

Your weekly newsletter from LEFC Kids Ministry!

July and August Sundays for Kids at LEFC!



Special thanks to our "3 Kings" who shared on Palm Sunday about the importance of investing in kids and about our theme for July and August Sundays. We are building our team to make these Sundays great for our kids!

Will you consider making time to be a part of their discipleship process? This is a great way to get to know other kids in your own kids' classes. And it's a beautiful, tangible way to say thank you to our Shepherds who serve throughout the year.

For more information about how it all works, you can check it out at https://www.lefc.net/kids/serving. Or click HERE for the signup. Just make sure you read the instructions on the signup page to help your signup to go smoothly.

Think Globally; Act Locally!



Did you see we're looking for bed sheets for the Indonesia Missions trip this summer? Here's the scoop on how you can be involved as we prayerfully send our team to Indonesia!

Bed Sheets Wanted:

The team going to SE Asia is looking for bed sheets to be used for "throw clothes" and curtains. These will be used for VBS decorations and to mark seating areas.

If you have old sheets that you would like to get rid of, or if you find any at a thrift store and would like to donate them, please drop them off in the box marked, "VBS Sheets" near the Kids Ministry Welcome Desk. Sheets should be any size, solids or geometric patterns (NO cartoons or characters). The VBS theme is the story of Joseph in Genesis, so the more the sheets look like ancient Egypt, the better!

Welcome to Kaitlyn!

Kaitlyn Hawbaker will be graduating from Lancaster Bible College with a degree in Children and Family Ministry on May 3. Congrats, Kaitlyn! On May 5, she will begin serving as our new Preschool Coordinator!



As our Preschool Coordinator, she will oversee our Shepherds who serve in our classes for 2's through Kindergarten, as well as provide lesson plans for our Shepherds each week. It's a joy to officially welcome her to our team!

2025 Summer Storytime!



Looking for a fun way to spend Thursday-July-mornings with your 4–7-year-old children (and siblings)? Join us for a story, fun activity stations, and of course, visit our wonderful library! This is a great opportunity for inviting friends and family in our oikos -- and intentionally planned for this reason!

LEFC's Storytime will be held on the following Thursday mornings: July 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 9:30-10:30 AM with the option to stay and eat your packed lunch with friends! Mark your calendars for these dates! The link to sign up is HERE!

Food Drive in May!



Join our church family during the month of May as we collect food for families in need in our community! If your child is in 1st-4th Grade, they can drop off their item in the box outside their classroom door. If you don't have a child in 1st-4th Grade, you can still contribute! Just drop off your items in the boxes in the KidMin lounge.

Click **HERE** for all of the details!

Updated Prayer Requests for our Global Partner of the Month!

Eric and Bethany and their daughter Pearl are serving and sharing in Southeast Asia, LEFC's strategic region of the world. Pray for:

 Pearl's friend, Blossom, to know and love Jesus and for Pearl to share about Jesus and the Bible as they play.

 Pearl and her parents as they come back to the US in June—pray for friendships and for sharing about their work with the Fishing People.

Pearl in their travels back to the US...it's a 32 hour flight!

You can pick up our Kids Ministry Global Partner booklet [with a picture of their family and more info] or check out their prayer card on the Mobilization wall across from the Library and Café at church! Note: this info is not available online due to security reasons.

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

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! We have biblical themes for our one-year-olds in our nurseries. Board books, conversation, activities, songs and prayer will be focused on a simple theme for each month. Our current theme is "God Made Me."

Two's and Three's

The 2's/3's classes are learning about The Birth of Moses (Exodus 1-2). The big idea for the week is God is all powerful. The Bible memory verse is: "I will be with you; I will never leave you." Joshua 1:5b

Pre-K thru 4th Grade

This week we are looking at Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week. The events that would take place in the city just one week later would starkly contrast these highspirited festivities. In His sovereignty, Christ knew He would face crucifixion at the hands of His own people; yet He willingly approached the cross for our salvation.

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.

Kids Worship This Week! 11AM -- Pre-K thru 4th Grade



We do not have Kids Worship this week due to Created to Praise meeting/practicing.

THIS Sunday, there will be boxes of FREE kids books sitting by the table in the KidMin lounge! Feel free to browse and take any that you'd like!



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

Grateful for you,

Julia Brown