

## St. Anthony Church Religious Education News

By Katie Blinstrubas

St. Anthony Church will be sponsoring their annual VBS entitled Bible Camp Rainforest Adventure. The camp will run from August 4 through 8. Upcoming events for September include: September 5 -- Catechist meeting 6 p.m. in the Parish Center; September 8 -- Protecting God's Children Program 7 p.m., Parish Center; September 13 -- Book Day 9:30 to 11:30 in Church Hall; September 14 -- Parish Picnic & Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit performance; and classes will begin on September 15 to 20.

I can't believe that it is August already! We are peeking across the calendar to school! Dare I say it? Summer is almost over. And we still have so much to do and enjoy!

I'd like to remind anyone who hasn't registered, please do so as soon as possible so that everyone will have all the books in time for the start of classes.

Regular registration ended June 30. As of July 1, the late fee has been added to the fee. Forms are still in the vestibule of the church and in the Parish Center. All classes will be in the Parish Center. Please read the schedule carefully. Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Some classes are already filled and others are close to full, so if you need a specific class time, please register soon.

High school students are reminded to please register now. You will receive your course selection material this month and you will choose courses in September.

There is a Protecting God's Children course scheduled for Monday, September 8 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. It is a requirement that all volunteers who have contact with "at risk" populations such as children, elderly, and handicapped attend this course before they begin their ministry. Catechists must

take this before classes begin. If you haven't attended one of these sessions, please do so at this time. Check the bulletin for additional sessions at other parishes. I recommend this course for all parents as well, since it is highly beneficial and informative.

We have begun rehearsals for our musical, The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit. This year, we are moving the performance to coincide with the Parish Picnic in the fall. Lauren Macary has agreed to direct the play for us again this year. If anyone in grades three through high school wishes to participate, please call the RE office to sign up.

Our Vacation Bible School will begin August 4. This year we are taking a Rainforest Adventure! We will learn how to be good stewards of this beautiful earth through stories, games, crafts, music and even science!

Enjoy each day of the rest of your summer!

## Church of the Epiphany Holding Registration

The Church of the Epiphany announces that registrations are in progress for the 2008-2009 school year. In a change from past years, registrations and re-registrations need to be done in person at the parish office during routine office hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday registrations are available between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses on Sundays July 13 and August 10. Families who cannot register at these times should call the parish office at (203)272-4355 for an appointment.

Registrations will close on August 15. Late registrations will be accepted only if space is available in the class. Additional teachers are currently needed for grades 5, 7 and 8.

All classes for the Epiphany Religious Education Program meet on Sunday mornings from September through May. Parishioners desiring additional information are encouraged to call the parish at the number listed above.

Hyperspeed Games, Bible Story Blast, Wacky Works Crafts, Cinema Science, and Faith Fusion Finale

Every evening will begin with a Dynamo Dinner. Each nutritious meal will feature a tossed salad and a beverage, plus such favorites as pasta with meatballs and chicken nuggets with corn. Later each evening at the Test Tube Treats station, girls and boys will make and eat snacks. On the final evening, parents will be invited to join their children in an ice cream social.

Plug your children into Power Lab for an exciting adventure. The cost for the five-day Vacation Bible School is \$20 per child and only \$40 if there are two or more children in the same family attending. This includes dinners and snacks and all materials. For a week fizzing with fun and a week where children don't just hear about Jesus's love but also see it, touch it, sing it, create it, play it, act it out, and even taste it, register today by calling the Christ Church office at 393-3399.

## Prospect Congregational Church News

By Tim Beach

Which way do you view the glass of this season? Is summer half over already? Or is there still a half of summer still to enjoy? Whichever view you have; you're welcome at our church. If you front-loaded this season with all your vacations and fun times already, then please come and share your stories with us. If you have a special journey planned soon, we want to hear about that, too, and pray with you for your safe trip.

Speaking of journeys -- the month of July has been full of spiritual journeys, many beginning and one long awaited one is happening right now. One exciting journey that I have forgotten to mention in our articles is a trip to our church website. There are plenty more details at that site of how life is at our church; anyone is free to take a look. Here it is, [www.prospectctucc.org](http://www.prospectctucc.org) I hope you enjoy the trip.

Some of our beginning journeys started back in late June with three baptisms; July brought three more baptisms.

A venture by the youth of the church has been so anticipated that one of the Youth Fellowship members, Katie Patrick, wrote a song about it and sang it an evening service. That service was the special service to commission the Youth Fellowship and their adult advisors as they begin their journey to the National Youth Event in Tennessee. The NYE only happens once every four years and it's truly a countrywide celebration of Christianity as every state will be represented among the 5,000 young adults gathered there.

The monthly Casserole Ministry Sunday came a week early this month, but the change in schedule didn't affect the volunteers' desire to help feed the hungry. It was a great team effort to prepare the food to deliver to the GWIM Soup Kitchen. Our church Runners Club (and Walkers Auxiliary) was represented at the GE 5K Race and Walk in Plainville to support the Petit Family Foundation.

Upcoming August activities include a Sunday evening Bible/book study revolving around the reading of *The Red Tent*. Interested readers will gather on August 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School will be an exciting, multigenerational event from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning the week of August 11 through 15.

If anyone would like any more information about our church, please call the office at 758-4872.



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## Bethany Church Offers Summer Program

Christ Episcopal Church, 526 Amity Road, Bethany, has cracked the formula for a fun-filled Bible-based summer program entitled Power Lab. This high voltage action-packed Vacation Bible School will be run for five evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. from August 18 to 22. All children in Prospect, ages four to ten, are warmly welcome to join in this amazing adventure which will surely be a solution to end-of-summer boredom. Youngsters will have wonderful opportunities to interact with a new group of children and to make new friends.

Each day at Power Lab, boys and girls will visit seven exciting lab stations which feature learning activities which all tie together to reinforce one simple, memorable Daily Bible Point. At Sonic Sing and Play there will be catchy, upbeat Bible songs related to the daily concept. Led by Fabian Ortiz, the talented Christ Church music director, the music station will be in the church. Additional lab stations include

Attired in lab coats and safety goggles, Kathy Marlor (left) and Tricia Pasley admire a Power Lab Vacation Bible School sign for Christ Episcopal Church, Bethany.

