



The Torch

St Peter's Youth Newsletter

March 2009

**Coming up...
In the life of the church
for children & youth**

- March 1 Sunday School 8:30 & 10:00
Prep 1 8:30 & Prep 2 10:00
Ipseity Tubing 11am-4pm
- March 4 Quest hosting Soup &
Sandwich 5:30pm
Lenten Worship 7pm
- Mar 8 Sunday School 8:30 & 10:00
Prep 1 8:30 & Prep 2 10:00
Fusion Meeting 11am
- Mar 11 Fusion hosting Soup &
Sandwich 5:30pm
Lenten Worship 7pm
- Mar 15 Family Church Sunday
Quest Meeting 11am
- Mar 18 Quest Hosting Soup &
Sandwich 5:30pm
Lenten Worship 7pm
- Mar 22 Sunday School 8:30 & 10:00
Prep 1 8:30 & Prep 2 10:00
- Mar 25 Ipseity Hosting Soup &
Sandwich 5:30pm
Lenten Worship 7pm
- Mar 27 Fusion Lock in 7pm-10am
- Mar 28 ALL CHURCH OPPORTUNITY
Feeding the Homeless
8a-2:30pm
- Mar 29 Sunday School 8:30 & 10:00
Prep 1 8:30 & Prep 2 10:00
- April 1 Quest Hosting Soup &
Sandwich 5:30pm
Lenten Worship 7pm
- April 3 Fish Boil 4-7pm
- April 5 Sunday School 8:30 & 10:00
Prep 1 8:30 & Prep 2 10:00
Fusion Meeting 11am
- April 12 Easter Sunday Worship at
6:30 & 10am
Easter Breakfast 7:30am



**If you have a question about our
Youth Groups contact an advisor.
They are:**

- Ipseity Beth Hecker 894-3379
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- Quest Renea Vorpahl 973-5846
Cindy Carlson 227-5929

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Acolytes for February

Date	8:30	10:00
3/1	Aaron Hickman	Michael Gilson
3/8	McKenna Mueller	Adam Hecker
3/15	Kelly Niemuth	Sarah Mueller
3/22	Kim Reseburg	Joshua Schmitt
3/29	Devon Barrette	Sara Schneider
4/5	Cody Dalka	Morgan Charles

**Community Service
Opportunity**

St Peter's has committed to feed
the homeless with the Gathering
on

Saturday, March 28

We'll be leaving Kiel at 8am and
returning around 2:30pm

We'll be serving at the St James site
and need 20-25 volunteers. Please
sign up in the lounge to come
along.



**Lenten
Soup &
Sandwich
meals to be hosted
by Youth Groups**

The youth groups of St Peter's will be hosting the soup and sandwich meals before the Lenten worship services on Wednesday nights. Quest is hosting on March 4, March 18, and April 1. Fusion is hosting on March 11. Ipseity is hosting on March 25. Please sign up on the youth table to help out. Plan to arrive at 4pm and we'll be finished cleaning up before worship begins at 7. Our tasks will be setting up, serving as needed, and cleanup. And YES you get to eat. The soup is made by volunteers from the congregation, so that is already covered.

Would You Rather.....

**Be known as a generous giver or
someone filled with joy?**

**See your best friend go to jail for 10
years or go to jail yourself for 2
years?**

**Be made fun of by a few or ignored
by many?**



Quest

(High School Youth Group)

During Lent this year we are serving 3 of the Soup and Sandwich meals before Wednesday evening worship. This is a new task for us and we look forward to serving our church in this capacity.

The Annual Meeting Luncheon went well, there was plenty of soup and the donations that we received covered our expenses.

On April 3 we are hosting the Fish Boil at church from 4-7pm. We'll begin selling tickets on March 1 and will be getting posters up around town to advertise our event.

Signup to help for all of the above events Quest is hosting in the upcoming month on the youth table in the lounge.



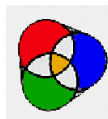
Iipseity

(5th & 6th Grade Youth Group)

On February 6-7 Iipseity had their annual lock in at church. We had a great turnout... 18 kids in all. Thank you to Mike & Mardell Schnell, Marsha, and Beth Hecker for chaperoning. Our primary task was baking the 250+ cookies that had been ordered for our annual Hugs N Cookie sale. We also played a lot of games, watched Prince Caspian movie, had a scavenger hunt (Cheyenne won), and had lots of treats.

March 1st we're going tubing after our meeting and pizza lunch at church (provided there is enough snow) if there is not, we'll be having a movie afternoon at church.

On March 25 it is Iipseity's responsibility to serve the Soup & Sandwich meal before worship. Sign up on the youth table to come and help after school.



Fusion

(7th & 8th Grade Youth Group)

Fusion's next meeting is scheduled for March 8 in the youth room at 11am. It was great to have so many people at our last meeting!

We are responsible for setting up and serving for the Soup & Sandwich meal on March 11. Sign up on the youth table and come over after school to help.

Fusion's lock in is scheduled for March 27 from 7pm to 10am (Saturday morning). Sign up on the youth table and get your permission slip in to join us. The fee is \$5..... to cover the cost of breakfast, etc.

AND REMEMBER that all 7th & 8th graders are welcome to come and join us anytime. So bring a friend!

Sunday School News

March 2009

March is a 2 unit month in Sunday School.....

On February 22 we began the unit on the Woman with the Alabaster Jar. This story is told in all four Gospels. The accounts vary, but her story is a cornerstone of faith that Jesus proclaimed should be remembered. The Sunday School children learned about this story in 3 different workshops:

In the Bedouin Encampment our children heard this Bible story from the Woman with the Alabaster Jar. She taught us about the ways that help her remember the demands of the Covenant.

Our first cooking workshop this year, **in Eat Your Way Through the Bible** the children learned about how sometimes everyone struggles to do the right thing. The children made taffy and literally experienced the struggle between spiritual renewal and the social action for justice.

In Created by the Spirit Sunday School classes created their own alabaster jars and learn about how God's love is poured out for them and they are to share this love with others in this world.

On March 22 Sunday School will begin their unit on the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. In this unit they will learn how through the blood of the cross, the resurrection and the appearance of the Holy Spirit, a New Covenant was forged that promised grace, an eternal relationship with God in the following 3 workshops:

In Created by the Spirit the classes will make paper that is embedded with seeds to remind them of Jesus' death and resurrection, the Old and New Covenants, and how they are each a seedling that God is nurturing into its fullest potential.

During the **Mary & Martha's Bed & Breakfast** workshop the children will hear of the crucifixion and resurrection from the perspective of Joanna. In her storytelling she shares how the blood of Christ forged a new covenant between God and humankind. The classes will talk about symbolism and the connection between the blood shed by Jesus and the wine used in the Eucharist.

When the children are in the **Eat Your Way Through the Bible** they will learn about how God wanted to form a new covenant that would be written on the hearts of the people and sealed with blood. The new covenant would come in the form of Jesus Christ, God Incarnate. It is based on **grace**, the forgiveness of our sins that is not based on our behavior, but on God's love. The law of the covenant is followed, not because it keeps us in relationship, but because it reflects a love of God.

Thank you Sandy Rabe, Brenda Krueger, Paula DeSmidt, Melissa Brandt, Karen Hornickle, Renea Vorpahl, and Stacey Sabish for leading the Prodigal Son workshops.