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children & worship

On Sunday mornings, it's a delightful thing to see the young children gather at the front before they depart. But where do they go? What are they doing during that time?

Recently, the team decided to pursue the formal Children & Worship program, which guides the children through an age-appropriate liturgy. The time is designed to teach the children the patterns and mindset of worship through the telling of the story, prayer, and time of reflection and wondering. The story is told each week with simple wooden figure cutouts and

other simple elements. The movements of the time are deliberate and done to induce reflection and wonder at God's story of grace.

We are grateful for the leaders involved: Lynn Seitz, who is taking the lead, Kristine Adams, Eva Hall, and Ellen Lechtenberger. Recently, Kelly Hulst led a training to introduce them to the program.

The program also requires many wooden figures and other items, which we are trying to produce on our own. If you have an interest in helping produce these, which requires cutting them out with a scroll saw and sanding, let Lynn Seitz or Pastor Ben know. Or if you have a scroll saw that can be borrowed, let us know.



Learning about Jesus calling his disciples.

church events

- March 1 – Communion & Fellowship Lunch
- Tuesday Nights 7 pm Coffee Break Bible Study
- Wednesday Mornings 9:45 am Coffee Break Bible Study & Kids' Story Hour
- Wednesday Nights 7 pm "The Well" Bible/ Sermon Study

council report

Council met on January 9 & February 13

- **Profession of Faith** - Bryan Templeman came to profess his faith. The council received him into membership and he made his public profession during the worship service of February 16.

- **Deacons**
Reported that they put together and delivered nineteen bags to the elderly in our church.

Jan DeYong gave a report about the Barnabas Foundation and suggested it as a good resource for assisting our church in stewardship matters. Council will continue to discuss this possibility.

- **Building & Grounds**

The Design Team brought some provisional recommendations to Council regarding facility updates, which council approved for direction and further research. The recommendations include adding a second bathroom on the main floor, reconfiguring the main floor kitchenette area, and repurposing the library room as a main floor classroom space.

Discussed equipping the facility with some form of security equipment. We will be seeking input from a local company.

- **Broader Church Matters**

Pastor Joel Kiekintveld from Crosspoint Community Church came to give an update on their ministry, which is doing well and developing new avenues of ministry.

Pastor Ben will serve as our delegate to the regional church meeting (Classis), which is meeting north of Seattle on March 5-6.

winter fun

It was cold, but the hill was fast and the donuts at the end were a great reward. Last Sunday, about 25 of us braved the cold and the mighty hill by Arctic Valley as we sled and enjoyed great fun and fellowship. The kids definitely led the charge, but there were plenty of adults who held their own, even if they likely had more trouble getting out of bed the next morning.



Depending on one's sled, the way down could be at seemingly break-neck speed or somewhat of a crawl. There were plenty of bumps and curves as well to bring one off course into fluffy, deep snow. Some who came down looked as if they had gone through a blizzard, as there was a constant spray of snow shooting at them from their feet trying to steer and brake.

After about two hours of sledding, we were ready for some warmth and treats. Kristy Kreme served as a great choice for tasty donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate. Fellowship was enjoyed and we also got to watch a new batch of donuts



being bathed in icing, which was a fitting conclusion as we had been covered in icing earlier. Of course, that icing was a bit frostier and less sticky.

words to reflect on

Before we moved here, we did significant purging of stuff we finally figured out we didn't need anymore. Moving across the continent serves one well in this regard. One box included old papers and such from college. While most was tossed, I found this poem that I had received preparing to be a resident assistant in the dorms at Calvin College. It speaks good words of wisdom that is worth pondering, especially as we soon enter into the season of Lent with our eyes to the cross.

Pastor Ben

By Philip C. Brewer

Strong enough to be weak;
Successful enough to fail;
Busy enough to take time;
Wise enough to say 'I don't know;'
Serious enough to laugh;
Rich enough to be poor;
Right enough to say 'I'm wrong;'
Compassionate enough to discipline;
Conservative enough to give freely;
Mature enough to be childlike;
Righteous enough to be a sinner;
Important enough to be last;
Courageous enough to fear God;

Planned enough to be spontaneous;
Controlled enough to be flexible;
Free enough to endure captivity;
Knowledgeable enough to ask questions;
Loving enough to be angry;
Great enough to be anonymous;
Responsible enough to play;
Assured enough to be rejected;
Stable enough to cry;
Victorious enough to lose;
Industrious enough to relax;
Leading enough to serve.