



Children's Events

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Sunday, April 16, 23 and 30 from 4:30-6:30pm in the Children's Center

Our "Zip Code Challenge" continues to be an amazing time of fellowship and learning on Sunday evenings! We will wrap up our challenge and fun in April as we review the fruit of the spirit, think about why the fruit of the spirit really matters in our lives, how can we truly spread it and why God wants us to do all of this anyways! We know that great things will happen because Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." We are ready for the challenge...are you?

Topics Each Night:

April 16-Review of the Fruit of the Spirit/Bun and Coffee Make
April 23-Why does it matter with the Fruit of the Spirit?/Candle Talk
April 30-How can we truly spread it? Why does God want us to do this?/Candle Make

Dinner Providers for April:

April 16-Beamon and Glass Families (meal TBD)
April 23-Fine Family (meal TBD)
April 30-Beck Family (meal TBD)



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am in various classrooms on the lower level



We invite you to join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning as children split up into more age specific small groups and dive deeper into our monthly verse and themes. They have loving Sunday School teachers with awesome plans ready to go for them to help each child learn more about what plans God has for each of their lives. Our Little Explorers (2 and 3 year olds) are continuing to learn from the Little Bible Heroes and will be learning about Martha and Easter this month. The rest of our classes will look at Easter and the verse from Luke 24:2-3. It's a great time to gather together in a smaller group on Sunday mornings!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sunday, April 2, 16, and 30 during the 11:00am service

Children's Church will continue in April by beginning in the Sanctuary for the first little bit of the worship service. If there is a Children's Chat we will leave afterwards to go to the Children's Church room. If there is not, then there will be a specific time in which we will leave to go down together. Parents will pick up in the Children's Church room after the service. During our time together we will praise God through music, have a small snack and participate in an activity focused on our verse of the month. This month we are learning about Luke 24:2-3, "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." There will not be Children's Church on Easter Sunday, April 9 because of the shortened/altered schedule that day or on the Sunday, April 23 because of the special Singstunde service.



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 2-Friday, April 7 from 7:30 to 8:30pm



Each night families and friends will gather as we sing and read about the last week of Jesus' life here on Earth. There will be the reading of "Benjamin's Box" and a CE Member, Trustee and Elder will be taking the children to do special activities with them to the Discovery Classroom. It will be a wonderful week to learn about Jesus and His great sacrifice for each one of us!

EASTER PROGRAM

Saturday, April 8 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon

Grab the kids, find the Easter baskets and join us for an awesome Easter event! Children from toddlers to elementary age (2 years – 5th grade) will enjoy Easter activities, crafts, yummy refreshments, egg hunt and more! This is a perfect event to invite your neighbors and friends to celebrate the real meaning of Easter! The program will be rain or shine.



LAUREL RIDGE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES



The different summer camp opportunities for your child(ren) are below! There is a separate code for Pre-Junior and Junior camp this year so make sure to pay close attention to that below! Also, don't forget to get signed up for Spring Family Camp! It's a great time to gather together with your family on the mountain with other friends as well! Register at www.laurelridge.org
Laurel Ridge Camp Opportunities for 2023

Spring Family Camp-May 26 -28

Pre-Junior Camp-July 28-30 for children who just finished 1st and 2nd grade-Camp Code-friedbergpj2023

Junior Camp-July 30-August 5 for children who just finished 3rd, 4th and 5th grade-Camp Code-friedberg2023

SINGSTUNDE

April 23 during the 11:00am service



Come join a special service where we will be lead in singing from various groups in the church! The Cherub Choir and C.R.O.S.S. Kids will both be singing during the service! It will be a great time of praise as well as worship to Jesus during our 250th celebration of of church!

April's verse to focus on will be:

“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.”



Luke 24:2-3

What an awesome time of the year it is! A time to celebrate our Lord being risen! Yes He is risen indeed! And this verse...the thought of seeing the stone being rolled away, not seeing Jesus there in the tomb anymore-What would your family think? Would you be shocked? Fearful? Excited? Think about that and talk as a family and then go out and tell the good news to all those you meet that the Lord is risen!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHILDREN OF FRIEDBERG...



“Speak Up...Speak Out-Until the Whole World Hears!”

Our Weekend Away was amazing like always! We had a great time playing, singing, learning, worshipping and having the time of our lives on the mountain! The theme was “Speak Up...Speak Out-Until the Whole World Hears!” and we based it off of 1 Timothy 4:12, “Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” as well as Casting Crowns song “Until the Whole World Hears”. Both of these along with other things we did helped us understand better what we are called to do-no matter our age and/or size...tell others about Jesus!!! We can do that through speech, conduct, love, faith and being pure! We cannot wait to do that each and every day. Some of our friends tells of what they learned or some of their favorite parts of the weekend! Hope you get a little glimpse of what we experienced through them!



Kallon was grateful for the experience of being with his friends & a bunch of nice people. He was happy that everyone got along & how much fun he had. He also mentioned that the food was yummy. :)



Carrie said, “It means that just because you're little or poor it doesn't mean you can't worship God or tell about him. It was a really nice weekend and time to connect with God since Laurel Ridge has that impact.”

Lara wants you to know, “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young!”



Eloise said, “I liked that we were able to speak up and speak out about things...like Jesus!! I'm going to speak up and speak out about Jesus to everybody!”

Elise says, “It was really cool to lead worship and everyone was able to do more things than we were able to do before because we were speaking up and speaking out!”



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“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth.” 3 John 1:4