

YPOG NEWSLETTER

“Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” Proverbs 16:24

The Lion and the Mouse

A Lion lay asleep in the forest, his great head resting on his paws.

A timid little Mouse came upon him unexpectedly, and in her fright and haste to get away, ran across the Lion's nose.

Roused from his nap, the Lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature to kill her.

"Spare me!" begged the poor Mouse. "Please let me go and someday I will surely repay you."

The Lion was much amused to think that a Mouse could ever help him. But he was generous and finally let the Mouse go.

Some days later, while stalking his prey in the forest, the Lion was caught in the toils of a hunter's net.

Unable to free himself, he filled the forest with his angry roaring. The Mouse knew the voice and quickly found the Lion struggling in the net.

Running to one of the great ropes that bound him, she gnawed it until it parted, and soon the Lion was free.

"You laughed when I said I would repay you," said the Mouse. "Now you see that even a Mouse can help a Lion."

The Moral Is: A kindness is never wasted.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 3	Youth Group 5:30-7:00 PM
Jan. 7	Worship & Sunday School
Jan. 10	Youth Group 5:30
Jan. 10	Youth Board 7:00 PM
Jan. 14	Worship & SS
Jan. 17	Youth Group 5:30
Jan. 21	Worship & SS
Jan. 24	Youth Group 5:30
Jan. 24	Senior Night 7:00 PM
Jan. 27	Sioux Falls Banquet & Ice Skating Event
Jan. 28	Worship & SS
Jan. 31	No Apologies Event

Service & Fellowship Central

***Jan. 27** – Serving at Sioux Falls Banquet and doing ice skating afterwards

***Jan. 31** – No Apologies purity event 5:30-8:30 PM

Monday F.U.E.L. (Faith Used in Everyday Life):

Every Monday afternoon from 3:15-4:00 PM at Burger King. Jenna will be MEETING students at Burger King. Students are encouraged to invite others along. We will do a short devotional together as well. We will NOT meet January 1st.

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Making and serving mochas and hot chocolate during coffee hour.

No Apologies Purity Event: Wednesday January 31st 5:30-8:30 PM at Grace Community Church. The van will leave at 5:30 PM to head over to Grace where we will have pizza, games and watch the live stream No Apologies event out of Spirit Lake.

Wednesday Night Youth

Come and join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Youth Room. We will eat great food, enjoy Christian fellowship and a time to share!

Worship & Sunday School:

Youth, we want to see you in worship on Sundays! Join us at 8:00am (Traditional) or 10:30am (Contemporary). Sunday School is on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the youth room. We hope to see you there!

Sioux Falls Banquet and Ice Skating

What/Where: We will be leaving from church parking lot early Saturday morning to go help serve lunch at the Sioux Falls Banquet. This is a whole congregation event so parents are welcome to sign up to help too. Afterwards (if the weather is nice) we will go ice skating at one of the Sioux Falls outside rinks. Otherwise we will choose a different activity if weather is not good.

Who: 9th-12th graders

When: Saturday January 27th

Time: Look for more information on sign-up sheet that will be posted in the church entryway. We will be leaving early morning and coming back in late afternoon. A big thank you to Pat Arnt for arranging the Sioux Falls banquet each year!



Making cookies for Love Inc.

Jr. High (5th-8th Grade) Prayer/Play Night

Friday Jan. 19 6-8:30 PM;

St. Matthew Church basement

Come enjoy food, devotional and group games. Friends are welcome!