

# VBS is coming



June 16-19<sup>th</sup> 9am to 11:30am and June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Please register your child (current preschoolers-4<sup>th</sup> graders) by getting a form from the church or school office and returning it to the school office by Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>! We are also looking for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders to adults to help. There are many opportunities including decorating, games, snacks, group leaders and more! Please see the table at the church to sign-up to help. You may also register your child/volunteer online at the following link <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/TrinityMerrillVBS/gpgs/Home.aspx>! The first 25 families that register get a free weird animals CD to preview this year's awesome music. Questions email Melissa Leon at [melissa.leon@tismerrill.com](mailto:melissa.leon@tismerrill.com) or call Stephanie Springborn at 715-536-7501.

## Annual Preschool/

## Day Care/Student Council



On Wednesday, June 11, Trinity Preschool/4K/ Day Care will hold our annual rummage sale and brat fry. The sale will take place from noon until 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria, and the brat fry, run by the Trinity Student Council outside of the school, from 10:30 - 1:30. The brat fry will feature deliveries to local businesses. Call by 3:00 on June 10 to schedule your delivery. Make plans now to attend—have a brat from 10:30—1:30, then purchase some much needed items at the sale. All proceeds from the rummage sale will go for science and art materials for day care, preschool, and 4K, and additional furniture at the day care. The student council is raising money for activities, trips and donations.

## Join us for our last Chapel Service

Please join us! You are invited to join us for worship at 8:20 a.m. on Wed., May 28<sup>th</sup> and our last chapel service on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring a food item for the offering in June which is using our time, talents, and treasure to help fill our Open Hearts Food Pantry. Please come and join us to thank and praise our Lord for all He has done! We hope that you will join us again on September 2 when school resumes for the 2014-2015 school year!

## Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project

The following is a letter we received for our chapel offering to the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project:

Dear Staff & Students:

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500.00 for the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project.

Many children in Liberia are hindered by poverty. It is not possible for them to come and learn about Jesus. They are busy earning money for food. Many of them are homeless as a result of the war and have no opportunity to attend a school. Prior to the war, Lutheran schools were located throughout Liberia's interior. As a result of the war, they have been destroyed.

With the generous support of people like you we will be able to help many children not only to meet essential daily needs but to work toward a brighter future with education and a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Your gift will be used for the construction of our first building (classrooms) that will hopefully begin in January of 2015.

Sincerely, Pastor Leon Schultz

## Summer Slump

Summer time is coming and with it, camping, sports, traveling, and many other activities that might take us away from Merrill. Everyone loves these activities and the long summer days of staying up late and sleeping in, but summer is not a reason, nor a time to forget God. Often in summer, our church experiences a drop in both attendance and financial giving. You pay for \$1,500 for your child's education, and it costs about \$6,000 to educate each child. Although Trinity's teachers and other staff are paid a considerably lower salary than their counterparts in the public schools, salaries and benefits consume the largest portion of the church's income. It would be a travesty to not be able to make our payroll and other expenses because of a drop in giving during the months ahead. It is just as important that you and your children attend church in summer as it is during the school year. We urge you to continue to both attend church and to support Trinity's ministries with your tithe each week throughout the summer.



**On Wed. May 28, Trinity students will be participating in Relay Recess from 12:30-2:40, raising funds for Merrill's Relay for Life and learning more about how to prevent cancer. Please be sure your child returns his or her collection envelope.**