



ELC Sunday School Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2007 - Happy New Year!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Ideas for Lent Activities

Lent begins February 21st. Here are a few suggestions on classroom activities...

- Make a class Lenten Devotional booklet. Ask each child to submit a short faith story or a prayer they write. For younger ones you can write it for them. Compile it into a booklet to send home with them. Their families will treasure it forever.
- Focus on prayer and teach a different type of prayer or devotional exercise to your class each week.
- Encourage your students to bring a friend to Sunday school.
- **Ash Wednesday**...Get ashes...Explain the origin of Lent (from the German word for Spring)...40 days represent the Lord's fast in the desert...How can you fast?
- **Easter ABC's**...Ashes...Bible...Cross...Disciples...Easter...Forty Days...Garden of Gethsemane...Herod...INRI...Jesus/Jerusalem/John the Baptist...Kiss of Judas...Last Supper...Mary...Nazareth...Oil...Pontius Pilate...Quake...Resurrection...Stone...Twelve Apostles... Understanding God's Word..."V for Victory" on the Cross...Word of God...The letter, "X", written over the letter, "P" is the Chi-ro, an ancient symbol of Christ...You are precious in God's sight...Zion (sound the trumpet of Zion).

Kathy's Korner

A Daily Prayer

O God, Let this be my prayer every day. Keep me from thinking any critical thought. Keep me from blaming others for anything. Keep me from being resentful. Keep me from saying or thinking any hurtful thing about anyone. Help me today and every day to think good and do good regardless of what anyone else may say or do. Spirit of all power and goodness, quiet my mind. Help me to be still enough to hear your voice. Help me to stop worrying and fretting. Help me to stop rebelling against circumstances. Help me to be like Jesus. AMEN

This month and every month let's focus on the power of prayer in our lives and really believe that prayer changes things. If you can take the time to be with Jesus for just 15 minutes a day, you will see a change in your life. Find a quiet place and read scripture or a devotional. Allow God to enter in and hear his voice, get down on your knees so you can keep awake late at night and allow your heavenly Father to embrace you as you end your day. In the New year commit to making this one change in your life - to spend more time with the one who gave his life for you and loves you more that you can imagine.

Calendar

- Jan 7 Baptismal remembrance for 2nd graders in the fellowship hall. (2nd grade teachers may attend if you would like to)
- Jan 21 Workshop and breakfast for teachers and youth leaders at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come fill your tummy and your soul ~ and leave with a bag full of new ideas!
- Feb 8-10 Greener Pastures (Youth play)
- Feb 21 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)