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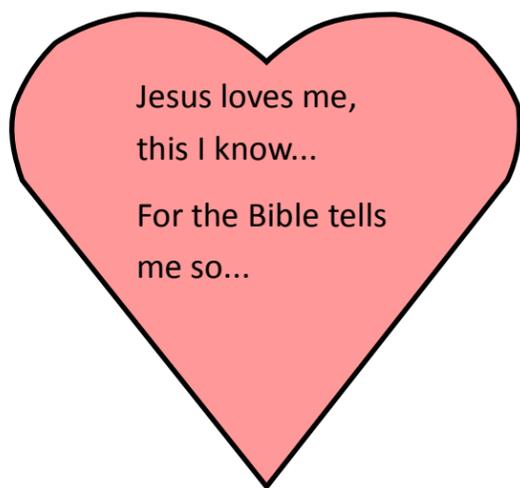


Children's Ministry News

This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord..." Ephesians 4:13

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 WNT	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 WNT	11	12	13 Junior Jam
14	15	16	17 WNT	18	19 6:00 p.m. Family Fall Fest Larson Farm	20
21	22	23	24 WNT	25	26	27
28 Family Sunday LPC Kids Sing LPC Parents	29	30	31 6:15 Pumpkin Parties / Beggar's Night @ LPC			



embrace

For many years, we have offered nursery care as part of our LPC ministry to children. This has been a great blessing, but now, I am excited to share that in the coming weeks we are going to be launching a complete nursery ministry suited to its new name, Embrace. The goal of this ministry is to help our youngest children and their parents grow in their relationship with Jesus. For the children, that means more intentional teaching and experiences that expose them to God's love. During worship times, children will be able to hear the service and encouraged to participate in singing and praying as they play and move. During Sunday school, they will hear Bible stories and engage in play-based activities that help them understand Biblical truths. At all times, they will have caregivers who remind them of God's love and help them come to know and understand that they belong in the family of God.

For parents, nursery ministry means knowing that your children will be hearing and learning about God every time they are here. It means equipping you with tools and ideas to use at home as you share the Good News of God's love with them. It means that we are here to minister to you as a family, and we want to attend to your spiritual needs as well as your need for child care.

I am very excited about this, and I hope you are, too. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, or you know someone who would, please let me know!



Explore Pumpkin Party—October 31

Bring your kids to WNT in a costume or dress-up outfit!

- Costumes should not interfere with normal activities...kids should be able to sit down, play games, etc.
- Costumes should not have masks...we want to see their smiling faces!
- Costumes should not be scary or grotesque...think fun!

Kids will get to "Trick-or-Treat" for candy AND Bible verses at the end of the night!





Operation Christmas Child



Throughout October, Excite Kids will be collecting items to pack in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Orange Excite Room will have a large bin to hold everything, so your children can bring in their contributions at any time. Here are some things we need (you can find even more ideas at the Samaritan's Purse website)...

- School Supplies (pencils, crayons, small notebooks, glue sticks, markers, stickers, erasers)
- Personal Care (bar soap, hairbrushes, wash cloths, small blankets, toothbrushes, band-aids, stick deodorant)
- Toys (stuffed animals, vehicles, balls, building blocks, dolls, playdoh, jump ropes, puzzles, yo-yos, small musical instruments)
- Clothes/Accessories (socks, shoes, flip flops, t-shirts, outfits, mittens, hats, scarves, sunglasses, hair bows)

Please do NOT bring in anything liquid (including toothpaste) or any food items. They cannot be packed.

Take time to make this a personal growth opportunity for your child. Let him or her make a list of items and go with you to buy them. Encourage your child to write notes or make handmade items to include. Talk with your child about the needs of others and how we are called to share our blessings and gifts.

Please bring in items by the end of October so we are ready for our packing party on Friday, November 9!

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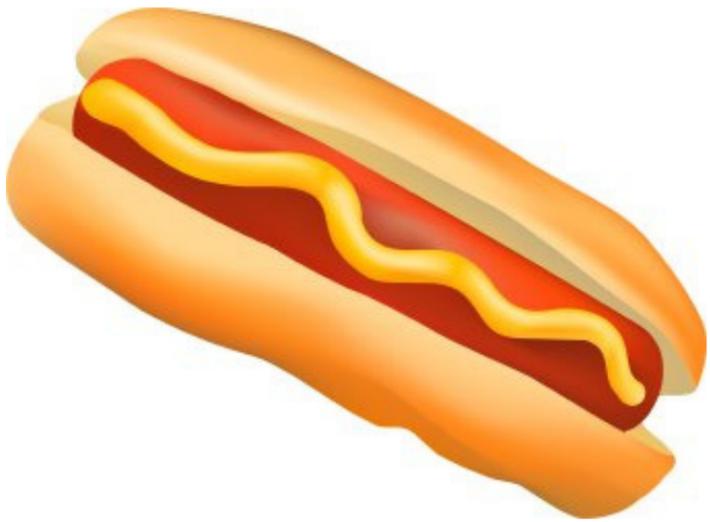
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Serving a WNT Meal—October 10



On Wednesday, October 10, Engage kids will once again have the opportunity to help serve the WNT meal. This time, to make things easier, the kids will simply be part of the serving crew. So, they do not need to be there until 5:15-5:20—just enough time to get instructions and get ready to serve everyone. Hopefully, that will enable more of the kids to help and we will have a full crew of kids in Engage t-shirts putting others first!

Puppet Show—October 28

On our next Family Sunday, Engage will put on another puppet show for their younger peers. The Sunday school lesson for the day will be about Jacob and Esau, so we need a skit to go along with the narrative of these brothers. I will be looking for volunteers to serve as puppeteers, voice artists, and—hopefully—a script writer. Stay tuned, and encourage your kids to get involved in this unique service opportunity!



Beggar's Night—October 31

For our WNT activity on October 31, Engage will be serving our community by passing out candy and Bible verses to children in our LPC neighborhood who are out and about for Beggar's Night. The kids will prepare the handouts the week before, so all you need to do is bring them in their Engage t-shirts! Our own younger age groups, Explore and Excite, will also be stopping by their station at the end of their activities to join in the fun.