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A newsletter for the parents and families of the Living Faith Church, Exeland 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)



Vision for the new year

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will guide you with My eye. Psalm 32:8

LFC Parents and Families:

The start of a new year provides an opportunity in ministry to evaluate what has, or hasn't, been fruitful, and where we want to be headed for the future. Proverbs 29:18 says that where there is no vision, people cast of restraint. We desire for our children's ministry at Living Faith Church to be led by vision. We do not want to be a people that casts of restraint and goes outside of God's will, especially when the hearts of our children are at stake.

In this month's newsletter, you will find the goals that are set for each LFC kids church class this year. You'll notice some similar goals like a high priority on scripture memory, developing a consistent prayer life, and getting involved in church ministry. Pastor Tim and I also have a goal for our children's ministry to assist parents in spiritual leadership and the discipleship of their families.

Do you have a vision for the direction of your family this year? Let's all commit to make this a year of setting into God's calling, growing in faith and righteousness, and humbly serving for the kingdom!

-Rachel Jerry, Children's Ministry Director

LFC Youth

Goals for 2023

- Grow in knowledge of the gospel, and Biblical literacy
- Set a priority on personal Scripture memory
- Develop a consistent prayer life
- Learn how to walk in the Spirit, and not in the flesh
- Find a place in the church body & ministry- get involved
- Seek discipleship from parents & other trusted adults



Dynamites, ages 2-5 >>>

Goals for 2023

- Who is Jesus? Father? Holy Spirit?
- What is sin? What is salvation?
- Scripture memory: learn a new memory verse as a class every 1-2 months
- How to talk to God in prayer
- What is truth, and why does it matter?
- Respectful and God-honoring church conduct

Lead Teachers:

Rachel Jerry
Keather Warner

Assistants:

Shirley Bodner
Kim Grunewald
Chris Jerry
Ava Wahlstrom

Children are like wet cement. But remember, we only have a short window of time until the cement turns to concrete. We must impress God's word, wisdom and ways into their lives while we have the opportunity.

-Dale Hudson

Scripture Memory

The following are the Bible Verses that the Dynamites class has learned so far:

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

“Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me.” John 14:6

Point to Jesus

One of the things that I've found lacking in many Sunday school curriculums and Christian children's resources is bringing everything back to Jesus Christ.

Often, a lesson will focus on a moral point instead of the whole picture of Scripture.

For example, a Bible lesson about the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant may focus of kindness or forgiveness. Which is good, but it completely misses the opportunity to give the kids the gospel:

“Like this servant, we own our Master God an unpayable debt. But Jesus paid the debt for us on the cross so we can be forgiven. We also need to be forgiving to others.”

Our Dynamites lessons will make sure to always point to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Covenant Kids *Ages 6-12>>>*

Goals for 2023

- What is the gospel? Why do we need good news?
- Develop in Biblical literacy: knowledge of important Biblical truths/concepts, important people, places, and events.
- Complete Scripture memory board level 1
- How to pray and hear God's voice, pray for each other and with families
- Discover God-given gifts and talents
- Become involved in church ministry
- Respect for pastoral and church leadership

Lead Teachers:
Krissy Adamski
Ann Jerry
Liz Rooney
Assistants:
Ron Adamski
Ava Wahlstrom
Alissa Zimmerman

*"In the race to a child's heart,
the first one there wins."
-George Barna*

*Children are not just the church of tomorrow.
They are the church of today as well*



Bible in One Year

The new year is a great time to set a goal of reading through the whole Bible in one year. There are many great tools out there to help accomplish this (calendars, reading plans, apps, etc). If you need a suggestion, let Rachel Jerry know!

Scripture Memory

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

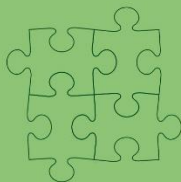
Ephesians 6:12
Joshua 1:9
John 3:16
Psalm 46:1
2 Corinthians 5:17
Acts 1:8
Isaiah 9:6
1 John 1:9
James 1:22
Genesis 1:1
Hebrews 13:8
Matthew 5:16
Psalm 19:14
Colossians 3:23
Romans 3:23
James 4:7
1 Timothy 1:7
Psalm 27:1
Proverbs 3:5-6
Romans 8:28

Pre-service Kids Club!

Every Sunday, Before the 10am Service

Pre-service KIDS CLUB

Preschool-Highschool Kids
9:20-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall



Pre-Service Kids Club

Visiting ~ Activities ~ Games ~ Music ~ Discipleship

The Pre-Service Kids Club is a place for the kids to hang out before the 10am church service begins. This is a helpful way for families that arrive early, or serve in ministry roles to ensure their children are supervised and safe before service. Parents are welcome to stay and visit with each other to encourage more friendship building. Kids will be walked over to the main building shortly before 10am.

Kids Club Guidelines and Rules:

1. Kids must be registered and signed in by a parent each week
2. Kids must be respectful of adults, other kids, and church property
3. Kids cannot leave the building on their own
4. All supervising adults must have a background check



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.

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

