



You(th) News

FORGETTABLE FACTS:

Only female bees work...that's not fair!

POTENT QUOTABLES: Let us resolve to be masters, not the victims, of our history, controlling our own destiny without giving way to blind suspicions and emotions.

~ John F. Kennedy

Uh, THAT'S FUNNY?:

What do you get if you cross an elephant and a kangaroo?

Big holes all over Australia!!!

Mission Trip! Wanna Go?

Have you ever thought there was an age limit to participate on a mission trip? You're too old, too young, not good with a hammer, don't like to speak in front of group, can't find a sitter for that long, no kids at home, too expensive...yeah, I've heard lots of great excuses, but now...you can't use ANY of them!

Join us July 25-30 as we gather and journey to Homestead, FL to impact the lives of children of migrant workers. Play with them, laugh with them, share with them, and maybe learn something about yourself in the process.

This opportunity is open TO EVERYONE!

ALL CHILDREN OF GOD ARE WELCOME TO COME!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE

Sunday April 10, 10am in the Youth Room!

CONGREGATION APPRECIATION

Summer of 2009, nine youth ventured to New Orleans to participate in the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

You Gave!

Join Us!

Sunday, April 18 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall as the youth relive their experience.

Retell their stories.

Re-thank you for your support!

Spring Cleaning? Save the Treasures!

Vinje youth will host their 2nd annual RUMMAGE SALE Friday June 18th from 7am-6pm. All proceeds made will go towards youth trips and activities! Quality donations can be brought to church NO EARLIER than JUNE 1st and NO LATER than 4pm June 17th!!

If you need assistance hauling any items please contact Laura at 235.1441 to make arrangements!

All remaining quality items will be donated to various agencies.

!!!GET READY TO RUMMAGE!!!

MENTOR SCHEDULING

Apr 7 Mentor Wrap-Up, WNL

Celebration 7:25-8:30pm

Apr 14 Regular WNL continues,

Hangtime @ 5-7:25pm,

WNL @ 7:25-8:30pm

Apr 21-WNL

Apr 28-WNL

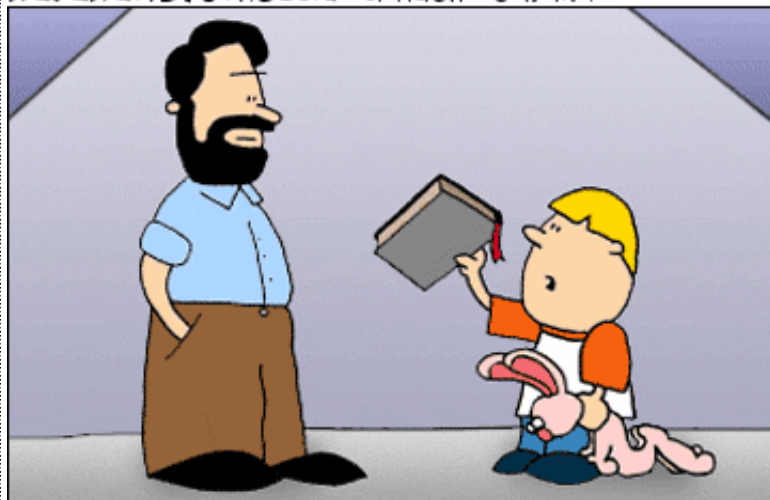
YOUTH! Read the SMALL PRINT!

Are you reading the newsletter? Answer this question, give your answer to Laura for a chance to win a prize...Ready...

PARENTS NO CHEATING!!!

Q. What THREE words can be found on the walls in Laura's office?

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DAD, I NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND OUT WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT THE EASTER BUNNY IN THE BIBLE



RETREAT

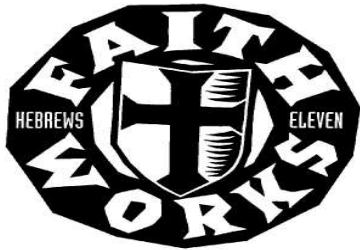


Retreating We Will Go, Will You?

October 15 & 16 the 10th grade Confirmation group will be traveling to Shores of St. Andrew for their final Confirmation retreat. On this retreat these young men and women will articulate their faith and what it is they believe, not to mention have a little fun doing so. We are looking for adults to join us on this retreat as adult sponsors. If you are interested and would like more information, talk to Laura today!

Do You Have Heartburn? Calling ALL 7-9th Graders!

Come and calm that burning desire to go deeper, and to serve more! Join me on the 2nd/4th Sundays (October 12 & 26) 7-8:30pm in the youth room to explore more!
Invite a friend! Don't be shy!



Live Out Loud, 10-12 Graders

Want something more? Tired of mediocrity? Get off your bum and do something. Join us 1st/3rd Mondays (October 5 & 19) 7-8:30pm @ Vinje. Invite a friend, come by yourself. Just do something!

Forgive as Forgiven

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13

Do you think of yourself as a forgiven person? I'm not asking if you believe God has forgiven all of your sins. I know you believe that if you're a Christian. I mean, do you tend to think of yourself as someone who has been forgiven for great and terrible sin?

I'm asking because those of us who became Christians as kids -- and never got around to rebelling in any obvious, public way by trying out some of the "big sins" -- we can have a hard time really thinking of ourselves as sinners. What have we done that's so wrong, after all?

That thinking is a problem. Every sin is an offense against the character of our Father, reason enough for us to go to hell, and for Jesus to die on the cross. Our pride is no better than sexual immorality, fits of rage, or public drunkenness.

Here's the other problem: If you don't think of yourself as a forgiven person, it's much harder to forgive others. And when you do, you think of it as a big favor instead of seeing it as the least and most obvious thing you could do as someone who has been forgiven for a stinking, seething mountain of ugly sin.

Think: On a scale from 1 to 10, how often are you aware that God has forgiven you for great sins you were helpless to pay for yourself? How hard is it for you to forgive others? Do you see a connection between those two things?

Pray: Ask God to help you to bear with others and forgive everyone just as God has forgiven you.

Do: Read Matthew 18:21-35 to hear a story Jesus told about a guy who refused to forgive a small debt after he'd been forgiven for a big one.