



## **DISCOVERYLAND**

Discoveryland is a ministry time with our kids ages 3 to Grade 3. Dismissal for Discoveryland will take place just before our morning sermon. **\*Please remember to sign your children in and out of Discoveryland\***

**Note** – Gr. 4-6 Discoveryland “Christianity Explored” will be dismissed for this prior to the morning service.

**\*\*Please Note:** With the long weekend, no one will be in the church office on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, or Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Leave either a phone message or email and Pastor Kevin will get back to you on Wednesday.

**-April 23** – Fort Macleod Community Clean-up, 4:30-6:30 with a BBQ in the south parking lot of the town office after designated areas are completed. As part of the town clean-up, our church has historically volunteered to clean up the local cemetery and cross-the-road field. Come and join us as we look to serve within our community!

**-May 4** – Highway Clean-up Fundraiser. We had enough volunteers signed up to go ahead with this. Trustfully we will add a few more before the date! We will be cleaning up the ditches for a 20 km stretch on Highway 505 from Jct 800 to Jct Hwy 6. More details to follow!

**-MAY 30** - Yes....I know May is a long way away....unless you hibernate for the winter. We are looking at hosting the Watoto Children’s Choir on Thursday, May 30th. We will need many billets for hosting this event. If you potentially have room to host for this event, please let Pastor Kevin know and/or email the church office. Thank you.

## **The Benchmark of Our Faith**

*“And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:14*

The Christian apologist and author C.S. Lewis made an interesting observation about Jesus’ practice of saying to people, “I forgive you.”

It is natural for us to forgive people for things they have done to us. But what do we say if someone cheats you out of ten dollars and I say, “That’s all right; I forgive him.”

When a person goes around forgiving people who haven’t done anything to harm that person, something seems amiss. The Pharisees caught the problem immediately when they said to Jesus, “Why does this man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (Mark 2:7)

Exactly. So Jesus was saying He was God. Now anyone could make that claim, and many have. What’s needed is something to back up those claims. Jesus did many such things, all of which led up to the greatest proof of all: His resurrection from the dead.

There are some things only God can do – like forgiving sin and conquering death. And Jesus did them all. The Resurrection proves it.

Your faith can remain full because Jesus’ grave remains empty – that is the best news imaginable.

*Dr. David Jeremiah*