

## youth and family ministry notes



### Breakfast in Bethlehem

Join us for breakfast (thanks, Men's Ministry!) on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. After breakfast, we'll hear the Christmas story from Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, and some others. And Santa Claus is coming to town!! That's right, Santa is coming to Cross before he gets too busy in the North Pole. So, bring your friends, neighbors, families, and classmates for Breakfast in Bethlehem!

### What is youth & family ministry?

Youth & family ministry is actually the ministry of the *whole* church! It's not about kids and teenagers, but about all of us. It's about passing on and living out our faith no matter what our age happens to be. Youth & family ministry is cross-generational. And that includes everyone.

We are learning this at Cross together, and I thank you for your discipleship. Pray for this ministry at Cross.

### Silent Night, Holy Night

A silent night might sound like a dream during this season with all the hustle and bustle. I invite you and *urge* you as your pastor to take a moment to stop. Slow down. And take in the meaning of this holy season. We are preparing for Christ. For a tiny baby born to us again this year. We prepare as a community. Here are some ways to prepare and enjoy the season with others...

\*Use your milestones bowl. Invite everyone to pick a stone and tell a story about someone, or share a recent milestone in your own life.

\*Watch a holiday movie together.

\*Sing Christmas carols.

\*Make some mugs of hot chocolate. Add marshmallows. For every marshmallow added, share a holiday memory.

\*Worship God during this time of Advent.

\*Tell someone a story about your favorite ornament on the tree.

\*Share highs/lowes of the holiday season.

\*Invite a neighbor or friend to Christmas Eve worship at 4:00 or 10:00 (that's Dec 24) ☺

\*Ring bells for Salvation Army as a family.

\*Participate in or support the Sunday School Christmas program on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

\*Set up or check out a nativity scene (there's one at Cross.) Imagine what it'd be like to be one of the people in the scene.



## Talk it out...

### For young ones:

\*What's your favorite Christmas tree ornament?

\*What does your family do for Christmas?

### For youth and adults:

\*What's your favorite Christmas memory?

\*If you could spend Christmas in another country, which one would you choose?



## When does youth group happen?

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders:

No longer meeting monthly as a youth group. However, please join us on Sunday, January 8 at 9:15 with Dara Stull from Crossways Camping Ministries. She'll be meeting with kids and parents to talk about camp & a unique opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders!!

### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders:

Sunday, December 18  
6pm-8pm  
Luther Hall

### 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders:

Sunday, December 18  
5pm-8pm  
Luther Hall

\*All adults in the congregation are welcome to youth group. We are the church together, and these kids need you!\* ☺

### Questions?

Call, e-mail, talk with Pastor Corrine!  
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## Coming Up...

- \* December 10, 9am: Breakfast in Bethlehem (all ages & community welcome!)
- \*December 17, 10am Christmas Program Rehearsal
- \*December 18, 10am Christmas Program
- \***No Infant-Toddler Worship in December\***
- \*January 8, 9:15am Dara Stull, Crossways visiting
- \*January 15, 9:15am Infant-Toddler Worship
- \*February 25, 11am Dodgeball Tournament with area youth to raise money for the fight against malaria

