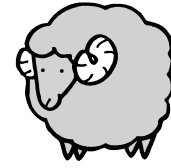


Youth and Family



It's that time of year again...for summer camp registration!

As you know, all 7th and 8th grade confirmation students are required to attend bible camp this summer. The 7th grade class will attend Camp of the Cross the week of July 11-16, where they will participate in activities with the pastors and youth director. (Parents of 7th graders should have received a letter last month with full details as well as a registration form. Please contact Amanda if you did not receive this letter.)

8th graders must also attend camp but can choose from a variety of Lutheran Camps and choose their own week. A display of nearby ELCA camps is located in the Narthex. Don't hesitate to talk to Amanda or one of the pastors if you need help deciding which camp to attend. **Please remember that all 8th graders should register for camp through Lord of Life to ensure they receive our camp scholarships. All students should be registered for the camp of their choice no later than Sunday, March 28th.** Many camps offer an "early bird" discount, so it is in your best interest to register early!

Of course, students grades 9-12 are welcome and encouraged to continue going to camp! Camp of the Cross as well as many other camps offer programs specifically designed for high school students. Many out of state camps also offer outdoor experiences such as hiking, white water rafting, rock climbing, and canoeing. Please check the display box or talk to Amanda if you would like more information about what opportunities are available to high school students.

Family Retreat at Holden Village

Holden Village is a gorgeous Lutheran retreat center in Washington State, located in a remote area of the Cascade Mountains. It is a community of rest, learning, reflection, and service. Individuals and families travel to Holden to take a break from their busy lives, to live in community with each other and with God.



Lord of Life is organizing a family retreat at Holden village the week of August 13th—20th. A weeklong stay at Holden, including housing and homemade meals, costs \$391 for an adult. Youth rates are significantly less, and there are special family rates. Check out their website—www.holdenvillage.org—to learn more.

We encourage individuals and families of all ages, shapes, and sizes to consider attending Holden Village this summer. If you would like to sign up or learn more, please talk to Amanda.

Theology on the Town

Lord of Life is putting together a young adult group that will meet in various restaurants in Bismarck to discuss current theological ideas and issues. Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, March 11th at 5:05pm at The Blarney Stone**. All young adults ages 21—35 are encouraged and welcome to attend. Come along for a drink, dinner, and lively discussion!

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Spring Break at Huff Hills



Looking to get out of the house during spring break? Want to beat the winter blues? Join us for a day-trip to Huff Hills Ski Resort. This may be the last weekend to hit the slopes before the spring thaw!

Who is invited to attend? Everyone! Families young and old, individual ski enthusiasts, and young boarders are all welcome to attend. Youth grades 7—12 are especially encouraged to join Amanda for a day on the slopes.

We plan to ski Saturday, March 13th. Group rates apply if enough people sign up in advance, so if you plan on attending, talk to Amanda as soon as possible. Participants will also be invited to Amanda's house afterwards for a hearty meal and lots of hot chocolate.

Lunch at First (LAF) is a free meal provided by the youth workers of Bismarck's ELCA churches. It happens each Wednesday at First Lutheran Church (the one just across from Bismarck High). All high school students from the area are welcome to come on their lunch break...even if you are a Patriot!

Adult volunteers are needed on the days Lord of Life serves! Any adults from the congregation who want to help prepare dessert or serve food on March 3rd should talk to Amanda.

Lunch At First Menu for March:

Wed, 3 March: Hot Dogs
(Lord of Life Serves)

Wed, 10 March: Tacos

Wed, 17 March: Baked Potato Bar

Wed, 24 March: Sandwich Bar

Senior High Hiking Trip

We are organizing a weekend hiking trip through the Maah Daah Hey trail for summer 2010. All youth currently in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend. We are busy sorting out details including dates and cost; so if you are interested in attending, please contact Amanda asap! This is a great opportunity to experience the beauty of God's creation in the gorgeous badlands.



What Kind of Pastors in the ELCA?

Students grades 9—12 are invited to a discussion concerning clergy ordination in the ELCA, in light of the recent decision to ordain gay and lesbian pastors. A short synopsis of the issue will be presented, but more time will be given to hear students' opinions and questions. This discussion-based forum is a great opportunity for youth to learn more about the issue as well as to voice their own thoughts.

The discussion will take place at 9:45am on Sunday, March 21st. We will meet in classroom #1, and members of the Task Force will be present to listen to our youth. We strongly encourage all youth grades 9—12 to attend. Lord of Life cares about you and what you have to say!