

Your weekly newsletter from LEFC Kids Ministry!

Dear Parents and Friends of LEFC Kids,

We love kids at LEFC. They are truly a vital part of our church family. And, this Sunday, we are delighted to include our K-2nd graders to be part of our Palm Sunday Celebration in our services. They will be waving palm branches as we sing and celebrate, Hosanna, Jesus is the King!

Because of what Jesus did for us, we have incredible hope to share with our kids... In a world of cynicism, we offer hope. In a world of confusion, we offer truth. In a world of immorality, we offer values. In a world of neglect, we offer attention. In a world of abuse, we offer safety. In a world of ridicule, we offer affirmation. In a world of division, we offer reconciliation. In a world of bitterness, we offer forgiveness. In a world of sin, we offer salvation. In a world of hate, we offer God's love. -Adapted from The Calling by Roger Fields

Prek-4th grade:



This is an exciting Sunday... Palm Sunday! This week the kids will be talking about how the people welcomed Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. 1st and 2nd graders will also have a special opportunity to wave palm branches during the main worship service! Keep reading for more details.

2's and 3's:



This week, the lesson will be about Palm Sunday (The Triumphal Entrance) in Luke 19:28-40. We will learn that God loves us and wants to praise Him. Our Bible memory verse is "He is not here: he has risen." Matthew 28:6

Kids Worship & Global Partners!



Due to our kids being a part of our worship services, we will not be having Kids Worship this week.

Our global partner of the week is our friend Anna, who uses a pseudonym for security reasons. Please pray for safety and protection for her as she shares the hope of the gospel in a place where the worldview is centered around Muslim beliefs. Will you also pray as she gets settled in her new location? Pray for her as she makes new friends and begins her ministry in this new place.

Parents and Shepherds of Kids in K-2nd Grade, **THIS Sunday**

Just a reminder, that this Sunday, our kiddos in K-2nd Grade will be participating in the service during the last song by walking through the auditorium waving palm branches! The Shepherds will bring their classes to the auditorium close to the end of the service, and then will lead their kids through the auditorium.

Pickup after each service will be the same -- kids will be back in their classrooms by then. And we will have a fun snack mix for them to enjoy on this special day!

Most importantly, we want to remind children that we are doing this to worship and praise Jesus for coming to earth and dying on the cross for our sins so that we can be in a close relationship with Him!



July and August for Kids at LEFC!



Across the Street and Around the World: Sundays in July and August, our LEFC kids will get to explore worldviews and how to share Jesus with their friends! Will you consider joining as we invest in our kids this summer? For 8 weeks in summer, July and August, we have a separate team of people who serve and minister with kids. This is one way we like to bless Shepherds who commit to serving during the rest of the year. You can watch short video about our summer Sundays and get all the info HERE.

Keystone Family Alliance!



Do you know about Keystone Family Alliance and what they are all about? Keystone Family Alliance is comprised of representatives from different churches around the state of Pennsylvania. We aim to educate, motivate, and equip every Christian in the state of Pennsylvania on the needs of orphans and vulnerable children, both locally and globally. You can explore more info on their website, keyfam.org/mission.

May 18, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Keystone Family Alliance is offering trauma training at Calvary Church. They would like to provide care for kids from 8:30-12 noon to enable parents to attend. Would you like to invest in this ministry by making the morning great for the kids whose parents are attending this training? This is a serving opportunity; it is not a paid event. We would like to support Keystone Family Alliance in this way.

If you are interested, please contact Rachel at rachel@keyfam.org

Prayer During Ramadan!



We are currently in the month of Ramadan. Many of our global partners serve in places where Ramadan is being observed. We have some great resources for you and your family to learn more about what Ramadan is, and how we can be praying during this time. Stop by the resource table this Sunday in the Kids Ministry Lounge to pick up your copy of the Ramadan Prayer Guide for Kids, or click **HERE** for a digital copy of the prayer guide.

Easter Sunday is Almost Here!



Our Easter Sunday schedule is a little different so that we can make room for so many people celebrating. He is Risen! Shepherds, we are so grateful for you adjusting to these different times and making the morning wonderful for our youngest children! See the details here below:

- Our services on Easter will be at 8, 9:30 and 11 AM
- We will have Kids Ministry for nursery-K classes only at 8 and 9:30 but NOT at 11.
 We're excited to include the 1st-4th in our services for such an exciting celebration, Jesus is Alive!
- So, the Shepherds who normally serve at 9 AM, will serve for 8 AM and the Shepherds who normally serve at 10:50 will serve at 9:30.
- We do not have Kids Worship and there are no ABF's or Crossover classes.

Shepherds: Click <u>HERE</u> to see upcoming lessons for Sunday mornings!

Grateful for you,

Julia Brown

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