

MID-SOUTH LUTHERAN



alk into the church and you will stare straight ahead. There it is! The cross! It's a verdict. It's the junction of Law crashing against Gospel. (It is the sinner looking at God's judgment.)

We can't close our eyes and make it go away. We can't tear a page from the history books and hope it's gone. The trial was over. The gavel of God's judgment came down. The cross is a verdict — and that's final!

Then they crucified Jesus! Could it have ended differently? Not unless Jesus changed and we changed. But of course, Jesus didn't change — He's God and man. And us? We're oftentimes too stubborn and naive to change. Because of our sinful nature, we're so tangled up in ourselves that we can't change either.

We're guilty too

That's why we can't go back 2,000 years and stick that awful day on the Jews. The cross is as much a part of our landscape today as it was when it fit itself on the hill of Calvary. The world has put Jesus on trial, just as much as the Jews, the chief priests and the elders back then. Over and over again, the world has rendered the same verdict, the same conclusion, the same outcome: "Crucify Him!" But isn't it kind of His fault in a way, too? Aren't we reasonable people? We're willing to let Him hang around on stained glass windows. We've allowed Him to stand on our altar. We have nice, comfortable places where we visit Him. It's called church — where He should be satisfied we've given some time to Him. But He has disappeared from some buildings' walls and even from some churches because His sacrifice for the whole world is too tough to think about.

Shouldn't He be satisfied with oncea-week or at least once-every-month visits? But His Word says we should love, honor and obey Him every minute, every hour and every day of our lives. What else does He expect us to do? The way we live demands that we join in with the crowd and demand He be crucified because our natural lives can't stand in front of Him and His perfection. We can't fix Calvary in history, space and time. The cross just won't stay put! Jesus won't let it be.

Our only hope

Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola

District President

It makes us stop and think. We know better. Several years ago on Maundy Thursday, I saw everyone who communed ducking away as they passed the arms of the Lenten cross. It interrupted the flow of the service. But isn't that exactly what happens to the cross today? It's OK to have a pendant or necklace with a cross. We're supposed to be like Christ. But anyone who can watch me for a few moments or peer inside my brain can see that I can't stand in front of Jesus.

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MESSAGE

CROSS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

If the cross would only stay on my bedroom wall or just stay put on the altar, then I wouldn't have to live a holy, Christ-like life. Does the cross in my life mean that I'd be brutalized, vandalized and living in utter fear because the rest of the world cares less about what happened when Jesus died on the cross? Yet we realize that the cross is our only hope because Jesus just won't let it go away.

Isaac Watts wrote the beautiful hymn "O God, our Help in ages past, Our hope for years to come..." There we see it. Our human history, our entire life, the lives of every man, woman and child were hanging for all the world to see upon the beams of an ugly, rugged cross. It doesn't stand for something God once did, but what He gives us each moment of every day — life through the atoning sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The cross still reaches out and lavs its hold on all of mankind. It lifts up people who are straining against the downward pull of sickness, temptation and sin. It props up the sagging spirit of those facing trials, disease and death. The cross is the eternal scaffolding that built our life in Christ, through His love and infinite grace. The cross is the golden scale of balance where our sin, errors and shortcomings weigh down one side. On the other is God's verdict of forgiveness, innocence, blessedness and purity in Jesus Christ, who stretched out His eternal arms to gather us into His love and mercy, to bring balance and hope.

You are loved

So thanks be to God that the cross won't go away. The cross is God's way of saying to us, "I forgive you because I love you." It changes us from being like Pontius Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas and the angry crowd that screamed for His blood, and turns us from that kind of wretchedness into blessed sons and daughters of our heavenly Father by His grace and mercy.

Yet the cross shows us that we still need His forgiveness and that we may be forgiving as well. We can find the power of forgiveness through the Means of Grace, thus allowing us to offer forgiveness from the cross.

Remember, we say in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Martin Luther taught that we pray that our Father would not look

on our sins, nor on their account deny our prayers; but that He would grant them all to us by grace, so that will we also heartily forgive



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and readily do good to those who sin against us.

It's impossible work if we're left to ourselves. But it all happens because of the cross of Christ — power to forgive and be forgiven. Every sin is forgiven in the power of the cross, towering over the wrecks of our time. Hear the words of Jesus from the cross as He groaned in the pains our sins deserved. See His love flowing from the cross and hear His voice strain to say, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Beyond our comprehension

We can never fathom the details of what happened on Calvary, but we know that by the time that awful day was over, Jesus — innocent, perfect and holy — was covered with thorns of mockery, ridicule and spit from those whom He disgusted. This same Jesus, with His battered and bloodied body, took away sin by suffering an

eternity of separation from God in our place.

Christ was separated from the Father for us! Who can understand it? We receive life and an eternal inheritance from God the Father while the Son of God was forsaken as He cried out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" We can never understand that depth of love.

Salvation's work came to its climax. God's wrath against sin and God's love for us came crashing together. Our sin and shame are erased. Our rebellion with God is reconciled. We became the sons and daughters of the almighty heavenly Father. The building of the kingdom of God was completed in the framework of the cross. It is God's guarantee of our salvation.

Our dying Savior spoke with His last breath:

"It is finished!"

Thank God for the gift of the cross!

Apply now for financial aid

o support the education efforts of students pursuing a full-time career in church work, the Mid-South District is pleased to once again offer opportunities for financial aid.

To be considered for financial assistance, a student must be a member in good standing in a Mid-South District congregation and be enrolled at an LCMS seminary or college/university to prepare for fulltime service as a rostered church worker. Rostered workers include pastors, teachers, deaconesses and directors of Christian Education.

To be considered for the student financial assistance program, you must first inform the Mid-South District office that you are or will



be a student enrolled at a Synod school. This information may be sent to Julie Tyler at *jtyler@mid-southlcms.com* or Attn: Julie Tyler; 1675 Wynne Road; Cordova, TN 38016.

All related forms, including the financial aid application, are at *mid-southlcms.org/student-financial-aid*.

The application deadline is June 15.

Enjoy music at seminary

The joyful sound of acclaimed musicians and choirs from around the country will stir the senses as the 2019-20 Concordia Seminary Concert Series continues. All performances are free and open to the public.

After Chapel Concert

This performance will be held on Tuesday, April 14, from 9:55 to 10:15 a.m., directly following morning services, in the balcony of the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. Ryan Edinger will play piano/organ.

Organ and Carillon Concert

The seminary will host a two-part organ and carillon concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, featuring Dr. Laura Ellis, professor and associate director in the School of Music at the University of Florida. This two-part concert will be held outside for the carillon portion the chapel for the organ recital.

The seminary is located at 801 Seminary Place in St. Louis. For more information, visit *csl.edu*, go to "Campus Life" and select "Music & Arts" from the drop-down menu.



God's dear Son, Jesus, rising up from the dead. For your sins and mine, to that hill He was led, He suffered and He died for you and for me, On that awful old cross, on the hill, Calvary.

He did it that we may rejoice on this day, Knowing that surely for our sins He did pay, We don't have to worry, to fret or to care, Just give it to Jesus, on our knees and in prayer.

He's patiently waiting for you and for me, To take up the Bible – His Book – and to see, What comfort and strength He's hidden for us there,

If only we'll look, His peace He will share.

So after you've sung Alleluia! Praise the Lord! Resolve to read the Word – you will not be bored,

Start with five minutes in the morning each day, God wants our devotion, great rewards He does pay. Your mind will be quieted, and peace you'll receive,

It's wonderful, marvelous and hard to believe, That by just reading His Word and waiting on Him,

Gives you assurance, energy, vigor and vim!

Try it, you'll like it, I promise you will, But it will not be easy, the battle's always uphill, 'Cause the world's full of "things" that get in the way,

But with His help, you can do it – read every day!

With this I'll close, wishing you a blest day, Remembering our Father and His Son who did pay,

So we could sing His praises and graciously say,

"Happy Easter blessings this Resurrection Day!"

Lyla Krieg, Celebration, Seymour, Tenn. ©Lyla J. Krieg, 1998

Congregation mission commitment receipts

as of Jan. 31, 2020 (1 month)

Anticipated amount
(8.3% of budget)\$128,248
Actual receipts\$122,342
Over (under) anticipated
amount(\$5,906)
Use of mission commitment
receipts
Allocated to Synod for
world missions \$34,619
Allocated to Tanzania \$2,083
Retained for district ministry/
mission support
(70% of receipts) \$85,639
Total receipts \$122,342
Mission commitment receipts
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comparison
Actual receipts as of Jan. 31, 2020 \$122,342
Actual receipts as of
Jan. 31, 2019 \$118,127
Over (under) prior year

receipts \$4,215

MILESTONES

The Mid-South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Ordained ministers celebrating anniversaries in 2020 5

65 Years Rev. Roy Jacob (em) Hot Springs, Ark.

60 Years Rev. Arthur Avery (em) Harrogate, Tenn.

Rev. Albert Eichelberger (em) Knoxville, Tenn.

Rev. Clarence Helmich (em) Oviedo, Fla.

Rev. Frank Zirbel (em) Harrison, Ark.

55 Years Rev. David Callies (em) Brentwood. Tenn.

Rev. Larry Marhenke (em) Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Rev. Donald Neiswender (em) Paducah, Ky.

Rev. Gilbert Pingel (em) Chattanooga, Tenn.

50 Years Rev. Linsey Dettmer (em) Sevierville, Tenn.

Rev. John Freitag (em) Rogersville, Tenn.

Rev. Roger Reckling (em) Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Rev. Kenneth Taglauer (em) Grace, Mountain View, Ark.

45 Years Rev. Darrell Kobs (em) Russellville, Ark.

40 Years Rev. Dean Clausing (em) Benton, Ark.

Rev. Larry Peters Grace, Clarksville, Tenn. 35 Years **Rev. Robert Benke** Faith, Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Rev. Jonathan Beyer First, Hot Springs, Ark.

Rev. John Treude Our Redeemer, Fort Smith, Ark.

30 Years Rev. James Burns (em) First, Benton, Ark.

15 Years **Rev. Greg Bearss** LakePointe, Hot Springs, Ark.

Rev. Joel Krogen Hope, Batesville, Ark., and Zion Evangelical, Waldenburg, Ark.

Rev. David Schmidt Faith, Bentonville, Ark.

10 Years **Rev. Michael Croom** Trinity, Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. David Witte Grace, Little Rock, Ark.







5 Years Rev. Eric Longman Holy Trinity, Rogers, Ark.

Rev. Mark Tooley Peace, Conway, Ark.

Rev. Daniel Ulrich Grace, Clarksville, Tenn.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

SERVICE

MERCY IN DESOTO COUNTY



Chainsaw teams help with **tornado cleanup**

Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) of Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) were in the DeSoto County, Miss., towns of Olive Branch, Hernando and Lewisburg recently to help with tornado recovery. The teams were invited by Angela Fowler, Beautiful Savior, Olive Branch, congregation president.

Two tornadoes hit the towns during the early morning hours of Jan. 10. The first tornado was rated an EF-1 storm by the National Weather Service, with an estimated wind peak of 100 miles per hour and was 200 yards wide and traveled 11 miles. The second tornado was rated an EF-2 storm with an estimated peak wind gust of 120 miles per hour, and was 300 yards wide and traveled about eight miles.

Kathy O'Day, LCC director of Disaster Response, and 27 LERT chainsaw-certified team members served 14 families affected by the tornadoes. They worked



through Beautiful Savior, in partnership with Eight Days of Hope Rapid Response.

The LERT volunteers spent six days cutting and removing fallen and damaged trees that covered the yards of many homes, as well as removing dangerous leaning and dangling limbs.

The team served three homeowners who represent four generations of the same family. Their large properties had multiple trees down and dangerously hanging trees.

The team also served a 78-year-old man

whose parents had built the home he lives in. He is the caretaker of his older brother, who needs regular trips to the VA. The chainsaw team cut about 100 fallen or damaged trees on the property.

Another homeowner, Larry, knew God was watching over him as he took shelter in his closet during the tornado. He had no idea how he was going to clean up any of the extensive damage to his property, and was thankful for the team's assistance over the two days it took to clear the destruction the tornado had left behind.

Everyone enjoyed taking the time to talk and pray with Larry. He loved the cross they made for him out of one of the many damaged pine trees that he had planted with his father when he

was 7 years old.

In addition to the physical assistance LERT provides, the volunteers also bring the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those suffering and in need.

LCC never goes where they are not invited, nor charges those they serve. They respond with help within 24 hours or fewer, and cover their own travel, lodging, and meal

costs. LCC is an LCMS Recognized Service Organization.

Donations to help cover maintenance and costly repairs to equipment damaged during service may be made at **lutheranchurchcharities.org/** give-lcc-dr.html. Select "Disaster Response Equipment & Fuel Expense Fund" from the "Choose your designation" menu. For more information, contact Lutheran Church Charities at *LCC@LutheranChurchCharities* or 866-455-6466.

2020 SPOTLIGHT ON LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Faith development **STARTS IN THE HOME**

By Allen Piepenbrink

Mid-South District Education Executive

Greetings from the Mid-South District office.

I recently read an article at the Relevant Children's Ministry website, published in 2011, titled "Kids Who Grow Up to Follow Jesus Have Parents Who Do These 7 Things."

As I pondered that title, I realized that many children today and in the past have fallen away from Jesus at an early age, and in their teens and early 20s. But there are also children who have remained faithful to God throughout life.

Now maybe those who remained faithful had good Christian friends, or maybe they got into the daily habit of reading the Bible and praying, or maybe they had good Christian teachers, pastors and other adult leaders that helped them stay true to their faith. The article points out, however, that a very important reason many children stay faithful to God is because of their parents. I once read that a child needs at least five strong Christian influences in order to remain faithful to their Lord and Savior. I also believe that the parents are the key ingredient for this success.

I will follow the points made in the article (in bold) with thoughts of my own.

"Kids who grow up to follow Jesus as adults have parents who pray with them at home."

This is important, but it goes beyond table and bedtime prayer. Parents need to teach their children how to pray and allow them to say the prayer out loud.

"Kids who grow up to follow Jesus have parents who read God's word with them at home."

Notice the quote says with them rather than just to them. Daily devotions are important for the development of the faith life of both parents and children. Finding time in our busy schedules might be difficult, but it is a necessary ingredient to success.



"Kids who grow up to follow Jesus as adults have parents who take them to church consistently."

In this day and age when sports are scheduled on Sunday mornings and parents are less likely to want to get up and go to church, we can follow the lead of businesses like Chick-fil-A, whose executives believe that Sunday morning is a time for corporate worship in the church of our choice.

It should also be noted that once a month is not consistent. The best way to instill consistency is to attend church every week.

"Kids who grow up to follow Jesus as adults have parents who create a place where questions are welcomed and encouraged."

Having been a teacher my entire life, I quickly came to realize that I did not have all the answers. But I also realized that my pastor was a good source for finding answers about the Bible and other topics that I could not answer myself. I also purchased books that could lead me to understand God's will in my life.

"Kids who grow up to follow Jesus as adults have parents who emphasize relationship over rules."

This doesn't mean we should throw out the rules because as sinful beings we do need boundaries and consequences. What this does mean is that through a strong relationship with Jesus, children are more likely to follow the rules.

Many problems in today's world are a result of individuals not knowing the love of Jesus in their life.

"Kids who grow up to follow Jesus as adults have parents who live authentically."

We parents are certainly not perfect, but we need to practice what we preach. I taught junior high for 20 years and believe me, my students knew when I wasn't being truthful. There were a few times when I had to admit that I was not practicing what I was preaching.

"Kids who grow up to follow Jesus as adults have parents who actively serve and involve their children in serving."

Our Lord Jesus came to serve rather than be served. When the Lord put you on this earth He didn't need another couch potato. He expects us to do something in service to others. Oh, I know you are busy, but there needs to be a time and a place when we go out of our way to serve others.

Parents are a key factor in making sure their children stay faithful to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As pastors, teachers, administrators, principals and church members, we need to find ways to help parents be that key factor in their children's lives.

The district Generation to Generation program is one of those opportunities to share the Good News at every level and at all ages. May we be successful in helping our children develop a faith in Jesus that will be everlasting.

ARKANSAS



St. John's Lutheran School Stuttgart

St. John's currently offers a preschool program, which includes infants through preschool four, while the elementary school includes kindergarten through grade six. Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year is 185 students. They participate in a variety of school and community activities, including sports. St. John's has four basketball teams and plays in the Stuttgart Parks and Recreation League. In the fall, the students collected over 1,500 items for the ICCM Food Bank. To support the police department, more than \$400 was raised to aid in the purchase of new vests.

Avilla Christian Academy • Alexander



While providing prekindergarten through 12th-grade education, Avilla also enjoys unique opportunities to serve special needs students. While others pursue high test scores and grades, Avilla focuses on positive growth according to one's aptitude — not only in academics, but in social skills and relationship with Jesus Christ as well. Like Jesus, Avilla accepts all kids where they are, but doesn't leave them there, stressing a positive growth mindset and personal effort as the keys to continuous growth. Children blossom at Avilla when no other school setting has worked. May our Lord continue to use Avilla to provide special needs students a potent future following Jesus.



Christ Lutheran School, Little Rock, is an actively functioning district school from which unfortunately no current information was available at press time.

First Lutheran School • Fort Smith

First celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week by living out the school vision of being Christ-centered and impacting the community. All kindergarten through sixth-grade students delivered messages of thanks to community servants; students also filled eight **Blessing Box pantries** (in photo). A special volunteer appreciation lunch was held to honor First volunteers. Students joined First's pastor, Rev. John Merrill, for a special appreciation lunch as they celebrated being filled with faith.



TENNESSEE



Generous volunteers gave the Belvoir Christian Academy (BCA) science room a face lift last fall, updating furnishings and redesigning work areas that allow students to experiment and create more efficiently. The room serves double duty as a "Makerspace Lab." These dedicated spaces are increasingly implemented in schools to offer students more creative, hands-on opportunities to design, experiment, build and invent simply by working on everyday items that they can disassemble, rebuild and recreate. Students are also enjoying the new Ga-ga Ball Pit (pictured at left), created by BCA alumnus Micah Bean, now an Eagle Scout! Thanks to great helpers, the students enjoy spaces where they can play, learn and explore.

Belvoir Christian Academy Chattanooga



From left, volunteers Ron Morris, Bob Wingard and Bob Twomey of Good Shepherd, Chattanooga, donated their time and skills to update the BCA science room (right).



Christ the King Lutheran School • Memphis

On Nov. 11, the school and community celebrated Veterans Day with a wonderful chapel service held by the students. That week, students learned how the service of our military veterans helped to secure our rights — and that we celebrate Veterans Day to remember those who served and are serving for our freedom. Many veterans are invited to the service, and students in kindergarten through fourth grade sing patriotic songs. All veterans in attendance are also celebrated and honored with with a special song. For this annual service, Rev. Mark Goble, CTK associate pastor, talked about his father's old Air Force jacket.



First Lutheran School Knoxville

At First Lutheran School, students are paired up as Chapel Buddies. In observation of Patriots' Day on Sept. 11. the first, second and sixth graders gathered together to pray. In chapel, the students sit with their buddies. The older students set a good example and mentor the younger students. Many students also spend time with their buddies for special class activities throughout the year, ending with the eighth graders and kindergarten students sharing a graduation ceremony. This buddy program is a blessing and joy that creates a bond which can last for years.



Heavenly Host Lutheran School Cookeville

Heavenly Host's (HHLS) reputation for academic excellence as well as Christ-centered teaching is reflected in the accomplishment of Sophia Grimes. In November, the talented fifth grader was recognized by the Beta Club as the winner in the statewide creative writing competition.

The Beta Club is a national community-service honor society devoted to promoting the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership. Competitors were given 90 minutes to use creative details through written expression to interpret a given topic. Sophia will be in the national competition this summer in Texas.

The HHLS Beta Club chapter is open to fourth through eighth graders who maintain 90 percent in all classes and exemplify excellence and leadership in the classroom.

The school celebrates over 25 years of preparing students for service to God, community and family.



Immanuel Lutheran School Memphis

Immanuel (ILS) students are focused not only on academics, but also in learning life skills as they demonstrate and share the love of Jesus to reach their community and beyond. This year, a number of ILS classes used the concept of a reverse Advent calendar to focus on giving rather than receiving by collecting food for the Mid-South Food Bank. Each day from Dec. 2 through Dec. 19, students from prekindergarten 3 and 4, and first, fourth, seventh and eighth grade brought food items to help fight food insecurity throughout the Mid-South.

More than 450 pounds of food were delivered to the food bank. Students and families provided presents and stuffed stockings to bless their Christmas families adopted through Neighborhood Christian Centers (NCC), and also made Christmas cards for home-bound church members who were visited by Immanuel carolers.



KENTUCKY

Holy Trinity Lutheran School Bowling Green





The elementary students at HolyTrinity Lutheran School have been building their Godly character by studying a different Christ-honoring character trait each month. Teachers used Bible stories, Scripture, prayer and hands-on activities to incorporate the trait of the month into their classroom activities. The students ended each monthly lesson by participating in a schoolwide activity the last Friday of each month.

December's character trait was generosity, and students watched a presentation about the Salvation Army, talked about ways that they could share Christ's love with others and sorted donations that were then given to a local charity. This year, students have learned about cooperation, kindness, respect, patience, generosity, self control, responsibility, perseverance and forgiveness, and will end the school year with courage.

DISTRICT NEWS

Neugebauer installed at St. John's, Redeemer



Rev. Kirk Neugebauer was installed as associate pastor of St. John's, Lafe, Ark., on Nov. 10. Pastor Neugebauer also presides over the ministry of Redeemer, Paragould, Ark. Rev. Aaron Neugebauer, Kirk's brother, is senior pastor of St. John's and Rev. Charles Neugebauer, their father, is senior pastor of Christ the King, Memphis, and Mid-South District first vice-president. Celebrating the installation were, from left (front row) Revs. Dr. Roger Paavola (district president), Aaron Neugebauer, Kirk Neugebauer, Charles Neugebauer; (back row) Jon Bischof, Justin Sponaugle, Joel Krogen, Russel Shewmaker and Paul Bowman.

Faith family grows in Union City

From left, Rev. Robert J. Mader of Clarksville officiated as Tammy Shealy, Adolph Pancratz, and Kimberly Burnell were welcomed as new members of Faith Lutheran Church, Union City, Tenn. (Monica Elling photo)





Early Bird registration ends April 17

LWML Mid-South District Convention

Arkansas Community Center Paragould

June 12-14, 2020

"Now you are the body of Christ, Each one of you is a part."

Highlights:

- Interest session speakers will focus on "Community" and "Life Together."
- Ingathering will be for Greene County foster families and items include school supplies, backpacks, socks, underwear and more.
- ► Host congregation is Redeemer, Paragould.

Lodging:

Three area hotels have been contracted for the convention and each has a block of rooms reserved for June 11-14 under "LWML Mid-South District." The hotels are

- ► Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
- ► Hampton Inn Paragould
- ► Courtyard Jonesboro.

The reservation deadline for all three hotels is May 27.

Registration forms and detailed hotel information may be found at midsouthlwml.org.



CAMP TRINITY

TRIVIA NIGHT



Who are the **smartest Lutherans** in the **Mid-South District?**

embers of LCMS congregations will vie for quick recall at Trivia Night 2020. The 12th annual contest, slated for Saturday, April 25, is the biggest annual fundraiser for Camp Trinity, the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean Mountain.

The event will be held in the Family Life Center at Peace Lutheran Church, Conway, Ark. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., instructions begin at 5:45 and the contest starts at 6.

Teams from many LCMS congregations compete annually to earn the right to have their team name inscribed on the famed Dinner Bell Trophy. Teams of up to eight competitors will answer

questions in eight rounds of play, with separate contests to be held between rounds.

You don't have to be an Einstein to compete at Trivia Night. The evening features three other contests: Most Clever Team Name, Best Costumes and Best Table Decorations. Competitors go all out to win.

The evening also includes a silent auction. Participants can bid on great items: luxury lodging, sports paraphernalia, kitchen gadgets, gourmet food

baskets, shop tools, original artwork and more.

Bring your appetite, as well. The kitchen will serve up burgers, dogs, nachos, veggies, soft drinks and sweet treats.

Spectators enjoy the evening as much as competitors — maybe more! Lots of folks come just to watch. Emcee Patti Airoldi, a veteran stage actor, keeps the crowd entertained with her quick wit and arsenal of

Trivia Night is a fun evening with an important purpose — to support Camp Trinity's mission of proclaiming Christ, encouraging fellowship among followers of Christ and enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

2020 Summer Camp Schedule

- ► June 7-12: Trailblazers (entering grades 5-8)
- ► June 14-19: Adventure (high school)
- ► June 21-26: Explorers (entering grades 4-6)
- ► June 28-July 1: Pathfinders (entering grades 2-4)
- July 5-10: Voyagers (entering grades 7 and up)
- ► July 12-17: Arts (entering grades 5 and up
- ► July 19-23: Pioneers (entering grades 5-8)
- ► July 19-23: Overcomers (entering grades 3 and up)
- ▶ July 24-26: Family 1
- ▶ July 27-29: Family 2



Deadline for the June-July issue is April 15

Digital files, sent via e-mail, are preferred. Our submission deadline is the 15th of each month, two months before publication.

Send email submissions to *LW@mid-southlcms.com* or send by postal mail to: Judy Otto • 150 N. Maury St. Holly Springs, MS 38635 Photos must be sent in high resolution.

"You don't have to be an Einstein to compete at **Trivia Night**."

April 25 Register at Iutherancamp.org

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