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SPRING 2024
Birth to 5th Grade



Special Friends Ministry offers an inclusive and specialized ministry to give parents freedom to attend the Sunday morning 10:45 worship service knowing that children with special needs (birth – 12 years) are being included in a safe, Christ-centered environment. Special Friends Ministry provides trained Buddies who individually engage with each child in their ministry area.

If you would like your child to be a part of this ministry or know of another family who would be interested, please contact: Pam McClure, Special Friends Ministry Coordinator, at 419-223-9646 Ext. 1405.

You may also visit our church website at limacommunitychurch.com/specialfriends for more information.



Special Friends Ministry at LCCN is excited to announce that we have partnered with Nathaniel's Hope to bring the Buddy Break program to our community.

Buddy Break is a free 2-hour parents' day out/respice care program where kids with all types of special needs (VIP kids) and their siblings (ages 4-14) have fun!

Buddy Break is open to church members and non-church members with VIP Kids. Each VIP Kid is paired one-on-one with a screened and trained volunteer "Buddy" to participate in that day's activities.

For more information about Buddy Break and how to register for Buddy Break, please contact: Pam McClure, Special Friends Ministry Coordinator at 419-223-9646 Ext. 1405 or go to limacommunitychurch.com/specialfriends and click on Buddy Break.

**Prior to attending a Buddy Break event, online registration forms need to be completed as well as mandatory attendance at a one hour Family Orientation meeting.

January Buddy Break: Friday, January 12th from 6:00-8:00pm. RSVP required.

March Buddy Break: Friday, March 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm. RSVP required.

May Buddy Break: Friday, May 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm. RSVP required.

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Storytime:

2 & 3-year-olds will be taught the same Bible story and memory verse each week throughout the month so we can help them learn it through repetition.

January - Zaccheus

Memory Verse: "He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

February - The Blind Beggar

Memory Verse: "Be kind to one another." Ephesians 4:32

March - Down Through the Roof

Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:7

April - Jesus Calms the Storm

Memory Verse: "Lord, You will keep us safe and protect us." Psalm 12:7

May - The Good Samaritan

Memory Verse: "Serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13

Baby/Child Dedications:

*Spring Baby/Child Dedications will be held in the main sanctuary on the following dates:

Sunday, February 25th

Sunday, March 24th

Sunday, May 12th

Sunday, June 16th

Dedication classes will be held in the Chapel. This class is required before your child can be dedicated here at Lima Community Church. Childcare is available by registering through the Church by Ministry One App. Please RSVP to Christy Taylor to let her know if you would like to attend the class at christytaylor@limacc.com. You may choose to attend class on one of the following dates:

Wednesday, February 7th from 6:30-7:30pm – deadline to RSVP is Sunday, February 4th

Wednesday, March 6th from 6:30-7:30pm – deadline to RSVP is Sunday, March 3rd

Wednesday, April 24th from 6:30-7:30pm – deadline to RSVP is Sunday, April 21st

ALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

***December 31, 2023 – Pajama Jam Sunday:** All children, birth – 5th grade are invited to wear their favorite PJ's to church during our regular Sunday services for a cozy New Year's Day Celebration. Ages 2 years and up will enjoy a special snack. (Our older children will enjoy some hot chocolate with their snack.)

***Family Worship Sundays are:** December 17 & 24, March 24 and June 30. On these Sundays all children, birth and up, will join their families in the main sanctuary during our regular Sunday services. **March 31, 2024 – Children's Ministry is OPEN for Easter Sunday.**

***Sunday February 18, 2024 – FAMJAM Skate Night:** All families with children, birth-5th grade, are invited to join our Children's Ministry Team at Edgewood Skate Arena from 6:00-8:30pm for a night of skating, fun, and fellowship. Admission is free. Skate rental is \$5.00/person.

PRESCHOOL EVENT

***January 26, 2024 - Preschool Family Night 6:30 - 8:00pm –** Join us as we have a wonderful time together with our preschoolers and their families. Watch announcements for more details.

SAVE THE DATE

***Sunday July 28, 2024 – FAMJAM Swim Night:** All families with children, birth-5th grade, are invited to join us for a night of swim at Wapak Water Park. Sunday July 28th 6:15-8:15pm, no early admission, doors open at 6:15pm. Snacks are available for purchase at the snack shack. Admission is free! Bring beach towels, toys, & your family for a fun time. **Event will be cancelled if heavy rains or thunderstorms.

January

Theme: Clubhouse Clues

Bottom Line: Jesus teaches me important things.

Memory Verse: "The people were amazed at his teaching." Matthew 7:28

While Jesus was on earth, huge crowds flocked to hear Him teach. Why? Yes, there was the chance of seeing a miracle, but it was also because they believed Jesus taught important things. And they were right! Jesus taught important things then, and He still teaches us important things now.

February

Theme: Food Trucks

Bottom Line: Jesus loves everyone.

Memory Verse: "Be kind and loving to each other." Ephesians 4:32

The love Jesus gives the world is hard for us to comprehend because it's bigger and more gracious than the love the world offers. The love of Jesus is for everyone – everyone. Nothing can make Jesus stop loving us – nothing. It's a God-sized love that has to be received before it's understood. It's that good.

March

Theme: Go Team

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Memory Verse: "I have called you friends." John 15:15

The immoral woman who had been kicked out of the friend group. The greedy man who stole from his family. The uneducated. The poor. The sick. The outcast. Jesus called them all friends while He was on Earth. And Jesus still calls everyone who follows Him "friends," today and forever.

April

Theme: Shine

Bottom Line: I can do what Jesus says.

Memory Verse: "Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

Something special happens in a person when they choose to follow Jesus and do what He says. A light begins to shine. The closer they follow Jesus, the brighter the light becomes. They can't hide it, nor would they want to. It's the light of Jesus shining through them for the world to see.

May

Theme: Little Red Wagon

Bottom Line: God loves me.

Memory Verse: "I will always love you." Jeremiah 31:3

God shows us daily how much He loves us in how He speaks to us through the Bible and listens to us when we pray. God's never-ending love for us is so amazing that we should be moved to talk about God to others and live for God in all we say and do.

January

Theme: Pet Project...See It Through

RESPONSIBILITY: Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

Memory Verse: "Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large." Luke 16:10a

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. That's why we should show responsibility. We should use our stuff the way God wants us to, follow through with what we need to do, and show others that we can be trusted with anything.

February

Gear Up...An Adventure in Kindness

KINDNESS: Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

Memory Verse: "You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient." Colossians 3:12

God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it. Because of God's love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus modeled kindness, but He also commanded it. He taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated.

March

Connected...Switch On the Power of Peace

PEACE: Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

Memory Verse: "If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do this as much as you can." Romans 12:18

When Jesus died on the cross, He made peace between God and us. We can have peace – and we can share the peace of God with others. We can reflect the character of Jesus by caring enough to make peace.

April

Cookout...It's Worth the Wait

PATIENCE: Waiting until later for what you want now

Memory Verse: "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

Because of Jesus, we know how the story ends. We can be patient when we remember what God has done. God is also patient with us. When we wait well, we reflect God's patience to others.

May

Training Camp...Plan, Practice, Grow

COMMITMENT: Making a plan and putting it into practice.

Memory Verse: "Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8

God makes plans and follows through with them – including the plan to send Jesus to rescue us! We can show commitment too. We can work on growing our relationship with Jesus by practicing our faith.

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Wear-A-Jersey Sunday: All DOWNTOWN kids (Grades 1-5) are invited to wear a jersey representing their favorite team on **Sunday February 11th** during the 9am and 10:45am services. ANY team jersey will do.

Nextsteps: Baptism class for 4th & 5th graders. This is held on **Tuesdays February 27th & March 5th** in the DOWNTOWN elementary area from 6:30-7:30PM. A parent must attend BOTH classes with their child. Registration is open from February 2nd through February 20th. To register, use the Church By MinistryOne App.

Camp Cotubic Summer Camp: Camp "Superheroes" will take place on **June 7th-9th** at Camp Cotubic in Bellefontaine, OH. Registration will begin on the Church By MinistryOne App on February 4th and will close on March 3rd or when full. Cost is \$125.00 per camper. (This is for kids who have completed 2nd-5th grades.)

Camp Fundraiser: Chicken & Rib Dinner Tickets will go on sale **March 10th** with all money or unsold tickets turned in by **April 14th**. The Chicken & Rib Dinner will take place on Sunday April 21st from 10:00am-1:00pm in the AXIS. All money earned from this is to help cover expenses for kids going to summer Camp Cotubic.

5th Grade Night in the AXIS: Inviting all kids who just finished 5th grade to an evening of food and fun as they get to know the AXIS. Save the date for April 12th from 6-9pm. Registration will be March 17-April 5 on the Church By MinistryOne app.

Quiz Camp: For all kids who have completed 5th grade. This will take place **August 1-3, 2024** at the AXIS. Quiz Camp is a fun introduction to teen Bible quizzing. We will swim, play fun night games, tent camp, eat great food, and learn ways to study God's Word while competing with electronic equipment. Registration will begin in June on the Church By MinistryOne App.

TruGirl Crazy Hair Tour is coming to Lima Community Church on Friday October 25, 2024. This is for girls ages Kindergarten and up and their moms. Watch for more information to come!