



The Phenomenal Youth

Hey Youth!

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

As I look out the window this time of year I am often reminded of a favorite Bible camp song of mine:

"White as snow, White as snow
Though my sins were as scarlet
Lord I know, Lord I know
That I'm clean and forgiven
Through the power of Your blood
Through the wonder of Your love
Through faith in You I know I can be
White as snow"

This song praises the amazing power of God's forgiveness and grace and how it can clean up our hearts to be as white as the fresh newly-fallen snow.

There are fewer things more beautiful than looking out the window as a soft new snowfall blankets the ground with white. It seems to sparkle as it sprinkles from the sky and drapes the trees and bushes. I am a firm believer that snow can make almost anything look beautiful.

However, underneath that beautiful,

shimmering white snow is dirt from the fall. Dirt that has been covered by such clean beauty that it is almost as if it isn't even there. This dirt is like our sin. God says that although we are 'stained red with sin,' we will be washed 'as clean as snow.' If we repent and accept the gift of God's grace, God will clean our hearts until they are pure and clean as snow. It will be as though we've never sinned at all.

God doesn't want us to wallow in the guilt of our sin, but rather to allow ourselves to be cleansed through the 'power of Christ's blood and the wonder of His love.' Jesus came to save us and to wash us of our sins so that we can be clean again.

So as you notice the snow this time of year (you can't miss it—it's everywhere!), take a moment to thank Jesus for being a sacrifice for us and cleansing our hearts to be white as snow.

Blessings,
~ Lisa

Quote of the Month!

Oh! The snow, the beautiful snow. Filling the sky and the earth below. Over the housetops, over the street, over the heads of the people you meet. Dancing, flirting, skimming along."

~J.W. Watson

"The Lord says, "Now, let's settle the matter. You are stained red with sin, but I will wash you as clean as snow."
(Isaiah 1: 18a)



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Calendar!

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| 1/4 | Youth Education Hour, 9:15 am | 1/21 | Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm |
| 1/7 | Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm | | Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 pm |
| | Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 pm | 1/22 | Channel One Service Opportunity (For Hosanna Children, Youth and Families), 4:00 pm |
| 1/10 | Sr. High Treats & Skating, 6:30 pm | | |
| 1/11 | Youth Education Hour, 9:15 am | 1/25 | Youth Education Hour, 9:15 am |
| | Jr. High Treats & Skating, 12:30 pm | 1/28 | Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm |
| 1/14 | Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm | | Rich Melheim Presentation at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson, 7:30 pm |
| 1/18 | Youth Education Hour, 9:15 am | | |
| | Youth-Led Annual Meeting Lunch: After Second Service | | |

Junior & Senior High Ice Skating & Treats!

Here's your chance to spin circles around each other! This month Hosanna's Junior and Senior High Youth will be ice skating! We will be meeting at Dun Brothers on Elton Hills Drive to share treats or hot chocolate and conversation and then go skating at the Rec Center, 21 Elton Hills Dr. NW. The Senior High will meet on Saturday, January 10th from 6:30-9:00 pm, and the Junior High will meet on Sunday, January 11th from 12:30-3:00 pm. Cost will be \$5.00 for skating & skate rental and extra money for drinks or treats before-hand. Pick-up will be at the Rec Center. Bring a friend! Hope to see you there!



Senior High Youth Group

Have you checked out our awesome youth group lately? Well here's your chance! Hosanna's Youth Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm in the youth room. Our meetings for this month are January 7th and 21st. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

RICH MELHEIM PRESENTATION: SEX, DRUGS AND FAST CARS

On Wednesday, January 28th from 7:30-8:30 pm, Rich Melheim will be speaking at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson. Rich is a proclaimed speaker as well as the founder and initiating force behind Faith Inkubators (the new system Hosanna plans on using beginning this summer). I would strongly encourage all youth (junior and senior high) to attend. Parents are also welcome! If you are interested, we will meet at Hosanna at 6:45 pm on 1/28 to carpool over there. I hope you can attend what promises to be an amazing presentation!



7th and 8th Grade Parents!

As we begin our spring session of Confirmation, we find that our candy supply is dwindling. This candy is used as an occasional surprise reward for students who show up on time or bring their bibles to class. It is also used during our 'quiz show' portion of the session. If you would like to donate a bag of candy for use during Confirmation, please contact Lisa (285-0092 or youth@hosannalutheran.org) as we have some food allergies. Thanks for your support!

Annual Meeting Luncheon

The youth participating in the 2009 National Youth Gathering to New Orleans will be hosting a fundraiser lunch before Hosanna's Annual Meeting on January 18. Youth are required to donate some items or service time in order to receive credit for this event. Additional information will be coming by e-mail. Please contact Lisa if you have any questions. Thanks!

