



The Phenomenal Youth

Hey Youth!

Over the past few weeks, I have been blessed with the ability to spend my Sunday mornings with Hosanna's 3rd graders and their parents, leading the "My Bible" sessions with them.

Teaching the Bible to 3rd graders is a fun and interesting experience—one that definitely keeps me on my toes. This is mostly because 3rd graders ask a lot of questions!

Though initially thrown by how many questions were asked in our first session together; I have now come to cherish and look forward to these questions. Our 3rd graders have reminded me how important questions are to the learning process—especially when it comes to our faith.

In any situation, asking questions is usually a good thing—it shows you are listening and interested, and it helps you to learn more about the topic-at-hand. Asking questions of others allows us to learn more about them and benefit from their life experience. Asking questions in school helps us to better understand the subject we are studying. Asking questions in our faith journey allows us to dig deeper, and further develop our relationship with God.

In fact, asking questions is the key difference between simply reading the Bible and actually

studying the Bible. Reading the Bible is great, and definitely has its benefits, but when you set aside time to do Bible study, you ask questions. The process goes something like this: first, you read the passage; then, you ask questions of it such as—what is going on, what stands out, what don't you understand, etc. There are no right or wrong questions to ask when studying the Bible—these questions give you direction and help you to focus your study.

However, don't forget the most important part of asking questions—prayer. This is especially important when studying the Bible or other religious materials. If you want to better understand God's word and meaning, then you need to ask God about it and *take time to listen for the answer*. God may not answer every question in a way we expect (or even in a way we understand), but it is important that we listen and keep our hearts and minds open to what God may say.

So this month I challenge you to turn your Bible readings into Bible studies—ask questions of the text—and see how much richer and deeper your understanding of it becomes.

In Christ,
Lisa

Quote of the Month!

"Who questions much, shall learn much, and retain much."

~ Francis Bacon

"A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out."

(Proverbs 20: 5)

February Calendar!

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| 2/1 | Confirmation Service Event Night | 2/19 | Youth & Family Snow-Tubing Event at Ironwood Springs, 2:30 pm |
| 2/5 | High School Huddle, 9:15 am | | |
| 2/7 | Youth Team Meeting, 6:00 pm | 2/22 | No Confirmation —(next Learning Event will be on 4/11) |
| 2/8 | Confirmation Learning Event— PARENT NIGHT! , 5:30 pm | | Youth-Led Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 pm |
| 2/10 | Christian Rock Concert at Calvary E-Free Church, 7:00 pm | 2/26 | High School Huddle, 9:15 am |
| 2/12 | High School Huddle, 9:15 am
High School Youth Pizza & Movie, 6 pm | | 2nd Annual Variety Show!
Doors Open: 4:00 pm
Dinner: 5:00 pm
Show: 6:00 pm
Silent Auction Ends: 7:45 pm |
| 2/15 | Confirmation Learning Event, 5:30 pm | | |
| 2/19 | High School Huddle, 9:15 am | | |



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YOUTH AND FAMILY SNOW TUBING EVENT AT IRONWOOD SPRINGS!

Who: Any Hosanna Youth, Male or Female, Grades 7th-12th

PARENTS ARE INVITED TOO!

When: 2:30—4:30 pm, Sunday, February 19th

Where: Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch,
7291 County Rd 6 SW; Stewartville, MN 55976

Cost: \$10 per person

RSVP: To sign up, you must RSVP to Lisa or sign up on the youth bulletin board **no later than Wednesday, 2/15.**

Come for an Afternoon of Snowy Fun!!

Christian Rock Concert at Calvary E-Free Church!

What: Rock concert featuring: RED, Thousand Foot Krutch, Manafest, Nine Lashes and Kiros!

When: 7:00 pm, Friday, February 10th (Doors open at 6 pm)

Where: Calvary E-Free Church (5500 25th Ave NW—just off of 55th St—East of Hosanna)

Cost: *Tickets are \$20 at the door, but if you sign up in advance, Lisa will get your ticket(s).
*You pay \$10 in advance for your ticket (by 2/8) and then at the concert you will get two \$5 gift cards (one to CiCi's Pizza and one to Perkins).

We are still looking for a parent chaperone to make this a 'Hosanna-sponsored' event. Either way, if you sign up and pay your \$10 by 2/8, Lisa can get you a ticket in advance. Sign up on the youth board and look for more info coming soon!

2nd Annual Youth Variety Show and Dinner—PLUS Silent Auction!

The 2nd Annual Youth Variety Show/Silent Auction will be February 26th, 2012!

- *The doors will open at 4pm and start with Silent Auction bids.
- *There will be a delicious Spaghetti dinner at 5pm served by the Youth.
- *The Variety Show will start at 6pm with an Entertaining Emcee and Amazing Acts
- *The Silent Auction will close at 7:45pm.

The Variety Show is one of the Youth's Major Fundraisers for their trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July 2012.

There are plenty of ways to participate! You can donate items or services for the silent auction. For example think of a theme and put a fun basket together! Sign up to sing, dance, play an instrument or share another talent in our Variety Show, or simply just come to enjoy a wonderful spaghetti dinner, relax, and enjoy the Show! Sign-up sheets are by the welcome kiosk. Free will donations will be accepted. If you would like to help or have questions please contact Barb Schepp or Terri Ashworth. Thanks and see you on the 26th!

Thanks to All who Helped with the Annual Meeting Luncheon!

This annual fundraiser was held on Sunday, January 22nd, immediately following the second service. Many youth and parents volunteered their time and energies to make this possible. We served Italian beef sandwiches, and made \$402 to go toward the Summer 2012 Mission Trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans! Special thanks again to anyone who donated time, food, or money to help make this possible!

Youth Lead Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

This is a reminder to all youth attending the Summer 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, that we are hosting the 1st Soup Supper of the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Additional information will be coming via e-mail very soon. Any other youth or families are welcome to help out as well—the more, the merrier! Sign-up with Lisa or on the youth bulletin board. Thanks!

