

VISITS OF TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

Greetings this Advent season!

Pastors Roger and Greg hope that your preparations to celebrate once again the birth of the Christ child will include the gathering of your Friends in Faith small group.

At our Oct. 14 meeting, we reviewed our own worship practices as Lutherans, and then invited you and your friend in faith to visit 2 other worship services: one Roman Catholic mass, and one other non-Lutheran service of your choice.

ADVENT PARTY

Why not turn your small group meeting into an Advent party?

Each friend in faith pair could share what they discovered about the similarities and differences in the worship practices of other Christians. This could lead to selecting a servant project that your group might wish to do during the holidays! With a little planning, you could even do the project the same evening!

Several groups to contact who would love to have your help are Lutheran Social Services, the Chippewa Area Food Pantry, the Salvation Army, and the Family Support Center.

We would suggest that the contact team for each small group set a date and get the invitations out for your Advent Party soon!

DON'T MISS THE NEWSLETTERS!

The youth board has scheduled special events every month beginning with an Advent party this December 16. (It is rumored that it is Pastor Greg's birthday!)

The dates of the summer servant project trips, as well as the canoe trips, are included. All spots are on first come first served basis. Reserve yours today!

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Can you believe that it is almost time for the 17th Annual Christmas Bake sale! The youth board would love to have you and your friend in faith join them to bake and deliver the "goodies."

Here's the plan!

Friday we will be baking from 4 PM until about 9 PM. We'll enjoy a pizza meal, and plenty of fellowship, while the cookies just keep on baking.

Saturday we will begin baking at 9 am and hope to be finished about 2 PM. On Saturday

we would like to deliver cookies to shut-ins, nursing home residents, and any one else that you think would enjoy having us share some cookies and conversation. If you and your friend in faith would like to give some of your time to either bake or deliver the cookies, let Pastor Greg know soon.

OVERNIGHT RETREAT JANUARY 29TH

Pastor Greg looks forward to spending Friday evening and Saturday until 3 PM with all of the ninth graders, and as many of the friends in faith who would like to enjoy the time together at Luther Park.

Pastor Greg will be leading the study retreat, which for the first time will be run on a separate weekend from the 8th grade study retreat! We'll stay in one of the new cabins and eat our meals at the cafeteria. We'll use the dining hall for all of the study sessions as well.

We will also have time to hit the tube hill, and for those who have cross-country skis, there are trails throughout the camp property.

JANUARY 27TH: FRIENDS IN FAITH MEETING

As noted on your calendar of events for this year's friends in faith teams, our next regularly scheduled meeting of the entire 9th grade class and their friends in faith is January 27. We will meet at church at 7:30 PM, immediately following the 7:00 PM worship service. Our goal will be to select our learning projects, which you will work on throughout February, March and April.