

Children and Family Ministry Team 2009 Annual Report

In 2009, the Children and Family Ministry Team continued following the five-year plan for the team. 2009 is year three, which called for additional focus on babies and outreach events. While much of our focus was creating a new West Campus children and family nursery coordinator, we were able to maintain our education level and conduct new and exciting outreach events.

2009 Children & Family Ministry Team: Diana Streckfuss (West Campus coordinator), Donna Beal (East Campus coordinator); Anisa Hoie, Christin Honeyman, Jill Bretsen, Lori Larsen, Stephanie Neuhaus, Chris Thackray, Terry Johnson and Brian Collins (two LCM Council members)

Sunday School:

- Offered one session at East and West campuses during the school year. Average East enrollment for January - May was 85, with 19 volunteer staffers and 76 for September - December with 23 volunteer staffers. Average West enrollment for January - May was 74, with 23 volunteer staffers and 84 for September - December with 23 volunteer staffers.
- 5th-graders "Table of the Lord" received first Communion March 1. The "Miracle of You" course was offered two weeks to 5th graders.
- Memory awards were presented May 18 for kindergarten through 5th grade
- Summer Sunday school offered. Attendance averaged 5, East Campus; 15, West Campus.
- Bibles presented to 3rd-graders and kindergarteners in the fall (provided by the Foundation)
- Operation Christmas Child has continued this year in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse
- Advent Family Workshop was held at both campuses at the Sunday school hour.
- Installed windows in the basement Sunday school room doors at East Campus

Wednesday night programming:

- Elevate is offered for children from 1st through 5th grades (East Campus)
- Elevate Jr. is offered for 3-year-olds through kindergarten (East Campus)
- Average East enrollment for January - May was 55, with eight volunteer staffers and 45 for September - December with 11 volunteer staffers.
- Pioneer Club is offered for 3-year-olds through 3rd-grade (West Campus)
- Beth Moore studies is offered for 4th- and 5th-grades (West Campus)
- Cherub Choir (3 - kindergarten); Kids of the Kingdom Choir (1st-5th grade) - East Campus.

Vacation Bible School (June/July 2009):

- Held at both campuses. One week each. 268 children attended East Campus and 281 children attended West Campus. That is up from 200 (East) and 225 (West) in 2008.

Family Events:

- Continued involvement with Summerfest
- Second annual pool party at 7 - 9 p.m. July 18 at South Pacific Pool
- First annual Family Fun Night in January

Children's Camps:

- Carol Joy Holling (Two weeks listed as LCM weeks, but children can go anytime)
- Taste of Camp for 2nd-grade and their parent(s) - 2 days
- Looking into new camps for 2011: sports camp/West Campus; music camp/East Campus.

Christmas Program Dec. 13:

- Children's Christmas program was at West Campus. Middle school youth served desserts.

Milestone Events:

- Fifth-graders made banners for first Communion

Nursery:

- Implemented pilot nursery program, West Campus, with paid staff member in charge

Miscellaneous:

- Adopted new logo and tagline for the kids' programs "Lighthouse Kids"
- Added monthly newsletter to parents about upcoming events and kids' birthdays calendar
- Added new member to the team. Welcome aboard Chris Thackray!

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