

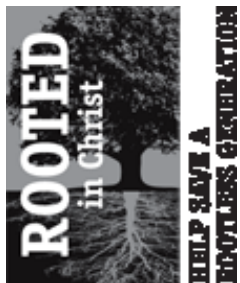


**Confirmation and “God and Games”
Continue During Lent**

7th and 8th grade confirmation students are asked to come to church on Wednesday evenings, just like they have from the beginning of the school year, and attend Lenten services. Attendance will be taken. “God and Games” continues through Lent, just like always. Young people in grades 4-6 are invited to come and run off some steam from 6:30–7:15 p.m. Confirmation students may stay after the Lenten services and socialize in the gym from 7:15–8:00 p.m.

**YouthQuake/YouthZone
Wisconsin Dells 2012**

We have 20 youth signed up for this weekend event! Please contact us if still interested in attending—we will look at registration options! The dates of the event are March 9-11, and the event has programs for youth in grades 6-12. We are still looking for some adult chaperones—even if you don’t have a youth attending, this is a great way for any adult in the congregation to spend some quality time with the youth of our congregation! It is a fun and rewarding weekend!



Summer Bible Camp 2012

Camp brochures are now available! Soon information will be available on Christ Lutheran camperships and the dates being targeted for Christ Lutheran to attend as a group. Last year over 40 youth attended camp! Camp programs are available for youth going into grades 3-12. Please contact David Erdman or Pastor Paula with any questions.



**Sugar Creek
Service Project**

We start building this month. The port-a-potties have been purchased, along with some of the lumber. 9th graders and other high school youth are needed to help out. Parents are also needed! The adults who have been taking the lead on this are Jim McMillan (877-9958), Scott Vingum (873-0972), and Brad Milbauer (877-8061). Check the poster in the narthex for supplies still needed. Postcards and calls will go out to let many know where and when we will be building. Dick Iverson, Director of Sugar Creek Bible Camp, will be here to preach on March 18. Won’t it be awesome to show him what we have done!



Kalahari Day Trip—February 27

There is no school on Monday, February 27, and the Youth Ministry Team is organizing a day trip to Kalahari Water Park! The cost per youth is \$35, but a maximum of \$10 credit towards this trip can be earned by working either February 4 or 11 serving supper to the Greig Chorus/Stoughton Norwegian Dancers, or helping at the annual Mardi Gras event! If you would like to earn \$10 towards the youth trip to the Kalahari at the end of the month, sign up to help on the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

This event is for youth in grades 5-12; friends and families are also invited—we ask that an adult accompany any youth younger than grade 4. A consent form is needed—[Click here](#) for the Consent Form. As with all youth events, we will need some adult chaperones for this trip!

High School HOTT

The next High School HOTT is scheduled for February 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please note the date, as it is *not* the last Sunday of the month. The agenda includes a discussion on Valentine’s Day—please join us and bring friends for this special event!



CHRIST LUTHERAN TO CELEBRATE "FAT TUESDAY"

by Collecting Food for the Stoughton Food Pantry

by Pastor Paula Geister-Jones

Did you know that "Mardi Gras" is French for "Fat Tuesday"? It comes from the tradition of slaughtering and feasting upon the fatted calf the day before Lent begins. With Lent came a 40-day fast during which Catholics, in particular, gave up meat. Mardi Gras has also been called Carnival, and "carnival" comes from the Latin words *carne vale*, meaning "farewell to the flesh."

It is not a Lutheran tradition to give up anything or "fast" during Lent. The Ash Wednesday liturgy encourages us to focus instead on "acts of love." So on Sunday, **February 19**, everyone in the congregation is encouraged to bring a bag full of groceries for the Stoughton Food Pantry. Decorated paper bags will be handed out on Sunday, February 5 and Sunday, February 12. We encourage all to join in the celebration.

How much food we will collect? I went on Google and to begin with asked for the heaviest people on record. Weighing that much is just not healthy, so I asked for the "biggest losers" on record. A woman named Rosalie Bradford at one time weighed 1,200 pounds. She lost 917 pounds. She holds the Guinness World Record for most weight lost by a woman. The all-time record holder for a man was Jon Brower Minnoch. He weighed 1,400 pounds and lost 920 pounds. Let's set a goal of collecting **920 pounds** and see how close we get. We will have a scale at church, so as the food comes in that day, it can be weighed by members of the Social Concerns Ministry Team!



MARDI GRAS at CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, February 19

3:00-6:00 p.m.

Tickets: 3 for \$1.00

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!



Here is a list of a few of the games...

- Cross the Red Sea with Moses Cake Walk (3:00 p.m. until the cakes are gone). Music will be provided by Max Kapfer, one of the members of the O.K. Band and Singing Santas. This is one of our most popular games.
- In Jail with Paul and Silas (another one of our most popular games)
- The Match Game with Noah
- Get Wet with John the Baptist Balloon Tank
- Jonah's Beanbag Toss
- Good Samaritan Game: Pin the Bandage on the Wounded Man
- Leap for the Lord Potato Sack Races
- Bible Bingo
- Wise Guy Bible Trivia and Pictionary with Wise Guy Balloon Hats as a prize
- Crafts with Crafty Jacob
- Samson Knocks Down the Philistines Bowling Game
- Minnow Races with Luther
- **2 Bounce Houses** with Joseph
- The Empty Tomb Beanbag Toss, The Ten Commandments Tic-Tac-Toss and an Old Testament Scavenger Hunt (**New**)
- Esther's Beauty Parlor

Some of your favorite foods will be served, like cotton candy, slushies, brats, hot dogs, walking tacos and cream puffs. This year we are adding **gumbo**, (a traditional Mardi Gras food) and **beignets** (a fried bread). We would like to invite everyone to come and join us for some good food!

Youth and grown-ups: Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the narthex. We need people to bake cakes and work the different games. Youth who sign up and work a shift will be rewarded with \$10 off our trip to the Kalahari on Monday, February 27. Thank you!

