

Dear Redeemer Families,

I hope you are having a fun summer, and that you have been able to relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

We'll be starting Children's Church back in the Fall and we look forward to ministering to your kids. I want to share with you a couple of changes we'll be making in the fall, so you'll know what to expect. Our first Sunday back in Children's Church will be Sunday, September 4. Youth group will be starting up the same Sunday.

Since we are starting to have more children attend Children's Church, we are planning to split our group into two classes. Both classes will have a memory time, Bible story, and snack. Our hope is that having two classes will allow us to tailor the lessons and activities better for younger/older students. Children who are in **2nd through 5th grade** will have class before church, 9:15am – 9:50am, like the youth group. During the sermon time, we'll have note-taking pages available to help older children participate in the service. Children who are **4 years old through 1st grade** will continue to have their class during the sermon. We'll leave during the Greeting of Peace and return during Communion like we have in the past.

While the older children and middle & high school students are meeting before church, we invite parents to stay and enjoy the opportunity to fellowship with other families. There will also be opportunities to help prepare crafts and other administrative needs for Children's Church.

Time	Parents	0-3 years	4 years - 1st grade	2nd grade - 5th grade	MS/HS
9:15 - 9:50	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Children's church	Youth group
Sermon	Sermon	Nursery	Children's Church	Sermon	Sermon

We also need your help! The growth in our Children and Youth Ministries means we need numerous volunteers to minister to our young members.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Volunteers for the older class will need to arrive at 9am and be ready to start at 9:15am, while volunteers for the younger class will dismiss during the sermon and return during Communion. Teacher materials will be available one week in advance for you to read over. All of our volunteers go through MinistrySafe training to make sure we provide a safe environment for our children and youth. During August, we'll have a luncheon where potential volunteers will get a chance to walk through a lesson, ask questions, learn more about MinistrySafe and background checks, etc. We want to extend the opportunity for our youth to assist during the sermon or on Sunday mornings when they are not meeting.

Throughout the year, we'll continue to have our regular children's events which are open to children of all ages – Christmas party, Easter party, summer movie night, etc.

YOUTH GROUP: (Grades 6-12) Youth group will meet two Sundays per month. One Sunday will be an opportunity for youth to fellowship and learn about their faith. The other Sunday we invite an adult member to share with the youth the stories of their faith journey or times when they can see God working in their lives. The purpose of this group will be building relationships with God, the congregation, and each other.

Here are the scheduled Sundays for Youth:

September: 4th and 25th
October: 9th and 23rd
November: 6th and 20th
December: 4th and 18th
January: 8th and 29th
February: 12th and 26th
March: 12th and 26th
April: 16th and 30th
May: 14th and 28th

To learn more, please contact Allie Arnold (children's church) or Emma Gaona (youth group).

Blessings,
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