



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

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### A HUNGER FOR THE HEIGHTS



In a sermon titled “Sky Hunger,” Stan Purdum explores Ephesians 1:3, where Paul writes about God blessing us “in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (ESV). The expression “sky hunger,” says the pastor, “suggests that to be the best earthbound people we can be, we need to lift our eyes to a higher place — the *highest* place.”

*“Make the world a better place one person at a time. Start with yourself.”*

— Linda Poindexter

While on a mission trip in Kentucky, Purdum discovered that many residents refer to pastors as sky pilots. “What better role can a pastor have,” he asks, “than to point people to the skies, to the God Most High?”

The Easter anthem “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,” which celebrates our ultimate destination, sums up another definition of sky hunger:

*Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!*

*Following our exalted Head, alleluia!*

*Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia!*

*Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!*

“That to which our holy restlessness, our inner discontent, our sky hunger points us is Christ,” Purdum concludes. “Sky hunger is a blessing from God, Paul tells us, to bring us into Christ, to fullness of life and to life eternal.”

*The NEWSLETTER Newsletter, August 2023*

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## SAVE-WORTHY

I was teaching a junior high Sunday school class about salvation and that age-old question, “Are you saved?” Before diving in, I asked the students what they collect and why. Answers included sports cards, coins, stamps and rocks — items you may have saved as a child too. We save because items seem special or interesting to us. Collecting implies worth and a desire to keep something safe.



In our class, that led to discussion about what it feels like to be saved by or for Jesus ... to be the “savee” instead of the “saver.” How amazing that God deems us special, interesting and worthy of safekeeping. We are God’s precious, well-loved “collection,” and He’s reserving space and preparing a place for each one of us.

—Julie Lee

## Daily Bible Readings: August 2023

August 1 — Isaiah 65, 66; Psalm 62; John 3

August 2 — II Kings 21; II Chronicles 33; John 4

August 3 — Nahum 1, 2, 3; John 5

August 4 — II Kings 22; II Chronicles 34; John 6

August 5 — II Kings 23; II Chronicles 35; John 7

August 6 — Habakkuk 1, 2, 3; John 8

August 7 — Zephaniah 1, 2, 3; John 9

August 8 — Jeremiah 1, 2; John 10

August 9 — Jeremiah 3, 4; John 11

August 10 — Jeremiah 5, 6; John 12

August 11 — Jeremiah 7, 8, 9; John 13

August 12 — Jeremiah 10, 11, 12; John 14

August 13 — Jeremiah 13, 14, 15; John 15

August 14 — Jeremiah 16, 17; Psalm 96; John 16

August 15 — Jeremiah 18, 19, 20; Psalm 93;  
John 17

August 16 — II Kings 24; Jeremiah 22;  
Psalm 112; John 18

August 17 — Jeremiah 23, 25; John 19

August 18 — Jeremiah 26, 35, 36; John 20

August 19 — Jeremiah 45, 46, 47; Psalm 105;  
John 21

August 20 — Jeremiah 48, 49; Psalm 67;  
I John 1

August 21 — Jeremiah 21, 24, 27; Psalm 118;  
I John 2

August 22 — Jeremiah 28, 29, 30; I John 3

August 23 — Jeremiah 31, 32; I John 4

August 24 — Jeremiah 33, 34; Psalm 74;  
I John 5

August 25 — Jeremiah 37, 38, 39; Psalm 79;  
II John

August 26 — Jeremiah 50 51; III John

August 27 — Jeremiah 52; Revelation 1;  
Psalm 143, 144

August 28 — Ezekiel 1, 2, 3; Revelation 2

August 29 — Ezekiel 4, 5, 6, 7; Revelation 3

August 30 — Ezekiel 8, 9, 10, 11;  
Revelation 4

August 31 — Ezekiel 12, 13, 14; Revelation 5

### SERVING TRINITY & FLS

- Rev. Hal Rex Longshore,  
Visitation Pastor
- Rev. Gatluk, Reat,  
Sudanese Evang. Lutheran  
Mission Church
- Bill Kirkpatrick,  
Finance Manager
- Nancy Simonson,  
Family Ministry
- Jennifer Kingland,  
Office Manager
- Bill & Mary Jewison,  
Custodians
- Chrysteena Saehler,  
FLS Administrator/Principal
- Jessica Lewis,  
FLS Administrative  
Secretary





**Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world.**

**Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.**

**O**ur VBS is August 6-10, 6-8 p.m. with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. We have 52 registered as of July 18, 2023. We have 40 volunteers who are willing to take on many more children. So if you haven't registered your child or grandchild, you can do so at this link <https://vbspro.events/p/715e28> or use this QR code.



## **RALLY DAY**

**R**ally Day is September 10! We look forward to welcoming our children, teachers and our church members for special services kicking off another year of Sunday School. Registration for Sunday School will be available on this date. We will also have games, activities and snacks for the whole family.

Join us at 9:15-10:15 in the gym. The first day of regular Sunday School will be September 17 at 9:15.

We always welcome new teachers, assistants and helpers for our Sunday School program. Most of all - we also love to have all children come! Sunday School is offered for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. There is a youth Bible study on Sundays in the youth room for students in grades 6 and up.

We also have a Bible study for parents during the Sunday School hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. This class is held in the nursery, and they study various topics or Bible books.

Contact Nancy Simonson for more information.





Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

### What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

### What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



## Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

*Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.*

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

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The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

\_ \_ \_ \_ ○ \_ \_ \_ \_

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

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God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

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God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ○ \_ \_ \_ \_

The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

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The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

\_ \_ \_ \_ ○ \_ \_

The heave\_\_s declare the \_\_lory \_\_f \_\_od;  
the ski\_\_s \_\_roc\_\_aim the wo\_\_k of his ha\_\_ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV





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**Theme 2023-2024:**  
**"CONNECTED"**  
 John 15:1-5



**T**his summer has flown by! Soon enough students will be walking these hallways again and filling the classrooms with laughter. We are excited to welcome back our current students and our new students.

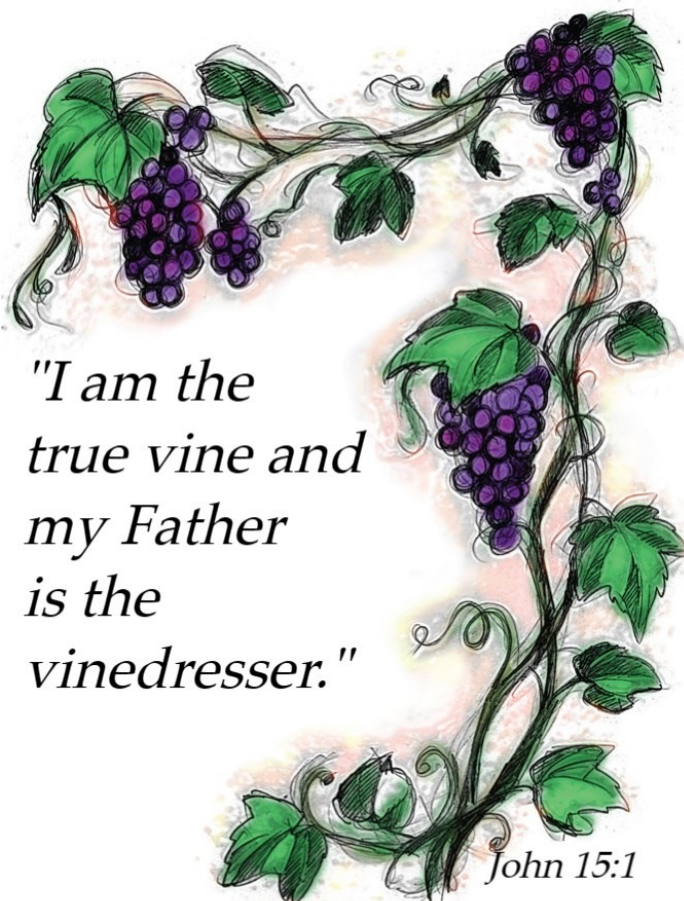
Our theme for the upcoming school year is "Connected." This theme is inspired by the following verses from John 15:1-5. *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."* Throughout the year we will be finding ways to not only connect with one another in the school building, but also with others outside of the school walls.

Before school picks up again, we still have a few projects that need to be completed. We will have another cleaning day on Saturday, August 5 from 9 a.m.-12:00 noon. The stack classrooms (2 story section) will be the main focus. If you want to help out, bring your favorite cleaning supplies (cleaning solution will be provided). We are also looking for artists to design and paint murals throughout the building. If you are interested in this project, please contact Mrs. Saehler via email, [administrator@flsweb.org](mailto:administrator@flsweb.org). The other main project we have that still needs to be completed is the FLS 2023-2024 Classroom Wish list. Items can be found on Amazon, through the following link (<https://a.co/dX7e9rc>) or located on the needs wall in the narthex. Lastly, the library rededication ceremony will be on Sunday, August 27 at 11:30 a.m. Please join us for light refreshments and a blessing of the new space.

In His Name,

Chrysteena Saehler

Faribault Lutheran School Administrator



## AUGUST JOY EVENT

♪ I've got the J.O.Y....down in my heart ♪

Larry and Brad **Twedt** said they would **host**

**Tuesday, August 15**, at **noon**, is the time we will boast.

Food of **chicken** with all the trimmin'

**Pontoon rides**, but please, no swimmin'.

Fellowship and talking will not be lacking,

But to defray the cost, a **Free Will** we'll be asking.

**Sign up by August 6** at the **Welcome Center**,

for food enough;

Don't want to be lacking with all the good stuff.

Oh, worry not, or be out of sort,

You'll find the Twedt house at **4070 Wells Lake Court**.



## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE AT TRINITY

### Calling All You Talented Crafters & Bakers

Trinity's second annual Holiday Boutique Sale is being planned for Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the FLS/Trinity Auditorium.

Start planning and making your crafts now! We are looking for crafts of all kinds, jewelry, baked goods, jams & jellies, homemade candies, etc.

You purchase a table for \$10 (which will be donated to the Youth program). Proceeds from the sale of your merchandise will be yours to keep.



Questions: contact Nancy Boldt.



## THE INVESTIGATION INTO MERGING PEACE AND TRINITY CONTINUES

**O**n Thursday, July 20 the leadership teams of Trinity and Peace met with Pastor Lane to discuss the mission and vision statement for a possible merger. A committee was formed with several leaders of each church, as well as FLS and the Childcare Center. Details about that will be coming soon, along with information about other committees that will need to be formed soon as well.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 LLB Mtg.	<b>2</b> 2:30 New <b>Perspective -c</b> <b>4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c</b> 6:00 Connection 6:30-8:30 AHG (Fellowship H) 	<b>3</b> 11:30 Prayer Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9-12:00 FLS Cleaning Day 12-6:00 Sudanese Prayer Mtg. (FH) <b>5:30 Worship</b>
<b>6</b> 7:40 Summer Choir <b>8:00 Worship</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection -c</b> 11:30 Confirmation Mtg. 5:30 VBS Supper <b>6-8:00 VBS</b>  VBS Stellar 6-8:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 5:30 VBS Supper <b>6-8:00 VBS</b> 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	<b>8</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 5:30 VBS Supper <b>6-8:00 VBS</b>	<b>9</b> <b>1:00 Mill City -c</b> <b>4:00 Emeralds -c</b> 5:30 VBS Supper <b>6-8:00 VBS</b> 6:00 Connection Practice (Schafer's) 	<b>10</b> 8:30-12:30 FLS Gym Volleyball Camp 11:30 Prayer Group 2:00 Human Care 5:30 VBS Supper <b>6-8:00 VBS</b> 6:30 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Peace)	<b>11</b> 8:30-12:30 FLS Gym Volleyball Camp	<b>12</b> 4:00 Wedding <b>5:30 Worship -c</b>
<b>13</b> <b>8:00 Worship -c</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 Worship</b> 11:30 Young Family Potluck	<b>14</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 7:00 Grand Monday (online) 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study ( <i>off site</i> )	<b>15</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 12:00 JOY Group (Twedt's) <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Elders' Mtg.  <u>FLS Teachers Back</u> <u>Carpet Cleaning</u>	<b>16</b> <b>10:00 Milestone -c</b> <b>3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c</b> 5:30 7th/8th grade Confirmation (Peace) 5:30 6th grad Confirmation (Trinity) 6:00 Connection 	<b>17</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 1:00 Women In Mission	<b>18</b>  <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	<b>19</b> 5:30 Worship
<b>20</b> <b>8:00 Worship</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection -c</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg. 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	<b>22</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	<b>23</b> 5:30 Confirmation 6th grade - Trinity 7th/8th grd - Peace 	<b>24</b> 11:30 Prayer Group <b>5:30-7:00 FLS Back to School BBQ</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30 Worship -c
<b>27</b> 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 Worship - Teachers Dedicated</b> 11:30 FLS Library Rededication  <u>Dedication of Teachers (Trinity)</u>	<b>28</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 7:00 Grand Monday (online) 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study ( <i>off site</i> )	<b>29</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Property Mtg.  <u>First Day of School (5-8)</u>	<b>30</b> <u>First Day of School (K-4)</u> 5:30 Confirmation 6th grade - Trinity 7th/8th grd - Peace	<b>31</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 6:00 AHG Open House/Registration	<b>2023</b>	

## PASTORS' REPORT

Each month a Pastoral Report is prepared in the Church Office. Classes, meetings, appointments, worship services, visitations and communions are tracked and reported by each pastor. In each month's newsletter we will be including the most recent form on file (June 2023).

	Home Visits	Hospital or Jail	Office Visits	Pro-spect Calls	Shut Ins/ Others Com-muned Privately	Shut Ins/ Others Visited- No Communion	NH Worship Attended	NH Worship Com-muned	Worship Services	Classes Taught	Mtgs. Attend
Vacancy/ Guest Pastors	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	9/1*	1	0
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	11	0	40	33	9	3	~

Baptisms: 0

Confirmed: 0

Transfer In: 0      Released/Removed: 0

Transfers Out: 0      Weddings: 0

Profession of Faith/ Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Don Dugan, Dennis R. Krenz

**Notes:** Guest Pastors – 9 weekend worship services,

\*Rev. Longshore Waunita Bultman's funeral service

Lay Leaders – 3 10:30 services, 6 nursing home services,  
3 Sunday morning Bible studies

### Official Acts:



### **Rev. Gatluk Reat June Report:**

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran*

*Mission Church*

### **Worship Attendance**

Week 1 – 40; Week 2 – 35; Week 3 – 25;  
Week 4 - 41

Worship Services conducted in  
Nuer & English in person and online.

# AUGUST



## Happy August Birthday!

Special Greetings to Trinity members in Care Facilities or Shut Ins with August birthdays. We ask that you remember our fellow members in your prayers and help brighten their day with a card or visit.

**8/30 Welford Knauss**

43296—150th St.

Waseca, MN 56093

**W**e thank God for all of our church family. You are invited to remember the birthdays of our Octogenarian and Nonagenarian congregation members. Say a kind word, offer a prayer or send a card!

Gordon Spitzack (8/3), Audrey Dalluge (8/11), Jule Moldenhauer (8/11),  
Charles "J." Beatty (8/12), Charles LaCroix (8/12),  
Karen Murphy (8/15 - **80th birthday!**), Arlene Zielske (8/18)

*I am so grateful, dear Jesus, that as You did with the little children who came to You,  
You take me in Your loving arms, lay Your hands on me and bless me.*



## DEFINE YOUR LIFE BY HOW YOU GIVE

**W**inston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our

sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we

are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from

asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more.

When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry:  
[lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

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### MEMORIALS



*Each gift has been recorded in the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Book located in the Church Office. We invite you to stop by the office and note the special donations given in love and remembrance. All gifts to Trinity Radio Club are recorded, then acknowledged by the Radio Club during their Sunday broadcasts.*

IN LOVING  
*Memory*

**IN MEMORY OF WAUNITA BULTMAN:**

**Undesignated Memorials**

\$220. by Family & Friends

**IN MEMORY OF DENNIS KRENZ:**

**Faribault Lutheran School**

\$10. by Orville & Evonne Wegner

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Sunday, 8:00am and 10:30am  
Radio Broadcast: KDHL (AM 920)- Sunday, 8:00am  
Consolidated Communications TV channel 10  
& Charter/Spectrum channel 181,  
Monday &/or Tuesday, 3:30pm

### WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[WWW.TRINITYFARIBAULT.ORG](http://WWW.TRINITYFARIBAULT.ORG)  
8:00 & 10:30am services live streamed

[WWW.TRINITYRADIOANDVIDEO.ORG](http://WWW.TRINITYRADIOANDVIDEO.ORG)  
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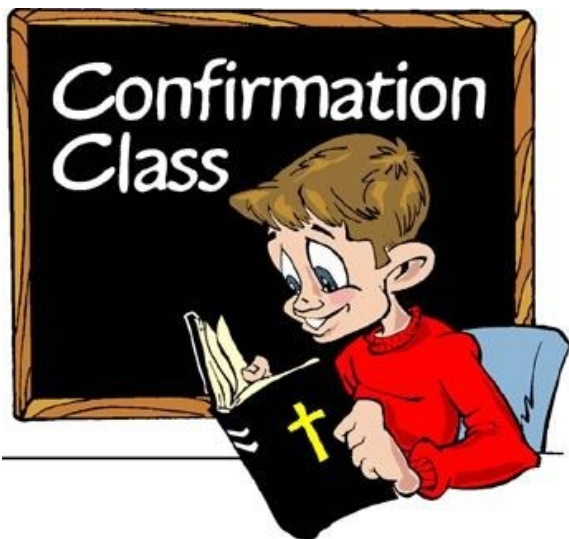
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CONNECT, GROW, GO



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## CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN AGAIN!



Confirmation Classes for 6th, 7th and 8th graders will begin on August 16!

Pastor Lane is teaching the confirmation classes for grades 7-8. Letters have been sent and an orientation meeting for parents and students is scheduled for August 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Church.

Curt Becher has agreed to teach the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Contact Curt or the church office for more information.

Classes start on Wednesday, August 16 at 5:30 p.m. If you have a child that is interested in confirmation or have any questions, please contact Nancy Simonson.

*Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it.  
(Proverbs 22:6)*