

CRC's

Summer Playlist

Faith Formation at Home

Click on an activity:



PRAYER
WALKS

SERVICE



PSALMS DEVOS



PHOTO
SCAVENGER
HUNT

BIBLE MEMORY



VERSE

SCRIPTURE
READING
PLAN



HOSPITALITY



Prayer Walks

Plan a few prayer walks that you or your family can take throughout the summer. Kids might have fun mapping out the route or choosing stopping points for prayers. These could be scripted prayers (reach out to Kelli for more resources) or “free style”. Use different “themes” to help guide your prayers:

Creation

Choose a “new to you” trail or maybe a favorite path in the woods. Along the way, pray prayers of rejoicing over the beauty of creation and lament over the ways that we haven’t cared for it like we should.

Church

Walk around the Brady St. neighborhood to pray for God’s protection and provision over our church and that we would be a part of bringing His kingdom to Milwaukee.

Neighbors

Walk around your neighborhood, pausing to pray for different neighbors or different strengths or challenges of your particular neighborhood. For littles (or the young at heart), take some sidewalk chalk with you to draw pictures or words as you pause to pray along your walk.

Church Partners

Take a walk by one of our partner organizations (ask a deacon if you need more information) to pray for their work and our partnership with them.

[Back to Homepage](#)

Photo Scavenger Hunt

See how many people and families from church you can take a picture with! Maybe it's at church, a chance meeting at a playground or a planned afternoon hangout—take a picture with as many of our church family as you can!

□ *Bonus: Print out these pictures and incorporate them into family prayer and devotions**



Psalm Devotionals

Use this devotional to follow along with the current sermon series on Psalms:

Psalms for Families is a wonderful, free resource that can be used by anyone - not just families! Each week of the 11 week devotional includes a focus on a different Psalm, inviting individuals into prayer and reflection as well as ways to “enter into” the Psalm.

Bible Memory Verse

Choose a longer piece of scripture and break it into bite-size pieces. Then, gradually memorize the scripture throughout the summer. A few suggestions:

- o A Psalm (such as 8 or 121)
- o 1 Corinthians 13
- o Beatitudes (remind yourselves of the sermon series last fall)

...and art!

After (or maybe as) you memorize it, turn it into a piece of art to display in your home as a reminder. Here are a few examples:

[Example 1](#)

[Example 2](#)

[Example 3](#)

[Example 4](#)

Scripture Reading Plan

[Back to Homepage](#)

Use these summer Bible reading plans or make your own!

Kids Adults

Parents, make and display yours alongside your child's, so they can see you growing in your faith and committing your time to reading the Bible as well.

Here are some modifications for different age groups:

- o Nursery age: choose a Bible storybook to read from each night
- o Preschool: Read along with them—it can be as short as 1 verse a day, or maybe the same verse for a whole week that then becomes a memory verse.
- o Elementary: finding a translation that works for early readers can be hard. Try the **NIRV** (New International Reader's Version)
- o Middle/High School: Read alongside them. You can be reading different things, but try creating a space and time each day that you can read in each other's presence.



Hospitality

Inviting others into your home or lives is a part of faith formation. Your kids benefit from seeing how you live out your faith around other Christians AND non-Christians

- o Invite a neighbor over that you've been meaning to get to know
- o Invite a family from church that you don't know as well to go on a hike/bike ride with your family
- o Invite a single person or couple without kids to join you for dinner or ice cream.



Service

[Back to Homepage](#)

How can you or your family extend grace and love to another person, organization or family?

Click one of the options for more information.

[Serve Your Family](#)

[Volunteer at Riverwest Food Pantry](#)
in the urban farm or the pantry

[Serve Barnabas House](#)

[Help another Family](#)

[Support the Blom's: a foster family at CRC](#)

[Collect Donations](#)

Donations

Here are a few ideas of organizations looking for donations (click the link for more info):

- [One Hope 27](#): New kid's pajamas (any size) that will be given to kids just entering foster care
- [Chosen](#): gently used clothing, blankets, stuffed animals, school supplies, toiletries (for foster families)
- [Greater Goods MKE](#): "pay what you can" grocery store accepting food donations
- [Robyn's Nest](#): new or gently used items (see website) for foster kids or others in need at Children's Hospital



[Back to Homepage](#)

Consider giving up a favorite meal/takeout (substitute with something like rice and beans) or a treat and donate the money to one of our partner organizations

For any questions regarding donations, please contact Jennifer Cosgrove.

Ideas for Supporting the Blom Family

Questions? Contact Jennifer Cosgrove



Date Night

- Offer to babysit JJ
- Put together and bring a “date at home” box
- Provide a gift card to the movies or dinner



Drop Off

- Diapers (currently in size 3)
 - Children’s Books
 - Encouraging Notes



Serve

- Do a grocery pick-up
- Help with yard work



[Back to Homepage](#)

Barnabas House

Help support the Barnabas House, CRC's Christian community house, by...

- Working in the garden
- Painting the porches
- Cleaning up trash in the neighborhood
- Working with Quinten to clean out the 3rd floor to prepare for future renovations
- Asking what else they might need done around the house

If you would like to set-up a time to help, please contact Rusty (rustydahler@yahoo.com).



Babysitting or a Meal

Consider offering to babysit or drop off a meal for...

- A foster family (like the Blom's)
- A family with a busy schedule
- Someone who just had a new baby or is going through another transition
- Those with physical or other needs

Offer to give them a break for an evening or afternoon or to provide a meal just because!

If you need help connecting with a family who might benefit from babysitting, please contact Kelli (ksieplinga@gmail.com)

Service to your family

Exchange names within your family
(think Christmas Name Exchange).

Then, go out of your way to do something kind
for the name you chose EVERYDAY for a week!

[Back to
Homepage](#)