



The Phenomenal Youth

Hey Youth!

Remember to check out the Hosanna Youth on the web at:
<http://www.hosannalutheran.org/youth/Youth.html>

We live in a busy world. We are constantly moving, working, going, doing. How often do we take the time just to 'be?' As Christians, it is our responsibility and our honor to share Christ with others through our words and our actions; yet we need to remember to take the time to share ourselves with Christ as well.

In worship this past month we examined the idea of silence. Silence for meditation; silence for prayer; or silence simply to rest. Silence can be a hard thing for many people, as it is something we are not used to. In this day and age there is noise almost everywhere, and we can become so caught up in it that silence (true silence) actually makes us feel awkward and uncomfortable.

My challenge for you this month is to try it anyway. Take time each day (even if only for five minutes) to simply be still and consciously be in God's presence. Find a comfortable spot, relax, breathe, close your eyes and just be. Make God's existence your focal point, and use this time to get in-tune with God and listen to what God might be trying to tell you. After all, how can we hear what God is saying if we never take the time to silently listen?

If you find it hard to just jump into this, here is a good exercise to get you started: As you're sitting, repeat this Psalm to yourself: "Be still and know that I am God." Start by saying the whole verse, and then each time you say it, take a word off. So by the third time you say it, it will be "Be still and know;" and the final time, just "Be." This is a good way to bring yourself away from the worries of the world, and into your time with God.

You may be surprised at how refreshed you find yourself after taking this time. It may also help you to discern where and to what God is calling you. So take the time this month to be still—be still and reflect on all that God is. I'll leave you with the lyrics to my favorite hymn:

"Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change, God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul, your best, your
Heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end."

Many Blessings,
~Lisa

Quote of the Month!

"Do not have your concert first and tune your instruments afterward. Begin the day with God."

~James Hudson Taylor

"Be still, and know that I am God!"

~Psalm 46: 10 a

Calendar!

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| 4/1 | No Confirmation
No Youth Group | 4/17 | All-Day 8th Grade Retreat at
Luther College |
| 4/5 | Youth Education Hour, 9:15 am | 4/19 | Youth Education Hour, 9:15 am |
| 4/7 | Youth Team Meeting, 7:00 pm | 4/22 | Confirmation, 5:30 pm |
| 4/8 | Confirmation, 5:30 pm | 4/25 | Youth Service Practice, 10:30 am |
| 4/11 | Set-Up for Easter Breakfast, 10 am | 4/26 | Youth Service @ Both Services
Youth Education Hour, 9:15 am |
| 4/12 | No Sunday School
Easter Breakfast, 7:30-9:00 am | 4/29 | Confirmation Dinner and Practice,
5:00 pm
Senior High Youth Group
Restaurant Outing, 7: 30 pm |
| 4/15 | Confirmation, 5:30 pm
Senior High Youth Group, 7:30 pm | | |



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Hosanna Youth Service Information!

Calling all Hosanna youth grades 7th-12th! The youth will be leading both worship services on Sunday, April 26. We need many volunteers to make this a simply awesome experience for all. Check for more information coming in the mail, and talk with Lisa if you are interested in participating. Also, mark your calendar with the date **April 25 at 10:30 am** for the youth service practice, and plan on being at Hosanna at **7:15 am on April 26** to do last minute preparations!

Easter Breakfast Volunteers Needed!

Hosanna youth are leading the Easter Breakfast Fundraiser on Easter Sunday, April 12th, from 7:30-9:00 am. Set up will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 11th. We are in need of several volunteers and food donations. Please talk with Lisa if you are able to help. Donations go toward the 2009 National Youth Gathering. Those attending must participate in one volunteer aspect and bring at least one food donation to receive credit toward the trip! Thanks for making this event wonderful!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP!

Come hang out with Hosanna's Senior High Youth! Youth group meets on the 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of this month. (There is no youth group on the 1st Wednesday because of spring break). For the month of April, we will be meeting on April 15 in the youth room from 7:30-8:30 pm, and on April 29 we will meet at Hosanna and travel to a restaurant for fellowship from 7:30-9:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

8th Grade Youth Confirmation Retreat at Luther College

What an awesome experience Hosanna's 8th grade Confirmation youth are going to have! On Friday, April 17th, they will be traveling down to Luther College, in Decorah, Iowa for a day of prayer, preparation and fun. We will meet at Hosanna early in the morning and return by supper time. Look for more information coming in the mail shortly!

Coffee Talks!

Hey Hosanna Youth! Need someone to listen or just want to talk? How about coffee or ice cream on me? Give me a call at (507) 285-0092 or e-mail me at youth@hosannalutheran.org anytime to set up an appointment!

~ Lisa

