

Building Blocks

September 16, 2005

Coming Up:

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Sunday, September 18th right after the 11am service. If you came to the training on the 28th please come again for phase II. If you weren't able to make the one on the 28th, come anyway and we'll catch you up. Remember anyone in the 5th-8th grade can be an acolyte. We'd love to see you there.

SYNOD YOUTH SUMMIT: Don't forget to sign up for the youth summit that will be held here on Oct. 1st from 9:30am-3:30pm. The cost is \$6 per person and includes lunch. Maybe you're wondering what it is. Let's start with some definitions.

Synod=a collection of churches. We are a part of the New Jersey Synod which is all of the Lutheran Churches in NJ.

Youth=A. the condition or quality of being young. B. anyone in the 6th-12th grade.

Summit=a conference or meeting of high level people.

Synod Youth Summit=a day where the youth our synod get together for games, worship and information on all the youth events, mission trips, and everything the synod has to offer this year. If you want to be in the know you should be there.

EPC Meeting: The Event Planning Crew is having there first meeting here on Oct 2nd at 2:30pm. The EPC is for 10th-12th graders who are interested in helping plan and work the Youth Quake in Parsippany.

Fun[d] Raising

We are still working hard to raise money for the San Antonio trip and just to help take the burden off your folks paying for all the fun things the youth group has planned. I'm still looking for help with the pancake breakfast, selling pizza kits and soon we will start selling Tupperware. Please give Lori (732-736-7387) a call if you can help.

Don't get caught

Most of you know that I'm from Ohio and am very proud of that fact. However there have been some pretty stupid things said and done there. Here are some actual laws from back home.

-It is illegal to fish for whales on Sunday. [Maybe you don't know this but there aren't even whales near Ohio]

-Posting signs at swimming pools is illegal. [Where exactly would you post this sign?]

-Bexley City Ordinance number 223, of 09/09/19 prohibits the installation and usage of slot machines in outhouses. [Bexley is where I went to college.]

-In Lima [where I went to high school] it is illegal to sell a map that does not clearly show Lima. (Pronounced just like the bean, not the city in Peru.)

-The Ohio driver's education manual states that you must honk the horn whenever you pass another car. [New Jersey must have that law too.]

Now before you go and start making fun of Ohio, just wait until you see the stuff I found on Jersey for next week.

For 7th and 8th graders

Starting this Sunday the 18th is the brand new Jr. High Forum. What is it? It's a bunch of things. It'll be a time to dig into some of the questions that are raised Tuesday nights at confirmation and a time to ask new ones. It'll be a time to talk about what's going on in your life, at school, in the world. It'll be a time to hang out away from your parents. We'll meet at 9:15 in Luther Hall. (If you'd like, you can help me lead music for the little kids.) Then we'll chill for an hour upstairs in the teacher's lounge. Hungry? There will be donuts on the 18th.

Kevin's Korner

I want to take a minute to remind everyone of the youth website. www.stthomasbrick.org/Youth/index.html It's kept pretty up to date, has sections on what's happening around the church, music, and even some Bible stuff. In fact there's a Bible reading for everyday. If you've been playing along at home you know that we just finished the Gospel of John. (Jesus dies at the end. But don't panic, because he comes back to life.) So now we're going to start reading the book of Acts, which is also sometimes called "The acts of the apostles."

It chronicles what the apostles did without Jesus around; mostly little things like converting and baptizing people thousands at a time, healing the sick, raising the dead and starting what we now know as the church. It also introduces us to some guy named Saul who, by the end of the book, is named Paul. Paul becomes, in effect, the first missionary; taking the Gospel from Jerusalem to Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi and even Rome. That's no small task especially considering part of his life he spent shipwrecked and another part in prison. (Liking Jesus can get you into trouble sometimes.)

Be sure to check back often for the daily reading! Or you can always just use your own Bible. (Acts is the 5th book in the New Testament.)

This week's cell phone hours: All week 4-6pm

Bible Verse of the week:

"For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far way, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

-Acts 2:39