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## TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES SEPTEMBER 2008

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*From the desk of...*

Summer vacation is almost over. It's time to practice waking up to our alarm clocks again! I am actually happy about getting back into a scheduled routine and beginning a new TriCon Church School year. There are some exciting programming changes that I am looking forward to sharing and experiencing with you and your children.

### **Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum**

As I mentioned in our August newsletter, we will be using a new Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade curriculum this year. *Akaloo* is a web-based Lutheran curriculum focused on building faith formation and following in Jesus' footsteps. Much of our focus is learning how to be and acting as disciples of Christ...through our church, community, service and with each other. I believe *Akaloo* will support our beliefs and I am very excited about bringing this curriculum experience into our program.

Here is an *Akaloo* snapshot...

- *Akaloo* is divided up into five distinct units each year: Discovering the Bible, Experiencing God, Becoming a Disciple, Celebrating Church and Embracing the World. There are age appropriate learning goals for each section. The curriculum functions on a two-year cycle.
- All registered families will have access to the website. All of our Church School programming dates, activities and curriculum content will be available on the website calendar. There are even on-line games and activities for children that support what they are learning in the classroom.
- Should your child miss a Church School class, you will be able to access the curriculum through the *Akaloo* website.
- Teachers will be able to custom design their lesson plans and download and print out plans and classroom activity sheets. No more Teacher Guide books.

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### Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Church School	10:00AM
Dedicate Fall Volunteers	10:00AM
Liaison Meeting	11:15AM

### Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Mandatory Fall Teacher Meeting	7:00PM
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### Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Church School	10:00AM
Teacher Training Workshop	11:15AM

### Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Church School	10:00AM
Middle School Parent Planning Meeting	11:15AM

### Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Church School	10:00AM
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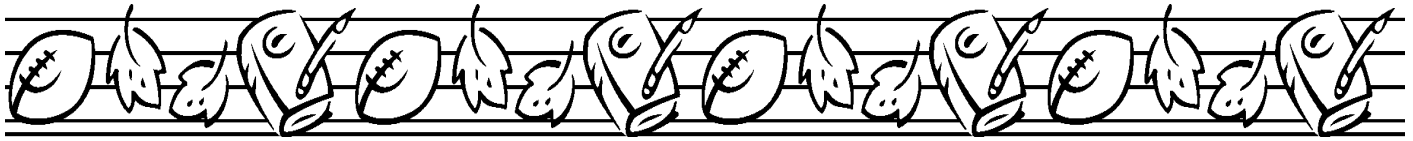
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**PLEASE REGISTER IF  
YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO  
YET. CONTACT CARRIE  
FOR UPDATED FORM.**



- Because there is no need for Teacher Guides books and disposable workbooks we will be using less paper...supporting our church's commitment to recycling.

I am making the assumption that all Church School families have access to a computer and the internet. In the event that you do not, please let me know and I will make sure you and your family are able to connect with *Akaloo*.

All non-teaching parents interested in finding our more about *Akaloo* are invited to attend our teacher orientation meeting on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. And, of course, I welcome your phone calls or emails.

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

The 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School program will consist of a combination of the *Generation Why?* curriculum (which we have used in the past), community service projects, learning about other Christian and World religions and Youth Group activities. This is the first year that 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be receiving an actual Bible which will be presented during the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Service in May. We are looking forward to a fun year of spiritual growth and awareness with this great group of kids.

I look forward to seeing all of your happy faces as we launch into learning on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Peace,

Carrie O'Brien  
Church School Director

### TRI-CON CHURCH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

**It is our mission to intentionally provide to all of the children in our Church School program the following:**

**Provide our children with a foundation in Christian education such as learning the stories of the Bible, the history of Christianity and what it means to be a UCC member, and the components of worship.**

**Provide our children with many opportunities to participate in our church community and programs outside our community.**

**Provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment with other children and adults.**

**Teach our children the important faith traits such as generosity, responsibility, courage, joy, stewardship and humility so that they will include and apply them to their daily lives.**

## **FALL TEACHER ORIENTATIONS** ***Mandatory Meeting, Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7PM*** ***Optional Workshop, Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:15AM***

Fall teachers...mark your calendars. We are offering two teacher meetings this fall. Each serves a different purpose. *All* teachers are expected to attend the mandatory meeting on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>. *Akaloo* is completely different in both mission and usage from any other curriculum we have used in the past. There will be a learning curve for teachers to successfully navigate before we begin using *Akaloo* in the classroom the following Sunday. This meeting will review how to use the website, how to build lesson plans and use *Akaloo* classroom props. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers will attend a separate meeting lead by Nancy DiRomualdo, our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Liaison.

For those of you who are newer to teaching in our program or who would like a policy and/or classroom procedure refresher course or teacher training tips it is recommended that you attend the optional workshop following worship on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Safe Church training will be offered that day for anyone participating in our program who has not been CORIed.





## Middle School Youth Group Meeting Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:15AM



Apple picking? Hiking? Service projects? Swimming party? What are some of your ideas? We hope to continue our Middle School Youth Groups this year, so if you are the parent of a Middle Schooler, this meeting is your opportunity to generate fun and meaningful Youth Group events. These events will depend on and be sponsored by the Middle School parent community so please join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> and bring your calendar. Let's put together a great Youth Group program! We will meet in the lower level youth room following worship.

### Church School Props Needed

We use classroom props each week particularly in the younger grades. We could use your donations to supplement what we already have and will accept items that are newly laundered and/or really clean and in good condition. They will be used as a permanent addition to our *Akaloo* resources. You may leave your contributions in the box outside of the second floor Christian Education office.



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| Blankets (3)                   | Pillows (4)                         | Medium Baby Dolls (4)            | Baby Blankets (4) |
| Baby Bottles (4)               | Beach Towels (4)                    | Baby food jars and lids (25)     | Flashlights (4)   |
| Hula Hoop (2)                  | Yarn Skeins                         | Fabric Remnants                  | Newspapers        |
| Dry cleaning shirt cardboard   | Plastic toy fruits and vegetables   | Children's Medical Play Kit (1)  |                   |
| Magazines (no catalogs please) | Shawls and silk scarves (all sizes) | Large empty refrigerator box (1) |                   |

### Church School Offering Envelopes

Money that comes into Trinitarian Congregational Church is divided into three "M's"...Ministry - this money goes to support the clergy, programs and administrative staff of our church. Mortar - this money goes to the buildings and general upkeep of our beautiful grounds. Mission - this is the money we send to ministry outreach. Trinitarian Congregational Church sends out 20% of our pledged dollars to Mission. There are many agencies, both locally and afar that we support. Children have the opportunity to support our church by using offering envelopes. Offering envelopes will be available from Carrie O'Brien, as requested. There will also be individual offering envelopes available in the parish hall. During worship time in class each Sunday, children will have the opportunity to present their offering envelopes for collection.



### Happy September Birthday Wishes to...



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|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Maxwell Boyle     | Margaret Hedeman | Tyler Kamionek  |
| Margaux Hunt      | Caroline Harmon  | George Howes    |
| Christopher Giles | Christopher Ryan | David Rennert   |
| Graham Robinson   | Ella Waldron     | Meredith Ackley |
| Emma Mahoney      | Kate Wyeth       |                 |



To date we have received about 75% of our registration forms. All of these children have been formally enrolled in their Church School classes and parent participation requests were assigned as indicated. Again, functioning as a Cooperative requires 100% participation. So, if you have not yet submitted your family's registration form there are programs that still are in need of your help. Available volunteer slots change as forms are received. For an up to date

form please contact Carrie O'Brien.

## Introducing our 2008 - 2009 Class Liaisons, Church School Superintendents and Program Teachers and Event Volunteers!

Class Liaisons are available to you if you have any questions or concerns about your child's Church School program. Their phone numbers can be found in the Church Directory.

Pre-K - Anne Lehmann	Kindergarten - Hunter Hutchinson	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - Sandy Freund
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade - Diana Kolstad	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade - Diana Kolstad	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Laura Marshall
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Marcia Ackley	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Lori Boisvert	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Kathe Falzer
Program Liaison - Nancy DiRomualdo		

We are fortunate to have Wayne Jalenak, Jim Davidian and Laurel Baumer returning this year as our Sunday Morning Superintendents! They are available during Church School to help parents find classrooms (or kids), assist teachers, coordinate 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Candlelighters or answer questions. Sunday mornings would not function as smoothly without their help! They also help remind Carrie to breathe!



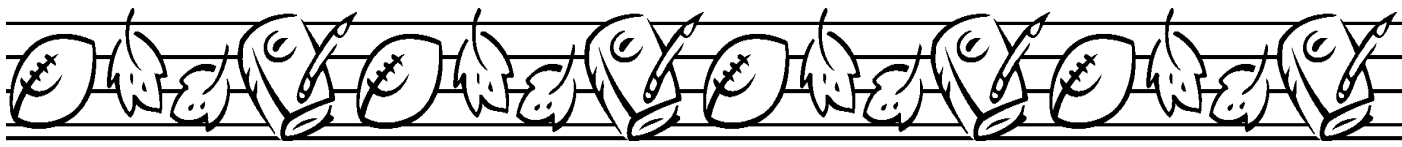
### 2008 - 2009 Program Event Volunteers

Every attempt was made to accommodate your participation requests. Please check the list below and the following page to confirm your participation in supporting this year's program. There are still open spots that need to be filled.

<u>Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> One Room Schoolhouse</u> <b>Need 4 volunteers</b>	<u>Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> O.R.S.</u> C. Wilcox J. Colbert B and B Littlefield S. Henderson	<u>Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> O.R.S.</u> L. Tharp F. Turkington <b>Need 2 volunteers</b>	<u>Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> O.R.S.</u> K. Detweiler S. Detweiler S. Johnston S. Henderson
<u>Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> O.R.S.</u> J. Ehlers <b>Need 3 volunteers</b>	<u>June 14<sup>th</sup> Heifer Fair</u> P. Meyer D. Anderson S. Henderson <b>Need 3 volunteers</b>	<u>Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Unicef</u> W. Page D. Rennert K. Harmon	<u>Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> Egg Hunt</u> D. Braunegg
<u>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Angel Breakfast</u> A. Lehmann - Chair T. Seifer L. Lilly K. Harmon	<u>3/4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pagaent</u> A. Hickman - Chair H. Barnes H. Harring P. Nelson	<u>5-8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pageant</u> A. Pasley D. Carlson S. Henderson <b>Need Chairperson</b>	

#### Middle School Youth Group Event Coordinators

B. Veidenheimer, L. Boisvert, S. Boyle, K. Ticknor, H. Salemy, L. Mahoney, J. Ehlers, M. Bode, S. Harmon  
L. Wittenberg and S. Fulshaw



2008 - 2009 CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

**FALL  
SESSION** →  
9/7/08 - 11/23/08

Pre-K 3's

K. Piper  
L. Lilly  
H. Hutchinson  
S. Freund  
B. Knauss

Pre-K 4/5's

T. Snell  
P. Meyer  
  
I. Bailey  
K. Rye\*

K's

S. Harmon  
E. Waldron  
  
J. Waldron  
*Need One*

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

K. Detweiler  
  
  
K. Rye\*  
*Need One*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

A. Lehmann  
V. Shannon  
H. Steinert  
*Need One*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

A. Hickman  
M. McMorro  
D. Kolstad  
J. Weil

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

M. Forinash  
L. Marshall  
M. Ackley  
E. Mushlitz

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

K. Wilson  
O. Judicke  
A. Pasley  
N. Bruning

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

S. Fulshaw  
H. Harring  
D. Ryder  
*Need One*

7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

S. Giles  
L. Mahoney  
Kamionek  
K. Falzer  
B. Schmidt  
Lehmann

**WINTER  
SESSION** →  
12/7/08 - 3/8/09

Pre-K 3's

K. Detweiler  
T. Siefert  
  
*Need Two*

Pre-K 4/5's

K. Rye  
L. Huyett  
  
T. Snell  
P. Meyer

K's

H. Harring  
J.  
  
B. Quirk  
A.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

S. Freund  
*Need Three*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

A. Pasley  
E. Waldron  
J. Waldron  
S. Winstanley

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

H. Steinert  
S. Harmon  
*Need Two*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

C. Stein  
N. DiRomualdo  
R. Piper  
T. Piper

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

J. Hart  
A. Hickman  
M. Bode  
A. Bruning

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

4/5's  
S. Fulshaw  
J. Rosazza  
D. Kolstad  
*Need One*

7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

L. Boisvert  
D. Boisvert  
L. Baumer  
*Need One*

**SPRING  
SESSION** →  
3/15/09 - 6/14/09

Pre-K 3's

L. Feigh  
*Need Three*

Pre-K

J. Colbert  
T. Snell  
*Need Two*

K's

A. Lehmann\*  
Hutchinson  
M. McMorro  
T. Siefert\*  
Piper  
H. Steinert  
Braunegg

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

J. Wilkinson  
  
J. Wilkinson  
*Need Two*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

A. Lehmann\*  
  
T. Siefert\*  
S. Freund  
  
S. Ledoux

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

H. Harring  
  
P. Nelson  
*Need Two*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

H.  
  
M. Talbot  
R and T  
  
D.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

S. Fulshaw  
D. Carlson  
*Need Two*

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

C. Gomez  
L. Lilly  
S. Harmon  
M. Ackley

7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

M. Forinash  
L. Marshall  
D. Kolstad  
N. DiRomualdo