

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

714 N GRAND AVENUE

PIERRE, SD 57501

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Who: 4 year olds through those entering the 6th grade this fall.

What: *A Mighty Fortress VBS.* At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. They may not ace the test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. In Jesus, the victory is won! Children learn through memory verses, songs, and activities. Please visit vbsmate.com/faithpierrevbs or call the church office at

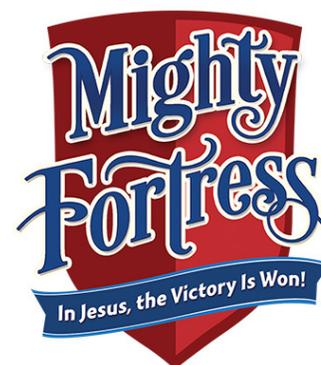
(605) 224-2216 with any questions.

When: *MONDAY, June 5 – FRIDAY, June 9th; 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Mon.– Thurs. and 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. on Friday, June 9th with Families invited to come at 7:45 for closing program and an ice cream party following. Early check-in registration can be done Sunday, June 4th after the services. This will save time and congestion the night VBS starts.*

Where: Faith Lutheran Church 714 N. Grand Ave.

How Much? FREE with daily offerings to support our Mis-

sion Project, and our Friday offering going to support our VBS ministry at Faith Lutheran! Pre-registration forms are available in the church office or you can log onto: vbsmate.com/faithpierrevbs Please call the church office for further information or questions (605) 224-2216.



SUMMER CAMPS

Did you know? We actually have two camp options for this summer. Camp Minneboji is June 25-July 1, and Circuit Bible Camp will be July 17-20 in Valentine, Nebraska for those heading into 5th grade through those heading into 9th grade and includes tubing on the Niobrara.

Pastor Baumann has received the booklet information on Camp Minneboji and those are located on the back table in the Narthex for potential campers to grab. There are also two online ways you can get information for camp as well. The first is the Camp Minneboji website which is: <http://www.angelfire.com/my/bojiblabber/>

The second is the Cam Minneboji Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/campminneboji> If you can, check out the website and Facebook page. And again this year, Faith Lutheran will scholarship each participant \$90 to attend Camp Minneboji and \$30 to cover part of the \$90 cost of Circuit Bible Camp. We would also work to coordinate transportation to and from the camp destinations for both camps. Please e-mail (faith@faithluth.com) or speak with Pastor





**As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.
(Psalm 103:13)**

I once heard a pastor tell a story about a conversation between a father and his little son. The two were trudging through some deep snow when the father called out, "How's it coming, son?" Without hesitation, the son answered, "It's easy, Dad. I'm just stepping in your tracks."

This month, our country will celebrate Father's Day. Like we do for that special woman on Mother's Day, many pause to say our "Thank Yous" to that special man in our lives who have made us into who we've become. But there is more to Father's Day than this. This day is also a time for all fathers to realize the awesome responsibility God has given them: **"to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord."** (Eph 6:4)

It is especially difficult to be a Christian father in today's world. There are countless temptations that prevent fathers from spending both quality and quantity time with their children. In fact, I believe that many of the societal ills we see around us today are a direct result of the breakdown of the family unit in general and the absence of a fatherly figure in the home in particular.

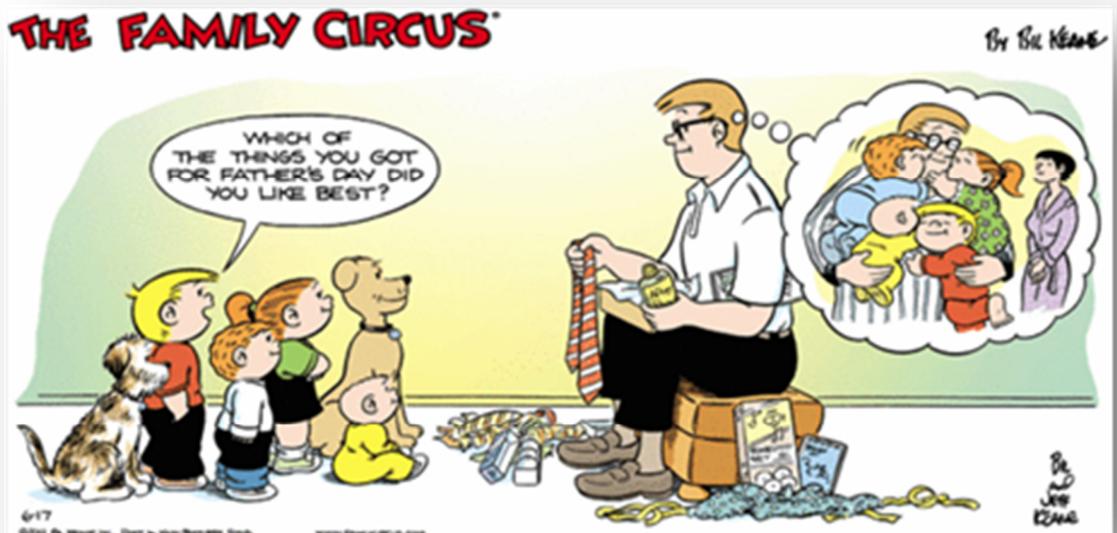
So what's a father to do? To whom can fathers turn to help them fulfill their responsibilities? The short answer is God and His Word. The Bible says, **"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."** (Ps 103:13) Our love, especially a father's love, should flow directly from God who is Himself love. (1 John 4:8)

Through His Word, our God not only tells us the life that pleases Him, but He also empowers us to accomplish it. Let's face it; all fathers have fallen short of what God expects of them. However, because we have a loving heavenly Father who sent His Son to rescue us from our sins, all earthly fathers not only can receive forgiveness of sins but also the strength and ability to be the kind of father God desires. Empowered by faith in Jesus Christ all people, especially our fathers, have the ability to imitate the life of Christ to their children, wives, and all with whom they come into contact.

God's blessings to all parents especially to the fathers as we, grounded in God's Word, reflect God's love to all.

In Service to
Christ and
Neighbor,

Pastor Cory



A MIGHTY FORTRESS

*“God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.”*

Psalms 46:1

As you may or may not know, this year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Protestant Reformation occurred in 1517, and was initiated by Martin Luther and the Reformers as they clung to the Word of God and took refuge in it. Their aim in sparking what would later be known as *The Protestant Reformation*, was to take a stand on the pure Word of God against threats and punishment, and to correct errors and false teachings that were taking place in the church. The Guttenberg Printing Press, which was revolutionary technology for that day, greatly helped to further the transmission of the Scriptures, which Luther translated into common German for the people. This was remarkable in that it placed the Scriptures in the peoples' hands. The press also helped to further Luther's teaching and writings drawn from Scripture. Through the Reformation, Luther helped illuminate errors in the church's teachings and point people back to the Scriptures and the strong truth of God's Word. One thing Dr. Luther taught and advocated for was something called: "The Three Estates," or three "walls" if you will, which protected the conscience and preserved God's good and right order of things in the heart and life of the Christian follower. The 3 estates were: the family, the church,

and the government. When those three God-given "fortress walls" are rightly ordered and doing what they need to be doing, the world is blessed and evil is held in check so that the good of all society is promoted in a God-pleasing way. When one of those walls is penetrated, and broken down, as secular society has continually been seeking to do, the enemy has easy access to disrupt and destroy faith, the family unit, Biblical marriage between one man and one woman, and ultimate obedience to the Word of God. The Reformation was so practical in so many ways!

In observance of this historical event in the life of the Church, there are going to be a number of opportunities to commemorate an anniversary date that will occur only once in our lifetimes. In late October, Saturday Oct. 28th and Sunday, October 29th to be exact, there will be a special circuit-wide Reformation service held in Pierre along with a Reformation blowout bash complete with: a Potluck meal (We're Lutheran! Potlucks are a must-have... and don't forget the Jell-O either!), a special afternoon worship service on that Sunday, guest preacher-Rev. President Scott Sailer, and guest Hispanic musical group called *Mariachi San Pablo* from El Paso, Texas. More on that to come!

But what is going to be really special for the kids, youth of the community, and congregation before the October date will be this year's Vacation Bible School entitled: *Mighty Fortress; In Jesus, the Victory is Won!*

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All this to point us back to the beneficial work of Martin Luther in the Reformation and to the pure Word of God given to us by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. This Jesus is our hope, our light, our peace, our rest, our comfort, our God, our Savior, our Master, our King, and yes... even and most surely, **OUR MIGHTY FORTRESS!** So please remember to sign your child up to come this year, or perhaps you yourself would be able to help out in some way. Register online at: vbsmate.com/faihpierrevbs or in the church ofice as you fill out a paper copy. Please also check out the *Youth Section* of this newsletter to see what other opportunities are happening this summer to strengthen the faith of youth in the church and in the community and circuit. May you rest in God's unchanging salvation and in His strong love which conquered death and the grave for you.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God,

Pastor Joshua Baumann

Pastor Josh Baumann



WRITE ABOUT MUSIC

“Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with Singing.” Psalm 100:2

The other day I was in the church office, and as it was nearing the middle of the month, I was reminded that articles for the newsletter were due in a few days. That part of the month comes around faster than one would think. Pastor Rajek concurred. I sighed and said, “What am I going to write about...” Pastor Rajek said, “Write about music.”

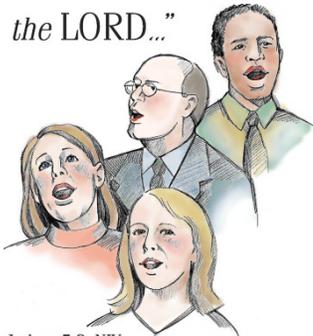
I enjoy writing. I never minded having to write papers all through high school and college. I wrote for the school newspaper. Essay exams never bothered me either. But, almost always, I was given a specific topic. Granted, music is a specific topic, but it covers a lot of ground, and I always struggle for something to say. That’s probably why I wait until the last minute to come up with something.

So I headed home. It’s been a busy week with a number of rehearsals at school and a couple of concerts scheduled. I needed to get my music organized. An hour later I was looking for binder clips and digging through a bookshelf drawer that sits next to my piano. There it was: A little framed Bible verse, “**Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with Singing.**” It had been a Christmas gift, given to me in 1999 by Vicar Cory Rajek. Well, I can take a hint!

The psalmist is saying that it is a privilege and duty to be happy in our religious worship and all of our acts of obedience. In other words, serving God should not be done with reluctance, grudgingly, or as a matter of compulsion; it should be freely rendered. The service of God is a source of the highest joy that man knows. In the same verse, thereby highlighting its importance, the psalmist states that singing is an expression of joy. After all, nature rejoices and the birds sing. Man should as well. We are called to praise God because of our indebtedness to him.

That being said, I would like to recognize those who sing as part of their ministry among our congregation – the choir, praise team, soloists and the Sunday school and midweek students. Weekly rehearsals and Sunday morning music offerings take a special kind of commitment. It’s time that is set aside and competes with so many other activities and interests. However, besides being a joyful and devout exercise, singing should be a constant form of approach to God. That also applies to the congregation! For your meditation, Psalm 100....

*“I will sing to the
LORD, I will sing;
I will make music to
the LORD...”*



Judges 5:3, NIV

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Karen Lindbloom

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LWML CONVENTION



Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

Philippians 2:9

June 22-25, 2017
Albuquerque, New Mexico

President: Patti Ross

Convention Goal Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

Convention Objectives ~ Each convention attendee will be:

- Encouraged through worship and Bible study.
- Equipped to share His message of salvation.
- Engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness.

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All Boards Training

All officers from all Boards
will meet
Saturday, June 10, 2017

9:00-10:00 am All Board
Meetings: Election of Officers
& June Business
10:00-12:00 Officer Training

Out-going officers please
return your manuals so new
officers may have them.



Men's Softball

Faith Lutheran has teamed up with Factor 360 to play in this year's men's softball league during the summer months. We have a great group of guys led by our skipper, Dennis Ryckman.

We thank Dennis Ryckman for paying the registration fees.



If you are able, we would like to invite you to please come out and watch our Faith Luth/Factor 360 men's team play. Our games are:

Friday, May 26

9:00 pm Field D
10:00 pm Field D

Friday, June 2

7:00 pm Field D
8:00 pm Field C

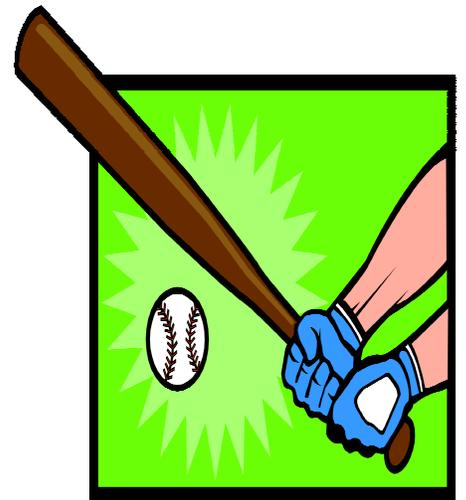
Friday, June 9

9:00 pm Field D
10:00 pm Field D

Friday, June 16

7:00 pm Field B
8:00 pm Field A

at the softball complex. It promises to be a fun season and we hope you feel welcome to come and watch some of games as you are able.



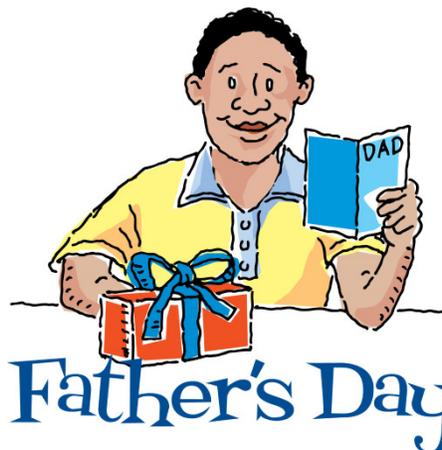
Official Acts

Baptisms

Bennett Wayne Scott
Keena Jo Lauritsen
Charlie Curtis Hieb

Funerals

Kevin "Swede" Sporrer



Forever Young

Will meet Thursday, June 15 at noon for our monthly potluck. Just bring food!



Forever Young is a group of semi-retired and retired members who get together the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship. We encourage anyone 55 years and older to join our group.

FLC DAYCARE NEWS

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Faith Lutheran Daycare! If you have stopped by the Day Care lately, you will notice that we have done some moving around. Infants are now upstairs in what used to be the upstairs Toddler Room, Preschoolers are in what used to be the downstairs Toddler Room and toddlers are now in the main daycare area.

Summer is almost here and we are gearing up at the Day Care. School is out on May 23rd and we will have our school age group full time.

We will have approximately 28 children in this group and hope to have a lot of fun this summer.

We will be starting water play and taking children to the City Pool sometime around the first



week of June, weather permitting. Children need to bring swimsuits, towels, and sunscreen. If anyone would like to donate sunscreen or bug spray we would be grateful as we do go through an abundance of these two items. We will also be transporting the 5 year olds on up to Summer Rec activities this summer.

Please continue to keep the daycare in your prayers as we strive to provide the best childcare possible.

Diaper Derby

Fifth Annual Diaper Derby ends Father's Day, June 18, 2017

Donations for the Fifth Annual Diaper Derby **will continue through Father's day!** Please bring your donations of new diapers (any size) and baby wipes and place them in the *red Radio Flyer Wagons in the Narthex designated for them.*



Men's Fellowship

One last Men's Fellowship until October 3. Please join us for an evening of Bean Bag Toss in the Great Room by Jon's Place. It really is a lot of fun for the fellows and we hope you can join us. That's Monday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Room above the Preschool Room. Please bring a snack to share.



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Little Dresses for Africa

Little Dresses for Africa is a mission outreach of Faith Lutheran LWML. Starting in February about a dozen volunteers meet Monday evenings of one afternoon a week to cut pillowcases and assemble kits to be sewn into dresses. The do-at-home kits are sewn by Faith members, coworkers and friends.

Many people have supported this project. Gently used pillowcases, laces, trims. Buttons, an iron, ironing board, and money were donated by church members, friends and relatives throughout the United States. Marilyn Penrod helped assemble kits Thursday afternoons and stitched over 100 kits. Carol Harrman and Jeri Erbe independently collected pillowcases and sewed over 60 dresses. This year a total of 362 dresses were completed. New dresses are displayed on the narthex wall from February through April.

Little Dresses for Africa is a Christian organization reaching over 83 countries including Africa, disaster areas, the Appalachians and South Dakota. The non-profit organization was founded in 2008. Since 2009 the LWML has contributed 1,367 dresses. Mission teams from the United States personally deliver the dresses to churches, orphanages and schools giving hope in the name of Jesus. The dresses serve as ambassadors that offer a way into homes or villages where LDFA volunteers teach simple lessons about clean water, primary education, basic health and community skills that make a difference in the lives of thousands of children. You have touched the lives of little girls and given them hope one little dress at a time.

2017 Little Dresses Coordinator—Doreen Miller

Note of Thanks

Dear Faith family, Thank you all so much for the wonderful kind words, cards and gifts that I received in honor of my 31 years of directing and teaching at Faith Lutheran Preschool! I felt so blessed by the retirement party that my family and the Board of Early Childhood hosted for me on May 13. God bless each of you for your kindness and support throughout the many years that I served the preschool.

In Christ's love, Jan Larson



FLC YOUTH NEWS

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (L.Y.F.)

Who: High school students

What: Lutheran Youth Fellowship (L.Y.F.) is our high school youth group at Faith Ev. Lutheran and is composed of high school age kids from grades 9-12. We are a Christian gathering of High School youth who engage in fun and recreational activities on Wednesday evenings. L.Y.F. is open to Faith youth and their friends and seeks to be a safe place when high schoolers can gather and be encouraged in their faith in God and witness for Jesus. L.Y.F. is very hands on and engaging. Each evening in-



Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children
Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

cludes a devotion, prayer and most nights some sort of food or snack. Michael Shoup and Pastor Baumann co-lead the group.

When: Wednesday evenings 8 p.m. until we get done (typically no later than 9:30 during the school year, sometimes until 10 p.m. in the summer)

Where: We generally meet at Faith Lutheran up in our youth room

called "Jon's Place" and then move to the desired location whether that's the park, the bowling alley, Zesto etc.

How Much? Generally free, but we do sometimes do service projects and find ways to give back to the church.

Camp Minneboji

Who: Minneboji Lutheran Camp is for students, primarily from Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations in South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota, who have completed grades 4 through 9.

What: Camp Minneboji has consecrated Christian counselors interested in Christian ministry and Christ-centered relationships with boys & girls, who devote their time and talents for the camp week. Pastors & other professional church workers from Minnesota & South Dakota lead the camp activities as members of the camp staff.

When: June 25-July 1 Minneboji Camp week begins with on-site registration on Sunday, June 25 and ends at 10:00am on Saturday, July 1.

Where: The mailing address during camp week is:

**(PERSON'S NAME)-
MINNEBOJI
C/O; CAMP OKOBOJI
1531 EDGEWOOD DR.
MILFORD, IA 51351**

**CAMP PHONE #
(712)337-3325**

**PASTOR DAVID OTTEN
(605) 928-3859**

Email for campers can be sent to
mail@minneboji.com

How Much? The camp cost is \$390.00 for 7 days. Faith Ev. Lutheran Church is going to scholarship \$90 of that amount for anyone from Faith who desires to attend. Honors camp is for 9th graders and is \$420. Faith Ev. Lutheran Church is going to scholarship \$90 of that amount. This fee includes room & board, operation expenses, crafts, sports, and the outing to Arnold's Park.

Make your summer fun and memorable with Camp Minneboji! The theme for this year is: *Sola's*. A shuttle will be provided to transport campers to and from camp. Please speak with Pastor Baumann for any questions. Thanks!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

June 5-9th Vacation Bible School
6:00-8:30 pm - *A Mighty Fortress*
June 26-July 2nd Camp Minneboji
July 17-20th Circuit Bible Camp

Circuit Bible Camp

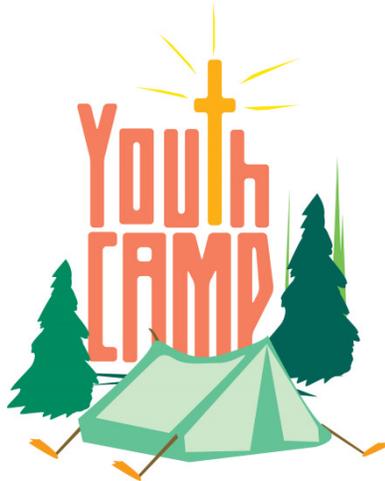
Who: This event is open to any youth who will be heading into 5th grade and also to any youth who are going into 9th grade.

What: Circuit Bible Camp is a multi-day camping opportunity that includes faith based and recreational opportunities.

When: The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: Monday July 17-20.

Where: Smith Falls State Park in Valentine, NE.

How Much? Registration costs, which includes: meals, campsite stay, and Tubing will be \$90 for the week to cover expenses. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs. Please pre-register for this event. Registration sheets can be found in the church office along with a medical release form to be completed and returned to the church office.



Acolytes for June

June 4 V.B.S. Week

Early: Michael VanDeWiele,
Zane Schuchard

Late: Trevor Hayes, Trenton Gore

June 11

Early: Dayna Martinmaas, Ethan Hill

Late: Emily Haberling, Jordan Thompson

June 18 Father's Day

Early: Kaylie Rathbun, Hannah Lingle

Late: Brady Hoftiezer, Jacob Larson

June 25

Early: Lane Hedglin, Adam Forman

Late: Molly Neyhart, Deni Zeeb

*** If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify**

YOUTH NEWS

Welcome to L.Y.F. Incoming Freshmen! L.Y.F. will officially welcome those current 8th graders, who will be freshmen, to our group on Wednesday, June 14th. So please come and invite all other incoming freshmen to participate and be a part of this wonderful Christian group of high schoolers. We will explain what L.Y.F. is all about, discuss summer activities and plan, feast out in the park and start our summer off with a bang! Please participate and invite others! This is a great chance for freshmen to get to know other freshmen and to also meet some upper classmen.

High School Seniors – Thank you

for your faithful service these past 4 years with acolyting! As you have discovered, there are a lot of opportunities to serve. You are hereby released from your acolyting duties! Thanks for being a blessing to our congregation and we hope you would consider serving the church in the future in other capacities. God's Blessings.

Junior Youth Ministry (J.Y.M.)

Who: All youth 6th – 8th grade

What: A time of fellowship and fun activity for 6th to 8th graders.

When: Once a month. Times are generally listed in the church bulleting or on the youth bulletin board in the Narthex.

Where: Lariat Lanes Bowling Alley, PAYSA Skating Rink, Faith Lutheran Gym, the Black Hills, outdoors, indoors, and anywhere where we can gather for a time of fun connection and time in God's word.

How Much? Low cost typically. Some events we have charged \$5 for, but when possible we try to do things that are free or very easy on the family budget.



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