

Eastern Ave Christian Reformed Church

Worship Sunday Mornings at 10:15AM

514 Eastern Ave SE

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Weekly Sunday Morning Youth Programs

Church School meets weekly from September to May from 9-10am, and serves children in K-12th grade. Typically, two grades meet together for age appropriate lessons on the Bible and How to apply it to their lives. The various curricula include Bible Stories for the younger ages and topics for older youth (middle & high school) such as Catechism and studies on how to live, work and worship in God's kingdom.

Children's Worship meets during the school year during the last half of the morning worship service. This worship experience is designed to help young children in grades preschool-2nd grade learn how to worship God.

Little Stars is an "introduction" to Children & Worship for children three years old (by Dec 1), and takes place during the last half of the worship service. This program occurs throughout the year and is primarily taught by parents of the children attending the class.

Nursery is provided every Sunday during the worship service for infants, toddlers and Two's. The toddlers and Two's nurseries are located in the northwest corner of the Fellowship Room. The infant nursery is located downstairs in Room 14. A nursery coordinator will assist you with sign-in.

Weekday Programs

Tutoring Program:

Who: Children in grades K-12 who live in the Baxter Neighborhood have priority. Others will be accepted if there is room.

What: One to one tutoring help with homework and academic needs (K-12)

ACT prep for high school students

Meal served before tutoring

When: Thursdays

6:00-6:30 p.m. Meal

6:30-7:30 p.m. Tutoring

How to get more information and/or register: Call the church and ask for the Tutor Coordinator.

The A Team (Boys Club) is a mentoring club for middle and high school (ages 9-15) boys. It meets every Monday from 4pm-6pm. We cover many topics from Christian perspective. Subjects include but not limited to sexual abstinence, drug abuse, conflict resolution, leadership etc. Leader - "Rev Arlan Palmer" 831-5559

Girls Club is a mentoring club for middle and high school (ages 13-17) girls.

It meets on Tuesdays from 6pm-7:30pm. We cover many topics from Christian perspective. Subjects include but not limited to sexual abstinence, drug abuse, conflict resolution, leadership etc. Leader- "Keidra DeBarge" 482-7309

Sunday Evening Programs

These Programs take place every other Sunday evening from 5-7pm starting in September. Dinner is provided. Some groups may meet for additional sessions on other Sundays or different weekday/weekend evenings. Come join us!

The **Cadets** program meets in two separate groups and serves **boys** in grades 1st-3rd and 4th-5th. The program focuses on developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and building skills in various areas. In recent groups the boys have built rockets, attended sporting events, have gone on fishing trips and learned about how to care for God's world.

GEMS (short for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) is a program for **girls** in grades 1st-3rd and 4th-5th. The program focuses on helping the girls identify who they are as children of God through lessons, crafts and activities. In the past the GEMS went on an overnight trip to a cottage, attended Disney on Ice and have done various service-oriented activities.

Shining Stars serves children ages 4 through Kindergarten. This group hears Bible stories, sings songs together and does crafts related to the story that they are learning.

The **Middle School Youth Group** is for youth in grades 6, 7 & 8. In their meeting they have time for recreation, socializing and learning more about their place in God's world. The groups occasional meet together for activities and meetings, and have gone on overnight trips, sporting events and other fun activities throughout the year.

Eastern Lights is Eastern Ave's high school youth group. The High School group meets every other week to discuss issues and do activities. Small groups also meet once or twice a month at various locations. In addition, they do other activities on weekends and go on a spring break mission trip each year. Eastern Lights focuses on helping high school age young people build a closer relationship with Christ and learn to make choices that will help them as they seek their independence in the high school years.

**The age for participation in programs and the age deemed the threshold for meaningful participation in programs is 5 years old. Children who are not yet 5 should not come to events and worship services without being accompanied by a parent for the duration of the service or event. Exceptions may be made based on circumstances reviewed and approved by a program staff person.*