



Children, Youth and Family Ministry News



January

CYF Updates

We have had a busy month of forum discussing the future of our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. We had 4 listening and discussion sessions where we were able to get feedback from many many families and sent out questionnaires to a large percentage of our congregation to receive their input as well. Through all of this we have come up with a few short-term goals and also as well as a start on visioning for our future. Starting right away in the new year on Sunday mornings we will be adding a couple of traditional faith education classes for our pre-k through 1st graders. So, from 9:15 to 9:55 they will be learning about all the bigger bible stories and diving deeper into their own age specific ways. It also became very clear that we need teams of people who are willing to step up and take leadership and supporting roles in all of these ministries. As a part of the questionnaire that we sent out, and if you haven't sent it back in please do, we asked people to put down where they are interested in helping out. We have been receiving a tremendous number of people who want to be more involved. We will be working right away in the new year to bring these teams into fruition and start more long range plan moving! I am very excited to see the amazing possibilities that are possible now with all of these incredible people working in tandem with the Holy Spirit to transform the hearts and lives of so many in our community!

Grace and Peace

Pastor Jordan



Thoughts about GIG

We are enjoying G.I.G., where else could we learn more about God with our children & grandchildren. We also have found it very fun getting to know some of the young couples at our church. Crafts have also been challenging and fun.

Bob & Judy Nelson

My family has been loving the Sunday morning GIG. Kids, parents and grandparents all join together and share simple, real life faith discussions. We share through pictures, stories, and sometimes acting. It has been fun to watch my girls age 4 and 6, grow in their confidence when they volunteer to share in front of everyone, their relationships with other parishioners with the special friendship they have formed with Marcy, and their faith in God when they include God in our day to day conversations at home. We are all excited to go to GIG on Sunday mornings.

Wes, Becca, Grace & Lydia Hoppe



January 27th will be a special Sunday for all that come and join us for worship! We will be having a special Camp Sunday Worship with staff from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries helping lead worship! We will also be singing a few of all of our favorite camp songs during our worship service. We hope you will be there to join along! We will also be learning about all the amazing camp options for people of all ages and circumstances. See you on January 27th as we celebrate together how great it is to be alive in God's Great North Woods!



ATTN: ALL 5TH GRADERS

There are camping opportunities available at both Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion. The cost of the camping experience is \$400.00. First Lutheran Church has funds available to pay the first \$300.00 leaving a balance of \$100.00 the camper must pay. In order to get this price the camper must be registered by February 15th.

The cost will be \$150.00 after February 15th. There are options available for the week you choose to select. Check with our Pastors for available dates. There are also scholarships available for those who can't afford the \$100.00.

VLM ministry team

