

St. Peter's Youth News

Hello St. Peter's youth and parents! Welcome to the youth-specific news of the newsletter. Each month, this blue page will provide info on upcoming events & general need-to-know stuff.



Congratulations to "Sheltered Reality" - our Zion U.C.C.. St. Peter's U.C.C.. Union and Washington "music with a mission" drumming group for winning 1st Place!! In the Washington Fair Parade!

St. Peter's and Sheltered Reality Outreach: On Monday, September 14th at 1:30 PM, we will be sponsoring a Sheltered Reality show for the students at Fifth Street School. Stop in for a listen!

Lock-in for Grades 4-6!

What? It's a night where we'll stay up really late, playing goofy games, snacking, playing hide-and-seek in the church, laughing a lot, sharing in worship and growing together as a group.

Who? All youth in grades 4-6 are invited. Friends are also welcome.

When? 7 PM Friday, September 18th to 8 AM Saturday, September 19th

Cost? None. Just bring a snack to share.

SIGN UP either on the youth bulletin board in the Market Street Hallway, by calling the church or e-mail Pastor Leah (pastorleah@hotmail.com).

Upcoming Gatherings for St. Peter's Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sunday, September 6th

Sunday, September 20th

Join us as we begin planning for an October Halloween Party for the younger children and a Fall Mission Project. Plus games, snacks, faith-sharing and always some guaranteed laughter.

6:30-8:00 PM at church

Confirmation

Confirmation students and mentors will be introduced in 10:00 AM worship Sunday, September 20th. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a journey!

The first confirmation class will commence after worship at 11:15 AM, beginning with lunch provided to confirmands by the Board of Christian Education. We're looking forward to the start of a great year together!

Missouri Mid-South Conference
MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT 2009

for youth currently in grades 6-8

Don't be a Goat!

Matthew 25:31-46

Friends! Great Indoor and Outdoor Activities, Inspiring Worship, Good eats and... we'll explore this whole goat thing!

SATURDAY, OCT. 3—SUNDAY, OCT. 4TH AT CAMP MO-VAL

COST = \$35

Pick up an info/registration packet from the youth bulletin board in the Market Street hallway. Don't worry — we'll return in time for St. Peter's Riverfront picnic and games on Sunday, the 4th!

Small Group Ministry/Weds. @ St. Pete's!

Why “small groups?” Our small groups (or “discipleship groups”) for youth and children are ministry groups focused on “relational youth ministry” and the idea that the intentional building of relationships adds and leads to growth and depth in one’s life of faith. As Doug Fields, a prominent youth ministry author puts it, “until a youth gets to a point where he/she is environmentally comfortable, he/she won’t be in a place to become theologically aware.” Small groups accomplish this through an interactive, fellowship-based approach to Christian education.

What goes on in a small group for youth or children? Small group time begins with a sharing time where each individual gets “the floor” to reflect on the highs/lows of her/his week. Then the group engages in an interactive activity or two that introduce the topic of focus for the group. This is followed by some interactive discussion and other possible activities that help the group to explore the topic and make connections with their own lives.

I'd like my child to participate, but he/she is a) shy b) otherwise committed c) easily bored with church d) other... I've heard all these reasons and more from reluctant parents, children and youth in the past. My answer: just give it a chance. The groups are designed to grow comfort; to meet participant's developmental needs for freedom, fun, control and love; to be fun and avoid boredom; and to grow in your child — seeds of faith and a web of friendships that with God's help, will support them for years to come here at St. Peter's and in their lives of faith!

To register, visit the **Weds. @ St. Pete's registration insert in this newsletter!**