

CHILDREN & FAMILY

PARENTS' CORNER

Family calendars can become busy and overwhelming. Some months it can look like an air traffic controller put your calendar together, where everyone is going in different directions. You often end up investing over a hundred hours to practices and games, not including playoffs and tournaments. By the end of the day you are exhausted and you realize you have not had quality time with your children or your spouse in a while.

This affects many families. Sports, arts and extracurricular activities are pulling families in a million directions. Children are starting these activities at younger and younger ages.

Families feel a lot of pressure from coaches, instructors, other parents and children to do it all. They feel the need to be in every opportunity for that activity, attend every practice, even when they interrupt your Sabbath. If your child does not do it all, then they will not be the best of the best. At least, that is how you can feel most days.

Through this busyness, many parents have not intentionally thought out or discussed with their spouse **what it is that you really hope your children become and who it is that you are trying to raise.** As a parent, develop a concrete mission statement, because mission determines strategy. When you know who you want your child to be it becomes easier when to say yes or no to things.

Think about what your child is good at and what they are passionate about. Celebrate the uniqueness of your child. Look how God has wired your child. Why would you want your child to do something that God has not uniquely wired them to do? Dream with them and pray about their future.

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." - Psalm 139:13-14

BIBLE CAMP

July 26—31 | Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, New London, MN

Students 1st grade through 7th grade, join us as we grow in our faith and have fun at Bible Camp! At camp we make new friends, experience meaningful worship, play exciting games, learn about Jesus in Bible study, swim, tie-dye, and enjoy sitting around a campfire as the sun sets over the lake.

We want to make camp possible for everyone, so stop by the office and pick up a scholarship application if needed. Use the promo code LAUNCH2020 for \$10 off every program and if you **sign up by February 14** you get another \$40 off each registered program!

Sign up by going to gllm.org

Upcoming Events

February 2
12:30—2:00 p.m.
Faith Family Fun:
Sledding

February 14
56er's Lock-In

February 16
B23 Class

February 23
1st Communion Class

March 1
Camp Sunday, Kids sing at
Foundation Worship

SAVE THE DATE

B23+

June 1, 15, July 6, 20,
August 3, 17,
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School

June 22-25, 9 a.m. - noon
Pre-K to 4th grade

Bible Camp

July 26-31
1st grade to 7th grade

Day Camp

August 3-6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Pre-K to 5th grade

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