

**GENERAL MONTHLY FORMAT FOR FAMILIES IN OUR
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

1st Sunday of the Month (commencing in November) is
"GATHER 'ROUND THE BREAKFAST TABLE' POTLUCK BRUNCH
in the Community Room

where we all gather as a church family to share a meal,
connect, worship & consider what the Bible has to say!

*We heard parents! It's tough for our kids to listen and learn after eating!
So this year we are going to let them run off some energy on the rink,
and consider what the Bible says before rejoining parents in the service.*

The other Sundays in the month

LITTLE & BIG BUILDERS will be signed in at our
Green St. (arena) facility @ 9:45 - 10am

**Together with their families, kids worship together then leave
with Foundations Leaders to head over to the
Gustavus Children & Youth Centre.**

...then

Adults will remain for the sermon.

**At the conclusion of the morning, parents/guardians are asked
to head immediately to the Gustavus facility to sign out children.**

*We ask that Parents/Caregivers please respect our age brackets!
Our Nursery will now only be providing supervision for Babies, Toddlers,
and those Preschoolers not yet out of diapers.*

Little Builders is designed for Preschoolers through Grade 1.

Big Builders is designed for kids Grades 2 - 5.

Grade 6 means you can now attend Youth Nite (Sundays @ 6pm)

Our Registrar will let you know what group your child will sign into.



**"Family" means "EVERYONE" ~ no matter your age!
Our foundation in Christ begins with family!**



BUILDERS' PARENT LETTER

Dear Foundations Families:

The PEMC Leadership is excited to have Barb Provis continue giving leadership to our Children's Ministry this coming 'year.' Barb stepped up and led our Summer Sunday Kids' Ministry, and below you can read about the exciting things they did together!

Be sure to post the attached Calendar.... as there's LOTS of items to take note of.

Wow! Where has the summer gone!?!

School's starting around the corner, and vacations' finishing. But the one constant event in our lives is the everlasting learning of God's love for us! That's what your children and all teachers/volunteers have been doing in the Community Room this summer.

The theme this summer was being 'Fishers of Men.' Our first session had the children's silhouette drawn and placed on fishing nets. It was a representation of being caught by Jesus! From there we learned how Jesus calms the storm, taking it to heart how He can calm the storms in our lives if we believe and surrender to Him! We stomped out our fears by stomping on balloons! It wasn't easy, and help was needed by some... representing that at times, we need help to rid us of our fears.

As well, the children went fishing with small poles in the pool! Each child got to catch a fish, and some went back for more! Each child brought their uniqueness, and shone in their own way! In craft time, this was evident in their creativity!

In teaching on the 'Good Samaritan' a child drew a hurt person in the middle of the road, but the road was drawn as an actual highway of today, lines included. We also learned how ships don't sink...because of the water around them. Ships sink because of the water that gets IN them! (Isaiah 43:2) We learned that it's important to not let what's happening around you get inside of you and weigh you down. We discussed the bad things around us and how not to allow them to get inside, as prayer protects us ... and standing up for Jesus is the right thing to do!

I've taken our weekly memory verses and placed each on a poster board, making a paper quilt out of them! They are different colours: a representation of how each child is different and unique in God's family.

I applaud each family for your teaching of God's love at home! It is very evident, as the children answer questions. They know much of what is in the Bible! Some children even end up doing the teaching! Recently one young lad told the 'Parable of the Prodigal Son!' I didn't have to say much at all!

In the last few weeks of the summer we have been preparing for the boat races. Each child painted their own boat and made very colourful sails. And of course Captain hats were made to be worn on the big race day! Let the fun begin!

All in all, it has been an absolute pleasure teaching and learning with the kids!

I thank you for this opportunity and look forward to the Fall, as we move back over to the Gustavus building for Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings.

Great things to come!

Sincerely,

Barb Provis

Children's Ministry Lead

KIDS

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 10	Children's Ministry Team prayer coverage Little & Big Builders resume @ Gustavus Building	All Church Fall Kick-Off BBQ following the service.
OCTOBER 1	NO SUNDAY SERVICE	(Pumpkinfest)
OCTOBER 8	Thanksgiving Party	Bring in fruit trays, store bought snacks & treats (NUT-FREE)
OCTOBER 29	NO KIDS' MINISTRY @ Gustavus Building	Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on the rink!
NOVEMBER 5	Family Potluck Brunch in Community Room	Kids dismissed briefly for 'rink time'
NOVEMBER 26	Christmas Party	Bring in fruit trays, store bought snacks & treats (NUT-FREE)
NOVEMBER 26	Children's Carol sing @ Southampton Care Centre @ 3pm (Parent supervised)	
DECEMBER 3	Family Potluck Brunch in Community Room	Kids dismissed briefly for 'rink time'
DECEMBER 10	Children's Ministry' Sunday Service	Children participate in various ways in our Morning Worship Service
DECEMBER 24	NO KIDS' MINISTRY @ Gustavus Building	
DECEMBER 31	NO KIDS' MINISTRY @ Gustavus Building	
JANUARY 7	Family Potluck Brunch in Community Room	Kids dismissed briefly for 'rink time'

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- We're launching a new **REGISTRATION** system for our Children's Ministry for a more stream-lined / integrated administrative approach!
- We'll be launching a **missions project** that all kids can participate in!
- We hope to incorporate a **Kids' Cantata** this year! Watch for announcements on this creative venture!
- We ALWAYS need more **parent/caregiver involvement!** Will you help us as we minister to children? Begin the screening process now through the PEMC Office.
- Parents/Caregivers are an integral part in Family Foundations! If you have any questions on how to **develop your child(ren)'s faith**, don't hesitate to speak with any of our leadership team!