

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

All Church Stuff

PRAYER VIGIL

March 26th: Take half an hour out of your very busy life and PRAY. I know it sounds hard, but once you participate in a vigil you'll realize how easy prayer can be. And you really don't spend the half hour sitting in the sanctuary with your hands folded! There will be a variety of ways offered (like working with clay or walking the perimeter of the church) to help you pray. The Vigil starts at 6:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. Sign up in the Gathering Area. Try it. You'll like it. Pray.

BUNKO

March 19th: This is the best party all year! Come and have fun with lots of other people in the church. Because it's close to St. Patrick's Day, there will be lots of green stuff to eat. And you all know what a great game Bunko is. Come for a wonderful time.

Looking Ahead Stuff

FOR HIGH SCHOOL

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, \$55 and a willingness to have a great time.

FOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Guess what! We're responsible for the Easter breakfast this year. Save **Saturday, April 23rd** to set up and **Sunday, April 24th** to serve breakfast. Everyone, kids and parents, middle and high school students, can participate this year. Watch for the sign ups indicating when you'll be there early next month.

Middle School Stuff

CONFIRMATION

March 2nd: Lesson

March 9th: Ash Wednesday, Mentors

We're helping set up for dinner and cleaning up after dinner. Can you help?

March 16th: Soup Supper, Mentors

March 23rd: Soup Supper, Mentors

MENTORS

No one has let me know if they've talked to mentors or if you need a new one. You have a little over a week left. What's happening?

OLYO MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY is on **March 5th & 6th**. You get to meet lots of Oregon middle school Lutherans, you'll have a great time, and we get to be hosts. The Rally begins around 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and ends with Sunday School on Sunday. Bring a sleeping bag, clothes, toiletries, your Bible, and a great attitude. (Check with me to see if I have your Medical Release form, just in case.) The cost is \$15.00, which should be paid by the time you come on Saturday.

High School Stuff

PHUNDAY NITE

March 6th: No Phun: Lois is at a conference

March 13th: Dinner & a game

March 20th: Dinner & a game

Beginning of Spring Break. Will you be here?

March 27th: Dinner & a game

End of Spring Break. Will you be here?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The study of Revelation will continue for a while. As I've stated in previous newsletters, I need your help organizing teachers and topics.

Summer Mission Trip Stuff Fund Raising

1. 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.
2. 144 ENVELOPES Thank you for soliciting donations from friends and family. As I write this, over 30 envelopes have been picked up and we have received \$576, about 5% of the total possible! 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 your pictures for the poster!!
3. 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.

Covenant

Sign up to help with worship. We need greeters and communion assistants and acolytes and lectors for March and April. 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.



Stuff from Me

Keep your focus on Jesus!

This month you get to start the book of Numbers, which begins by numbering the people who could serve as soldiers to defend the people. The theme of Numbers is organization; the camp, the worship community, the defenders. Numbers continues the story of Exodus, as the Israelites move to their new home in Canaan. As you read this book, think about the journeys in your life and how God leads you through them. Question to ponder: how do you face the challenges in your life's journeys? Do you let God lead or do you whine and try to take over?

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