

## Welcome to Summer!

Summer always gives us a change of schedule, a change of pace, a chance to change things up a little bit. Same here at church. Here are a few of the fresh things for you to watch for.

**Worship** – for a change of pace – we won't be changing it! This summer, we are continuing our regular Sunday worship schedule. The 8:00am service that took on a new format this year will continue through the summer. If you are heading off into a busy Sunday, you might check out this earlier and briefer format and the intimate sense of community that has developed at this hour. The 10:00am service will also continue on. In both services, we are going to be listening to stories of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. They are God's Own Curmudgeons, and we think you will enjoy hearing how God manages to use those (ahem) "talents" to get God's word out and God's work done. And don't miss the chance to become a musician for the summer! There are "introductory bell groups" (we won't call them Hand Bells for Dummies, we promise!) for all ages and some "One Night Choir" events, where you can be the Chancel Choir for a single Sunday.

**Faith Formation** – While our children's Sunday School takes a break for the summer, none of us stop learning and growing in our faith. Adults – you can check out the Sunday morning class that can't stand to stop, every week at 8:45am. Youth – you're moving it outdoors, taking over the Prima Deli and taking on their excellent coffee while you toss around some really intriguing questions. Kids – sign up now for Vacation Bible School in July and watch for something brand new, the Music and Drama Camp in August! All ages – come to Wednesday Night Live. Not only can you listen to, and hopefully join, conversation on some of the squirmier issues of the faith, but you can be listened to. We want to hear from all ages about what will help your faith grow.

**Caring** – How better to feel cared for than to be fed? Dan Jones will continue to make us dinner on Wednesday evenings, though with a lighter summer menu. And, of course, come feast on burgers and beautiful scenery and laughter and relaxed conversation at the Church Picnic on June 6 after church. If you are under 18, you can enjoy each other's company at your favorite time of day – or rather, night – at the lock-in Friday, June 11th.. And all ages can come together for Family Camp, July 17 and 18.

Outreach – Watch for the second half of the summer, when we move from Listening to Doing. We'll have many opportunities for service and outreach. You can get a head start by signing up for the August Mission Trip to Milwaukee today!

**THE MESSENGER** – You will note that this newsletter covers the June and the first half of July. Our second summer newsletter covers the second half of July and August. *(A note to aspiring writers: the deadline for the next newsletter is June 29.)*