



March 2016

by Kristi Duensing, Youth Director

The Youth of Peace invite you to a free dinner. Yes, a FREE meal on March 2nd in the Peace Parish Hall from 5:45-6:45 p.m., before our Lenten Service. Why, you ask, are we giving you a free meal? We feel so honored and loved by Peace Congregation that we would like to say thank you, for supporting us in the past, with our fund-raising projects. We feel it is our turn, to honor you at this time, and say thanks! We would not have been able to experience such faith-building activities, such as Easter and Christmas services, Youth trips to National Youth Gatherings, Mission

trips, helping Native American families, and supporting and learning from many Christ-centered Bible studies and service, without your support. THANK YOU!

While my family recently took a trip to visit Stacey in Holland, MI, we attended Fellowship Reformed Church, where Stacey is employed as one of the assistant youth directors there. We listened to their church's Bible study, as their leading missionary spoke to us. This missionary and his wife, who went on the trip to Israel with Stacey, and 39 other seminary students, informed us about the Christians, Jews, and Palestinian Christians in Israel. They face much persecution, but are in constant peace knowing that God will take care of them in this hostile country. In the book of Mark, Chapter 10: vs 17, Jesus talks about the Ten Commandments. As you read those passages, it is interesting to see that Jesus mentions just the "relational" commandments. Our identity in Christ is centered around not only Jesus and His word, but also our relations with one another.

Don't you think it is fun to be around someone who just radiates the joy of Jesus? I know you can probably think of many individuals like this. What makes them so special, that draws us to them, and want to be like them? I remember Bob's Great Aunt, Lavada Fintel. Every time I saw her, she said "The Lord be with you", or something similar to that. She always had a greeting and a smile. It ALWAYS lifted my mood, and made me want to do the same.

We want to put smiles on many other faces by being able to help, play, and encourage kids, on our trip to Kansas City, KS. We will be partnering with the Youthwork's program there. Fourteen of us will be busy June 19-24 doing all we can, to make these people, living in poverty, know that God loves them, and is taking care of them. Thanks for your prayers, as we prepare and look forward to this trip.

As we start this Lenten season, we would like to start the Peace Prayer Partner program again. We did this a few years ago, and were asked to start it up again. The High Schoolers will have folders on a table in the overflow. You can pick one up, and let the student know that you are praying for them. Your relationship with them can be as little or much as you want. The high schoolers, in turn, will be praying for you. There are many school activities you can encourage them with, meet for ice cream, or take a walk. Be as creative as you like, and I know both parties will be blessed!

Youth Activities in March:

Wednesday, March 2: Free Lasagna supper from 5:45-6:45 p.m. (Lasagna, garlic bread, relishes, bars) During Church, we will again perform "It's All About The Cross".

Sunday, March 13: Baking goodies for the church bake sale during our Sunday School hour.

Wednesday, March 16: Soup supper with hot dogs and bars & Youth Bake Sale

Easter Sunday, March 27: 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Zion Lutheran Cemetery (2 miles west on HWY 136, 3 miles south on Rd 5200 & 1 mile west on Rd H). Breakfast will be served after the Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Youth.

Blessings,

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