

VBS2020 postponed until 2021

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Dear Vacation Bible School Families,



After careful review of any available information relating to the COVID-19, Jane and Sandy have decided to postpone the 2020 VBS and plan the event for summer

2021. The health and safety of our VBS community at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church have always remained a high priority within our VBS week. The provincial COVID-19 guidelines remain our compass in making this difficult decision.

With around 75 students participating each summer and an additional 50 - 70 volunteers, the impact on everyone's health and safety is great. We are heartbroken. Nevertheless, complications relating to pre-VBS preparations and concern for safety point to significant challenges in maintaining the high-quality programming and spreading the message of how "Jesus Leads the Way!" And even with the most stringent protocols and screenings, we cannot fully lessen the risk at this time given the many factors that are beyond our control.

Through God's Word, VBS provides inspiration to young and old in a safe environment. Children and volunteers connect through the gift of the Holy Spirit, build-up one another in Christ, foster Christian friendships, and build life-long memories. We are saddened that we will not have the opportunity to share all of this along with God's love this summer through our VBS. But we pray you know His Love for you. We will plan the 2021 summer VBS with each of you in our hearts. We thank you for your interest in and support of our VBS. We love having your children as students and as helpers when they reach that age. We are already counting the days until we see you next year.

This prayer was shared by Pastor A. Maleske, an LC-C mission pastor in Kingston, Ontario:

O risen Saviour, make us burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbours as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts especially during this pandemic, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our Baptism. Amen

Jane Bowman and Sandy Timm, VBS Directors