

Youth News

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Schedule Changes

A different time to approach youth group.

Sarah Bigwood

Youth Director

In order to give more attention to each of the youth groups, the schedule is changing for the 2008-2009 school year. Junior high youth will now meet in the junior high youth room on Sunday mornings from 9:15-noon. As part of our youth group meeting we will worship together, alternating between the Traditional worship service at 9:30 AM and the Wellsprings service at 11:15 AM.

The senior high youth group will meet in the youth space on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM. On some Sunday evenings, we will venture out into our community to participate in various mission projects. These projects are yet to be determined and are something that we will talk about as a group at our first few meetings.

See you in the fall!

Sarah's Favorite Places Tour '08

September 27, 2008
8:00AM to 8:00PM

The junior highers have been waiting for this event for a year. Postponed and eventually canceled last September, they were denied the opportunity to see all

Parents' Meetings

This year I would like to meet with each family separately to discuss the year ahead. I expect that each meeting will take one ½ hour. Youth are encouraged to attend. Please email or call me with a time that works best for your family.

Monday, Sept. 8, 5:00-8:00PM

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7:00-8:00AM and 5:00-8:00PM

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 5:00-8:00PM

Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:00-8:00AM and 5:00-8:00PM

Junior High Potluck

September 6, 2008
6:00-8:00PM

The veteran junior high youth group members would like to invite the incoming sixth graders and their families to a potluck dinner on September 6.

After dinner, the youth will retire to the junior high youth room to visit and learn a new game. Sarah will take time with parents to discuss the upcoming fall schedule and address questions that parents might have about junior high youth group

If your last name begins with a letter;

A-H, please bring a salad,

I-S, please bring a main dish,

T-Z, please bring a dessert.



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CLEARWATER RETREATS

The junior high and senior high youth groups will make their annual fall pilgrimage to Clearwater Forest. The junior high retreat is on October 17-19 and the senior high retreat is October 31 to November 2. You can find more information, a packing list, and the emergency medical form online at valleychurch.net/youth.



CROP WALK

October 12, 2008
12:30PM to 3:30PM

Junior and senior highers are encouraged to join other church leaders for the annual Crop Walk. We will take pledges on Sunday mornings and participate in the 5K walk on October 12. As part of our walk we will learn more about the issues facing food production and distribution throughout the world. This is a really easy way to do something good for the world.

VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL (VYC)

The Valley Youth Council (VYC) is a group of young adults and parents interested in developing a vision for youth ministry at Valley. The council will plan and prepare for youth events, mission trips, youth group meetings, and other connectional activities. The VYC will meet once a month during the first semester and once every other month in the second semester. If you have questions or comments for the council, please forward them to Sarah Bigwood.

Christmas Tree Lot

Long before the leaves turn colors and the snow falls, the tree lot committee is busy strategizing, assessing supplies, and repairing equipment. This summer, several senior highers, under the direction of Russell Lewis and Alan Wold, helped haul the tree lot equipment from behind the fence out onto the lawn. Tom Wasmoen arranged for six inches of class 5 rock to be poured on the ground inside the tree lot fence, an improvement that will allow us to better maintain that area and the equipment.

We now share the space behind the fence with the new air conditioners. These units are huge and take up a lot of space, but thanks to some consolidating and clever engineering, all of the equipment fits.

The tree lot committee will begin meeting in October. If you information or suggestions for the committee, please email Sarah at youth@valleychurch.net.



Favorite Places Tour *Continued from page 1*
of the wonderful places that Sarah loves best. But not this year! This event promises to be the best kick-off to the 2008 youth group season. Discover new places, eat great food, and see what you would look like as a ghost. Tour is limited to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Sorry, no rides on the Shinkansen. ❖

Cardboard City Event – Families Moving Forward

October 16-17, 2008
4:00PM-8:00AM (tentative)

Sleep out under the stars in a cardboard house that you create, get your dinner in a soup line, become better informed about the effects of homelessness, and raise money to fight the causes of homelessness in our area.

The event will take place at the Minnesota State Fair grounds. There will be music and activities for people of all ages. Families are encouraged to participate. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

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