

**This week's Pick is Nothing for the Journey.** Let's be honest, who among us, after reading the commands to his Apostles in the gospel for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time (Mark 6:7-13), would want Jesus as our travel agent? "Take Nothing for the Journey...no food, no sack, no money." They were, he says, allowed to wear sandals, but could take no more than the clothes on their backs. Really? Not exactly the summer vacation most of us have in mind, is it? But, the Apostles weren't taking a summer vacation. This was really more of a business trip. And this gospel passage isn't meant to be a list of travel tips! Surely, greater lessons are to be learned. First of all, by sending his Apostles off with the very basics—truly, even less—Jesus was letting them know that there was no time to waste in preparation for setting out. He had been teaching them the way of discipleship, and while there would always be more for them to learn, at some point, they had to get moving and put what they had learned into practice. Second, by taking Nothing for the Journey, the Apostles would not be weighed down with "things." Which brings us to the third lesson, that of trust. Each and every day the Apostles would have to trust that God would provide. And yes, oftentimes, that meant that God would provide by making it necessary for them to interact with and rely upon others. This interaction would witness to others the great trust they had in Jesus, but it would also put them at the risk of appearing foolish for being so ill prepared for their journey. Today, we are the disciples Jesus sends out. Nothing for the Journey! What a challenge! Today, a list of what we might consider the very barest essentials for a journey has grown far beyond what the Apostles of Jesus' day could ever imagine. Have those "things" become more important to us than the journey itself? Perhaps even more important than the One who sends us? Might we even put off starting a Journey because we would never feel as though we were well enough prepared? As you consider these questions, keep in mind that not only did the Apostles take the journey, but it was such a success that Jesus sent out seventy-two disciples on the next journey (Luke 10:1-9). And those seventy-two? They "returned rejoicing"! (Luke 10:17) Apparently, packing Nothing for the Journey is exactly the way to progress in spiritual trust.



## Youth Mission Trip

Our parish youth would like to thank you over and over for the great opportunity by supporting them to go to Birmingham, Alabama. Without your assistance we would not be able to have the impact we had with the people we helped. Thank you for making this possible



Welcome

This form gives you an easy means to let the office know that you would like to become a member of our parish family. Send it by mail, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Our Lady of the Lakes - PO Box 399 - Balsam Lake, WI 54810

## Liturgical Service List Form

Please fill out and leave in collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Time of Mass to be scheduled for:

Saturday Night

Sunday

Eucharistic Minister

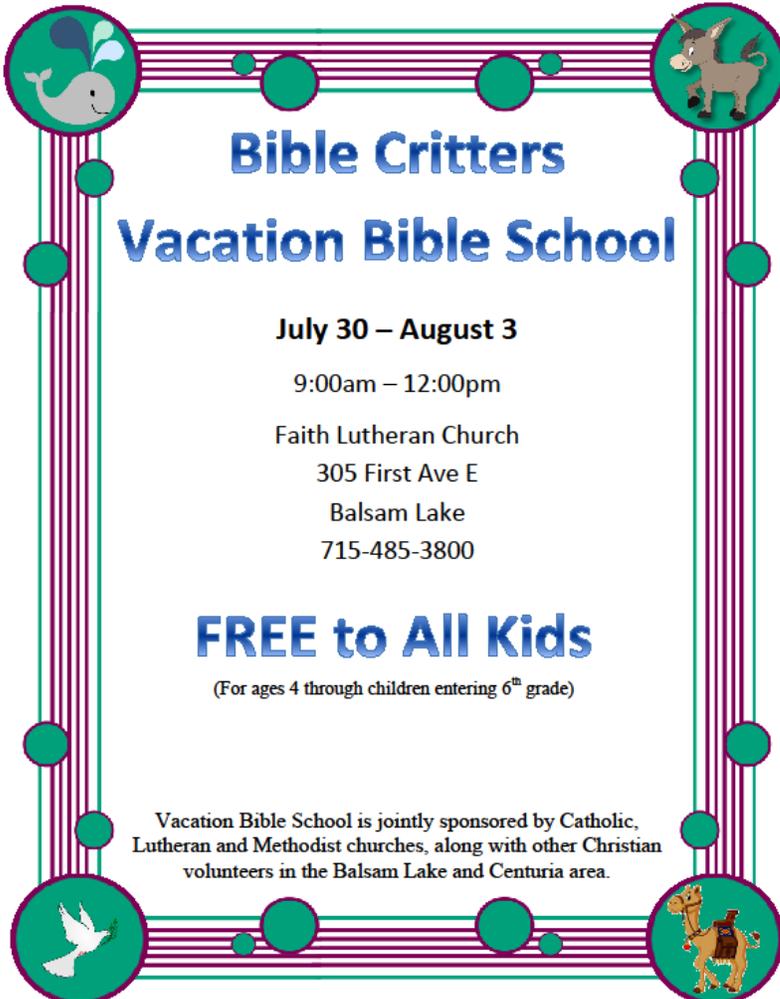
Reader

Usher

Server

Cantor

**Choir**



**Bible Critters**  
**Vacation Bible School**

**July 30 – August 3**  
9:00am – 12:00pm

Faith Lutheran Church  
305 First Ave E  
Balsam Lake  
715-485-3800

**FREE to All Kids**  
(For ages 4 through children entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Vacation Bible School is jointly sponsored by Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist churches, along with other Christian volunteers in the Balsam Lake and Centuria area.



To Purchase  
Raffle & Basket Tickets

**THANK YOU**



The next KC breakfast will be on Sunday, August 5th following the 8:30am mass.

### Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, July 12th at Docs in Balsam Lake, WI. Everyone who wants to attend the Ladies' Luncheon will meet at the restaurant at 12 pm. Please call Judy Foeller for reservations at 715-485-3920. Reservations are a must!