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- We take a 10-minute break during the gathering to fill up on coffee, talk with one another, and dismiss children to their classes. We call it [Coffee & Connection Time](#). It's a good time. We hope you aren't scared off by it.
- [Nursery care](#) is available for babies who are 24 months and younger. The nursery is located on the 4th floor next to the Kids @ the Ridge classrooms. You can take your child there at anytime and our trained staff and volunteers will put your mind at ease.
- [Kids @ the Ridge](#) is the name of our program for children who are age 2-grade 4. Most 2 and 3 year olds can't be trusted in large concrete buildings, so we ask that you please escort them to their classroom on the 4th floor during our Coffee & Connection Time. The older kids can line up with their teachers and they'll play follow the leader to get to the same destination. Please visit the check-in table to get your child ready for their class. And be prepared for your child to come home with an assortment of papers and stories to tell. Make sure to ask them what they learned. They might teach you something.
- If you're a student in grades 5-8, you should check out our Sunday School class that happens every other week down in the Rec Centre. You should also be on the lookout for our next [PreHigh](#) event. They happen every month and have now officially reached "can't miss" status.
- Want a [Bible](#)? We have free copies at the Welcome Centre for you to take home. No strings attached. Just take it and read it.
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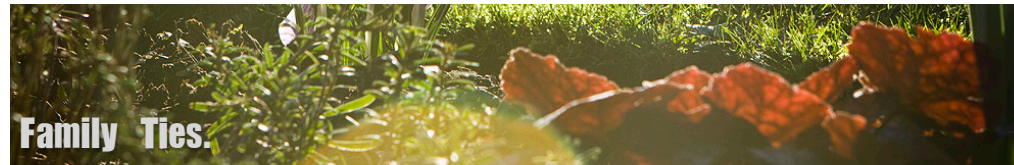
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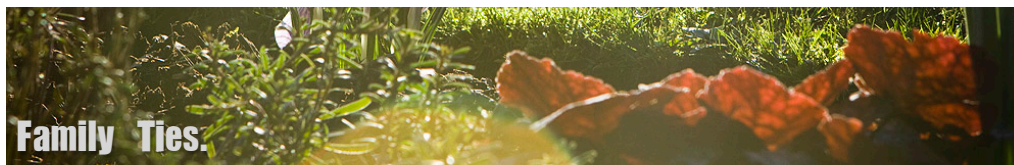
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- Kari Nishi graduated last weekend from Trinity Western University with a Bachelor of Science (majoring in biology) and was a nominee for the Governor General's award. She'll be heading to New Orleans this June for a three-week mission's trip and will hopefully begin her studies at medical school this fall.
- Ryan Schroeder will be graduating from the police academy at the Justice Institute in New Westminster on May 14. Ryan would like to express his thanks to everyone for their prayers and support of the family over the past nine months. He'll be working for the Vancouver Police Department following his graduation.

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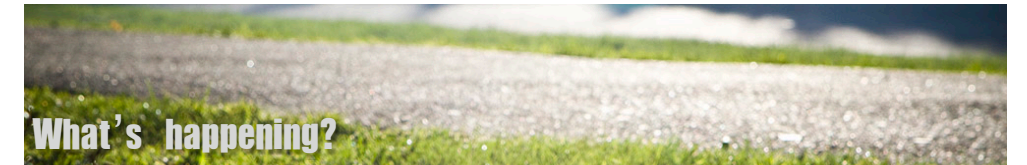
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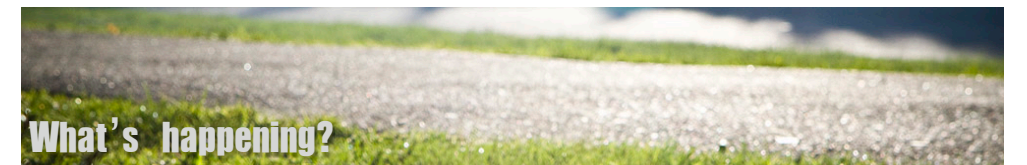
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- If you are a parent, please take your child(ren) to their 4th floor classroom BEFORE entering the ice-bowl.
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- This is a youth conference, so be ready for a loud and lively experience!! Bob Lenz will be preaching and Ben Cantelon will be leading worship.
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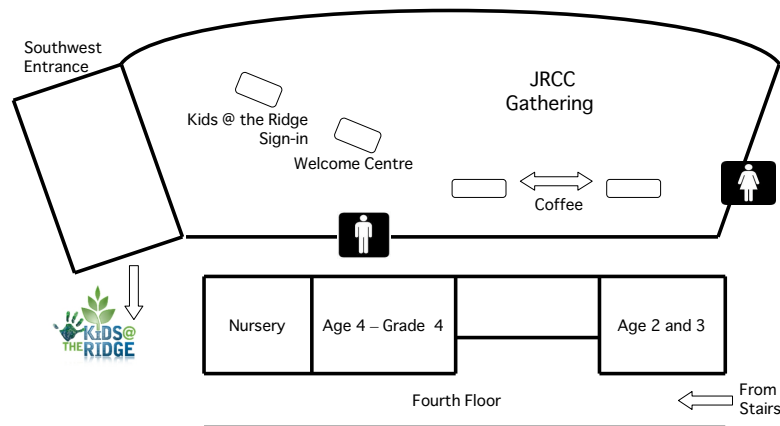
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Benediction



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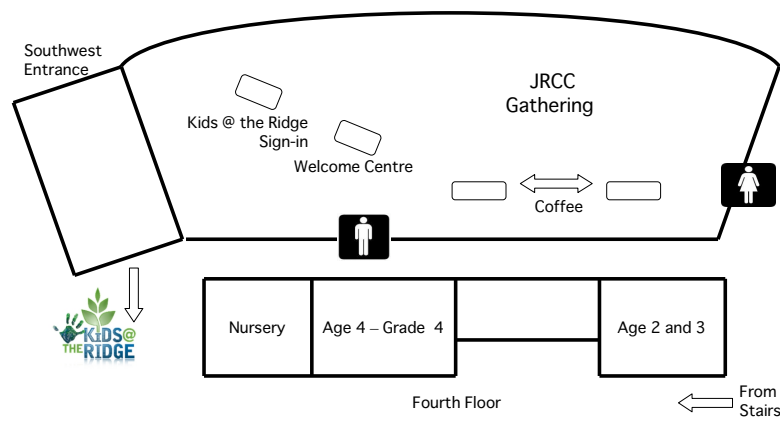
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