

Living Faith @



Dear Faith Shapers,

The month of September indicates it is Autumn. One of the four temperate seasons and, also known as fall, autumn marks the transition from summer to winter. The season of leaves changing colors from green to gold and red & eventually falling off the trees. The season of classes starting. The time for fall events at school to begin. The noticeably shorter duration of daylight and the cooler temperatures can lead to less outdoor time. Homework, sports practices, and evening studies can take away from family time unless care is taken to schedule family time together. There are suggestions on the next page to assist you with ideas of activities. As you plan your time together, take time for your children and make a plan for when they get home for the evening or for the weekend. Find out about their day, their highs & lows.

Sue Cira,
Student Pastor TEEM

Blessing of the Backpacks



In celebration of the beginning of classes, an important event to share the importance of students, teachers, and other school employees within the congregation community can be a blessing of the backpacks. The blessing includes how God is being served through their vocation. This recognition of gifts allows support, encouragement, and prayer for all involved.



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FUN ACTIVITIES FOR FALL

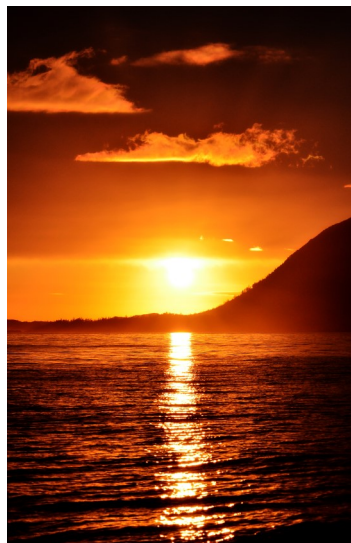
There are many activities that parents, grandparents, or other relatives can do with children — either on weekends or during the afternoon or evening after school. Scheduling time for any of these activities allows the child special time with an adult.

- * Purchase and carve or paint designs on pumpkins.
- * Go camping or sleep outside in a tent in the backyard.
- * Visit a corn maze - then have a picnic lunch with hot cocoa.
- * Play indoor games or put puzzles together on a rainy day.
- * Go on a hayride - followed by campfire songs & s'mores.
- * Rake together a large pile of leaves then jump in it.
- * Bob for apples - or make caramel apples or apple pie.
- * Go out and enjoy a movie night - with popcorn!
- * Attend a fall festival & play games & paint your face.
- * Enjoy a sunset then stay out and watch the stars

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