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Grace Lutheran Youth

December 2017

Underground Movements

by Tom McGrath

I worked a landscape job back in college and it taught me a lot about nature. Toward the end of the summer season we planted bulbs—tulips, daffodils, and irises. I went and visited my boss on a cold gray December day and recalled the blazing hot day he had us out planting those bulbs. “Oh yes,” he said. “Those bulbs are very busy now. You can’t see anything above ground, but beneath it all, next Spring’s growth is already beginning. The bulbs are storing up energy and setting forth little tendrils. Even on the darkest, coldest day, something important is

happening deep beneath the surface.”

In Advent, I think of all the bulbs and roots beneath the earth’s surface. It’s a time of seeming dormancy. But looked at in a different light, in the midst of death, new life has already begun.

Slow down this Advent. Honor the season inside

you. Take naps. Read long novels. Daydream. Welcome grace. Eat hearty soup and stare out the window at the skeletal trees. A lot is happening out there. A lot is happening in you. Trust like Mary, who said, “Let it be done to me according to thy word.” Let it be.



6th—12th Grade Youth Quake February 16-18, 2018 Great Wolf Lodge

We are heading back to Centralia and the Great Wolf Lodge for the 2018 Youth Quake. The cost, if we register by 12/4, is \$95 per person. If we wait until after that date it’s \$120. I will have a sign up sheet on the youth board. Please sign up asap so

that we can register at the lower fee. The registration fee includes the program, housing with wrist band for the water park and transportation. Meals are on your own.





Did you know



Sylvia ran a PR at State for cross country ... Gwen composed a piece for Chancel Schola... Courtney C, Abby and Shannon have their winter showcase this month—you should go to it!... Erin is rockin' the 80's... Conrad, Darren, Jack, Tanner and Skyler are flippers (not the real estate kind)...

Virginia, Soraya, Elyse, Andrew R., Jeffrey, Dayne, Emily, Dane, Alexa, Maggie, Sylvia, Gwen, Natalee and Celia all



worked hard on a very successful *Little Mermaid* production... Congratulations! ... Drew is playing basketball... William and Elora are both nursing injuries from swimming... Courtney B spent a night in a

box—ask her about it ... Meghan J is making an adorable fish... Cooper is going on a road trip with his dad... Mackenzie M wrote a great article for the Apple Leaf... Ryan, we missed you at our last team meeting—you okay? ... Liam and Gavin, are you in the Stage Kids production? ... Mackenzie and Meghan B, I'm guessing you're doing club soccer and volleyball this winter... Elizabeth is ready for dance competitions to start—Go Applettes!... Jesse and Erik O have a new



car in their family... I'm guessing Evan, Molly and maybe Zachary are glad that Mission has opened ... Okay, I'm guessing a lot of you are

excited! For snow and ski season... Allie, how is your horse doing? ... Erik D has a cool winter hat ... Anthony, were you your brothers designated driver during Little Mermaid? That's all folks!



Gathering Info and other stuff to know about

The holidays are upon us and our Big fundraiser for December is our: Christmas Carnival and Gift Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday December 16th 10am - 4pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Friday evening set up on December 15th will be from 6-8pm. It may not take this whole time, but please plan to come and help at 6pm

Day of -

We will have 2 shifts (you can work both but we ask everyone to work at least 1 shift please)

9:30am-1pm and/or 1pm-4:30pm

Jobs will include 4-5 people helping with craft/carnival area, 1-2 people helping with holiday movie for the kids, 1-2 people helping with bake sale, 1-2 people helping sell raffle tickets, 1 person at the raffle table answering questions and greeting guests..

H/S May Youth Weekends at Holden Village May 25-27, 2018

Due to generous support from our congregation the cost of the weekend will be \$100 per student. The speaker is our very own Bishop Kristen Kuempel. Registration is due January 2nd. Registration forms are available outside my door. Any questions give me a call.

30 HOUR FAMINE

February 23 -24, 2018

- ⇒ Nearly one in 10 people live on less than \$1.90 per day.
- ⇒ Worldwide, 795 million people — about one in nine — are chronically hungry. That's nearly 2.5x the population of the United States.

Sign up to do the famine!

Christmas Celebrations

M/S Youth

Thursday, December 7

5:00pm—6:30pm

You and your friends are invited for a delicious dinner, Christmas games and a gift exchange (\$10 limit).



3-5 Grade Youth

Wednesday, December 13

4:00pm—5:15pm

Bring a friend and a gift exchange present (\$10 limit).



S/H Youth

Sunday, December 17

4:00pm - 9:00pm

You are cordially invited to the Annual Progressive Dinner. Meet at GLC at 4pm with an empty stomach and a gift exchange item (\$10 limit).

