

# Our Faith Family



## March 2010 Issue

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Youth & Family Ministries Newsletter

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### Mark Your Calendars

**J.A.M. Crew** meets every Wed. at 3:45—5:00 pm

**Sunday School** is held every Sunday at 10:45 am

(**Please note:** Changes to the following schedule due to conflicts of weather or scheduling will be communicated via email, church bulletin, separate mailings or phone calls.)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

5:30 pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich  
6:15 pm Jr. High Study/Fellowship  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

6 p.m. Deadline for Famine Sign Up

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

5:30 pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich  
6:15 pm Sr. High Study/Fellowship  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 21

10:45 am Coffee Sales  
10:45-11:30 am Famine Money War

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

5:30 pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich  
6:15 pm Jr. High Study/Fellowship  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

1:00 am World Vision 30 Hour Famine Begins  
8:30-9:00 am Famine Participants Gather at Church

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 am Famine Fast is broken  
9:30 am Famine presentation during church  
Famine Congregational Offering

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6-10 pm Cosmic Bowling

**Please Note:** The Tuesday night study When the Angels Were Silent will be held at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in March.

**Please Note:** The Sunday night study How Lutherans Interpret the Bible will be held at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday in March.

### NEEDED

Beginning Wed., April 7th people are needed to help with Sr. & Jr. High suppers. You don't need to provide the food, but you can ...your choice. If you can help that would be great!!!

### April Family Ministry Event

**LET'S GO COSMIC BOWLING**

**McKenzie Lanes**

**Friday, April 16**

**7-9 p.m.**

**Depart: 6:00 from Church**

**Return: 10 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5 per person**

**\$25.00 per family**

Children under the of age of 12 need adult with them.

### **Mystery Mom Revealing**

**Sunday, May 2 at 7 p.m.**

**We will be changing it up a bit this year. I am looking at the possibility of meeting at Espresso Cabin. The revealing would begin promptly at 7 p.m. with a time for socializing to follow. Mark your calendar!!!**

\*\*\*\*\* **SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT** \*\*\*\*\*

**Faith's Family Sunday School**

**March 28—10:45 - 11:45 am**

**The entire congregation is invited to  
gather together.**

**Bible lesson, crafts, snacks and more!!!**

## **Sr. & Jr. High Study Schedule During Lent**

Over the past few years during the Lenten season the Sr. & Jr. High have met jointly. In hopes of maintaining the current high functioning of the separate groups, I decided to change it up and instead continue with our typical schedule. In doing that I stress that if people are around from the group that isn't scheduled to meet, they are more than welcome to join in should they so desire....but that is always the case as well.

Tables are set up for the Jr. & Sr. High in the overflow room so that they can eat together during Soup and Sandwich ...so I would encourage you to do that.

Studies begin at 6:15 p.m. during the Lenten season and all youth are encouraged to stay for the worship service. The study schedule is as follows:

**March 3: Sr. High**  
**March 10: Jr. High**  
**March 17: Sr. High**  
**March 24: Jr. High**

## **Sr. & Jr. High Outing**

**Houseboat Trip**

**Lake Vermilion**

**Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry**

**Sr. High Date: Week of August 1**

**Jr. High Date: Week of August 8**

Total cost is \$470.00: of that you would pay \$150.00 out of pocket. The remainder would come from the church and fundraising. The \$150.00 deposit is needed when you sign up and will not be refundable unless you find someone to take your place because if we secure these dates, our money will not be refundable and that amount will be a MUCH greater loss to us as a church than it will be to you as an individual. This is not just a 'wow, this sounds like fun...I'll sign up' kind of thing...this is a "yep this sounds like a great time and I am committed....!!!

Sign Up deadline is March 31, 2010. We will need a minimum of 8 people for a trip to happen...(that is 8 per week). Sign up sheets are on my office door.

## **2012 National Youth Gathering**

We have the official word. In the summer of 2012 we will be returning to New Orleans. I know that seems like a long way off, but it is exciting to think about.

### **Contributions Needed**

We are in need of snacks and refreshments. If you can help out it would be greatly appreciated.

## **Sr. & Jr. High Ministry**

### **FEBRUARY MISSION SUMMARY**

**WE COLLECTED 90 HEALTH KITS  
FOR LWR...WAY TO GO!!!**

### **MARCH MISSION**

**World Vision's 30 Hour Famine  
March 27 & 28**

**Open to Youth in Grades 7-12**

**Deadline for Signing Up: March 11**

As of this writing the participants are: Kelsey Fiedler, Zach Graves, Ellie Corbin, Grace Corbin, Vicky Vitale, Nicole McKenzie, Stacey McKenzie, Whitney Oachs, Mathew Swenson, Dalton Johnson, Cora Olson, Angela Heinecke, Lexi Graves, Mark Olson, Gus Johnson, Ethan Henneman, Evan Ryan, Chandler Witzany, Jeremiah Stevens & Abby Stevens.

### **Adult Volunteers Needed**

Adults are needed to stay overnight as well as for small chunks of time throughout the day. Please contact Mandi if you can help. You are welcome to fast as well!!!

### **Congregational Involvement**

In terms of money raising efforts there are several ways that the congregation can be of help:

- 1) **Beginning now until a week after the Famine**, two different types of donations are needed. Donations for individual efforts to raise monies and we need monies to help defer the cost of the Famine.
- 2) **SUNDAY, MARCH 21st...THE MONEY WAR.** There will be teams (boys vs. girls) with money jars. Donations will be accepted following worship until 11:30 a.m. Coins will count against the total (pennies & nickels minus 1 while dimes, quarters and half dollars count minus 5. Paper money will add to the team total....plus 5. When tallied the winning team will be getting a nice prize. We are asking the congregation to join in this fun event.
- 3) **SUNDAY, MARCH 28** there will be a congregational offering taken at the close of the worship service.

When considering donations please take these facts into account: It takes \$1.00 per day, \$30.00 for a month and \$360.00 for a year to feed a child. We would be thrilled to be able to raise what would be the equivalent of \$360.00 per participant. Our donations will be multiplied X5 with grants monies awarded to World Vision's efforts.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR US AND THIS EVENT!!!**

## Faith Elementary Ministries

### JAM CREW

On February 3rd we had a lesson on love! We started by looking through our hymnals to see how many songs had the words: "faith," "hope," and "love" in them. We then went on to discover why the Bible gives top priority to love! We read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. We discussed how you cannot have faith without love. How you cannot have hope without love and how love always comes out on top!

On February 10th we met for a fun afternoon of making Valentine Bags for WELCA and filling them with Valentines! The children are very creative and really enjoy this activity. The thank you notes we have received from people that received the bags are heartwarming and meaningful to the children and I!

On February 17th we had an Ash Wednesday lesson in which I tried to explain the meaning of Ash Wednesday to the children. Then each of the children wrote down a sin that they would like repent from on a paper cross. They then crumpled, tore up, and shredded that paper. We then discussed how we need to repent from our sins and the children were then given the sign of the cross upon their foreheads with ashes. They all thought this was pretty neat! At the end of the day the children got a cross made out of nails and a nail to remind them of what Jesus went through for our sins.

The 24th of February we met and had a nice snack and then broke into groups to have Bible study. As always nice discussions were had. The children then went on to help Brent set up for Soup and Sandwich. They really enjoy getting a chance to do service projects within the church!

## Faith Elementary Ministries

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### Early Release

The next early release is scheduled for March 17th. Our theme for that afternoon is "The Trinity." There are lots of fun activities planned such as crafts, a lesson, snack and games! There will be a bus to transport your child from school to the church. Any children in Little Pirates - 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come. There is a sign up sheet located on the JAM Crew Bulletin Board. I need to email the school a bus list so it is important that you sign your child up! Also any youth 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to sign up to be helpers! Early Release ends at 3:30. **There is JAM Crew from 4:00-5:00 on Wednesday, March 17th!**

### Secret Keeper Girls

We met on Wednesday, February 17th and had a great discussion on how Mom can trust me!

Our next meeting is on March 31st at 5:15 in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing how mom doesn't know everything and I can play by Mom's rules!

### Splash

In the Splash Family we have a total of 14 children!

We also have five children receiving the Little Lutheran at this time!

## Upcoming Small Group Studies

**Tuesday Night Women's Study:** The current study will run through March. Then next study has not yet been determined. Watch for information in the bulletin.

**Sunday Night Mixed Study:** We will doing another Max Lucado study beginning Sunday night April 18 @ 6:30 p.m.. It will be a study that has been mentioned previously. The book Facing Your Giants will be used.

**Sign Up sheets for new studies are posted.**

## The Dead Sea Scrolls

Instead of sponsoring a separate trip, we are going to support the efforts of our local community education department. They have a outing planned for Tuesday, May 4. The deadline for signing up for this event is April 20th. You will need to register through community ed. Additionally, Pastor Carl Heidel of Trinity Lutheran Church will be offering two classes prior to the trip (April 13 & 20). What Faith Youth and Family Ministry will do is contribute \$15.00 toward the cost of this outing for any participating Faith Lutheran member. Please contact Mandi should you be planning on being part of this event.

## Thank You

**Sr. & Jr. High Snack Contributions:** Thanks to Dee Curtis for her delicious cookies!!

**Sr. High Suppers:** Thanks to Kim Corbin for providing supper yet again...that is two times in a row.

**Jr. High Suppers:** Again, I thank Sandi Oachs for providing supper for the second time...it was much appreciated.

**Jam Crew Snack Contributions:** Colleen Norenberg, Deb Johnson, April Fiedler, and Michelle Lee!

## New Family Ministry Venture

I have heard no response regarding this idea...but I have the thought before me. It would seem we are missing part of our Faith family at various times because of situations beyond their control or choice. These family members that are home bound are the people that I have in mind as I consider a new piece of ministry.

It would take a team of volunteers willing to commit maybe an hour or two a week. The exact nature of it is up for grabs...but it could be both vital and exciting.

I want to hear what people think...about this idea of creating a ministry of connection to those that are home bound? Would you be willing to serve? Thoughts...contact Mandi

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