

### Sunday, June 9th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:15 am Spiritual Journey  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
5:00 pm Book Group

Sunday's Bulletin

*The Nursery is open from  
9:00 am - 12 pm every Sunday*

### Upcoming Week

#### June 11

10:00 am Facebook Prayer

#### June 12

9:00 am Facebook Live Liturgy  
3:00 pm WTMP - parish hall  
3:00 pm Westminster Oaks  
service  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II  
6:45 pm Choir Practice

#### June 13

10:00 am Facebook Prayer

#### June 15

9:00 am Food pantry

## A Message from the Vestry

VBS 2024



For as many years as I have been attending HCEC (except the pandemic year of 2020), the church has offered a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for children in the area, at no charge to the families, whether they attend Holy Comforter Church or not. This program is one of the church's greatest acts of evangelism.

I remember bringing my then six-year-old son in 2015 to the opening assembly on the first day of VBS as Father Ted Monica played the guitar and led the children in singing "I've got joy in my heart." In 2019, with my son attending for his fifth year, I finally began serving as a volunteer as the puppeteer for VBS's daily opening and closing assemblies. My son cooperated and kept his mouth closed, not telling the other children that his father was the voice of robot EP 3:20 (referring to Ephesians 3:20).

Although the children attend for a week each summer, there are at least hundreds, if not more than one thousand human hours spent on the designing and preparation of the final product that results in this and other years' VBS programs. By participating in VBS, I have learned that the church's **Children and Families Ministry Director, Julianne Chester**, has shown a remarkable amount of well-thought-out planning into every part of this annual summer event. Preparation begins each year in January.

The theme for this year is *Camp Firelight*. Each day includes an opening and closing assembly of all twenty-four students (ranging from ages 4 ½ to 11) with **Julianne Chester** playing the part of a nervous new camp director, Jay. She interacts with the children and a puppet firefly, named Lumen. **Julianne** has spent many hours writing the scripts for the dialogues and memorizing Director Jay's speaking part. Essential to making the sound clear and audible to all, along with the video presentations, is **Fred Chester**. He is also recording the assemblies so that highlights can be presented to the entire congregation. More than twenty volunteers participate to make this VBS possible, including rising ninth grader **Quint Brown**, who assists teacher **Ernie Roaza** in the

science class, and rising eighth grader **Stella Corum**, who is a guide for the children. **Lisa Peerson** has demonstrated her talents and dedication by decorating the church and puppet theater for this week.

The key Bible verse (camp callout) for this year's VBS is *Psalm 56, verse 3, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."* Each of the five days at Camp Firelight VBS, the children learn a Bible story, taught by the team of **Janice Mazza** (thank you for 10 years of teaching, Janice!), **Joy Green** and **Ruth Roaza**. That lesson is reinforced by the mentioning of the story at each day's closing assembly. **Patricia Trom**, **Pat Brown** and **Pat Desilet** teach crafts, while **Corinne Johnston** creates activities in Recreation/Games to allow children to expend energy. **Sandi Jacobsen** and **Pat Greisl** prepare and serve snacks for the hungry learners.

If you have not yet participated in the summer HCEC VBS, please consider serving in coming years. You will have a positive impact on our children.

-Robert Efthim

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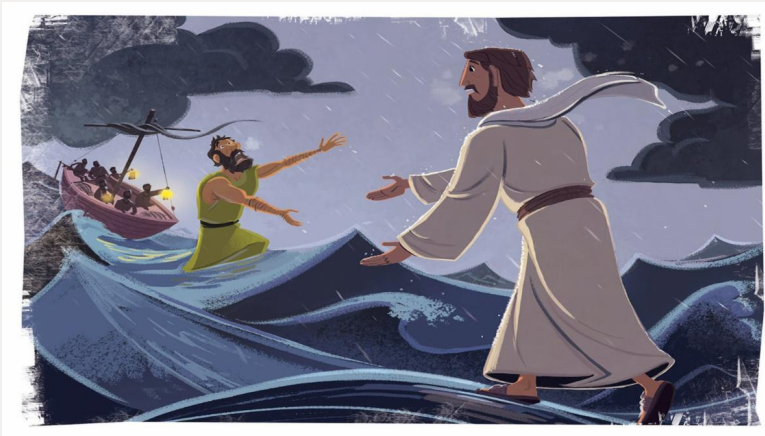
## Children's Ministry

### *Walking on Water*

This lesson focuses on the miraculous powers of Jesus and His willingness to help us face the seemingly impossible challenges in our lives. We will discuss the incredible story of Jesus walking on water- a vivid demonstration of His command over the physical laws of nature.

When Peter asked Jesus to call him to walk on the water, Peter learned an amazing lesson. With his focus on Jesus and trusting in Him, Peter was able to walk on the water just as Jesus had; but when a big wind came up, Peter got afraid and started to sink. Jesus pulled Peter out of the sea and asked, "Don't you trust me?" Then the wind stopped and once again, Jesus had demonstrated that he really is the Son of God.

Sunday's lesson ties in both with our beach/water theme and our camp callout from VBS "*Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust on you.*" *Psalm 56:3.*



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**Joke:** How much does a chimney cost?

**Riddle:** What is the worst vegetable to have on a ship?

Scroll to the bottom for answers

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### Summer Office Hours/Closings:

As of June 3rd, and throughout the months of June and July, our office hours will be shorter than usual: **9a - 3p Monday to Thursday**.

Also, Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth) and Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (Independence Day) are Federal Holidays and the office will be closed those days.

### Year to Date Financial Update

Date	Item	Amount
May. 2024	Actual YTD Income	\$228,280
May. 2024	Budget YTD Income	\$230,800
May. 2024	Actual YTD Expenses	\$250,845
May. 2024	Budgeted YTD Expenses	\$241,267
May. 2024	Actual YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(22,565)
May. 2024	Budgeted YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(10,467)

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### Worship Opportunities

#### Sunday Services

8 am, Rite I, Traditional

10:30 am, Rite II, Contemporary,  
(Service live-streamed on YouTube)

#### Wednesday Service

5:30 pm, Rite II, Contemporary

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