



January 27th, 2012

Dear Friends,

Greetings! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! Please take a moment this month to tell your parents, grandparents, siblings and friends, that you love them! This newsletter will tell you how you can let some older friends at Ascension know that they are loved by God and their church! Read on to discover the details!

January has been a marvelous Senior Luther League month at Ascension. In our Monday night Bible Studies, we have had some very animated discussion as we have explored "Our Neighbor's Faith", focusing on some of the religions that love to ring our doorbells! In an effort to honor all of the Bible Study topics that have been requested, we will turn our attention to family related questions and issues in February.

In January, we had our second Sr.L.L. vs. Alumni sporting event during Christmas vacation, DODGEBALL! In some very competitive games, the alumni won, 12 games to 3 games. Don't let the final score fool you! □ Our visit to the Pirate's Dinner Adventure in Buena Park was a highlight of the month. As I write this newsletter, we are preparing to go to EL Camino Pines for our Annual Winter Retreat!

SUMMER TOUR continues to be an option for you! They have crossed the 32,000 registration mark of Lutheran youth and chaperones who are signed up for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. There is still time to add YOU! This is for both singers and non-singers!

Here's FEBRUARY:

4th-6:00 A.M. MOUNTAIN HIGH SKI DAY!!! Your cost for this adventure is \$70.00 per person for a lift ticket and bus transportation! You are responsible for your own equipment and meals. We recommend renting equipment locally if you don't own your own equipment. This will save you money, and, time once we arrive at the mountain. We will return home by the dinner hour. The conditions are marginal right now, so stay tuned, and, PRAY FOR SNOW!!!

Please turn in your \$70.00 by Wednesday, February 1st.

5th-Superbowl Sunday

6th-5:30-7:00 P.M. OFFICERS AND GROUP LEADERS PLANNING

POTLUCK at the home of Jessica Marvin at 148 Tarkio St., Thousand Oaks. Call 495-2765 for directions. A-J bring a salad, K-O bring a dessert, and P-Z bring a main dish! We've got work to do, so please be present! Remember, when you are absent, part of our dinner is missing!!!

7:00-9:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY at Jessica Marvin's home.

10th-11th- 8:00 P.M.-9:00 A.M. SECOND ANNUAL "HEART" ATTACK! What is it? Come and check it out! Meet in the Dugout! Bring sleeping bag, pillow, jammies, and a snack to share. Please be picked up no later than 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning!

12th-6:00-7:00 P.M. SONBURST CHOIR in the Sanctuary.

13th-3:30-7:00 P.M. VALENTINE'S BASKETS for shut-ins and others! We meet at the home of Devin and Kayla Milligan! We will make the baskets, deliver them, and return to the Milligan home for a pizza dinner prior to Bible Study! Devin and Kayla live at 193 Shady Grove Ln., T.O. Please call 497-6107 for directions.

7:00-9:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY at the home of Devin and Kayla Milligan.

15th-3:30-5:00 P.M. KIDS OF THE KINGDOM (Grades 4-6) VALENTINE'S PARTY in Pederson Hall! Please come and help lead games, and serve as judges for the "Who's Wearing the Most Red" Contest! You might consider wearing your red wardrobe that day too! These guys and gals will love having you there, because you are "The Big Kids"!!!

19th-3:00-6:00 P.M. PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT! Meet in the Dugout! I'm guessing that Kristin could still use a few parent drivers. Cameras of one kind or another are the necessary equipment for this very fun adventure!

6:00-7:00 P.M. SONBURST CHOIR in the Sanctuary.

20th-7:00-9:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY at the home of Natalie Krause at 4039 Maurice Dr., N.P. Call 499-2020 for directions.

22nd-7:15 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE in the Sanctuary.



Valentine's
Party

24th-6:00 P.M. FEEDING THE HOMELESS! We will have a sign up sheet at Monday Night Bible Study for you to sign up for the food to bring, and/or to work at serving the dinner that evening. If you need SERVICE HOURS for school, this is a great opportunity!! AND, you can make a difference in the lives of hungry people.

8:00 P.M.-9:00 A.M. TALENT SHOW OVERNIGHT!! This is where we organize, rehearse, and fine tune all of the acts for our Sunday evening talent show! All talents and abilities are encouraged to be a part of this fun production. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, jammies, a snack to share, and any props that you might need for your skit, act, or ?????

25th-11:00 A.M. Set-up Pederson Hall for the Spaghetti Dinner!
Parents and youth are needed!



5:00 P.M. ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER &

TALENT SHOW!! Fabulous food and great entertainment! Invite your family, friends, classmates, team mates, and even a few folks that you're not sure about! ☺ It's a fund raiser, so the more, merrier, and the more diner!!

27th-7:00-9:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY at the home of Andrew Clear at 68 Blair Ct., N.P. Please call 499-2953 for directions. This is the last Monday of the month, theme night, so this month's theme is: "Invite a Friend!"
You say you don't have any friends? Borrow one!!!



COMING IN MARCH:

2nd-3rd-Confirmation Mini-Retreat #2

4th-CROP WALK

9th-City Walk Overnight

11th-Progressive Dinner

18th-Strawberry Fields

30th-Sky High "Bouncing T Party"

Please put this calendar on your refrigerator or bulletin board! We need you and value your presence!

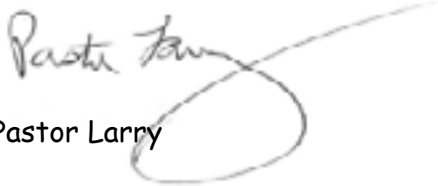
Your presence makes us a stronger, healthier youth group!

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the seniors who are getting their college acceptances in the mail! FAITH QUILT packets will be ready soon!

Pray for each other, your leaders, and for the ministry of our church!

God Bless!

Peace & Love,



Pastor Larry