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A newsletter for the parents and families of the Living Faith Church Children's Ministry to serve as a connection between home and church.



Living Faith Church Exeland, WI

the Family connection

the mission >>>

Reaching today's children, training tomorrow's leaders.

Children are very capable of learning deep spiritual truth, just as readily as an adult.

Both children and adults receive the same Holy Spirit when they are born of God.

Our objective is to ground children in biblical truth, while at the same time cultivating an environment that encourages them to step out and exercise their spiritual gifts.

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Luke 18:16 (ESV)



Family Resources

The right tools for the job.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

LFC Parents and Families:

Have you ever felt overwhelmed when considering all of the things we need to filter through for our kids? Books, music, movies and tv, online articles, social media, video games...the list goes on.

Have you dreaded having certain conversations with your kids because you're not sure if you're informed enough on a topic or equipped to answer questions they may have?

Do you desire to disciple your children in God's word and set for them a firm foundation of faith, but you're not really sure where to start?

As a parent of three children, I've thought about all of these things and I'm sure many of you in our church body have as well. That is why I have started working on compiling a list of helpful resources covering a variety of topics to help you be well equipped for the incredibly important job of Christian parenting in an increasingly un-Christian world. Topics include: media recommendations, apologetics, worldview, sexuality, critical thinking, and more.

You can find this growing list of Family Resources on the Living Faith Church website under the Children's Ministry tab.

-Rachel Jerry, Children's Ministry Director

What's new >>>

LFC Youth

In August, we had our first official LFC Youth meeting with Chris Jerry leading! As of now, this time of ministry and fellowship for kids age 12 and older will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month unless otherwise specified. We're so blessed to have such a great group of kids that aren't afraid to ask questions and share what's on their hearts.



Dynamites, ages 2-5 >>>

Time Machine

Over the past several months the Dynamites class has enjoyed having special visitors come through our Time Machine! When we turn on the time machine, the lights twinkle, and smoke begins to emerge around the Time Machine doorway, the kids are giddy with excitement!

The Time Machine has provided a really fun way of bringing our Bible lessons to life. We've had visits from a Roman soldier, disciples Peter and John sharing about the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, and Noah (pictured on the right) telling us all about life on the ark and preaching righteousness to the wicked.



Memory Verse

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105*

As of the end of August, the majority of our regularly attending Dynamites have this verse memorized and recite it on their own! Great job kiddos! Soon we will begin a new memory verse. Keep practicing at home!



Covenant Kids *Ages 6-12>>>*



Seven Times

In a webinar video by Elisabeth Urbanowitz called *Making the Bible More Kid Friendly?** she stresses the importance of knowing God's word in its entirety and as a complete narrative. She talks about how the average child needs 7 exposures to the same content before it becomes part of their daily thought process and creates neurological pathways in their brain. Think about this, our children need at least 7 exposures to the complete narrative of God's word (the entire Bible) to begin to truly understand how it all comes together. Let's also think about this in the potential negative. What other content have our children been exposed to at least 7 times that may be forming thoughts and beliefs that go against scripture? Is there more exposure to this sort of content than the truth of the Bible?

Our Covenant Kids class has been working through the book of Genesis and are now into Exodus, building a foundation from the beginning of the word. But let me put this out there as a challenge for kids and parents: if we want to be experts in God's word to us, let's aim for getting in 7 exposures to the entire Bible. There's many Bible reading plans available, paper and digital. It will take time and dedication, but the blessing and richness of faith and knowledge of God and His character that will follow is exciting to think about!

**This video is available to access on the Family Resources list*



Books of the Bible

The class is working on memorizing all of the books of the Bible in order. This will help them be able to navigate their Bible more easily and get a better, full picture of how Scripture fits together! Practice at home.

Scripture Memory

Below is a list of some Bible verses for the Covenant Kids to work on memorizing.

Ephesians 6:12
Joshua 1:9
John 3:16
Psalm 46:1
2 Corinthians 5:17
Acts 1:8
Isaiah 9:6
1 John 1:9
James 1:22
Genesis 1:1
Hebrews 13:8
Matthew 5:16
Psalm 19:14
Colossians 3:23
Romans 3:23
James 4:7
1 Timothy 1:7
Psalm 27:1
Proverbs 3:5-6
Romans 8:28

come together...

In August we had our annual LFC church picnic! We enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship for our church body. Rick Wahlstrom always supplies fun games for all to play. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare for this event!



Volunteer Opportunities!

The Little Lambs Nursery (ages 0-2) and the Dynamites class (ages 2-5) are in need of volunteers.

Nursery workers provide care for babies and young toddlers: holding, rocking, playing, singing, feeding, and diaper changes during service.

The Dynamites class currently needs teacher assistants, or those interested in being trained to lead teach. Lead teachers prepare the lesson plan for each week they teach and guide the class through the lesson and activities. Assistant teachers help with the needs of the children and helping the lesson plan run smoothly for the lead teacher.

Volunteering in our growing Children's Ministry is a rewarding way to serve at Living Faith Church.



Looking ahead >>>

A LFC kids showcase is being planned to take place in the month of October! This will be a chance for the kids and youth to showcase everything they have been learning about God at home and church. The kids can present live or on video.

Interested in volunteering? Please see or contact Rachel Jerry 715-651-6236

