



Calvary / St. James Youth News

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Youth Ministry, Concord, NC



MAKING A BED, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In this day and time, we take for granted a lot of things that we may not even think of anymore. Things like fresh, clean water that is piped into our homes, hot water, a toilet, transportation, air conditioning on a hot Carolina summer day and heat through the winter. A refrigerator, a freezer, a mirror, a stove top to cook on, pots and pans to cook with, electricity and a bed to sleep in.

All of those things are a part of life and have become part of who we are as a society. We do not think about any of them until we lose one of the them. Then the value of the missing item will rise quickly to the top of our must need list. We may think that everyone has the same things I have, but that's not

true. There are a lot of people in our country, in our state, in our county and in the city of Concord that do not have the benefit of all these items and it's very sad. For a child, having a bed means getting a good night's sleep. To have one child sleeping on the floor because they do not have a bed should not happen in this day and time, but it does, and it happens more than can be imagined.

One recent Thursday afternoon a text went out to the Youth announcing a change in plans for our usual Sunday Youth activities, we were going to be making beds. Through Cabarrus Partnership for Children, we received a request for one bed, then another, then a request for two, and then two more. All total, we were asked if we could build a total of six single beds. And so, this adventure of service began with a Thursday afternoon text asking for everyone to join in to make a difference.

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Want to Help Youth Ministry Make a Difference?



Here is how you can help:

- Not all of the beds we build is in need of a mattress, but there are some that do. If you have a single mattress that is sitting around and it's in good shape and not stained, the youth can find it a home.
- If you would like to sponsor a bed, the cost is \$85.00 per bed.
- If you can help deliver a bed during the day please let us know.
- Have a set of single sheets and they are in good shape?
- Have an extra single mattress cover that you do not need?

Thanks so much.

THE PERFECT FUNDRAISER STORM!

It's that time of the year when the ministry has three major fundraisers coming through and we need everyone's help for them to be successful.



THE ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER

The annual Valentine's Dinner will be on Friday, February 14th starting at 7:00. This is one of the ministry's largest fundraisers of the year and there is still room to join in this special event.

The food is always delicious and well worth your time. Reservations are still being accepted through Wednesday, February 12. We would love to see you there. Invite a friend and join us.

RESERVE ONLINE

All donations will go to support the Youth Ministry St. James/Calvary. Please make checks payable to St. James Lutheran Church with Youth Valentine's in the memo. All Youth should be helping with this fundraiser.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on Tuesday, February 25th from 5:00 - 7:00. Join us at both Calvary Lutheran and St. James Lutheran for a wonderful meal of pancakes, bacon and sausage.

All contributions made will go to support the Youth Ministry of Calvary/St. James Lutheran. Invite a friend and bring the family.

PORT-A-PIT

Port-A-Pit will be at Calvary on Friday, March 13th,

Port-a-Pit Chicken Fundraiser



serving from 11:00 - 7:00. Please help spread the word and invite your friends to join us. The tickets are \$10 each which includes half a chicken, beans, slaw and a

roll. Please see one of the youth for a ticket or come by the church office. This is a great opportunity for every youth to help out.

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP WITH PORT A PIT! WE NEED:

- Purchase tickets.
- Sell Tickets.
- Kitchen Help, especially in the morning from 8:30 - 2:00.
- Kitchen help from 1:30 to closing.
- Clean up.
- DESSERTS! We are always in need of desserts.
- DRIVERS FOR DELIVERIES: We need drivers from 10:00 - 12:30
- And of course, please sell some tickets. If everyone at each church sold 2 tickets, this would be the largest fundraiser of the year.

Please sign up at the Youth Bulletin Board and we greatly appreciate your support.



CONFIRMATION CLUSTER

The Confirmation Cluster will meet on **Sunday, February 16 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** at St. James. If you would like to meet at Calvary and ride together, we will leave at 1:40. Please let Pastor



YOUTH LOCK-IN

Youth Lock-In will be on **Friday, March 20** and will start at 8:00 pm and end on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. Invite a friend, bring a snack to share, sleeping bag, deodorant, air mattress, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and don't forget your deodorant. Please sign up

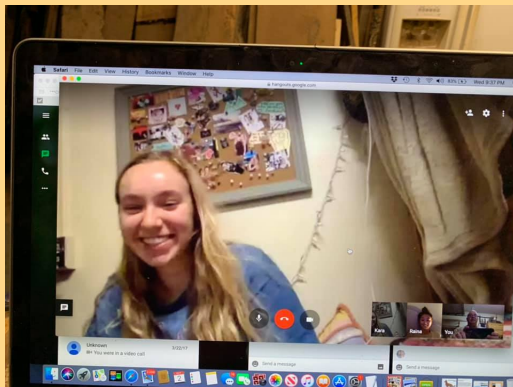
Debbie or Mike know if you would like a ride over.

so we may plan successfully.



AMISH EXPERIENCE

THE AMISH EXPERIENCE will be here before we know it. The dates are **April 13-17**. This is a trip of a lifetime. We will travel to Rebersburg, PA to spend a week in an Amish home. We will serve, learn about the Amish way of life, eat wonderful food and have a grand time. Please sign up at the youth bulletin board.



COLLEGE ONLINE

College Online is a time set aside for college students to



COLLEGE MISSION TRIP

come together online, every Wednesday evening at 9:30. We check in with everyone to see how things are going, share in a devotion and conversation, laugh a little and celebrate the accomplishments. We would enjoy you becoming part College Online. All we need is your college email, or gmail works best. Send it to me and we will add you into the invitation.

We are planning a college mission trip, to Jacksonville, Florida. (Close to the BEACH) The dates are **May 11 - 14**, possibly the 15. The cost will be very minimum. We will go and set up a camp for the summer and would love to have you join in. Please pray about it and let us know.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 21-23** Jr. Youth Beach Retreat to Kure Beach
- **June 23-27** Sr. Youth Beach Retreat to Kure Beach
- **July 5-11** Jr. Youth Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn.
- **July 12-18** Sr. Youth Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn.

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WHAT'S NEW?

It won't be long and the 4th - 5th Graders will have their own Mini Youth Ministry. We will get together once a quarter for a time to grow, serve, have fun and to have a good time. We would like for you to be part of this new adventure of faith. Please send in your contact info to Mike and we will let you know when our first event will be. Plans are in the works for March. Hope to see you then.

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