

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWSLETTER
March - April 2009



Dear Families,

Tonight was our first meeting of the Lenten season. Lent is a time to break free from mediocrity and re-dedicate ourselves to living out the commandments of Christ, to love neighbor and God, and to be disciples in the world. Motivated by the movie, Pay It Forward we have set goals for the Middle School Youth Group to accomplish over the next few months.

Last week we chose three *projects* (schools, homeless people, environment) to make the world a *better place*. School budgets are being tightened and teachers could use our assistance to provide classrooms supplies for projects to nurture, encouraged and challenged students.

You are being asked to search your homes for unwanted items that might be of use by teachers. Maybe you have colored paper and pencils, crayons, markers, magazines, fabric and craft goods for creative fun. Items like plastic crates, bins, small containers, book shelves, pillows, lamps, books could be used for cozy corners. Donations of board games, puzzles, Legos, cards, videos, etc., things that have been outgrown by your own family. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

We are well into our program, MEETING JESUS , discovering quite a list of qualities and actions that describe Jesus and his followers. His parables tell us about God and about ourselves and our place in the Kingdom of God.

Our MARCH - APRIL SCHEDULE:

March 5 - Regular meeting, Holy Cross basement, 7:15-8:45pm.

March 12 - Regular meeting, Holy Cross basement, 7:15-8:45pm.

March 19 - Regular meeting, Holy Cross basement, 7:15-8:45pm

March 26 - Regular meeting, Holy Cross basement, 7:15-8:45pm - program will feature Jesus' Last Supper.

April 2 - Regular meeting, Holy Cross basement, 7:15-8:45pm - Presentation and celebration of the Stations of the Cross.

April 9 - NO Meeting...Holy Thursday - Youth are encouraged to attend the regular evening service and participate in the "washing of the feet".

April 12 - **HAPPY EASTER. HE IS RISEN!**

April 16 - NO meeting – Spring Break.

April 24 - Regular meeting, Holy Cross basement, 7:15-8:45pm

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call, 423-0369
God's Blessings to All, Kathy

