

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12: 1 & 2

To facilitate growth in commitment to Christ and in connection to people through the church

High School Stuff

LUTHERWOOD RECHARGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Camp Lutherwood is sponsoring a retreat for high school students, beginning at 7:00 on Friday, April 8th and ending with worship at noon on Sunday, April 10th. The weekend will be filled with good stuff to do and good friends to meet. Sign up to go in the Youth Room. You'll need to bring

- a sleeping bag,
- clothes,
- personal items,
- your Bible,
- and a willingness to have a great time.

If you've never been to Lutherwood this is great time to explore out there.

PHUNDAY NITE

April 3: Dinner & . . . (yes, it's a mystery!)

April 10: Dinner & a game

April 17: Dinner & a game

April 24: Easter Sunday so no Phun

SENIORS

Save Sunday, June 5 to come to church. That's the day you'll be getting your quilt.

Middle School Stuff

CONFIRMATION

April 6: Soup Supper & Time with Mentors

April 13: Soup Supper & Time with Mentors

Attendance at Lenten worship has been poor this Lent. You have THREE more weeks of Lent left. Please come all three weeks.

April 21: Maundy Thursday Worship

April 22: Good Friday Worship

April 27: Return to Regular Schedule: Meet at 5:45

(Our last class is scheduled for May 25.)

THE FOLLOWING IS VERY IMPORTANT

Stuff for Both

EASTER BREAKFAST

Everyone in high school and middle school is responsible for helping with Easter Breakfast this year. (We're responsible every other year and this is it, the other year!) This is a first time adventure for some of you, but an adventure nonetheless. So come on Saturday morning, April 23 at 10:00 when we will set up the fellowship hall and prepare food in the kitchen. Then Sunday morning we will serve casseroles and sweet rolls to the thousands of people who come for Easter worship! We need everyone to help, both parents and students. You will get a letter with specifics, including the Easter casserole recipe, around the middle of the month. Watch for it, and in the meantime sign up for helping. The sign up sheets will be in your respective Sunday school classrooms.

Summer Mission Trip Stuff

Fund Raising

Continue collecting CANS AND BOTTLES everywhere you see them. Ask neighbors and family to share! We'll schedule a couple of Saturdays to scour the neighborhood for donations. Let's raise \$1000, 5 cents at a time.

144 ENVELOPES Thank you for soliciting donations from friends and family. As I write this, over 40 envelopes have been picked up and we have received \$1623, about 6% of the possible total! Keep up the good work, and when you're here on Sunday, please hang out by the poster and talk about the trip to others.

I still need pictures for the poster!!

The YARD SALE/CAR WASH is scheduled for **June 18th**. Start saving stuff for the sale. Remember that you need to put some time in the week before helping price and arrange stuff and on that day, helping with the sale and car wash. We leave stuff to sell on Sunday, too, so you can help that day.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD FUND RAISING DINNER on **May 15th**. We are asked to help set up, serve and clean up after dinner. Put this on your calendar. Lutherwood will make a contribution to our trip.

I'm still looking into offering coffee at a rest stop on 15. I'll let you know if it will work in the next couple of weeks. Watch your e-mails.

Covenant

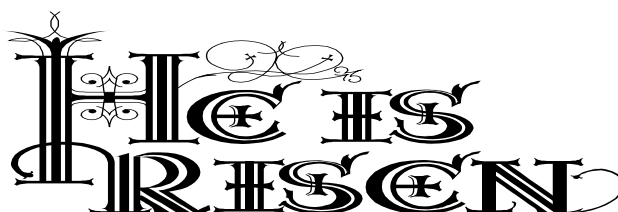
Sign up to help with worship. We need greeters and communion assistants and acolytes and lectors for April and May. It's part of your commitment.

Remember to attend worship services and Sunday school.

Continue to make your family deposit. You can put the check or cash in the offering. Just use pew envelopes and mark that it's for New York or the mission trip or any other way that makes it clear why you have given the money.

Updates on getting ready

I sent our second payment to YouthWorks. Deena Frosaker got our plane tickets. We're leaving on the 2nd from Portland and arriving in New York on the 3rd. It's a direct red-eye flight. Coming home, we're flying out of Newark around 3:00 p.m.



Keep your focus on Jesus!**HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week is the week before Easter. It begins with the excitement of Palm Sunday, the commemoration of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, and the grief of Good Friday. I can't stress enough how important I believe it is to participate in all those services before we celebrate Easter Sunday. Sometimes you have to experience sorrow and grief before you can fully appreciate the joy of resurrection. So make your plans now to be at worship on Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22.

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