

## KINDER HAUS HAPPENINGS

### Celebrating in the Son!

#### July Themes:

- ◆ Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses and OT Stories
- ◆ 4th of July– Freedom
- ◆ Picnics/Bugs
- ◆ Beach
- ◆ Vacations/VBS
- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Rodeo

The Old Testament is filled with wonderful stories of God’s promises and faithfulness. We learned about God’s call to many people to follow Him even though the path was not always easy or laid out for them to see clearly. Noah and the flood came to life for us as we helped with flood relief in Iowa. We brought things to help the victims of the flood. We talked about Abraham who left his home to follow God’s direction. We did a relay game to help us remember the story. We had to dress up, ride camel, undress, get clothes back in suitcase for the next Abraham and Sarah to go. (Look for pictures on our display board.) We sang “I’m Gonna Follow Jesus” and walked on big footprints. Then we made our own footprints on cowboy boots (rodeo) to remind us to follow Jesus. We built structures out of popsicle sticks as Solomon built the temple. The Old Testament reminds us of God’s call to many and now that call is for us also. We are branded with the sign of the cross.



Our Fourth of July picnic and parade was a lot of fun as you were able to see on the video and display at the beginning of the month. We built a grill out of block to pretend grill for our picnics. We painted with ketchup and mustard bottles to complete our hamburger and hotdog picnic pictures. We had a teddy bear picnic. Picnics bring bugs, so we played with rubber bugs. We froze them in ice cube trays and had fun melting them on a hot day outside.

The beach theme was a big splash. We dressed up in swimming suits and pretended we were at the beach. We played in the sand and made beach crosses for our birthday friends. We had a beach/water day with everyone dressed in swimwear (except me). We splashed, poured water, and stuck our feet in. We had a lot of fun at the beach on these warm July days!



Vacation is a big part of summer. Before I went on vacation to the Institute on Worship, Liturgy and Music in Seward, Nebraska I packed a suitcase for the staff and children to go on vacation also. The children went camping in a tent, to grandma’s house, to the zoo, and to Disneyland on an airplane. The staff did a great job and I’m sure the children had a good time. I had a mountain top experience, an inspirational vacation! Three of our children at Kinder Haus II were old enough to go to Vacation Bible School at Redeemer. They were inspired to know Jesus as their friend, meet other children, and have lots of fun. What a JOY!



The rodeo is always a big hit. We wore cowboy boots, rode horses, roped cows and were branded with the sign of the cross. Pictures and projects are included in our display at Church.



Our new swing set/climber is up and running. Thanks to all who helped with construction and funding. A special thank you to Thrivent for matching funds.

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
In His Service,  
Jeanne Holten