



ELCA National Youth Gathering

Here are some exciting things happening with the youth who are fundraising and going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer:

- We are selling "World's Finest Chocolate" bars beginning Ash Wednesday. The youth and Pastor Tom each hope to each sell 60 \$1 chocolate bars by Easter. Look for them before and after worship. Look for them before, during and after midweek Wednesday Lenten services. Thank you for your support!
- We will hold a SPECIAL DINNER and BASKET RAFFLE on Sunday evening, March 17 at ULC on St. Patrick's Day. There will be delicious food and fun baskets to win.
- We will hold a RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, May 4 at ULC. Please stay tuned for details when you may bring items into church. Please no clothes.
- Please stay tuned for an opportunity to sponsor a youth or adult going to the gathering.
- The next meeting for youth and parents is Sunday, February 18, 6:30pm.

ULC to Pizza Ranch

Since our building is still in a bit of remodeling disorder, we are scheduling our next youth event for Pizza Ranch. Please join us there on Sunday, February 4, at 4:00pm. All you have to bring is money for the arcade. The meal is free to you! Here is our schedule – 4:00pm Meal; 5:00pm Youth Meeting; 5:30pm Arcade Time (have to clear out of our group room); 6:30 Home. Yes, you may bring your friends.

ULC Ski Trip to Buena Vista

We are scheduling a ski trip for Monday, February 19. We will leave church by 8:00am. We would love to take a bus if people want to ride all together. Pastor Tom will work on this but we would definitely 20+ signed up by February 9. If this does not work, we will need to make sure we have enough vehicles for everyone in the group. Come as individuals, families, and yes, of course, you may bring friends.



Please sign up as soon as possible. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the church and let us know. Secondly, besides transportation, the costs are as follows: Lift ticket is \$40. Ski rental is \$30, or board rental is \$32. Helmet rental is \$8. Buena Vista doesn't allow any food brought into their chalet, but they do have a cafeteria where you can purchase drinks, snacks and food. Hope to see you on the slopes!



Confirmation in February

Confirmation will have a very different feel this month. Please read this carefully as we will have a variety of experiences for our classes:

On February 7, we are going to **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR!** The show starts at 7:30. We are asking for a \$10 contribution from each student. However, scholarships are available because we want everyone to go! If parents want to go, that is fine too. We will have tickets by the time you read this, but call Pastor Tom anyway, and he will see what we can do. This is a very unique opportunity which doesn't come by every year. Stay tuned for details on transportation.

February 14 is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. All ULC confirmation students, Sunday and Wednesday, are to attend worship at 6pm on Ash Wednesday, as well as the rest of the Wednesdays in Lent, and fill out their Lenten packets.

CONFIRMATION LENTEN PACKS are to be completed each Wednesday in Lent at our 6pm worship service. This begins Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continues February 21 and 28, March 6, 13 and 20. Both Wednesday and Sunday students should attend Wednesday Lenten services and fill out their Lent Packs.

February 21 is the beginning of our **Mentor Program**. Students should pick out a faith mentor and bring them to our orientation meeting this evening at 7:15pm in the fellowship hall.

There are no regular confirmation classes during the Lenten season.

First Communion Class

It's time for First Communion instruction!

Here are the dates of this year's 5th grade instruction for their first Holy Communion.

Sunday, March 3, 6:30pm, Session 1 (Parents and Students)

Thursday, March 7, 3:45pm, Session 2 (Students)

Thursday, March 14, 3:45pm, Session 3 (Students)

Thursday, March 21, 3:45pm, Session 4 (Students)

Sunday, March 24, 6:30pm, Session 5 (Parents and Students)

Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm, is First Communion on Maundy Thursday



If your student missed this class in the last couple of years and you are wanting them to attend, older students are certainly welcome!