

Children's Board DATE: 01/05/10 TIME: 6:00-7:00

Members & Guests Present	Tyler Freyberg, Jim Kalina, Kami Matteson, Casey Wytaske, Jenny Adams and Lynette Freyberg, Members - Leah Garry, Staff, Kathy Yale, Council Liaison and Jim Halbur, guest	
Members Absent	Marie Slotemaker and Vee Williams	
TOPIC	PRESENTATION - DISCUSSION	RESULT/LEADER
Devotions	"Is my Room ready"	Lynette Freyberg
Time of Sharing	Relationship Building – Saying hi and sharing news with each other.	
Old Business	<p>Parents day out was a huge success. We had 17 Children in attendance ranging in ages from Birth to age 8. St. Olaf led the activities for the Children 5 and up with the help of 2 Bethlehem Youth. 3 additional Bethlehem Youth babysat the Children age 5 and under. All of the money raised was paid back out to St. Olaf as a gift of Mileage Reimbursement. St. Olaf has volunteered to do this Service again for our Church. We are looking at the month of April. Will discuss further at the February meeting.</p> <p>Christmas program was successful. The Children sang beautifully. Kathy Yale, Program Director, gave Children's Board an apology for some events that took place. And further explained her style of teaching. This was very helpful to the Board. The board was then able to give some suggestions to help make things work better going forward. Including better communication and longer practices. In addition to different music selections.</p>	Leah Garry / Kathy Yale
Web Site	Casey who is also on the Web Site committee helped heighten the awareness for the Web Site. Brought brochures and encouraged members to check it out and ask for changes. She also made us aware of a new page "Scrapbook" which features various pictures.	Casey Wytaske
Rotational Sunday School	Next paint was decided on as January 31. Plan to meet following the 10:45 Church Service and work on Scout Room (Classroom A) and the final touches on the mural in the alcove. Leah will contact Sarah Circle members to invite them to	Leah Garry

	<p>participate.</p> <p>The offering for January thru May is get a Child to walk in Tanzania. Lois Wintersteen forwarded this important mission on to Leah. The goal is \$500 and this will provide surgery for a Child who would otherwise be crippled and force to crawl for his whole life. Leah has already placed article in STAR for January and will sent letters to the Children's parents. Leah will also talk to Kathy Yale & Beth Backstrom so they can discuss weekly with the Children as the offering money comes in.</p> <p>Kevin Nevills completed work on 75 cubbies for the 79 Children in the Bethlehem LIGHT program. Looking at how best to use them? Possibly having family units share? We still need plastic tubs and Leah will research the cost and we will discuss at February meeting. The cubbies are designed to be a communication tool between Children's Board and the Parents regarding important Bethlehem events.</p>	
Fellowship	The next family fellowship event is scheduled for January 17 from 3:00-5:00 at MSU Bowling Room. \$3.00 per person. Following the basement of Jakes Pizza is reserved for continued fellowship.	Leah Garry
Green Lake Camp	<p>Endowment will be kicking in \$400 for the Children in grades 2-5 to go on a special 24 hour overnight retreat. The retreat is scheduled for April 16-17. The cost will be \$24 per Child with the remaining cost being covered in the \$400 endowment kick in. Leah will chaperone in addition to Lance. Will need 1 more male and 1 more female chaperone. Casey Wytaske thinks she will be able to chaperone.</p> <p>The retreat is intended to raise awareness about Green Lake camp in hopes of getting more Children to attend Summer camps.</p>	Leah Garry
Milestone Report from Vee via email	January 10 th – 6 th graders with Betty Sanger meet to learn about prayer and make a class prayer, which will be delivered at the 10:45 church service as “Prayer of the Day” on 1-24. Betty will meet with them on the 10 th & 17 th with practice in	Lynette Freyberg via email from Vee Williams

	<p>the church on the 24th during the education hour. First graders and their families will meet with Vee Williams on the 10th in classroom A to make prayer placemats that will be laminated and then blessed at the beginning of the 10:45 church service.</p> <p>2-7 4th graders and parents meet with Pastor Jay in the dining room to talk about the Sacrament of Baptism. We will be celebrating our Christian birthdays and talking about the importance of baptism. Our personal stories of our own baptism will be shared too.</p> <p>February 21, The fifth graders and their parents start the study of Communion with Pastor Jay in the chapel after regular singing time is over. This is the start of a six week session which includes two classroom sessions with teachers, a visit to the sacristy to learn about Communion set-up, making bread for Holy Thursday's services, banner making with parents, and the service that they are served communion with their families and friends on 4-18 at 10:45 service. Pastor Jay's commitment will be asked for the first session and the communion service. Parents are asked to be at the first, fifth (banner making) and communion service sessions. Letters will be going out soon as this is such a big time commitment on everyone.</p> <p>2-28 Kindergarteners will meet with parents during LIGHT hour to learn about the importance of prayer and how we can pray at all different times and places with learning stations set-up. There will be learning stations, such as a doctor or medical situation, school setting, mealtime, bedtime, etc. .At the beginning of the 10:45 church service, the children will be given their prayer quilts and be blessed. They will also be given prayer cards that are the beginning of receiving new prayer cards every year.</p>	
Background Screening	Leah Garry and Lance Quick will lead 3, 1 hour sessions on abuse & becoming a safe congregation. Everyone who works with Children under the age of 18 at Bethlehem is required to attend. The session will run approx. 1 hour and a	Leah Garry

	<p>light supper will be served. At the conclusion of the sessions, Lance & Leah will be collecting applications from everyone with the consent to run background checks. Lance & Leah will be the keepers of all confidential information and it will be kept in a locked file cabinet.</p> <p>The dates are: January 19, January 21 and January 25 all at 6pm in the Youth Room</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Time/Date will need to be changed for the February meeting. Leah Garry & Kami Matteson will be attending a “Ready for Kindergarten” parenting course offered by Community Ed on the night children’s Board typically meets. Will decide via email so all Board members can agree on a new time.</p>	Leah Garry