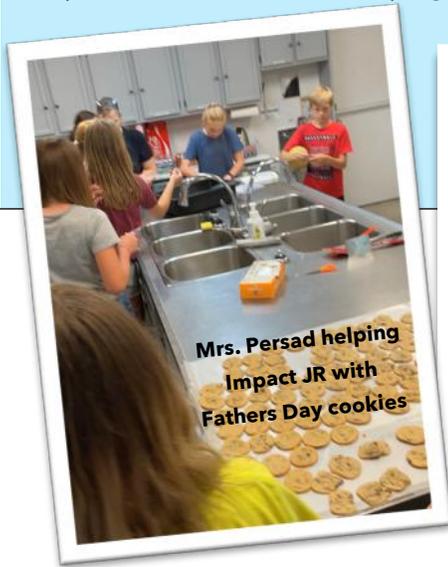


SARNIA EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY CHURCH

"To partner with God in developing genuine, fully devoted followers of Jesus"



Mrs. Persad helping Impact JR with Fathers Day cookies



Food Drive Donations dropped off at River City Vineyard

Welcome to the SEMC

July 2022

SEMC Worship Service - Outdoor Edition

Sundays @ 10:30am
Bring your own lawn chair

Enter the parking lot from East Street.
When you park, leave spots closest for those with mobility issues.

SEMC @ the Garden
Saturdays & Tuesdays @ 10am

Ministry Update ~ Ken & Carolyn Benson

We are running the RE-VIEW debriefing program July 16-22. Pray for participants to experience God's presence refreshing them and blessing them.

Carolyn has been mentoring Tiffany as the new Children's Ministry Co-ordinator and Anne-Marie Chapple as the Assistant. We're thankful to God for raising up this next generation of leaders.

Carolyn's Mom and Dad have accepted our invitation to be replanted closer to family in Stouffville. In August, they will move in upstairs, and we will have the opportunity to try out our basement apartment.

We're enjoying our local Eastridge Missionary Church. We're also grateful that they've agreed to rent office space to us for our MissionPREP work.

Read their full update on the SEMC website or ebulletin.

UPWARD ADVENTURE MINI-CAMP @ THE SEMC
AUG 23-25 9AM-12PM

Registration: June 12-August 1 for students entering Grade 2 - Grade 5
Cost \$25/student* includes:

- a whole lot of fun
- a safe & encouraging atmosphere
- character development thru bible learning
- skill development thru group training
- camp t-shirt, water bottle & basketball

Register thru the link at sarniaemc.org
*limited space available

*SPRING:
Serve. Pray. Respond.
In Grace.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 THE SEMC IS GOING ON SAFARI !!

TRANSPORTATION VIA COACH BUS IS PROVIDED
LEAVING SARNIA: 8AM
BACK IN SARNIA: 8PM (APPROX.)

MAXIMUM 50 PEOPLE. PARK FEES AND MEALS NOT INCLUDED.

Contact the SEMC office for details and to register: office@sarniaemc.org
last day to register is July 26.

African Lion Safari
ADDRESS: THE CIRCLE GO WILD!
1000 SHEPPARD AVE. E. UNIT 101
SCARBOROUGH, ONT. M1S 4T6

Senior Sing ~ Erin Johns

We are so thankful that we were able to meet consistently throughout the winter/spring seasons for Senior Sing. Each week we gathered to sing and build community with one another as we shared our common commitment to Christ. It has been a pleasure to watch friendships develop and to see prayers answered as we shared struggles and triumphs each week. As we sang through songs on request, we were encouraged and challenged through the music and lyrics. I will end with the challenge of the first verse of "It is Well" that was requested each week. May this be the truth in your heart as you go through the daily ups and downs of life.

"When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul"

KidJAM ~ Theresa Siertsema

Happy July! I'm so thankful we've made it to July! It has been a challenging KidJAM this year in finding volunteers because of people being unable to help due to covid. We will be looking forward to restarting KidJAM in our regular format, come September and we would love to have more leaders for small group, large group, Toddlers and Kindergarten. Please be praying this summer about where God might want to use you in KidJAM come September!

For July we are taking a little break from KidJAM as services will be outdoors, but there will be chalk and possibly colouring pages for KidJAM kids to enjoy during the services!

In the meantime at our KidJAM party, we talked about how important it is to grow in our faith. Students were encouraged to think of ways they can grow in their faith and some suggestions were praying, reading the Bible and serving others. Parents, if you can come alongside your students this July and help them to pray, read their Bibles and serve, this will help students with their goal of growing stronger in their faith this summer!

We will begin our Summer KidJAM format in August upstairs in the fellowship hall/gym!

Have a great July and we'll see you in August!

From Deve's Desk ~

The Lord continues to demonstrate that our simple, three-fold strategy, is significant for advancing His Kingdom initiatives: Serve.Pray.Respond. In Grace. What are you thankful for?

We are thankful for the regular connection of many on Sundays, in person and online. Beyond this, we are thankful for the growing relationships we are developing in our community as we use our facility as a resource for others. It has been a joy to have Senior Sing return. We also have welcomed back Circles, a community initiative mentoring people out of generational poverty. As a result of our renovation, we have welcomed back the Friendship Club ministry to mentally fragile adults. In addition, we have welcomed new efforts and organizations, like Loving Muslims Together, a moms group, Rocca Basketball Academy. The North Lambton Health Centre also holds twice weekly exercise classes for a group of very thankful older adults.

We are encouraged to see people to participate in bringing the grace of God to our community through organizations like Sarnia Nightlight, The Chapel at the INN and Sarnia Blessings. As we head into the summer, we are excited about the return of 7 weeks of camp for children with Autism, in partnership with the YMCA. Our community garden is flourishing, not just in produce but in welcoming new participants through our community partnership.

We have given generously, above and beyond, our regular offerings to community efforts with: River City Homeless Shelter, Neighbourlink, Children's Aid Society, Ukrainian Refugee Relief and many individuals and families.

Upcoming we have opportunities for you to make a difference by serving in our Adventure Mini-Camp, August 23-26. We also have an excursion planned to African Lion Safari on August 12 - it's a great way to spend some time together and invite others along. I could keep going...for which I am thankful...

What are you thankful for? We'd love to hear from you.



Church Picnic at Suncor Park