



## March 2017- by Kristi Duensing, Youth Director

The Youth of Peace would like to thank the parents and friends who came and celebrated our Prayer Partner supper with us. After our potluck supper, we played some silly games, and laughed a lot! We then had a time of quiet perspective on seven different Stations of the Cross. It is always meaningful to me to be able to think about what Christ has done for me, through the cross, and how we can share that wonderful news with those who don't know Him. Thanks to the youth and Tiffany Nutsch who helped set up for the night.

With Lent coming so quickly, I'd like to share an article about giving things up for Lent. Not just for Lent, but for the rest of our earthly days. Let's see if we can give up a few of these. Put your mark beside a few and see how it goes!

Guilt: I am loved by Jesus and He has forgiven me. Today is a new day and the past is behind.

Fear: God is on my side. In Him, I am more than a conqueror

Pleasing people: I know I can't please everyone...there is only ONE that I need to strive to please.

Envy: I am blessed. My Value is not found in possessions, but in my walk with my Heavenly Father.

Impatience: God's timing is the perfect timing.

Sense of entitlement: The world does not owe me anything. I want to live in humility and grace.

Bitterness and Resentment: The only person I am hurting by holding on to these, is myself.

Blame: I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.

Gossip and negativity: I will put the best foot forward, on everything, when it comes to other people, and minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic, bringing other people down.

Comparison: I have my own unique contribution to make, and there is no one else like me.

Fear of failure: You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fail forward.

Spirit of poverty: Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.

Feelings of unworthiness: Psalm 139 says, "You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator.

Doubt-Believe God has a plan that is beyond anything you could imagine. Your future with Him is grand!

Self-pity: God comforts us in our sorrows, so we can comfort others with the comfort we have received from God.

Pride: Blessed are the humble. Last, but not least, is worry: God is in control and worrying will not help.

Activities for March: Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>, so we will meet at the YOP house 1<sup>st</sup> for supper, then head to the church for worship.

March 15<sup>th</sup> is a big night! Connie Eitzmann has worked hard to get the Todd Becker Foundation come speak to us.

March 19<sup>th</sup>: Either a movie night, or go Roller Skating in Superior.

March 29 & April 5<sup>th</sup> will be our turn for the Youth lent meals.

Blessings to you as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season.

*Sincerely, Kristi Duensing, Peace Lutheran Youth Director*