

Salt and Light

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With Faith Like a Child...

Friends,

What a week of VBS awesomeness! The decorations are down and the church is still and quiet again. But, there is a residual joy that lingers in the air. The Spirit fills the corners of the rooms and the walls remember the excitement and worship that was not able to be contained within them. Every person went home with love in their hearts and with a song on their lips. What an experience to witness the uncompromising faith of a child. To see the uninhibited jubilation as they sang about the God in whom they trust. A privilege to be a witness to such faith for sure!

As I think about this past week I remember the words of a song by Jars of Clay called "Like a Child":

Dear God, surround me as I speak,
 the bridges that I walk across are weak
 Frustrations fill the void that I can't solely bear
 Dear God, don't let me fall apart,
 you've held me close to you

I have turned away and searched for answers I can't understand

They say that I can move the mountains
 And send them crashing into the sea
 They say that I can walk on water
 If I would follow and believe
 with faith like a child

Sometimes, when I feel miles away
 and my eyes can't see your face
 I wonder if I've grown to lose the recklessness
 I walked in light of you

They say that love can heal the broken
 They say that hope can make you see
 They say that faith can find a Savior
 If you would follow and believe
 with faith like a child

My prayer for you is that you would not cease to be amazed by the faith of a child, and then to go and emulate that unencumbered recklessness of faith beyond any circumstance that comes your way!

Shalom,
 Erin



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July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Attention Parents of Pre-Schoolers!!!!

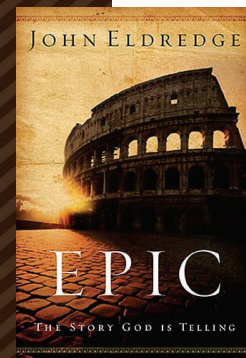
We will be starting a Pre-School aged Sunday School class on Sunday, July 11th from 9:15-10:15am. Nancy Burton and Katie Randermann will be teaching and the class will be held in the Young Family Worship Room in the Sanctuary. They will be using a curriculum from CPH over the summer. The class is for those children ages



Teens-N-Thursdays:

T-N-T is a weekly event during the summer for 6-12th graders. Each week we will be involved in a service project and fellowship. Look out for dates and times!

IF YOU ARE IN 6-12TH GRADE JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FROM 9:15-10:15 AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM. WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE DRAMA OF LIFE, VIEWING GOD NOT ONLY AS THE AUTHOR BUT ALSO AS THE LEAD ACTOR, EXPLORING HIS MOTIVES AND HIS HEART.



Grow in Him

Family Fun in the Sun

Everyone is invited to this family fun event! We will be hanging out at South Eules Park (Splash Island) from 5-7pm on Saturday, July 31st. There are sprinklers, a pool, a playground and picnic tables. Bring your swim suit, lawn chairs, side dishes and desserts...we will provide the hotdogs and drinks! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that we may have enough food.

S. Eules Park
600 S. Main St.
Eules, Texas 76040



Pool:
\$1 for Eules residents
\$3 for non-residents

Family Reunion Fun

Does the second Saturday of August or the third Sunday in July work for you?

Make it the same date every year!

👤 Reserve a good spot for picnics in advance and then let everyone know how to get to it and when to be there.

👤 Make it a potluck! Have everyone bring a favorite recipe or one they're famous for.

👤 Choose a different theme each year.

👤 Want crazy centerpieces for a farmer theme? Make a special flower arrangement to place on a red-and-white-checked tablecloth. Use craft foam for the flowers and pipe cleaners for the stems. Then crop and paste last summer's "reject" photos onto the center of the flowers. (Only use photos of folks who can laugh when they see themselves with their eyes closed, barbecue sauce dripping down their chin, or covered with goop after the egg toss.)

👤 Appoint a family photographer. (This honor can be passed along from year to year.) Have that person bring binders of the family reunion photos to the following year's reunion.

👤 It wouldn't be a picnic without an egg or water-balloon toss, or an egg-on-spoon relay. And, yes, adults participate!

👤 What about a hula hoop contest? And of course you need a football or two to pass back and forth.

👤 Bingo works, too! Don't forget the prizes!

👤 Plan ahead for the talent show of family skits, music, poems, jokes, whatever! Again, all ages are included!

👤 What special event can highlight your family heritage? If you're a Scottish clan, have a bagpipes player come. If you're German, take time to teach the younger generation the polka. If you're Irish, ask some local dancers to perform for you. If you're Greek, be sure to have some baklava to share.

👤 The grand finale could be the Family Presentation. The eldest member in attendance introduces the entire family to everyone attending. Everyone is introduced and, yes, it can be embarrassing.

👤 One more detail. Have a bucket on hand for donations for the next reunion. The funds cover the cost of mailing invitations and reserving the park.

Gaither, Gloria and Shirley Dobson. Creating Family Traditions. Oregon: Multnomah Gifts, 2004. pg. 28,31, and 32.



Family Devotion:

Time Alone with God

Luke 4:42-44, 5:16

God had given Jesus a big, important job. His job was to show us what God is like and how much God loves us. Jesus knew that He had to spend time alone with God in order to do this job well.

The same is true for us. Our job is to show people what God is like. We need to spend time with God getting to know Him, reading about Him in the Bible, and talking to Him.

Early one morning before the sun was up, Jesus woke up and went out to the desert so that He could pray to God. Jesus knew how important it was to spend time alone with God.

Soon, the people from the town came to look for Jesus. When they heard that He had gone to the desert, they went out to find Him. When they found Him, they begged Him to stay in their town.

But Jesus said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

God had sent Jesus to our world to show us that God loves us. But because we have done many wrong things, called sins, we have to repent and ask God to forgive us. To repent is to be sorry for something you have done—so sorry that you never want to do it again. Jesus went to many towns telling the people these things.

- ☞ Where did Jesus go very early in the morning?
- ☞ Who went out to find Jesus?
- ☞ Why did God send Jesus?
- ☞ What are sins?
- ☞ What does repent mean?
- ☞ Do you follow Jesus' example of being alone to pray?



Memory Verse:

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." -Matthew 4:19

Graham, Ruth. Step into the Bible. Michigan: Zondervan, 2007. pgs. 86-87

Ways You Can Serve:

Activity:

Here's a fun activity that would help your neighbor or a friend. Ask to walk their dog once a week. Or, maybe you could volunteer to give the dog a bath. This service project is very fun and easy to do. Be prepared to get wet.

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

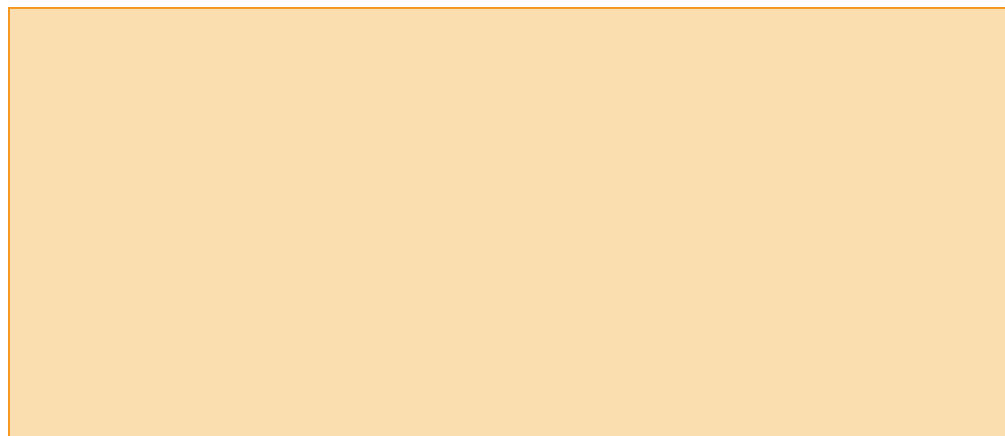


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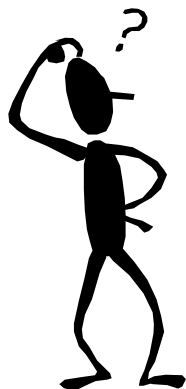
- www.soulthirst4youth.net
- dailydevos.org (free devotions for youth)
- www.happymeal.com
- www.lifekids.tv
- tuitionfundingsources.com



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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!