



The Phenomenal Youth

Hey Youth!

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

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10: 14b). This verse has been in my mind constantly this past week during Bible Song VBS. Seeing close to 50 children every morning in the sanctuary, excited to learn about God and see what the day has in store reminded me what it is like to have faith like a child.

Children are full of energy, and are constantly looking at the world with watchful, eager eyes. To them, life is good and every day is a new adventure with limitless possibilities. So what does it mean when Jesus tells us to have childlike faith? Let's examine a few child-like characteristics and see how they relate.

One childlike trait is honesty. Most children are very honest—even brutally so at times. This is mainly because they see no reason to lie. When asked for their opinion, they give it, and they often share it even when they are not asked. This honesty is a trait we can learn from. Honesty— with each other, ourselves, and God is something we should be striving for every day as we grow in our faith.

Another characteristic of children is their seemingly boundless energy. They get excited about anything and everything, and are constantly amazed by the new discoveries

they make on a daily basis. This is a quality we should try and gain back. What better way to show gratitude to our Creator than to be constantly in awe of the wonderful creation around us, and excited about what's in store for tomorrow?

A final trait I associate with children is their complete trust in their parents, or other adults in their lives. Just as children truly think their parents can do anything and depend on them for everything, having childlike faith means truly believing that God can do anything, and placing all of our trust and dependence in Him.

Now having faith like a child doesn't mean that we have to believe blindly. It is still okay to ask questions, and to strive to learn more. Children discover new things every day. In fact, the more you learn, the more you may find you come to trust God.

The song on the right side of this page is a perfect example of childlike faith. Take a look at it and remember what it was like to sing it as a child. My challenge for you this month is to try and bring back that level of honesty, energy and trust into your faith life, and see what a difference it makes.

Blessings,
Lisa

Quote of the Month!

"Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so."

~Children's Song

"Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

~ Mark 10:15



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Director of Youth Ministry

July Calendar!

7/1		No Softball
7/7	6:30 pm	Youth Team Meeting
	7:30 pm	National Youth Gathering Final Info Meeting!
7/8	7:00 pm	Youth Softball vs. Bethel at Slatterly Park
7/11	4:45 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth and Families meet at Roscoe's South, eat & walk to Honkers Game
7/15	6:00 pm	Spoudazo concert!
7/19	(8 & 10 am)	Sending Blessing for NYG youth at both services
7/21	7:15 am	NYG group meet at People of Hope (gone 7/21-27)
7/29	6:00 pm	Youth Softball vs. Gloria Dei at Slatterly Park

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING!

Hey Hosanna! At the end of this month 13 of our youth will be traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana for the 2009 ELCA National Youth Gathering! We've done the fundraising, the planning, and the meetings and now we are ready to go! We will have a sending blessing at both services on **Sunday, July 19th**. We would like to thank Hosanna members for their hard work and support that made this experience possible. Also please come to worship on **Sunday, August 2nd** for a service led by our youth who attended the Gathering, sharing what they learned and how they saw God at work while in New Orleans. Please keep the following Hosanna youth and chaperones in your prayers as they prepare for, and go on this amazing journey:

Alexa Ashworth	Ray Ashworth	Allison Gangelhoff	Kelsey Hansen
Nathan Hansen	Abbie Hinck	Phillip Kub	Lisa Modry
Rachel Nelson	Pastor Rist	Taylor Schepp	Eric Wall
Emily Weis	Kenneth Weis	Ashley Wildfeuer	Nickita Woltman

Congratulations College Graduates!

Hosanna would like to recognize and congratulate our recent college graduates. Their hard work has paid off, and we look forward to hearing about their many wonderful experiences to come. Congratulations!

- Megan Ellis graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Human Resources Development.
- Ann Fullem graduated magna cum laude, from Augustana College in Illinois with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Psychology.
- Dr. Heidi (Meiers) Kamrath graduated from Medical School at Des Moines University.
- Maren Mattson graduated summa cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in the Honors program with "high distinction" with a Bachelor's Degree in Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature.
- Scott Hodnefield graduated from DeVry University with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems with a focus in Information Systems Security.

Hosanna Youth and Family Night at the Honkers!



Let's go out to the ball game! On Saturday, July 11th, Hosanna Junior and Senior High Youth and Families are invited to a Honkers game here in Rochester! We're meeting at 4:45 pm at the Downtown Roscoe's for an early dinner. After that, we'll walk to the game, which starts at 7:05 pm. Bring money for dinner. Let Lisa know if you can come by Tuesday, July 7th so I can get our tickets in advance. Hope to see you there!