

WHEAT -REMINDER

Our pantry empty once again. Soup always needed. Please bring soup and/or donations each Sunday. Thank You!

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/16 – Adult Sunday School – 9-10AM

2/16 – Godly Play Sunday School – 10-10:40AM

2/16 – Y2A Youth Group – 5-7PM

2/17 – Girl Scout Troop 429 meeting – 6-7:30PM

2/23 – Vestry Meeting – After Church service

2/23 – Godly Play Sunday School – 10-10:40AM

2/23 – Adult Sunday School – 9-10AM

2/23 – Outreach Dinner – St. James the Less - Ashland

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2014

From the Partlow's

February 16, 2014

LEV'S Lay Eucharistic Visitors. What a horrible name the church has given to a wonderful and vital ministry of presence. Our dog Molly has a ministry of presence. I can be working in my office and all of a sudden I will become aware that Molly has come in lay down and is sleeping beside me. Or I may hear when she has jumped up into the upholstered chair in my office or onto the small couch with Ruth. She does not ask or beg, she just wants to be near. And, I am strangely comforted by having an awareness of her nearness. Every Sunday we come to church and encounter the mystery of Incarnation. God was very present in the lives of people who planted wheat, harvested and ground it and made bread for Eucharist. God was very present in the people who planted the vineyard, grew, harvested and pressed the juice into wine. God is indeed actually in the bread and the wine as we hear the words "The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven"... "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation". Think of people who for reasons of health cannot be here. The purpose of the poorly named Lay Eucharistic Visitor is to take the experience of God made present in the bread and wine by the gathered community out to those who cannot be here. It is a ministry of presence. If this is a ministry that you would consider, watch for an announcement of training after a Sunday service soon. You do not have to be super Holy or super spiritual. You just have to experience the presence of Christ in our service and want to take and be that presence to another person. I swear, if she could talk, I think Molly could do it. I know she would enjoy it.

Bob and Ruth

This will appear for a couple of weeks...but please respond soon. We'll be trying to find something for Lent that will work well for Fork Church. We'd like your input.

1. What is your preference for a Lenten program: When?
 - A traditional Wednesday night program with soup and bread
 - A program after church on Sunday with soup & bread
 - Other: day-time without food or with?

2. What content and medium would you prefer?
 - Talk/lecture
 - video series
 - Book study. Suggestion_____
 - Movie of interest to adults and youth: Chariots of Fire, The Mission, To Kill a Mockingbird etc.

3. Would you prefer a web based program that you could participate in at your leisure?

4. Other Suggestions?_____

Fork Church Directory: We have lost some data. We are posting in the sanctuary a copy of what we have currently. If you are not in the Fork Church Directory or need to make changes please call, e-mail, or put a note in the collection plate.

Our next Bishop's visitation will not be until November. We have no idea if we will still be here but we will be offering some ideas designed to prepare youth and adults for Confirmation and adults for Reception or Reaffirmation.

What is reaffirmation about? I will give you an example: I (Bob) was confirmed in the Lutheran Church at age 12 after a rigorous 2 year process. What stuck with me? Pastor Schaeffer saying "Now you boys stay away from those Catholic girls"!

Most of us have far different questions and perspectives than we had at age 12. Reaffirmation is an opportunity to meet with other adults and re-visit our basic faith issues.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE - All meetings are in the Parish hall at 5PM

March 9th, 16th and 23rd

April 13th and 27th

May 4th and

June 1st

We will have the Rite 13 Ceremony on February 23rd at the 10:00 am service.

We will have a Children's and Youth Sunday on April 27th at the 10:00 am service.

Information Technology. One of the conclusions from the recent Vestry retreat was that we need to bring Fork Church more into the electronic information age. See the following link to the recent Diocesan Council:
<http://www.thediocese.net/Stretch/Info/>

