

### **Ascension Youth Group.**

This has REALLY been a busy time for the teens of this parish! They all came together for dinner and class before we went into The Ash Wednesday Service. Some of the comments I heard were “It wasn’t as scary as I thought” and “it is a lot more fun sitting with you guys than with my parents”!

We started our Wednesday Night Lenten Movies and it has been a real success. We have watched 6 different movies on transforming relationships, had ice cream, pop corn and lots of candy! 12-18 teens have shoved themselves into the “Beanbag Room” after choir and we go until 8:30pm. I’m so happy with how they have handled themselves and some of the conversations that we have held that we are continuing Wed. Night until the end of the school year (May 21). Feel free to stop on by. You don’t need to have watched any of the previous movies.

We have volunteered at Feed My Starving Children and the 30 Hour Famine and meet some incredible teens from the St. Croix Area. Kate Johnson came by and taught us how to make Anglican Prayer Beads and how to use them. This week we will have Marj Wade coming up to Manwaring to teach us how to make pottery Bowls, which will be on display in April and all proceeds going to either “The Empty Bowl Project, Heifer International or Feed My Starving Children”. We will be taking a vote this week. Come by Manwaring on Sunday Mornings from 9:00-10:00 and see how much fun we are having!

I have sent a packet home for you all to look over with much information on things happening for the Jr. High teens of this parish! Some consist of The Summer Stretch for Teens that is a community program and runs every Wed. in June and July. “ Summer in the city” is with St Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Edina and is a Jr. High Mission Trip on June 25-28. We will be staying a Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Minneapolis and doing service work in the morning and fun things in the evening. There is a cost to this as there is one with Summer Stretch .

**There is so much information to give you all that I think it would be a good idea if we have a Parent & Teen meeting so that I can explain all that will be happening this summer and into the fall.**

**When : Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm**

**Where : Ascension Church, Parish Hall**

**Who : Parents and Jr. High Kids.**

**Dessert & Coffee Served! Bring all your questions !**

## **Confirmation**

There are 6 terrific 16 year old Teens from Ascension Episcopal Church that will be confirmed by the Bishop this May 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's Cathedral. You maybe have noticed them in church on Sunday's. They are:

**Nathanael Green**

**Matt Doneux**

**Max Hall**

**Jackie Greeney**

**Kate Mohan**

**Amber Krohn**

Watch for their pictures on the bulletin board outside of the Parish Hall. I will put up current pictures of them and some pictures from my 1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday school class! They certainly have grown.

### **Some Dates to put on your Calendar!**

T.E.C. (Teens Encountering Christ) will be held April 18-20

St. John's the Evangelist, St. Paul, MN

See Mindy For applications (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School) will be held August 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater

All children from Nursery to 6<sup>th</sup> Gr., need a lot of teens to help out.

Questions, see Mindy

Summer Stretch will be held every Wednesday in June and July

Meet at Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater, 8:30am-4:30pm

Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, with Sr. High Helping

See Mindy for applications

Senior Quilts will be handed out on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00am service. Look for pictures of our Graduating Seniors on the board outside the Parish Hall.

End of the Year Picnic will also be on that day, May 18<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 service. We will walk over to Pioneer Park and all have lunch together. More info to follow.

Safe Church Training will be held for all people who have a key to our church and anyone who works with children. As soon as the training kit

arrives we will be setting up classes. This is a great movie for all parents and educators.

*A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But, the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.*

*Author unknown*