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Salt and Light

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You are Made New

Dear Friends,

There is a band called Lost and Found and they have a song called New Creation here are some of the lyrics:

I wanna be a new creation

i wanna see like Daniel
i wanna love like John
i wanna hope like Mary
be the rock that's built upon
i wanna laugh like Sarah
i wanna Preach like Paul
i wanna live like Lazarus
play my trumpet and watch the crumbling wall

i wanna trust like Noah
i want to pray like Simeon prayed
i wanna be the coin that the finder finds
but if i never move the mountains
and if i never part the sea
and if i never slay the Giant
God do what you want with me

May this be your prayer as you realize that you are made new in Christ. May you and your family find ways to celebrate your newness every morning!

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Shalom,
Erin



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3  Confirmation 6pm Service 7pm	4	5  Softball 7:30pm	6  9-10am  Christ's Kids 10am-12:30pm
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SPRING BREAK IS MARCH 15TH-19TH S...DON'T SIT AROUND WITH NOTHING TO DO!
LET'S GET TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN!



- ULTIMATE FRISBEE
- MOVIE
- VOLUNTEER AT NEED
- BOARD GAMES
- SOFTBALL

STAY TUNED FOR TIMES! BRING AS MANY FRIENDS AS YOU CAN ROUND UP! THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR WINNING TEAMS AND SURPRISES FOR ALL!

STEP OFF

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?



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.



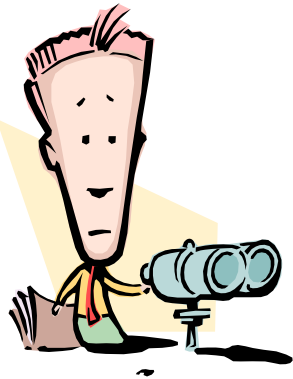
**The next event will be:
Saturday, March 6th!
The theme will be NEW LIFE!**



Christ's Kids for April will be a church-wide event! We invite you to bring your family to join us in a project that will take us through Lent and into Easter. We will also have an egg hunt and cook out in the backyard! Please join us no matter what age you are or how many members there are in your family! If you will be attending please sign-up in the Narthex so that we can be prepared.



**This event will be:
Saturday, April 3rd!**



Looking for bowling pictures? Sorry, due to a camera malfunction we do not have pictures of the youth bowling outing on February 6th...but, we fixed the problem so keep on the lookout for pictures of your favorite youth and children's events! If you see a picture you would like to have just ask and we will e-mail it to you!

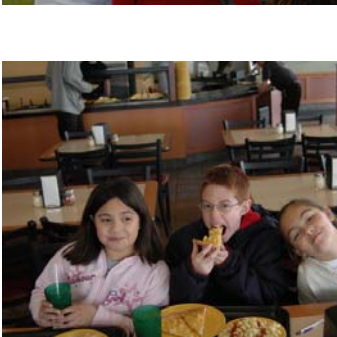




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Palm Sunday Brunch

Serve these yummy apple muffins with orange juice, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, and crisp bacon. Decorate the table with palm fronds and take time to read about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11). Little did the crowd know that He would triumph over sin and death during this holy week!

APPLE MUFFINS

1 cup chopped apples (pared and thinly sliced before chopping)

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 cups flour
- 1/3 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 4 tsp. baking powder



In large bowl, mix together apples and 1/4 cup sugar. Blend in egg. Add milk and butter; mix together lightly. Sift in dry ingredients; flour, salt, cinnamon, sugar, and baking powder. Mix together well. Spoon into greased or paper-lined muffin tins. In separate bowl mix together topping: 4 tbsp. melted butter, 2 tbsp. sugar, and 1 tsp. cinnamon. Add topping to each muffin. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Makes 12.

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



Family Devotion:



Hosanna in the Highest

Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40

Before Jesus reached Jerusalem, He told two disciples to go to a nearby town. They would find a donkey and her young colt tied there. Jesus told the disciples to untie the animals and bring them to Him.

If anyone asked what they were doing, they would say that Jesus needed them. Then, Jesus said, the people would send the donkey and colt to Jesus.

So the disciples did what Jesus told them to do. They went to the town and found the donkey and colt. As they untied the animals, some men asked what they were doing. The disciples said that Jesus needed the animals. Then the men let the disciples take the animals to Jesus.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt's back. A big crowd of people followed Him. They all cried out,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

Some people took off their coats and laid them on the ground. Other people cut off branches from the trees and laid them on the ground for Jesus to ride over them. That is what they used to do when a king rode through the streets.

They did this to show how glad they were to have Jesus come into their city.

Then Jesus went up to the Temple. Some blind people came to Him. People who couldn't walk were brought to Him. Jesus healed them.

- ☞ What did Jesus send two of His disciples into town to find?
- ☞ What did some of the people put down on the ground for Him to ride over?
- ☞ Why did they do this?
- ☞ Who did Jesus heal?

Memory Verse:

"What is impossible with men is possible with God." -Luke 18:27



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

Other Resources:

- ☑ www.soulthirst4youth.net
- ☑ dailydevos.org (free devotions for youth)
- ☑ www.happymeal.com
- ☑ www.lifekids.tv
- ☑ tuitionfundingsources.com

Ways You Can Serve:

Activity: Adopt a month when you and your family members will come to the church and clean the hymnal racks, repair or replace hymnals, and sharpen pencils. There may be a few other small projects that the church needs to have done, so reserve a couple of hours together as a family.

While you're gathered together in the sanctuary, make up your own family song or hymn of praise. Then sing it to the rooftops. It doesn't matter if you can carry a tune or not; sing to the Lord!

Read:

Psalm 98

- ▶ What was the most fun about today?
- ▶ Now that you are away from the church, can you remember the words to our family song?
- ▶ Did you sing about all the neat things God has done for your family? If not, make a list now of all the blessings God has given to your family.
- ▶ What other ways, besides singing, can you celebrate and praise God for all the wonderful things that He has done for you? Can you praise God while playing basketball? How? Can you praise God while doing the dishes? Or what about while you are cleaning the toilets? Hmmmmm...
- ▶ Take the time to thank God for all that He has done for you and your family.

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



PARENTS DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

MONDAY

Ask the Lord to completely surround your children with emotional, physical, and spiritual protection.

TUESDAY

Pray that the Lord will strengthen your children's faith and will fill them with a passionate desire to want to seek and know Him, His word and His will.

WEDNESDAY

Ask the Lord to give your children godly wisdom to choose their friends and peers, and to give them strength and courage to boldly take a stand for what is right.

THURSDAY

Pray that the Lord would renew your children's mind, helping them to remain pure in their thoughts and deeds.

FRIDAY

Ask the Lord to extend His blessing over the activities of your children, both academic and extracurricular, giving them alertness and clarity of mind. Pray also for encouragement in their defeats and humility in their victories.

SATURDAY

Pray that your children will be sensitive and compassionate to the needs of others, and that the Lord will help them act in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

SUNDAY

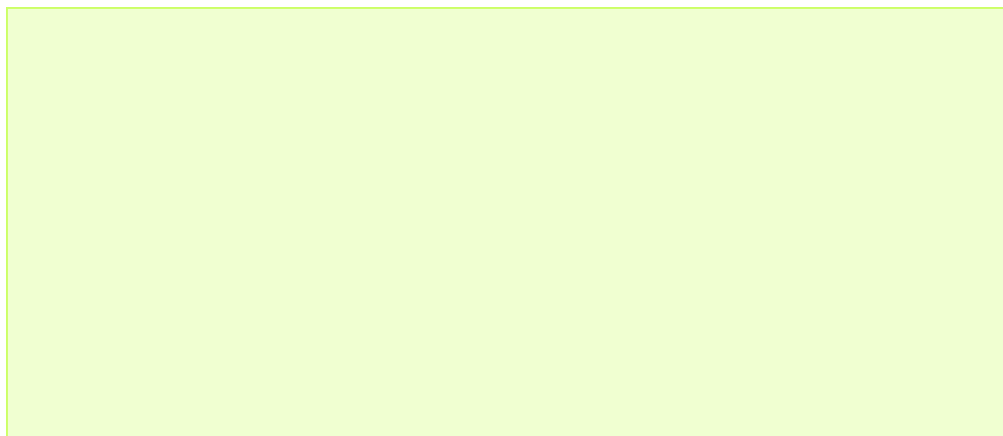
Pray for, and seek blessings, for those who are in authority over your children, asking the Lord to give them wisdom and understanding as they instruct your children.

"Train up a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old he will not depart from it."

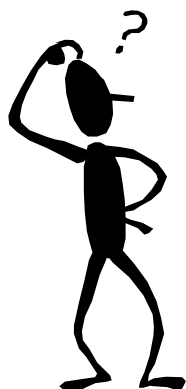
Proverbs 22:6



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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!