

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School 2021

## COVID SAFETY PLAN

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### Children

- **Kids will be organized in groups of no more than 10.** This will be their “home group” that they stick with throughout the week. (Groups may be family-based instead of age-based to minimize mixing.) They should not mix with other groups at the start or close of the day. Each group will have a helper or leader designated to shepherd them from station to station throughout the week.
- When kids arrive, they will check in at a station designated as “**home base**” for their group. Their helper/leader will be responsible for checking them in and keeping them together as a group.
- Kids will be given a **bag** with their name on it to hold their Bible buddies, nametags, mask, and any other items. Bags will be hung up at their “home base” to keep everyone's items separate. At the end of the week, they can bring the bags home.
- Kids will need to wear a **mask** whenever inside St. Peter's.
- Kids will need to make sure to bring their own **towel** each day and not share with others. Ideally they could bring a small backpack with change of clothes, towel, etc.

### Start and End of Day

- These will take place in the large tent. All kids to be gathered together but sitting separated into their **individual groups**.
- Betty and Pastor Katie will rewrite these scripts to be **shorter**, with no skits or music. They will focus on introducing the Bible Buddy for the day and getting the kids ready to go out to the different stations. The ending gathering especially will be brief as kids are ready to go by that point.
- Pastor Katie volunteered to lead these if needed.
- **Registration (Marie Sayles):** This will be under a pop-up tent that is separated from the large tent. The materials that Marie usually prepares to go home with the kids will be put into their individual bags, except for the ones that need to go home that evening

### Path of Children:

Registration (Monday only) > Home Base > Large Tent > Stations > Large Tent > Home

### Stations

- In order to minimize the need for masks, every station that can be outside will be **outside** under pop-up tents.
- Touch surfaces will need to be **wiped down** in between the different groups (applies to Wild Bible Adventure and Imagination Station). Kids will use **disposable wet wipes** to clean their hands between stations rather than all going to wash hands in the bathroom.
- **Wild Bible Adventure (Julie Steele with helper):** This is the only station that will need

to be inside. Julie will need to assess her touch surfaces to see what needs to be wiped down between each group.

- **KidVid (Barb Gorsch):** We will run extension cords out to a pop-up tent with the flat screen TV. KidVid will also include the snack this year, which will be simplified to something pre-wrapped that can be easily handed out and consumed while kids are watching the video.
- **Locomotion Games (Kaylee-Ann Zimmerman with helper):** This station will be outside behind the church and will not require a pop-up tent.
- **Sing Song Express (Janet Fiacco):** This station will take place in the large tent and use the projector, screen, and computer to practice the various songs.
- **Imagination Station (Deb Raft):** This station will take place under a pop-up tent and will require tables and chairs along with regular supplies. Deb will need to assess her touch surfaces to see what needs to be wiped down between each group, and others may need to come assist when their station is not active.

### **Additional Volunteers Needed**

- Three group “**shepherds**” (one per group)
- **Runner** to help transport snacks and distribute wet wipes (Janet Zimmerman)
- **Runner** to help bring kids to the bathroom and back (???)
- All volunteers should be vaccinated.

### **Friday Evening Program**

- After much consideration, Betty and Pastor Katie have decided to not offer a Friday evening program this year. VBS will conclude at noon on Friday.