

## **Sunday Mornings at KEMC**

As mentioned in the email last week we will be sending out emails this week regarding how our church activities will be shaping up for the fall. This email is in regard to Sunday morning services, including the kids' feature and Kidzone. Sunday School will be addressed in the next email.

### **Sunday Services**

Sunday services will continue as they are for now with the service beginning at 10:45am. Those who wish to attend are asked to follow the protocols outlined by the Public Health Office with regard to social distancing, hand washing, using sanitizer, etc. Also, if you are unwell, we encourage you to participate through our live stream which will continue to be available to all. Just a note: we are only keeping our services on our youtube channel for 2-3 months after which they will be unavailable.

If you are planning to continue to join the service through the live stream, we would encourage you to consider if there is another family, or small group, within your "bubble" that you could invite to join you. A part of our Sunday mornings include fellowship with other believers and so if possible, this would be a great way to encourage connection for those who are not attending in person. The point is not to have new people each week but to invite some who you would be comfortable to join with each Sunday.

### **Kids Feature**

We will be continuing with our kids feature each week and we are looking for some volunteers to help with it. The plan is for individuals or families to video a devotional, object lesson, skit or story on their phone or device, and to submit it to the church to be shown on a Sunday morning. We are looking for 8 volunteers which means each would be required to do a video once every 4 months. If you would be willing to help in this way, please contact Gerry.

The other change to the kids' feature is that it will be **beginning at 10:25am** each Sunday instead of 10:15am which will assist those who are involved in the service. The new start time will begin on Sept. 13th.

### **Kidzone**

We will be unable to offer Kidzone this fall during the service. In its place, Gerry will be preparing "busy bags" for each child that comes to the service. It is available for those aged 2 to grade 6. Parents are asked to sign up with Gerry if they plan to attend Sunday services and she will have a bag available with age appropriate worksheets, coloring

pages, and quiet activities for your kids to do during the service. At the end of the service there will be a place for the kids to hang their bags so Gerry can sanitize them and fill them up with new stuff for the following week. If you arrive at church and have not signed up for a bag yet, or if someone is visiting, no worries, there will be a few extra bags available.

Many of the worksheets, coloring pages and activities that can be digitized will also be available through our website for those who are participating at home. You do not have to sign up to have access to the materials on our webpage. If you have questions or want to sign up, please contact Gerry at the church.

### **KEMC Sunday School update**

After having conversations with a number of families that have young children and past Sunday School teachers, we will be postponing Sunday school for ages up to grade 12 as there will be a significant shortage of volunteers and very few participants. We will re-evaluate where things are at for the beginning of 2021.

There will be opportunity for adult Sunday School classes to occur from 9:30am-10:30am. Teachers who are interested in running an adult class are asked to contact the church so we can advertise the class to know what the participation level will be. We currently have 4 spaces in the church where an adult class could be held while keeping social distancing in place.

### **Mid-week Bible Study**

Pastor Pete is planning to host a mid-week Bible Study twice a month beginning at the end of Sept. or beginning of Oct. The video study is called "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" by Pete Scazzero. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

### **Grades 3- 5 – LINK**

Similar to our vision and excitement to re-imagine our Jr. Youth program, we've spent the time away in spring and summer dreaming and planning about the best ways to disciple children in the grade 3-5 range. The ideas for the program included a small group emphasis with some larger group opportunities and parental involvement.

We want to move forward with the small group portion of programming, The plan is to put students into small groups with an adult leader, and have them meet every other week on Wednesdays, beginning late September.

We will have more information regarding registration soon.

## **Jr. Youth**

We have been excited planning and dreaming for a revamped Jr. Youth program (grades 6-8) over the past months. Our goal has been to create a discipleship program that focuses on small group ministry, equipping parents and families, and giving youth opportunities to have fun and develop relationships in a safe environment.

As the number of active COVID-19 cases continues to climb and the safety of fall programming is in question, we have decided to move forward with the small group portion of our Jr. Youth program. This means that:

1. We will create groups of 3-5 youth together with a leader. These groups will meet every other week.
2. Groups will have opportunity to play games, talk, study and pray together.
3. To start, groups will always meet at the church at a designated time. Our hope is that eventually group leaders have established rapport and trust with parents and have more freedom in where and when to meet with groups.

As regulations change regarding COVID-19, we will continue to evaluate and hopefully broaden our Jr. Youth programming to include the other elements we planned (ie. larger group events).

If you know of others who are hoping to have their children participate in Jr Youth, please forward them this message AND ask them to email Pastor Lyndol so that he can contact them also with information as we prepare to launch.

There will be more information to follow regarding registration and start time, but expect Jr. Youth to begin on September 23.

## **Sr. Youth**

We are aiming to begin Sr. Youth towards the end of September, after students and parents have had the opportunity to settle into school with all of the new regulations and rhythms in light of COVID. We do not currently require masks at Sr. Youth, but welcome and encourage students to wear them both their own and other's safety.

Sr. Youth will run Thursdays from 7:45-9:30.