

# RENEW

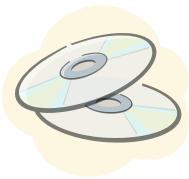
Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.



# News

Today's theme is "Facing Challenges." God's love is a seed in us, it grows roots with the support of friends, family, and church. That love helps us grow taller and stronger in our faith. BUT (there's always a 'but'). Things happen in our lives, other people affect us. They can be thorns which keep us from growing strong and tall. Lies, not sharing, name calling... they are all thorns in our lives. We learned today that the love of Jesus helps us face challenges. We can do all things with the love of Christ!

MUSIC has been a huge hit this year! We are singing a lot of great camp songs with Watermark. If you are interested in having any of these songs on CD, Watermark has a table with items for sale in the Elementary entrance. They have some GREAT sing-a-long CD's! You can also check out the map of Denmark which shows a bit about their travels there.



We are selling CDs that will contain the pictures taken this week as well as some of the ReNew songs. We are asking \$5 per CD. They will be available to be picked up from the church closer to school starting (because Amy is taking a vacation in August!) An email will be sent to let you know when they are ready. If you would like to have your CD mailed to you we are asking for an additional \$2 to cover mailing costs.

Friday we will be having a closing program in which we invite all of our families as well as the preschool! Because of this, **preschool will dismiss at 11:25 on Friday**. The closing program will begin at 11:35.

We still have some trees available for a donation of \$20. There are a few Preschool Tshirts remaining for a discounted price of \$7.

Check out the Parable of the Sower in Mark 4:1-9. Don't have a Bible in your home, but would like to read the passage? A great internet site to use is



<http://www.biblegateway.com> Type in "Mark 4:1-9" and it can bring it up in a couple different versions. I personally recommend the NiRV (for young readers), NIV (for adults) and The Message alongside the NIV (if you are struggling with the other versions). The NRSV (which is used in our worship services) can be found at <http://bible.oremus.org>

Have more questions about ReNew or Nativity Lutheran Church? Feel free to contact me! I'd love to hear from you! Amy Phillips, Learning Ministry Director & one of your ReNew Directors  
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## Mission Moments

Please continue to send in your cash change and water bottles for our Mission Moment to help provide clean water to people around the world. Through Wednesday we raised \$174!

Thank you for bringing in your recyclables! Come to the closing to see what we created!

We try not to ever turn anyone away from attending VBS. This means that financial donations are appreciated from all, but not received from all. This year with the economy the way it is, our donations have been less than previous years. Any help is appreciated. There are green buckets on the elementary registration tables where offerings can be left.