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# Salt and Light

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## All you need is love...

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate love! The love we have for each other as family and friends and the love we receive from the God who created the universe.

Everyone knows that Valentine's Day is February 14th. We know that on this day every year we are supposed to do something special for the ones we love. We buy gifts, cards, flowers, dinner, or jewelry to show how much we care for our friends and family. What a special day to celebrate!

There is a day that we begin to look forward to this month that captures the epitome of love. Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent which culminates in that ultimate and priceless gift of love!

The Father loves you so much and so intensely that He could not bear to be separated from you. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life in this imperfect world, to die in your place, and to rise again with the assurance that you would live with Him forever! What an AWSOME love!

May we continue to love each other. May we reach out to help those in need. And may we worship the God of love in everything we do!

Shalom,  
Erin

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For this is the original message we heard:  
**we should love each other.**

-1 JOHN 3:11

# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## Christ's Kids

Christ's Kids is a new program for elementary aged children (K-5). It will be every first Saturday of the month from 10am-12:30pm. The events will usually include play time (free play and organized), a craft, chapel time, lunch, and a short video. Some dates will be set aside for family events and outings. We will let you know when these events are going to happen as we will need help with transportation. If you would like to be involved in this new ministry please speak with Erin Rustan, Eileen Busbice, or Vanessa Wilson.

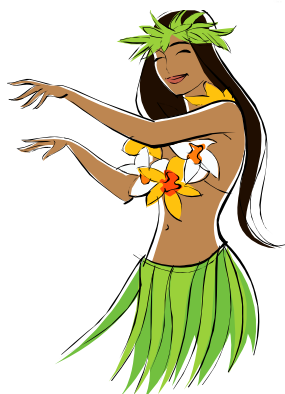


### The next event will be: Saturday, February 6th!

We will be visiting a nursing home and handing out Valentine cards to the residents. Afterward we will eat at CiCi's (please bring \$2 for pizza). If you are able to provide transportation please let us know.



Concordia Lutheran Church presents:  
A fun filled adventure of the sights, sounds  
and tastes of the Southern Seas!

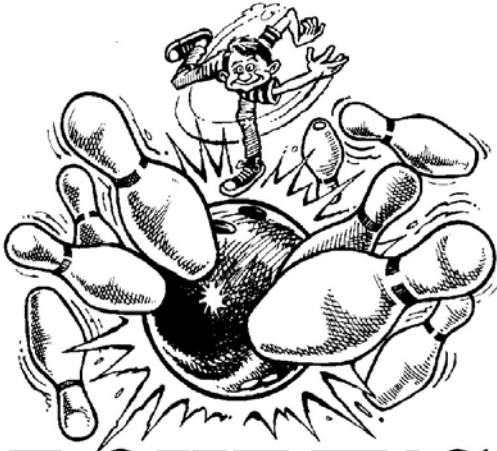


Who: Everyone! Just sign up in the narthex by Sunday, February 7, 2010...  
What: Dinner and entertainment seating will be for adults only, however meals and childcare will be available for our junior sailors (elementary age and younger).  
When: February 13, 2010  
Where: Concordia Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall)

Sponsored by the Board of Fellowship and Board of Youth.  
Catered by The Rockin' KB Ranch and featuring Ke Anuenue Polynesian Revue.

Questions? Contact Melissa Gattoc, Stella Hlad, or Robert Holley





# BOWLING

Are you a 6-12th grader?

Do you like bowling, hanging out with friends,  
pizza, unlimited soda?

Do you think you can take Erin on for high score?  
If you said yes to anyone of these questions join  
us for bowling at AMF Irving Lanes!

When: **3-5pm on Saturday, February 6, 2010**

How Much: **\$20/bowler** (includes 2 hours of bowl-  
ing, shoes, 2 slices of pizza and unlimited soda)

Please sign-up on the  
youth bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall!

# STEP OFF

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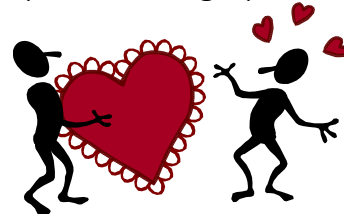
If you are in 6-12th grade join us every Sunday from  
9:15-10:15 am in the Youth Room where we will be  
taking the challenge to walk up to the edge and step  
off in faith. You will be asked to take a look at your  
life and make some hard decisions. Are you ready  
for the challenge?

# the hardest 30 days of your life

## Valentines From the Heart

Handmade cards are still the best! So head to the local craft store-there are all sorts of beautiful papers to make cards with. Or gather up white and red construction paper, lace, bits of ribbon or yarn, paper doilies, white glue, glitter, and crayons or markers.

Cut an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of construction paper in half. Fold each half in half, and you now have two cards. Decorate the covers with the pretty craft paper, hearts, pictures, lace, doilies, or ribbons. On a separate piece of paper, write a poem or 'three reasons I love you" for the person who will receive the card. Then copy it to the inside of the card. Or...there are some wonderful computer programs for making personalized cards that are simple and fun to use. After designing and printing them off, you can add more personal touches by adding ribbons, glitter, buttons, and lace, etc. When all is done, send your love, sign you name, and seal it with a kiss!



## Valentine Surprises

Who will you surprise with a Valentine's Day 'I love you"? Will Mom slide a note into the kid's lunch boxes or Dad's briefcase? Will Mom find a surprise love note when she gets into her car or opens the washing machine? Which elderly neighbor or widow at church would enjoy a red-and-white construction paper hug? What single woman could your kids send a valentine to? Be creative-and don't hesitate to let your computer be your friend! You could really spread valentine love around every year!

Gaither, Gloria and Shirley Dobson. Creating Family Traditions. Oregon: Multnomah Gifts, 2004. pg. 114-117.



Happy Valentines Day!

## Family Devotion: God Is Good

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness;  
Come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
And his courts with praise;  
Give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

- ♥ Who made us?
- ♥ Who should we thank?
- ♥ Who will love us forever?

Memory Verse:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

-John 3:16

Graham, Ruth. Step into the Bible. Michigan: Zondervan, 2007. pg. 72-73



### Other Resources:

- ☑ [www.lifekids.tv](http://www.lifekids.tv)
- ☑ 199 Fun Family Activities. Ohio: Barbour Publishing, Inc., 2009.
- ☑ [findaid.com](http://findaid.com)
- ☑ [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)
- ☑ [tuitionfundingsources.com](http://tuitionfundingsources.com)

## Ways You Can Serve:

**Activity:** You can save your money for this one, or ask other friends and family members to help sponsor a heart balloon bouquet for children who are in the cancer ward at your local children's hospital. Mylar balloons cost about \$2.00 each.

Call your local hospital and share with them what your family would like to do, and then ask about the number of children for whom you could buy balloons. You may have to buy extra balloons for siblings of the children with cancer.

For an added twist, join forces with a couple of families to do this project. Collect enough money to buy small gift bags for the children, filled with coloring books, crayons, puzzle books, etc...

**Read:** John 13:34

- ▶ If you have younger children in your family, the hospitals may not let you deliver balloons and gift bags to the oncology floor due to the spreading of diseases. But you may be able to convince a nurse or doctor to come talk to your family about what children go through when they have cancer.
  
- ▶ What kinds of things were you thinking about as the doctor or nurse visited with you about the children?
  
- ▶ Do you think that the children who have cancer are scared? What kinds of things are you scared of?
  
- ▶ Did you know that God gave children moms and dads to help us through times when we are scared and lonely and sad?
  
- ▶ What do you think it is like for brothers and sisters of the children who have cancer? Do you think they feel left out at times?
  
- ▶ Pray for the children, moms and dads and brothers and sisters of the children in the hospital.

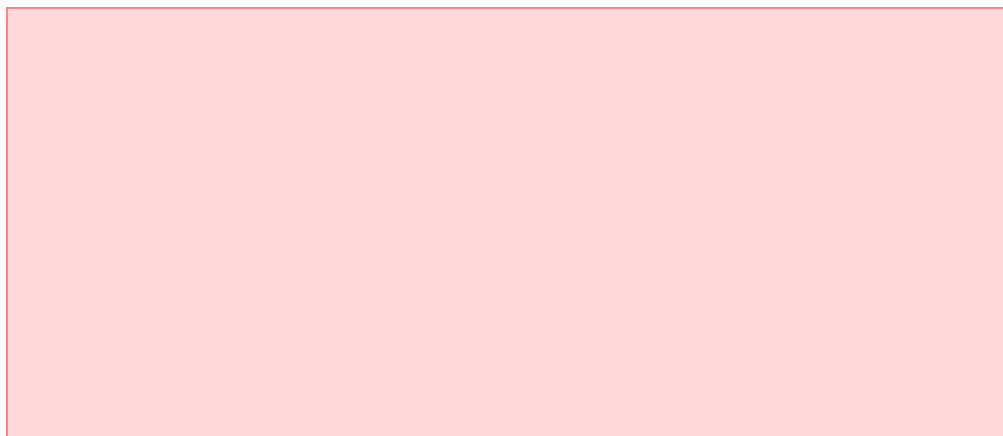
Duensing, Audrey. SOS: Service Over Self. St. Louis, MO: The Department of Child Ministry, Board for Congregational Services, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 1998.

### **Hospitals:**

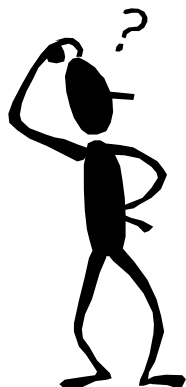
✦ Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Hurst-Euless-Bedford (817) 848-4000  
1600 Hospital Parkway, Bedford, TX 76022

✦ Children's Medical Center (214) 456-7000  
1935 Medical District Drive, Dallas, TX 75235

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What's this?



I'm glad you asked!

This is your way of knowing what in the world is going on with the Youth and Children's Ministry at Concordia Lutheran Church.

If you have any of your own announcements or comments that you would like to see in this newsletter please let me know!