

Your weekly newsletter from LEFC Kids Ministry!

Dear Parents and Friends of LEFC Kids,

Did you know? For 8 weeks in summer - July and August Sundays - we have a separate team of people who serve in Kids Ministry to invest in kids' lives. Our church is so blessed by all the people who serve all year in ministry with kids. So having a separate team for the 8 weeks of summer is one way we like to bless Shepherds who serve throughout the year.



Across the Street and Around the World is our theme for our Sundays in July and August. Our LEFC kids will get to explore worldviews and how to share Jesus with their friends! Our team is preparing the lessons, activities, and crafts right now, so if you decide you'd like to serve as a Shepherd during Summer Sundays, everything is all ready for you, which allows you time to focus on connecting with the kids. And the environments for our 8 Sundays in summer are extra fun! A "travel machine" is in the works for our storytelling room where we will be "visiting" places from all the over the world! And we have someone who is going to make a 3D elephant to help us set the scene for Thailand, and we are getting a new and refreshed Bible Timeline for our hallways so kids can see the big picture of God's story. For game time, we have a new parachute ready to go for our Pre-K through 4th graders. We will be decorating and setting up for our summer Sundays in the last week of June.

We just can't wait for this special time we have with the kids this summer. Will you consider joining our team this summer to invest in our kids? There's lots of ways to be involved! You can be a summer Shepherd [pick the age group you like best], you can be a games leader or storyteller, you can join the team to decorate and set up, and you can be praying with us for the children on their discipleship journey! You can watch a short video about our summer Sundays and get all the info <u>HERE</u>. And of course we would be happy to talk with you regarding any questions you might have.

Prek-4th grade:



This week, the lesson will be about The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin in Luke 15:1-7. We will learn that God loves and cares for you. We will learn about celebrating with God when the lost are found. Teaching the children to show others God's love and help them find Him. Our Bible memory verse is "Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14.

2's and 3's:



This week, the lesson will be about Jesus and the Children in Mark 10:13-16. We will learn that Jesus welcomed all people and children. He loves and treats us all the same. We will learn to treat people with love and kindness. Our Bible memory verse is "Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14. Kids Worship & Global Partners!



During the month of April we will be singing the song God So Loved as we worship God together!

Our global partner family of the week is: Matt and Grace Messersmith and their children Charlotte and Forest. Erin Shenk will be sharing with the kids in Kids Worship this week how they can be praying for the Messersmith Family as they get ready to leave for the first step in their journey, and ultimately heading to Thailand for church planting ministry! Let's be praying for their family as they get ready for this new adventure in serving the Lord.

Questions about Baptism?



Do your kids have questions about baptism and what it means? We have a great kidfriendly resource to give you when your child would like to explore the step of getting baptized. We have copies available for you. You can contact Julia Brown, brown@lefc.net or stop by the Kids Ministry welcome desk to ask for a copy of this resource.

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Note: Our Kids Ministry staff team serves in the church office Monday-Thursday

Important Dates



May 26 - Family Worship Sunday [Memorial Day weekend]

June 2 - Sunday in the Park! LEFC takes church to Lititz Springs Park!

June 30 - Family Worship Sunday

July 7 - First Sunday in our Across the Street and Around the World [Summer Sundays for Kids!1

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

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

Grateful for you,

Julia Brown Minister to Children