





Communication – "The only sure things in life are death and taxes!" is a well-known truism. But it may not actually be true! It leaves out the one thing that most people say about any group – whether it's their employers, their government, or their church – which is, "they don't communicate enough!" As our church moves through, and hopefully out of, the era of COVID, church leaders are determined to do our best to establish and maintain good lines of communication. This newsletter is just one way we are developing to keep our families informed and involved in the life of the church.

The name – "Loom" – was chosen because the image of Family Ministries we have is not so much of the separate aspects of family life connected like links in a chain, but of a multi-textured, multi-colored tapestry that God creates from the individuals in our families as they live lives filled with work and play, faith and festivals, interests that sometimes complement and sometimes clash.

We see our shared faith in Jesus Christ as the divine loom powered by the Holy Spirit to draw those threads together in a way that enhances the beauty of each thread even as it creates something powerfully strong, mysteriously unified, and amazingly beautiful in the process.

And so, this newsletter is sent with the intention of being one force that draws you in the Spirit's tether – communication! It will be sent by email, posted on the church web site, and handed out. Your feedback is welcome, and your assistance in creating it would be appreciated.

Family Ministries supports the 2021 Fall Missions Dinner and Auction Saturday November 20, 2021

5:00 pm Doors open and Silent Auction begins 6:00 pm Dinner and Live Auction then the Dessert Dash

Family Ministries will contribute a basket for auction:

"Family Fun Night"

The basket will include movies, snacks, hot chocolate mix (with marshmallows of course!), mugs, a soft blanket, and games—including "Apples to Apples—the Bible edition"

If you'd like to contribute to the basket, just contact Vivian (vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church)





"Hide the Altar" FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

The holiday season is coming and too many families won't have enough food to celebrate together. Let's come together to help families in our community!

Bring your donations on Sunday morning and stack them in front of the altar before signing into The J.O.Y. Academy and getting your name tag.

To celebrate our success, the children will enjoy a Christmas party on Sunday, December 12th

AFTER THEIR SPECIAL PRESENTATION IN WORSHIP THAT DAY!

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Sunday, December 12

Beginning Sunday, November 20th, **The J.O.Y.** Academy will focus on the story of Jesus birth. They'll learn about why Jesus was born, how the Angel Gabriel announced Jesus' birth to Mary, the dream God sent to Joseph, the story of the journey to Bethlehem, what happened that night—to Mary & Joseph, to the shepherds, and even all about the angels.

Then we'll make a set of beads with pictures on them to help us all remember how the story goes.

And, on December 12th, they will use the Christmas Story beads to tell the story to everyone in church during worship. After they tell the story we'll all dedicate the food stacked in front of the altar. And then . . .

> we'll go to our own rooms to celebrate with a CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!

Mark your calendars today and be sure to invite family and friends to this special Sunday event!

