

Then He said to them all,

"If anyone wants to come with Me,
he must deny himself,
take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

Luke 9:23

This was the key verse at the youth gathering and has served as a guide for youth of Peace this past summer. In it, Jesus spells out what he expects from his followers. He calls us to follow Him and His example.

In June, representatives from Peace hosted a hot dog roast for about 40 kids and counselors at Royal Family Kids Camp. One common thread that seemed to run through the group was that Peace is known for "bringing the best hot dogs". It's quite a treat to see neglected and abused children, that have been put into the foster care system, with big smiles and having a great time just being kids.

In July, two youth and two sponsors traveled to Des Moines, Iowa for the LCMC Youth Gathering. It was four days full of fun, new friends, good information, fellowship, and most importantly, Jesus. The theme for the event was "Called to Follow". We learned how we are "called" by our baptism "to" community and new existence where we "follow" Jesus' example. We were taught a new adverb. We are to live "Jesusly".

Using ideas brought back from the youth gathering, the youth have several community service projects planned for the future. First up is a plan to write and deliver greeting cards to people who may be feeling lonely. Other projects and ideas will also be explored and developed.

There are two important events coming up in the near future. We will have a planning and input meeting for both the youth and parents on August 29. Also coming up is a bonfire party to welcome the 9th graders to YOP.

For the upcoming Bible study year, we will be studying The Divine Drama from Crossways International. It's a study that will take us through the Bible as one large story.

As always, we covet your prayers and support.

Serving in Christ ~ Stuart and Chandra

Any High School aged youth are invited to sing with the Worship Team. Please contact Marla ASAP if you're interested. Practices are every other month beginning in October, usually some Wednesday nights and/or Sunday mornings, at 8:30 a.m.

College Students , Graduates & Parents...

I need the new address of your college student or verification that the old address is still the correct one. College graduates I need your new address if you have one and your occupation to include in our database would be appreciated. Please give me a call in the office, #365-7746, or drop me an quick e-mail at peaceoffice.deshler@gmail.com and give me an update. I know college students love mail - even if it is only the church newsletter. ©

Thanks so much!! ~ Marla