

## Summer Fun at Hilltop!

As the summer fun began at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center, some test results for our students came in from the end of the school year. Center Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen, says the results were good.

“Many of the youth experienced gains in literacy and math. We are immensely proud of our scholars with all the effort they demonstrated during the year.”

Teresa says summer camp is re-enforcing the gains made during the school year. “The educational components of summer seem to be going well. Both the campers and staff appear to be fully engaged in academic activities.”

There were recent events outside of the classroom at Hilltop too. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh says one project involved the community.



“On Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Hilltop staff collaborated with Harvest Christian Fellowship to host a Community Day in the center’s parking lot. During this event, the surrounding community (was) given free gently used donated clothes, refreshments, and other items that the center has in surplus.”

Brandon also announced that the Hilltop Vacation Bible School will return on August 11<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

“Vacation Bible School will return for its third year at (the) Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. Families gained access to enrollment at the beginning of summer camp, and we will continue to enable youth to enroll up until the start of the program. This year’s VBS will focus on the fruit of the Spirit.



Finally, this reminder from Bandon, “To increase our fundraising efforts for this fiscal year, Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center will host an inaugural Hilltop Heroes Gala. This event will highlight individuals and other organizations who have made significant contributions to the success of Hilltop. The gala will take place at the Hyatt Place Wilmington Riverfront on Saturday, September 20, 2025.”

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