



LEFC KIDS

Your weekly newsletter from LEFC Kids Ministry!

Dear Parents and Friends of LEFC Kids,

Merry Christmas & Christmas Eve Services at LEFC!



Our family-friendly Christmas Eve services are at 3, 4:30 and 6 PM! Children are welcome in the services [we do not have a nursery or Kids Ministry on Christmas Eve].



This week: What our kids are learning!



As a church family, we are partnering with families to help children know, love, and follow Jesus! Keeping you in the loop of what we're learning each week is part of our partnership with you!

One-year-olds

Our sweet one-year-olds are a delight! And this year, we will be introducing biblical themes for our one-year-olds in our nurseries. Board books, conversation, songs and prayer will be focused on a simple theme for each month. This month the theme is "Jesus Was a Baby". The focus will be on activities and conversations about Jesus' birth. There will be fun activities, books and coloring pages!

Two's and Three's

The 2's and 3's will be learning about The Three Wise men visiting Jesus in Matthew 2: 1-12. We are focused on God's gift is Jesus. Our memory verse is: "God loved us and sent his Son." 1 John 4:10.

Pre-K thru 4th Grade

The elementary kiddos are pausing on our journey through Genesis to celebrate Christmas! This week we will be looking at true joy and how it is different from happiness. True joy comes from God and stays with us whether we feel happy or not. God promises true joy to anyone who turns away from their sin and trusts in Jesus

Note: During the first service, children in K-3rd grade have a large group story time to engage with the Bible story of the day.

Remembering Nevaeh Newswanger

As a way of honoring and remembering sweet Nevaeh, Keith and Sheri would like to share gifts to benefit children at Lancaster General Hospital. [HERE](#) is a list of ideas of things to give.



Watch for the collection box in the Kids Ministry Lounge Area the next couple of Sundays, where you can drop off these items. Nevaeh would have been turning 5 at the end of December; thank you for being a part of remembering her and blessing her family and the children in the hospital.

Celebrating Advent Resources



Check out our Parent Page [HERE](#), on our website for resources for celebrating Advent as a family, along with other resources such as ideas for purchasing Bibles and devotions for kids as Christmas gifts.



Worship for Kids at 11AM - Pre-K thru 4th Graders



We will be showing the kids the “Christmas Around the World” video with messages from some of our global partners this week! We are excited for our kids to learn how our global partners are celebrating the birth of Jesus around the world!

Global Partner of the Week



This week we are praying for Dustin and Becky Smith and their children, Lydia Kate, Benjamin and Anne Elise serving in Southeast Asia. Will you pray for encouragement, wisdom and protection for their family? Let’s also be praying especially for sweet blessings as they are away from family during the holidays. Do you have a global partner booklet? **Pick one up at the Parent Resource table in the Kids Ministry lounge so you have their picture and a little more info!**

December Calendar!



- **December 22:** We have Christmas Celebration for Shepherds at both VIP’s [8:30 and 10:20]. This is also the Sunday that our adult Christmas choir leads in our worship services.
- **December 29:** This is our Family Worship Sunday! This means that we have classes for our nurseries and 2’s classes only. We have Big Church Bags [activities to help kids engage with the worship service] for kids to pick up as they walk into the service. Children are always welcome in our services but on Family Worship Sundays we especially welcome all the children as they join us in worship. There are no adult classes or youth classes on Family Worship Sundays.

Resources for Having Kids in Worship Services

Check out this helpful resource with practical ideas, tips, a free download and inspiration!

<https://truth78.org/pages/children-in-the-worship-service>

Kids Ministry is Hiring!



As you know, we continue to welcome more and more children into our church family! It is truly a blessing to invest in children’s lives with the hope and message of the gospel. And we are so thankful that adding more space [Project 2:42] is in progress!

Recently, the Elders and Executive Team have approved a new part-time role to be added to our team. The person in this new role, Children’s Ministry Assistant, will have a variety of responsibilities such as serving on Sundays during one of our services, overseeing the onboarding process/training of new Shepherds, working with the Welcome Team ministry as well as overseeing various ministry teams/events. Successful candidates will demonstrate a vibrant walk with Jesus, love for both adults and kids, and a sense of calling to ministry.

Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description and to apply. Applications must be submitted by January 8!

Global Partner Christmas Blessing Update



Each fall, we dedicate the children’s offering to bless our Global Partner families and their children at Christmas time. The last day to contribute to this offering will be **Sunday, January 5.**

In addition to the offering money being dedicated to the Global Partner families, the children have also had the opportunity to give generously by memorizing verses! Instead of a “reward” being given to them personally, each time they’ve recited their verse, they have been able to contribute to the offering for our Global Partners! For each verse that is memorized, children have been able to earn a 25-cent card that will translate into money for giving for this purpose! Thank you for encouraging your children in this effort, both hiding God’s Word in their hearts and blessing our Global Partner families!

Shepherds: Click [HERE](#) to see upcoming lessons for Sunday mornings!

Grateful for you,

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