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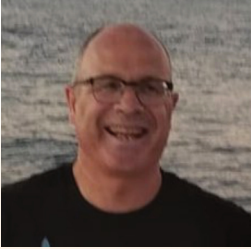
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## June Newsletter 2023



### FROM THE LBE BOARD CHAIR

RON KLASSEN

#### Celebrating Another Year

We are often encouraged to “not look back.” But in the Word, God’s people were often encouraged to set up stones of remembrance. We were thrilled to have over 150 guests join us on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at LBE’s fundraising banquet, and to share with them testimonies and videos along the lines of the theme “An Enduring Grace.” It was touching to look at photographs from over 50 years ago up until the present and see all that God has done. This evening of food, fellowship, and fun raised over \$26,000 that will help fuel the future at Living Bible Explorers. Heartfelt thanks to our table sponsors and everyone who attended the banquet.



Emcee Rachel Smith with  
LBE founder George Bock



Staff member Shannon with  
beloved guests/friends

#### Week of 24-7 Prayer

From May 22-28, LBE remained open 7am-10pm so that anyone who wanted could come and pray. LBE staff partnered with a friend from 24-7 Prayer, Shira Gamey, and set up seven stations based on Ecclesiastes 3 that allowed intercessors to engage with the Scriptures through writing, art, dance, reflection, and dialogue with Jesus. There was also a Kid’s Korner with a foam pit, chalk, markers, and a slide. Here are a few comments from our guest book:

*“Another profound day in the presence of God... Thank you for making this space available to meet God, be transformed and intercede.” – N*

*“So sweet to be here.” – B*

*“So so good and significant.” – C*



Prayer through art



Middle schoolers writing  
prayers for the world



*“There is a time for everything...” Ecc 3:1*



# Welcoming our Summer Team

We are so grateful for the seven on-fire high school students who will be joining us this summer. LBE will be running summer day camps again this year. LBE has also connected with *Wilderland Adventure Company* and will be doing several overnight camping trips in July and August! Please pray for the spiritual transformation and deeper understanding of God’s love for students and staff!



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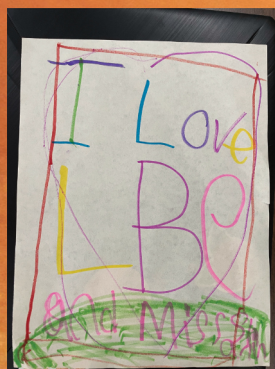
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# ROCK SOLID KIDS (GRADES 1-4) MINISTRY REPORT



DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS  
SHANNON NEUFELD



Spring Break was a total blast as we ran day camps with the help of SOAR Heartland volunteers. We had the kids break everything from eggs to tiles to pinatas, and dropped dessert from a second story window (ice cream sundae toppings).

In April we focused on evangelism. We had the kids hand out lunches and Bible verses at the mall.

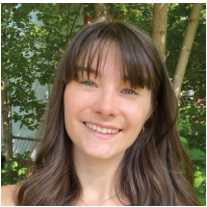
The kids described feeling “happy” after a special Wednesday evening program that included asking for God’s Holy Spirit to fill them up. We kicked it into “second gear” in the month of May, teaching them slower songs, different postures of worship (like raising their hands and kneeling), and asking them to pray aloud. The kids shouted things like “God is amazing!” when invited to tell the Lord how they felt about Him.

In June, we are wrapping things up with two different wind ups at Assiniboine Park (since the kids are split into two groups.)

We can’t wait to see what God will do during summer day camps. We have many adventures lined up, including visits to Oak Hammock Marsh, Morning Sound Farm, Deer Meadow Farm, St Malo, and Bird’s Hill Beach.



# ARISE (GRADES 5-8) MINISTRY REPORT



DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY  
MIRANDA RUSERE

We ended off the year at ARISE talking about prayer! We talked about HOW to pray, and I taught them the “three main things” in prayer: repentance, giving thanks, and asking. The children were then able to put this into practice, writing out their prayers on paper. A lot of their prayers have been for peace, provision, and rest in their families. There is still a lot of hardness in the hearts of these middle schoolers, but some are softening to the work of the Holy Spirit. My prayer is that God will open their hearts to Him and that He will have such an impact on their families through these kids.

We also said “goodbye” to our grade 8s who will be moving on to the teens program next year! It is such a privilege to watch these kids grow older and taller, and celebrate their last few years together. Now we prepare for summer. I am looking forward to summer day camps as well as a three-night camping trip with ARISE! It has been a few years since they have been able to do overnight camp in the summer, and while it will still look a little different than years past, I have no doubt they will enjoy it.



Please pray for us as we enter into this summer with hope and expectancy. I pray that God will continue to bring these children, soften their hearts to him, and impact their lives and families for years to come. Your prayers and support are so appreciated and I continue to feel so blessed by each and every person who gives of their time, finances, prayer, and encouragement to myself and this ministry.

# TEENS (GRADES 9–12) MINISTRY REPORT



DIRECTOR OF TEENS MINISTRY  
ASHLEY GINTER



I have officially been on staff for one year as of May! I was reflecting on this and realizing how much growth I have noticed in the youth this past year. It is such a joy to get to know them and be a part of their lives as they journey through life and face real challenges. In the past few months, I’ve proudly watched them step outside of their comfort zone to bless strangers during Spring Break and rise at the opportunity to serve at both our AGM and the fundraising banquet. The teen-to-teen and teen-to-leader bonds have strengthened and it has been so fun to laugh together and make memories, plus talk about life one-on-one.





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In March, we participated in a guided art night where we explored emotions and the truth of how God sees us through painting. It was truly beautiful to see the way that the teens genuinely participated this evening. In April, we had a guys/girls night, where the guys played MarioKart and one of the leaders shared about the value of hard work, while the girls attended an event at Salvation Army Weetemah with crafts, dancing, a photobooth, and a message on identity. In May, the teens joined us for an evening in our 24-7 prayer room and we also had the chance to host a joint worship night with the Grant Memorial Church youth group. This was a really neat opportunity for connection, and one of our teens shared that evening, "This was the best worship night I have ever been to. They are so nice" (paraphrased).



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**July 3-7:**

Summer Staff Training Week

**July 10-14:**

Grades 5-8 Day Camps

**July 19-21:**

Grades 5-8 Overnight Tenting  
(St Malo)

**July 24-28 & July 31-Aug 4:**

Grades 1-4 Day Camps

**Aug 9-11:**

Family Beach Days  
(Bird's Hill)

**Aug 15-18:**

Grades 9-12 Overnight Tenting  
(St Malo)

**Aug 23-25:**

Family Overnight Tenting  
(St Malo)

A father to the fatherless, a defender of  
orphans and widows, is God in his holy dwelling.  
Psalm 68:5

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