

Family Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer Description 2023

Our Family Picnic & Egg Hunt being held on Palm Sunday, April 2. We expect it to be over about 2 PM.



A vision of the Event

This Palm Sunday, **April 2**, LifeChurch will celebrate the beginning of Holy Week! The fun begins at 10:30 when each pastor will share a message on the importance of Palm Sunday and Holy Week; Jesus's final week on earth before he was crucified. We will have three different services going on at the same time: Main Sanctuary, Youth Sanctuary and Children's Chapel. During the latter part of the service, our youth will enjoy their own Scavenger style egg hunt. After service your entire family will enjoy a picnic style lunch together. Then, the moment all the younger children are waiting for; 5th graders and under will have fun on our corner lot with a big egg hunt. There will separate areas for preschool and elementary aged children, but the eggs disappear fast so don't be late! We will also have a large bounce house obstacle course and a separate pre-school bounce house for our little ones. Everyone from the youngest to oldest will get candy and/or prizes.

PREP BEFORE THE EVENT

Egg Stuffers

You will be given a tote full of empty eggs, prize coins and candy. The job is to put either candy and prize coin into the eggs, close the egg and then put a little tape to hold the egg shut. Deliver the completed tote to Pastor Scott ideally by Monday March 27.

Table Setup

We need several people to stay after service on Wednesday March 29. We'll clear away extra chairs and setup tables for the Picnic. We will also need volunteers to move folding tables over to the business office lobby along with the prize boxes and other supplies so that they are ready for Sunday.

Decorate Tables & Lobby

Ideally, this will take place on Thursday March 30. We have tablecloths and decorations for the sanctuary and need to arrange and decorate the tables that will be used for food. We will also setup any non-perishable items such as salt & pepper and water. We also need to setup a table with plates, napkins, plasticware and gather serving utensils.

Organize Prizes

This will take place on a mutually agreed upon day. Volunteers will work with Pastor Scott to unpack the prizes, organize them into baskets and label them with the number of prize coins the item "costs".

DAY OF EVENT

Check-in Registration

Most kids will register inside as usual for a Sunday morning, but there's always a few that didn't get registered. To take care of that we will have a table on the corner lot for families to complete a Connect Card. Once they complete a card, this person will give any children a bag to be used to collect eggs. Need one person to attend this table. It should be someone who loves people and can explain how the event works, knows where restrooms are, knows about LifeChurch services, etc. Completed cards will be given to Pastor Cathy. The registration person will let the kids and parents know that we each child may collect up to 20 eggs, but no more. This ensures that everyone has a good time and that some of the children are not left out and upset

Drink Station

During the service this person needs make lemonade and two Carafes of coffee. This person will also set up water bottles. Finally, during the event, they will monitor to restock drinks, etc.

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Egg Hunt

There will be about 2000 eggs pre-stuffed and positioned all over the corner lot. Children will receive a goody bag from Pastor Scott or the check-in person and can collect up to 20 eggs. It is NOT a race! Lori Cejka will be Leading the preschooler egg collection area. Once they have collected them, children will empty their eggs. Each egg will have candy and one or two prize coins. There will also be a couple sets of Resurrection Eggs which contain small trinkets which represent part of the easter story as well as empty white eggs. Volunteers will remind the children to be on the lookout for eggs that have something different inside that is not candy or plastic coins. Empty eggs will be put into plastic totes. Prize table volunteers should direct children with resurrection eggs to the Grand Prize station. Volunteers should love children and be good at directing them about what to do with their eggs and prize coins.

Egg Layers

You will be given totes full of stuffed eggs. During service you will go out onto the front lawn and spread out the eggs. It is important to only spread them on the flat grassy area. Avoid the retention pond and avoid putting eggs right up along the road. We don't want kids too close to the traffic. We will have older students lining the property to remind kids that there are no eggs past where they are standing for further safety.

Food Monitor

During the event, these people will keep an eye on the tables that have food. If the serving tables get messy, wash and/or rearrange as needed. If a serving dish is empty, it needs to be either thrown away or set aside to wash later.

Food Setup

Before the service, these people will receive side dishes & desserts in the lobby of the Sanctuary. They will arrange these on tables; silver tablecloths get side dishes and gold get desserts.

Grand Prize Table

Children who received a Resurrection Egg will bring it to the Grand Prize Table. We need someone who loves to read to children as each different element will have a short story. After they have listened to the story, the volunteer will give the child a grand prize. Clean up and bring table and supplies back into the church when finished.

Grill Food

We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and need two people to become our grill-masters!

Inflatable Monitor

We will have two inflatables with 2 volunteers managing each of them on the corner lot. One will be for kids in K-5th grade (Max. 2 children released together every 20 seconds). The second will be for toddlers and preschoolers (Max. 4 Children at a time). The volunteers will monitor to make sure there are only an appropriate number of children inside the inflatable at a time. Safety is of utmost concern.

Prize Table

Children will come to the prize tables to redeem their coins. Coins can be redeemed for various prizes and candy. The child will tell you what they want, give you the coins and you would give them what they have selected. The hardest part of this is that some children won't know what they want and may be torn between the various options, so the volunteers will need to help them select. Another difficult part is that there will likely be times (especially at the end), where there are MANY children wanting to get prizes at the same time. The challenge is to keep the line moving. We will need volunteers who LOVE children and can stay calm under pressure. Clean up and bring table and supplies back into the church when finished.

Reset Sanctuary

As tables are completely cleared, we need some strong people to put away the tables and reset the chairs under the direction of Pastor Curtis.

Table Cleanup

As people start to leave, trash needs to be thrown away. Decorations will be put in a storage tote, tablecloths thrown away or cleaned.