

Communion for Kids - February 5th

Communion is one of the most important sacraments we take part in as followers of Jesus. It is especially important that we teach our kids from an early age about Jesus' life, death and resurrection through Communion.

Several times a year we invite the children into the main worship service to take in Communion with their family. Our next all-church Communion will be Sunday, February 5th.

Children's Ministry has wonderful resources available to help you have a meaningful discussion with your kids about what Communion is and when they are ready to take the sacraments.

Call or email with any questions you may have or to pick up a Communion Packet for your family!



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Kids celebrate the Birth of Christ in this year's Christmas Eve Pageant. We learned about preparing for Jesus and what gift we might bring to Him. Kids brought offerings of trophies, family photos, special toys and much more!



Young Christians Event

Do you know what Communion is? Do you know why we baptize people? What do all the symbols and pictures around our building mean?

For answers to these questions and more, join us on Sunday, January 22nd from 3:30-6pm for our Young Christians Event.

This event is for all kids 3rd-5th grade who would like to know more about the ins-and-outs of life at Trinity. (This is also a required event if your child is considering baptism in the next few months).

For more information or to RSVP for this event, email Megan Holliday at mholliday@trinityalaska.org.



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Events to Look Forward To:

Check out what's going on for parents and kids this month & beyond...

1. Young Christians

Sunday, January 22nd from 3:30-6pm. Come learn all about baptism, communion, and why we do the things we do when we're at church.

2. BLAST 45

BLAST 45 is our service & social group for 4th & 5th graders. We meet (usually) on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month to do a variety of service & social activities.

Sunday, Jan. 8th - H2Oasis! Meet at Trinity at 3pm to go to Anchorage's Indoor Water Park. Pick-up back at Trinity at 6pm. Cost is \$20.

3. Date Night

Go out on the town (or stay in!) and we'll watch the kids for the evening!

Friday, January 27th, 6-9pm is our next Date Night. Cost is \$8 and all proceeds will go to Huffman Elementary School.

Register online at www.trinityalaska.org by Wednesday, January 25th.

Looking for a night on the town?

Have a...

Date Night!

...and leave your kids with us for the evening

Date Nights are on the following Fridays from 6-9pm. Registration is required by the Wednesday night before. Cost per child is \$8 and benefit Huffman Elementary.

Date Nights Spring 2012:

January 27th

February 17th

March 23rd

April 13th

May 11th

Volunteering for Date Night

Date Night is staffed by volunteers...you! We ask each family that regularly participates in Date Night to volunteer as staff for one Date Night per year. Please contact Megan Holliday at mholliday@trinityalaska.org to sign up for your time to serve. There is the possibility for us to increase the number of children we can accept if we have more volunteers each event. Consider volunteering more than once to open up more opportunities for kids!

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Dear Parents,

2012! If you're like me this last year felt like it flew by in some ways and in others it feels like 2012 would never get here! As many of us do this time of year, I find myself looking back on the last year - remembering the good and the less-than-good and ahead to a new year with hope, excitement and a little hesitancy for the unexpected.

My reflections of the last year will come to you in a few weeks in the form of the Annual Report for Children's Ministry, so stay tuned for that in February. The purpose of this letter is to give you a small glimpse of what's to come for CM in 2012. Hold on to your hats, it's going to be an exciting ride!!

First up this year is my (but not Trinity's) first Young Christians class for all 3rd-5th graders. This is a pre-confirmation opportunity for kids to learn more about the sacraments of baptism and communion and also explore elements of worship in more depth than we have time for on an average Sunday. If kids are interested in being baptized, this event is required. We highly recommend it for all kids in 3rd-5th grade as they are starting to understand deeper things about worship and sacraments. Plus, it should be a lot of fun!

The next major thing coming up is our summer planning for kids. Kids Fun Week is taking a sabbatical year (along with Pastor Tom) and we're going to try something totally new! The details are still in process, but we do know we will be offering a Fine Arts Summer Series for families for 4-6 weeks. Here's a basic run-down: One day a week for 4-6 weeks (day of week TBA) families can come to Trinity from 6:30-8:30pm and participate in Fine Arts classes. Classes may include music instrument lessons (piano, voice, trombone, percussion, ukelele, etc.), art lessons (painting, ceramics, photography, graphic design), or other art mediums (videography, sound technology, etc). Depending on the instructor, classes may be in a series (same class for 2-6 weeks to develop a skill or complete a project) or may be a one time class so you can pick a new class each week. Like I mentioned, there's a lot to work out, but it will be a new kind of family experience where we can all learn new ways to worship God with the arts. More information will be coming your way in March, but get excited for a great time in the Arts this summer!

We are also looking forward to continuing our favorite programs for kids and families: Date Night, BLAST 45, Summer Running Club and more.

AS ALWAYS...your feedback is so important to us. You may be getting a phone call (or a few) from me or the Children's Ministry Team members to ask for your feedback as we plan for new events and new ways to engage families in partnership at Trinity. Feel free to call us before we call you if you have ideas, suggestions, frustrations or are excited about something we should know about! We really want to know what you would like to see happen in the spiritual lives of your kids.

Even more than your feedback, we seek partnership with you as you raise your kids to know Jesus' love for them personally. This may mean participating in the many programs we have for kids throughout the year. Please prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to fulfill the vows we make at baptism to raise these children to know Jesus. Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry (older kids) and Adult Ministry Areas (really old kids) are always looking for people ready to serve in a multitude of different ways. What might He be calling you to this year?

Sincerely,

Megan Holliday
Director of Children's Ministry