

### **Sunday School**

In January, as part of an effort to promote Bible reading, a Family Bible Reading Plan was emailed to VBS and Sunday School families.

Then, Sunday School during the service for children ages 4-12 started up on March 6 and continued through May, with Cindy teaching and Doug substituting occasionally. Classes went well, with 2-3 children typically attending. We held our Community Picnic on June 5. The weather was not cooperative, so we didn't do any outside games, but the lunch was very good and there were about 25 people in attendance.

Children's classes during the service resumed on Sept. 25, with Cindy teaching and Jess serving as a substitute. Invitations were sent to VBS families, to the recent baptismal family with school age children, and to the church email list, which includes families who attended Sunday School last year.

Thank you to Cindy, Doug and Jess for their service in Sunday School!

### **Bell Tower Club**

The Bell Tower Club began in March and continued to the end of May, with approximately 10 kids participating. Cindy led the group using the Superbook app, which gives access to Bible reading, videos, and opportunities to win prizes for points earned every week. Eight students and their families attended the Easter morning service to perform songs/dances. The sanctuary was full and we had a joyful celebration, including a children's story with about 20 kids searching for eggs among the pews.

The Bell Tower Club resumed after Thanksgiving, running on Mondays after school. Cindy organized a program, "The Christmas Wish", which was performed in the evening on Sun., Dec. 18. There was a wonderful turn out of visiting families who enjoyed hearing the kids proclaim the message of God's love made flesh by His gift of Jesus.

Thank you to Cindy for her work in this ministry!

### **Adult class**

Ann Friesen continued in her role as leader. About 12 participants studied Ray VanderLaan's, "Cultures in Conflict" and then the first half of the Fisherman Bible Study – The End Times, which wrapped up at the end of May. Roxy stepped into the leadership role in the fall, finishing up the End Times study by Christmas. Thank you to Ann and Roxy for their leadership!

### **Monumental VBS! Aug. 22-26**

We had 36 kids age 4 through grade 6, plus a few littler ones being babysat in the parsonage. There were 4 VBS participants from our church, 24 from the surrounding area, and 8 from Grande Prairie. Babysitting at the parsonage was new this year. It provided the opportunity for young moms to take on leader roles. VBS is also a wonderful mission to the youth who come as volunteers. They get the chance to connect with other youth in a church setting, as well as take part in the lessons and activities. As has been the practice for the last few years, we partnered with Christian Fellowship Assembly, to help build and then use their sets and décor.

The VBS mission is a wonderful example of teamwork, in which the whole congregation participates with prayers, spreading the word, and donations of items, food, cash, and time. Thank you in particular to Taylor, Jeri, Frieda, Mavis, Jaycee, Gayle, Ann, Aron, Torin, Justine, Annette, Ashley, Doug, Jess, Fran, Emma, Laura, Jude, Christine, Sarah, Emily, Cindy, Steve, Ethan, Keira, Pat, Kayly, Roxy, and Keifer, who were part of the hands-on crew, either during the week or before and after helping with the set up and take down. Thank you also to Les for leading the staff dedication held on Sunday, Aug. 14 and to Stan, Roxy, Cindy, and some of the youth, who put a promotional VBS float in the Canada Day parade.

### **Other**

As per the constitution, the Deacon/ParishEd meeting was held on Sept. 29, 2022 for the purpose of long-range Christian education planning. The VLC SMART Plan (2019) was reviewed.

After a few years with no confirmation, 3 students started in the fall. Brian Fuller started a Tuesday evening study of the book of Daniel at the church in October, which will continue into 2023. The Young Adults group continues to meet.

Praise God for whom all blessings flow! May God help us teach our people His word.

“You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deut. 11:18-19 ESV

Respectfully submitted,

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