and music. An extraordinary cast of (volunteer) characters will be there to meet and greet us!

Added to our growing list of props & scenery will be a water well and a palace/castle. Think of all the times we have heard about palaces in our Scripture readings; from pharaohs & slaves to kings & queens! The Wise Men visited King Herod, Joshua fought to bring down the wall of Jericho, David became king and both Moses and Joseph lived and shared the Word of God inside the palace! Just imagine what we can learn and do inside these walls and wells!!

Last year we collected about 800 plastic jugs to create our lions cave. This year **we need large cardboard boxes** from appliances or furniture. Believe me, they are hard to come by! Our other "collectable" will be the **flat plastic tops** from containers like, whipped cream, yogurt, chips & nuts; any colors & all sizes are needed with or without words on the top. Thanks for your support!

At VBS we have learned and shared the news that **God keeps His promises** and that we must **Trust and Obey Him**. This year our theme is "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" Trusting in God's love, word and promises we will learn to be good servants and follow God's way! We plan to blow trumpets, slay giants, dance and sing & explore the water well. Of course, our VBS tradition includes our life size games and water sports out in the side yard. We are looking forward to meeting up with old friends from last year and having lots of fun! One of our favorite activities is meeting the prophets and heroes who share their faith stories with us. This year Joseph, son of Jacob (& the coat of many colors), young David (future king), Joshua (prophet) and Moses returns! And don't forget there are always surprises!!

Members of our FAST Team and alumni have already volunteered to help which is a true blessing. Our children have become very close to these young people and enjoy the special attention they receive which carries over to church, other program events, the swim club and community! It's wonderful to have our teens witnessing their faith to our youngest parishioners in ways that will have a lasting effect. We ask our teen helpers to please register (no fee) so that we know who is attending and the size shirt needed.

Registration must be returned on/before June 25, 2017 to reserve a space for your child. We are a nut free zone and offer gluten or dairy free snacks as needed. Parents do not need to attend with their child but adult volunteers are welcome!

We hope to see your child/ren at Vacation Bible School 2017 at the Church of Regina Coeli!