

KIDS GROW Nursery Care

Ages 0-3

Nursery care is provided to assist parents in caring for their children while they are in worship. We also want you to know that we welcome infants and toddlers in worship and consider the noises and challenges as they bring blessings to our ministry.

Services

The nursery is open and supervised on Sunday mornings during the 10am worship. If staffing complications arrive and there is no one available to supervise children, the nursery will be open for parents to stay and use with their children.

Children's Ages

The nursery can take newborns through three-year-old children.

Check-in Procedure

- Please check in, via the sign-in binder in the nursery.
- You will receive a pager to be used if we need to reach you and will be used if your child needs you or you need to assist in bathroom/diapering needs.
- Your child will receive a name tag sticker to be placed on his/her back.
- If your child is newly potty trained, we ask that you leave them in diapers or a pull-up for their time in the nursery.

Sign-Out Procedure

- Pick up your child in the nursery.
- You will sign out your child on the same form you used to sign in and return your pager.

Diaper Bag Suggestions

- Diapers (Parents will be paged to change their child's diaper.)
- Pacifier or other "comfort" item(s)
- Change of clothing
- Bottle or plastic cup (optional)
- Label all supplies left with us with your child's name.

Is My Child Well Enough for the Nursery?

Many parents are frequently concerned about when to keep children home or send them to the nursery. The following information is intended to help parents with this decision.

- If child has had a fever of 100 or more, the child should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal.
- If child has yellow or greenish nasal discharge, child should stay home until it clears up.
- If child has any type of cough or is heavily congested, child should stay home until cough clears up.
- If child has an infection (ear, throat, etc.), the child should stay home until he/she has been on antibiotics for 24 hours.
- If child has vomited or had diarrhea, the child should stay home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- If child has any rash that may be disease-related or you do not know the cause, check with your family physician before sending your child to the nursery.
- If child has head lice, child should stay home until it is treated effectively.
- We hope these guidelines will make you feel comfortable in knowing that your child will not be exposed to children with a known illness. Please be considerate of the other children in our care and of your own child by keeping a sick child home. If a child arrives ill to the Nursery, our Nursery Staff may decide whether the child is able to be in the Nursery or should remain with the parent.

Volunteer and Paid Opportunities in the Nursery

Volunteer: If you are interested in being a nursery volunteer, please fill out the Volunteer Interest Form. Please note that a background check is required of all volunteers that work with children and youth.

Paid: On occasion, paid childcare provider opportunities are available. These opportunities are for times and events outside of worship, such as a Bible study or new member class. Adults, as well, as “babysitters-in-training,” that is 14-16 years old, can apply for these paid opportunities.

If you feel that you or your teenage son or daughter would be interested in serving God in that way, please complete the interest form.

For more information, contact Heather Gleason, at heather@gsowatonna.com