

Sinai Youth

March 2012



**Chances to learn, serve, share stories and fellowship.....
Hope you'll be there!**

Youth Gathering Group Meetings Sunday, March 25, 11:45 AM (and April 22)

If you're going to the Gathering, you need to be at this meeting. From now on, we'll schedule to meet about once a month to prepare to be "Citizens With the Saints" in New Orleans. (If you haven't already, **PLEASE** mark July 17-25 on your calendar. **These are the dates you must hold open for this trip.**)

Confirmation Mentors Outing Sunday, April 1, 9:15 AM

Have fun going out with your mentors—catching up, sharing stories, talking about life and faith together! If you can't be there, you need to notify your mentor and schedule another time when you can talk this month!

Maundy Thursday Lasagne Meal Thursday, April 5, 5:30-6:30 PM

See your soup supper letter for details on your assignment for this event. Some families are bringing a pan of lasagne, some breads and relishes. Please bring baked lasagne by 5:15 PM so it's ready to serve. This is a fundraiser for our youth account.

Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 8, 9-10 AM

Serving egg casseroles, fruit and breads. We always have a big turn-out for this! A letter was e-mailed with your family's "assignment". Counting on and grateful for each family's participation.

Sr. High Wednesday Nights Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, Family Room

Taking a break for the rest of Lent. Would love to see you there when we resume on April 11. We've been watching and discussing the second season of Joan of Arcadia. Want to do something new? Let me know.

Looking Ahead.....

Busy weeks ahead for youth & families, I know, with the end of school year, graduations, etc. Mark your calendars now for these special times to acknowledge God's gifts to you in these days:

Graduation Dinner for Sinai High School Graduates & Families Saturday, April 14, 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall

This is a new **MILESTONE** event to celebrate and honor our grads. Graduates, let Diane know what some of your favorite foods are! There will be some surprises and some fun as we celebrate this Milestone time in your lives..

Honors Sunday Sunday, May 13

A reception will be hosted in the narthex at 9:15 AM. Presentation of blankets to our seniors at 10:30 worship.

Thanks to those who helped with the pancake breakfast in February. We always have fun in the kitchen, Mariah & Jesse shared their syrup-bottle stacking abilities—and \$388 was added to the youth account.

Lenten Worship

Faith Under Fire



I really encourage you to attend Lenten worship services each week at 7 PM. Faith Under Fire stories from Gary Overfield and Larry Reimnitz have been powerful testimonies to God's presence and promises in difficult times—something that can give us all strength in our own times of trial and doubt. Cheri Anderson, Lisa Kramme and Lu Ann Ehmcke will be sharing their stories in the next weeks.

Take time to worship, reflect, listen for God's voice in this season of Lent. You just might be surprised what you hear.

Community VBS/Day Camp

Will be June 18-21

@ Presbyterian Church

Sinai is joining with Salem Lutheran, St. James Episcopal and the Presbyterian Church.es to host Day Camp from Camp Carol Joy Holling for 1st-6th graders. Younger children will have their own VBS activities at the same time and place.

Watch for information on registration and for how you can volunteer to help!



Hannah & Mariah helped with the Prayer Milestone event for our 2-5-year-olds in March.



Youth going to met in February to talk event "Citizens with the prayer. They will meet AM.



the Gathering in New Orleans about the theme of this year's Saints". Keep this group in again on March 25 at 11:30

WALK TO GETTYSBURG

Don't forget to pick up a registration form to Walk to Gettysburg in support of seminary student Kim Belken! Forms are available at church or on the Sinai website. Make a donation and start walking. Log your miles/steps each week and e-mail your totals to Lisa Kramme.

Celebrations!

Birthdays

Elizabeth Flittie	3/19
Madison Helget	4/1
Cody Vyhldal	4/12
Riley Gay	4/15
Jade Johnson	4/20

Baptism Birthdays

Maiah Gay	3/29
Savannah Neill	3/29
Brian Way	4/14



Child of light, may God
bless you with faith, hope
and love,

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. Psalm 105:4

I don't know about you, but many days I just don't know which direction to turn first. My to-do list is filled with things I want to do, things I have to do, things I STILL haven't gotten around to doing.....all of it can seem pretty overwhelming sometimes. And often, it becomes pretty much about ME. What can I accomplish? What do others think about what I'm doing or haven't done? How can I do better or more? See.....pretty much gets back to me.

Sure, many of those to-dos are important and need to be done, and I really will get to them. But what I'm beginning to learn—I know, I'm kind of a slow learner—is that, when my focus is so much on my own "to-dos", I have a hard time hearing God's direction for me. And I'm finding more and more that when I start by taking time to listen—being quiet, inviting God's presence, reading a devotion and/or Bible verse, letting the words soak in deeply and just LISTENING—my to-dos take on a new order. Seeking God's presence, relying on God's strength renews my spirit and reminds me that my strength alone isn't enough—it wasn't meant to be.

Give yourself time to be quiet, listen, seek God's presence.

Lenten blessings,
Diane

Questions/concerns/comments?

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