

# YOUTH OF PEACE NEWS

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# FEBRUARY

Ahhhh.....February is for love! But....isn't it amazing how much our Heavenly Father loves us ALL THE TIME? There is a song on Christian radio now, "I love the way you hold me". We can be sure God is loving and holding us even when we keep messing up. He is always ready to pick us back up and give us another chance. Did

you know there are 546 verses in the Bible talking about "love"? We can model His love in our everyday words, actions and attitudes. What a privilege we have in being able to show His love to others!

What a great turnout we had for the Potato Bake dinner. The kids worked so hard and helped until the very end. Parents, you can be very proud of them! The Junior and Senior parents are awesome pie makers! I had compliments on the number of pies available. Our profit was about \$800.00 which will be used for the trip to Franklin, TN this July. We have 12 kids and 4 sponsors going to the gathering. We've added a couple fun events to our trip. We will be attending a Cardinals/Colorado Rockies baseball game our first night in St. Louis, MO. There are fireworks after the game too. Then on our way home from Tennessee, we will be spending the night in a church in St. Louis again with the options of seeing the Arch, trying out Ted Drewes' frozen custard or eating out somewhere nice. Thanks so much to the congregation for all your support towards this trip. I'm sure it will be something the kids will always remember!

## Activities for the month of February:

- February 1st: 6:30 Study Nite at YOP house with supper  
7:00 at church: "Witnesses" Speaker Jonathan Swenson acts out 8 different characters, giving us a fresh look at Jesus.
- February 5th: After church: "Soup-er Bowl" collection for Blue Valley Food Pantry  
5:00 to Brian and Heidi's house for Super Bowl party. Pizzas provided, but please bring sacks and something to drink.
- February 19th: After church: PEPY (Parents Encouraging Peace Youth) meeting in basement
- February 24th: Concert in Wichita, KS "Winter Jam" including Skillet, Sanctus Real, Peter Furler, and more. We will be spending the night at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and returning home the next morning (ONLY IF girls are not playing B-ball that night). Bring \$10.00 and sleeping bag/pillow.
- February 29th 5:45-6:45 Lenten Soup Supper at church by Youth (last Fund-raiser for Youth Gathering in Tennessee).

*Romans 8: 37-39 ~ No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May the love of Christ shine through you!

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