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Thanks so much to the leadership of the youth committee!! Your dedication is greatly appreciated! Thank you to J Jurgens and Ron McKenzie for your many years of faithful support. And welcome aboard to Eric and Karla Luther! We couldn't do ministry without our committee!

**LITTLE LEAGUE
 (GRADES 3-6)
 WILD WEDNES-
 DAYS IN
 FEBRUARY!**

Our group will be only on February 7 at 7pm. **IN THE BACK OF THE OLD SANCTUARY.** Feb 14 is the start of the Lenten Season.

The Lenten Season means that we encourage all families to join us for supper in the fellowship hall and then attend worship together as a family .

Just a note: 😊 **There is no TLC on Wednesday Feb 14th because there's no early dismissal from school. A little "Winter Break" for you!**

February Milestones:

Feb 7: 6th Graders and Parents "God Loves Me" Class 6:15pm

Feb 11: 3rd and 6th Grade Milestone Celebrations at worships



Reminder: Salt Delivery is February 10-11 for all who ordered from us!

HEY!! Souper Bowl of Caring is coming up again!



Thinking Super Bowl?? Think SOUPer Bowl too!! Our noisy offering will be collected on Jan 31, Feb 3, and Super Bowl Sunday February 4.....get your loose change gathered up now!!!

**GUYS AND GIRLS WITH GOD –G3
 New Name!!same acronym and ministry!!...and more inclusive! :)**

Starting Feb 21, G3 dancers will practice from **5pm-5:50pm** during Lent and then go to supper together. (It's just backwards from the normal time.) Lenten suppers will be \$4.00. Head to the sanctuary immediately after TLC class time so you can get to work! :)



February 7th at 6:15pm in the fellowship hall..

PARENT FORUMS! Continue!!



This month, we will be talking about the **"Internet, Social Media, and Different Apps"** that are popular with teenagers today. We target these for the confirmation parents, but anyone is welcome. Hope to see you there! Mark it on your calendar today!

FIGURING OUT YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR NOW !!



Bible Camps are considered one of the most memorable ways that kids have learned more about Jesus and their faith!!

Make sure that **Shetek Bible Camp** is on that calendar some where. Curious when others from First are going? Call Tonya. Want a friend to come too? Invite them!!!

Remember, we provide scholarships for members (\$100 or \$50)... brochures and details at the church!!! OR.... go online at www.shetek.org

Thanks to everyone who helped make the **Pizza Ranch fundraiser** so successful.....

We love our faith family and friends!!

The next one is scheduled for **Monday March 26th!** See you again then !!



“UNDENIABLY KNOWN!”

Any Senior High Youth still want to go to the **Synod Gathering in Alexandria March 9-10** but missed the deadline? Contact Tonya ASAP!!



Just an FYI for when LENT comes on February 14th....



5:15 Family Worship will **NOT** continue during Lent.... **Traditional Lenten**

Services will be at 6:15pm

Suppers (served from 5-6:05pm) will be \$6, \$4, or \$2 with a family cap of \$20 as a fundraising for our youth.

We encourage you all to take the night off from cooking. Come and enjoy an amazing meal...enjoy awesome fellowship....and then as a family, attend the Lenten Worship Service as we prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten season and then Easter.



Senior High BIBLE STUDY :

Just a reminder that the High School Bible Studies (both guys and girls) will be continuing on with their individual scheduled times. If you know of someone who may still want to join, invite them. Questions? Just ask!! Thanks Hans and Beth!

Our junior high youth who will be attending Klein Ranch will have their “spring fundraiser” later in March ...be looking for the scoop.



YOUTH SPONSORED ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER ...SILENT AUCTION AND BRUNCH! LOOKING AHEAD!!!

The month of March promises again to put the FUN in FUNdraiser! We will have our Annual Silent Auction filled with various items and services for you to bid on. Anyone is welcome to put something on the auction to help out the youth! Bidding will start on Sunday March 11. We will finish up on Sunday, March 25 for brunch and run until 11am to celebrate the close of the bidding and announce whose bids were the top. Auction items will be publicized soon as well as the meal and prices.

(This is a fundraiser for our Senior High Houston Trip. Thanks for supporting the youth!! We definitely need you all!...and appreciate you all!!)

**HEY
CONFIRMATION
STUDENTS!**

We will continue to have Jr High ALIVE during Lent. Sara and the high school leaders are amazing! Make sure to take the time to thank them!!



SR HI ALIVE ON WED NIGHTS AT 8:00PM

Senior High ALIVE does continue on throughout the Lenten season. YOU ALL ARE AMAZING! See you all on Wednesdays at 8PM!!! Seriously, Wednesdays make my week! How about you?

BREAKFAST CLUB FRIs AT 7AM AT HYVEE!!

Senior High Alive!!

Be prepared !



Wednesday March 14th

Jesus fed the 5000how many can you feed and help the Food Shelf? We are having our Food Scavenger Hunt and we all know how competitive we can be! Ha!! Are you up for the challenge? Plan on participating! Bring a friend..... Woo Hoo!

Houston Gathering Updates:

Woo Hoo! Here are some reminders:


1. **Salt deliveries** are the weekend of Feb 10-11. If you didn't sell and can still help that would be great!
2. Keep spreading the word on the **Schwans Cares Fundraiser!!**
3. Start thinking about your **Stock in Youth Sponsors!**
4. The next **Getting Ready Meeting** (youth and adult ldrs) is **Monday February 19** at 7pm!! (note the date change!!)



VERY IMPORTANT PARENT AND YOUTH AND ADULT LEADERS MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 AT 7PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!! PLEASE MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO BE THERE!



SNEAK PEAKS FOR MARCH/APRIL! MARK IT DOWN!!

March 7, 14, 21, 29	Youth sponsored Lenten Suppers	
March 9-10	Senior High Synod Gathering in Alexandria	
March 11 -March 25	Houston Sponsored Silent Auction	
March 18	Houston Getting Ready Meeting for youth and adult leaders	
March 21-April 4	Klein Ranch youth spring fundraiser	
March 25	Silent Auction Brunch	
March 26	Pizza Ranch Fundraiser	
March 28	No Youth Events (Holy Week)	
March 29	Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm	
March 30	Good Friday Worship 7pm	
March 30	Schwans Cares Online officially ends	
April 1	Easter Sunday Worships 6:30am 8:30am and 10:45am	
April 4, 8	4th Grade Acolyte Training	
April 11	Houston Getting Ready Meeting for youth and adult leaders	
April 15	4th Grade Acolyte Installation and Milestone Celebration at worship	
April 18	Little League Wild Wednesday! Spring Party!!	
April 20-21	8th graders Confirmation Retreat	
April 25	Adopt a Highway for 7th and 8th graders	
April 25	AGAPE CONCERT AT FIRST LUTHERAN!!	
April 29	Confirmation Receptions, Practice and Pictures—noon!	