

Hello there!

I hope you had a great summer with many adventures that you will share with me upon your return to the regular routine that the fall brings us. Throughout the summer I have been busy planning and preparing for the fall, cleaning and organizing the resource room, and had a lovely time at the summer art camp on Wednesday afternoons.

In this issue of the Sunday server you will find a basic outline of the happenings from now until Christmas (with some exceptions). I have received positive feedback on the e-mail reminders I sent out last year and so I will continue to send reminders a few days before each of the events. If you do not wish to receive the reminders, please let me know and I will be pleased to take your name off the list.

Program Name Contest

In May, the larger congregation voted on the name, “**Faith Quest**”, for our Sunday morning program.

Ice Cream Sunday and Registration

On this, Gathering Sunday, we invite our entire church community to visit and eat ice cream. Faith Quest registration will begin this day in the foyer and will continue for the two Sundays to follow.

Sunday, September 13, 2009
Immediately Following Worship
Sanctuary/Foyer



Faith Quest

The initial programming for Faith Quest this year is complete! While all the children will follow the same themes, it is our hope that the 2/3 year old children will have a structured program adapted to their age and the grade 5/6 class will take on a number of special projects throughout the year. **Faith Quest will begin at 10:00am in the Sanctuary and will run until 11:15 beginning on September 20th.**

Once again it will take at least 80 volunteers to have a successful Faith Quest program.

Parents of registered children are asked to commit to at least one unit throughout the year and/or when this is not possible, please contact me so that we are able to explore how you are able to assist in some form. We especially encourage the dads in our congregation to get more involved. Please see the registration form.

To enable us to match people from the larger congregation who are willing to volunteer with areas of the Faith Quest Programming that they would enjoy, I will once again be distributing a “Skills, Talents, and Interests Inventory.” To assist you in your choices, I thought it may be helpful to give a brief description of the units/dates for the year:

Pennies for Peace

This three-week unit will introduce the children to “Pennies for Peace” a service-learning program of Central Asia Institute (CAI). The program, inspired by Greg Mortenson’s quest to build schools for children in the remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan, is recounted in the book “Three Cups of Tea.” CAI strives to educate students about the world outside their own experiences, and shows them that they can make a positive impact on a global scale – one penny at a time.

Sundays, September 20 – October 4, 2009

Our Sacred, Holy Space

This three-week unit will provide an opportunity for the children to become familiar with the concept of dedicating a space as holy, and to assist an artist in creating a mural in each of our freshly painted classrooms!

Sundays, October 18 – November 1, 2009

The Prince of Egypt

To build on last year's story of Joseph, the grade 5/6 children will prepare a movie theatre for a two-part showing of the movie, "The Prince of Egypt."

Sundays, November 8 – November 15, 2009

St. Nicolas

If you love a good mystery, this four-week service unit is top-secret and will unfold before our brunch on the final day of the unit at the "Advent Intergenerational Presentation." Watch for a letter to arrive at your home with top secret instructions for your child(ren)!

Sundays, November 22 – December 13, 2009

Prayer

This four-week unit will give the children an opportunity to become more familiar with forms/types of prayer, explore what prayer is, and then lead the "Prayers of the People" in the service on the final day of the unit.

Sundays, January 10 – January 31, 2010

St. David's Goes to Camp Kasota!

We have tentatively booked Camp Kasota West for St. David's to come together for a weekend. Sleep in heated cabins, eat amazing food and join in all kinds of activities! This is one weekend you will not want to miss!

Friday, May 21 – Sunday, May 23, 2010



Calgary Interfaith Food Bank

This two-week unit will offer the children an opportunity to learn about the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank and to create "Birthday Boxes" for children who do not have the means to host a birthday party.

February 7 – February 14, 2009

Holy Week

This four-week unit offers the children an opportunity to explore the different concepts/rituals and to become familiar with the story of Holy Week from the perspective of "bullying." It is our hope to host a "Puppets for Peace" Presentation on the first day of the unit.

Sundays, February 28 – March 21, 2010

Mystery of the Missing Body

This five-week unit offers the children age 2 to grade 6 an opportunity to learn the Bible story "The Road to Emmaus", to explore how we, as a congregation, are the "Body of Christ" and to serve communion to the larger congregation.

Sundays, April 11 – May 9, 2010



You Are My Family

This small group which is open to everyone offers a time to share in a short devotion, an engaging activity, and a snack with a different member of the family each month. These are our activities up to December:

Family Night

Our first session is for the entire family. We will begin the evening with a wiener roast around the fire pit at the back of the church and finish off with sing-a-long/percussion around the fire.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Church Grounds/Robertson Hall

Mother/Son Night

This session is for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sons, grandsons and nephews. “All Hallows Eve” and “All Saints Day” will quickly arrive, so we will create masks to tell the story behind these celebrations.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Robertson Hall

Painting

The classrooms and Robertson Hall desperately need to be painted and our goal is to have it finished for Christmas. We will be asking for volunteers to prep and paint the classrooms and will be hosting a fundraiser to raise funds to have Robertson Hall professionally painted.

Always Welcome!

Registration for our Sunday morning program is on going throughout the year. For any of you families who are new to or thinking about joining us at St. David's, I invite you to e-mail, phone, or introduce yourself to me and I will be thrilled to help you in any way I am able.

Warmest regards,

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Father/Son Night

This session is for fathers, grandfathers, granddaughters, uncles, sons, grandsons, and nephews. We will try our hand at bowling.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Thorncliffe/Greenview Community Centre



Mother/Daughter Night

This session is for mothers, grandmothers, aunts, daughters, granddaughters and nieces. Get ahead start as we bake cookies for Christmas.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Kitchen/Robertson Hall



Concert!

St. David's Presents:

*the
Doug Baker & Alison Demeter
Coffeehouse*

*All proceeds for painting
Robertson Hall!*

November 20th at 7:30 pm

