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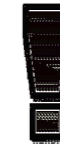
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April Enrichment Hours

We are having a "Getting to Know You" series on the Sundays in April at 11:20 in the Fireside Room. We will feature members of our own congregation telling about their career paths, volunteer passions, hobbies, and more. You will have time to ask questions.

Sunday, April 6th our speakers will be Anneke and Peter Geel, April 13th has yet to be determined, April 20th will be Sue Haas and Roland Grober, April 27th Jane Stevens and Jerry Zimmerman are tentatively scheduled.



Holy Boldness

Living Beyond our Fears

*In the midst of persecution and danger,
early Christians found courage and community.
Can we learn from them?*

An Easter-Pentecost sermon series
from the book of Acts
March 30 through May 11

Movie Night

Our next Movie Night will be on April 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. "Hotel Rwanda", the story of one man's brave stance against savagery during the 1994 Rwandan conflict, will be our film. We want folks to be warned that it has graphic violence and scary scenes. It will be a reminder of the present conflict in Darfur, and give us plenty of discussion material.

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday	10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service - Children's Choir and Sunday School 11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Youth Group, Sand Point UMC
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room 7:30 p.m. - AA, Lehmann Hall 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Choir Room
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir, Choir Room 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Friday	6:00 p.m. - AA, Fireside Room 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. - Youth Friday Night Hangout
Saturday	7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Fireside Room

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 3rd	9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
Saturday, April 5th	7:00 p.m. - Movie Night, Fireside Room
Sunday, April 6th	11:30 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
Wednesday, April 9th	3:00 p.m. - Harmony Circle Set Up, Fireside Room
Thursday, April 10th	Noon - Harmony Circle Luncheon, Fireside Room
Saturday, April 12th	8:30 - 11:30 p.m. - Starlight Youth Dance
Sunday, April 13th	11:30 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room 11:30 a.m. - Worship Work Area, Library
Sunday, April 20th	11:30 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
Tuesday, April 22nd	7:00 p.m. - Church Council, Fireside Room
Wednesday, April 23rd	9:30 a.m. - Probus, Choir Room

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

VBS DATES ANNOUNCED:

Wednesday, July 23rd – Sunday, July 27th

I am pleased to announce our Vacation Bible School dates for this summer. In addition to the exciting activities we've always had, we are trying something new this year. We are experimenting with a Wednesday-Sunday VBS schedule instead of our usual Monday-Friday. Our hope is two-fold in this: First, working parents and Sandpointers who have traditionally been unable to participate will be able to volunteer; and Second, we will be able to conclude with a VBS-centered worship service on Sunday the 27th. Among other things, this will give non-Sand Point families a better opportunity to participate in the VBS program as well as in our congregational life. Hopefully, this will create opportunities for everyone to connect and will encourage them to join us this fall.

REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER SIGN UP IS NOW OPEN: Please feel free to let me know if you would like to volunteer or register your children. I will be making the formal registration sheets available shortly.

EXPANDING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher Needed:

I am delighted to report that we continue to move onward and upward with our Sunday School program. It has become clear that there is a need for a fourth Sunday School classroom to meet the needs of our older Sunday School children (9, 10, 11, 12yrs). We are working hard to get things into place for this new classroom.

In order to make this expansion possible, the Children's Ministry is currently looking for someone who is willing to share the teaching responsibilities

for one of the existing Sunday School classrooms. This would involve teaching either every other week or every second month (how the sessions are divided will be up to you and the other teacher responsible for the classroom). You would have a choice between working with the 5-6yrs class and the 7-8yrs class, whatever your age preference is. Between preparing the curriculum *and* teaching the class, it represents an approximately 1-2 hour commitment on the weeks you teach. It is not a lot of time but represents a giant investment in the life of the children at Sand Point. You need not be a professional teacher either; a willing spirit and a heart for children will do.

I would ask that you all prayerfully consider whether God's calling you to take up this position as it will be a necessary component to our upcoming program expansion. We hope to add this fourth classroom next month. Please call me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Thanks and blessings,
Peter

BASKET FOR HARMONY HOUSE

Thanks to all of you who generously provided items for our Easter Basket for the new moms and babies at Harmony House at Sand Point Housing. We were able to deliver over 500 diapers, bibs, burp cloths and some other extras for the babies, socks for the moms, hand lotions, soaps and even beautiful boxes of chocolates. You helped provide practical items as well as some luxuries and, most importantly, let them know that they are thought of and cared about.

Thanks again! The Missions Team

Thank You to Music Staff

Music on Good Friday and Easter Sunday touched us all. Jeremy and Lora Lee, we thank you for the choices you made, for the fun of the warm ups, the seriousness of the music ministry you provide, for your work with the kids, and for your leadership of our overall music program. You are a blessing to our church.

Palm Sunday Crosses

The palm crosses used on Palm Sunday were made in seven mud villages near Masasi, Africa, with production involving entire families. African Palms, USA operates as a nonprofit organization which distributes crosses throughout the United States. Net proceeds from the sale of crosses are returned to East Africa in form of non-denominational self-help grants to meet very basic human needs, such as water supply, health education, health clinics, food production, schools, and housing. Many thanks to Roland Grober who supplied them.

FINANCE REPORT

As of February 29, 2008

Actual Budget Income: \$62,483

Actual Budget Expenses: \$48,344

Income Less Expenses: \$14,139

A detailed report is available by request from the church office.