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LAST YOUTH NEWSLETTER BY MRS. SKEE

Yes, you read that title correctly. This will be the last newsletter that I, Mrs. Skee, will be putting together. Why you ask? Because after this month, we will have a "family group" that will be responsible for putting together the youth newsletter each month.

If you were a part of our Mini Planning Retreat or if you were a part of the Youth and Parent Night, you are aware of some of the ways that we are trying to work together to make changes to the High School Youth Program. One of the main changes we are working towards is making the High School Youth Program more youth led.

At the Planning Retreat, those present came up with the idea of Family Groups. Each Family

Group will be responsible for the leadership of a particular area of the Youth Program. The "Publicity family" will be responsible for the youth newsletter, t-shirts, the youth bulletin board and photos. The "Spiritual Life family" will help plan bible studies, choose topics, help lead devotions, etc. The "Social family" will help plan games, food and special events. The "Decorating family" will help with set up, tear down, decorations, and youth room décor and organization.

Once a month we will all come together for a "Family Council" meeting. We will discuss together as a group what the vision is for upcoming events and then will split into our groups to get our jobs done. Each family will

then report back to the group at large what their family has come up with for the upcoming event plans. We realize that as we start this process, we might need some tweaking of how we do things along the way. But, for now, it sounds like a good way to start.

Our First FAMILY COUNCIL FORUM will be Monday, October 20th. Yes, this is a Monday night. This is to start getting you in the mindset for attending Monday night Bible study which will start in November. I also didn't want to take away from the "fun" that we have planned on the weekends in October. All Monday night meetings will take place in the Youth Room. See you there.

Mrs. Skee

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church

Youth Ministry

Sit & Listen

Kneel in Worship

Stand & Serve

Reach to Others

Dance for Joy

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FAMILY FORUMS:

Monday, October 20 7-8:30 pm in the Youth Room

Monday, October 27 7-8:30 pm in the Youth Room

GAG NITE CONTINUES WITH A NEW NAME

GAG (God and Games) Nites were very popular over the summer and we've been asked to continue them during the school year.

The Youth Council is going to give it a shot...under a new name and on a new night.

Watch your Youth News each month to see which Friday

Nights we will have **"Friday Nite Live."** Some months we will have it twice a month, some months just once. We will experiment with the time as well to see what times work best.

We will NOT change the format. Friday Night Live will be an opportunity for you to come hang out at church with your friends...play ping pong, play

the Wii, play board games. We will always have a time for devotions as well.

The first Friday Nite Live will be November 14th. Mark your calendar and feel free to invite your friends. This will continue to be for 6-12 grade.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE CLASS: PEER COUNSELING

MONDAYS STARTING NOVEMBER 3 7-8:30 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

Do you know what to say to a friend when she calls you on the phone crying about something someone said or did? Do you know how to show empathy? Do you know how to help him come to his own conclusions on the best way to resolve problems?

Peer Counseling can help you with all of the above. It can also help you to understand yourself better. And, it can even help you get along better with your family. Who would think a Bible study could do so much?

But wait, there is more.....Peer Counseling is looked upon highly by colleges and employers. It is something you can list on a resume and on college applications IF you take all the sessions.

Questions? Talk to Mrs. Skee.

Dates before Christmas are as follows: November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8

Classes start again after Christmas on January 12, 2009



The Search for the Great Pumpkin-Revisited....

Who
done it?

Sunday,
October 26
5:30-8:30 pm

(eat dinner before you come!)



Sign up for a
“hunt team”
on the Youth
Bulletin
Board.

Parent Drivers
are needed.

Please see
Mrs. Skee if
you can drive!

Last year’s Search for the Great Pumpkin was so popular that it is back this year with new twists and turns. This year’s hunt will be a “Who done It?” event (like the Clue board game) where participants will have to use clues to figure out WHERE to go to get additional clues. What happened to the “Great Pumpkin?” Who done it? Where did they do it? What did they use? So many clues to figure out...so little time...so much fun.

You are welcome to sign up friends, just be sure we have a current permission slip/emergency medical release on file for each friend.

CRAFT FAIR FOOD BOOTH...EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED HERE

Saturday, October 18

8-3 pm

Sign up on youth board for 2 hour shifts (service hours available)

Each family also needs to contribute 2 baked good items please!

The 2nd Annual Church sponsored Craft Fair is Saturday, October 18th. The Youth sponsor a food booth at which we sell muffins, drinks, baked goods, popcorn, and lunch items (hot dogs & chips...anyone up for making chili this year too?)

Not only can you get **service hours for confirmation** by helping with this event, but you also will **get fundraiser credits**. That means that you will be raising money for your personal account (more details on this in coming weeks) to use for special retreats & activities.

We need each youth to sign up for a 2 hour shift. We also need each youth to bring AT LEAST two baked good items for us to sell. We can use individually wrapped baked goods (large cookies and bars & muffins) as well as whole items (cakes, pies, etc) to sell. If your family is unable to bake something, donations of candy bars or other snack items will also be accepted. If the item has nuts, please attach a label stating this. Sign up on the youth board...if you have questions, see Mrs. Skee or email trish@jurkowski.org

WANT TO BE ON THE YOUTH COUNCIL?

There are two youth positions open on the youth council (one male, one female). If you are interested, applications were put in everyone's mail box at church. In addition, there are extra copies by the youth bulletin board. Please fill out the application & give to Mrs. Skee by October 15. Time commitment is one meeting a month (last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm). Meetings usually last less than 2 hours.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dates for November's special events are still being finalized. In the meantime, you will want to mark your calendars now for these other special events:

- Dec. 14 High School Youth Christmas Party
- January 18 High School Youth "Murder" mystery dinner
- February 24 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed
- March 7 Trivia Night against Adults of congregation
- April 24/25 30 hour famine
- May 9 Talent Show (Tribute to our moms)

Also in the works is a potential trip to NYC in the spring.

