

Laurel Lea St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church

Cooking Class

We attempted to hold a class the beginning of July but while we had several people express interest, we only had two kids register. And we decided we needed at least four to make it not only fun, but cost effective (so to speak). In the beginning of August we had 5 girls (6 one day) who loved every minute of it and learned a lot. Two were from our church and the others from our neighbourhood. Our girls made friends with the other girls easily. We sometimes made a bit too much food, but things like muffins and desserts were served after worship on Sunday to our congregation who were happy to experience the class too and the other excess food was used at the lunch we serve at the Inn of the Good Shepherd each month. We are in the midst of getting ready to run another program in November.

The one surprise we had was that we had some adults who asked to take the cooking class. One was an immigrant from Vietnam. She had been here 6 years but wanted to learn how to cook Canadian. So we are thinking about having an adult class in the new year too.

At the moment, I believe the \$3,600 will be enough to take us through for several classes as we have a very frugal shopper buying the food. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of this program. While it is starting out slow in numbers attending, it has generated several conversations with people for us. We are keeping this all in prayer and look forward to how God will continue to use this.