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# The Mini Matt

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## High School Set To Do 30 Hr. Famine

"We won't be able to eat for 30 hours straight???!?" This was the first reaction I received when I asked the Sr. High if they would be interested in participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine this coming April in conjunction with Grace Lutheran church.

After I explained to them what it was all about, the kids warmed up to the idea and agreed it was something they though they would like to do.

So what exactly is the 30 Hour Famine? Well, it is a program that compels young people to live lives of Christian

compassion. It promises to unite our youth group like never before. It will spark a fire in us to reach out to our neighbors in need—whether they are across the street, or across the globe.

The group goes without food for 30 hours to get a real taste of what hunger is like. During this time, they engage in activities such as community service projects, to volunteer work, to study, depending on how each group plans the event.

Donations are requested by

the participants to go toward the poorest of countries such as Malawi, Peru, and others.

At the end of the event there is a meal which everyone shares in to celebrate what they all have accomplished (and to get some much-needed nourishment!)

The Famine is set for Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran church in Champaign. Please stay tuned for more details as they come forward!

*"Behold! I make all things new."*

*Revelation 21:5*

## We Quaked It, Baby!

What do jumping up and down, doing the chicken dance, knee-knee-clap-clap, bible basketball, darts, TGIFridays, and talking about Jesus all have in common?...

THE QUAKE, THAT'S WHAT! 10 Jr. High kids and 4 adults made their way to the Adam's Mark hotel in Indianapolis this past month for a fun-packed, Jesus-filled weekend. It was great!

This year's theme was "The Amazing Race" where we learned about how Christ is always there for us even when our faith falters.

The kids were amazing the whole weekend, and we all had a splendidly good time—even Pastor Julia who only got 3 hours of sleep the first night (not because of OUR kids, but a rowdy bunch of boys in the room next to us!)

Thanks so much to Bruce and Kathy Rhoads and David Gonzales for being our adult chaperones for the weekend. And thanks to all of you for praying for us and supporting us as we experienced this amazing weekend!

## NewsBoys are coming to Danville!!!!

If you were at the 2006 National Youth Gathering In San Antonio, you know that the NewsBoys rock this world!

Even if you've never seen them live, or heard them before, now is an amazing opportunity to do so!

On Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we will be carpooling over to Danville for dinner and then to see the NewsBoys in concert at the David S. Palmer arena.

The show begins at 7:30, so we will probably try to leave STM as close to 5 as possible.

The cost for the concert is \$27 plus money for supper beforehand.

Please let either Stephanie Alumbaugh or Pastor Julia know if you would like to attend! It should be a rockin' good time!

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## Journeying with Jesus

It's hard to believe, but we're already halfway done with Lent.

Just a reminder we are once again inviting families to join us for worship at 7pm Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary.

Regular CrossTraining will be held from 5:30 till 7pm, and then all families are invited to come up to the sanctuary at 7 for the Lenten service.

Please make this a priority for you and your family this year. This is a very special time for

families to be able to spend together and reflect on their faith as we journey toward Easter.

Again, Lenten services are at 7 pm in the sanctuary, and we invite all CrossTraining families to participate.

Thank you!

## JAM and BLING March Schedule:

| JAM                                      | BLING                                  |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> Theme Night/Lent         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Youth Sunday           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Theme Night/Lent        | 13 <sup>th</sup> Newsboys Concert      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Holy Week<br>(No class) | 16 <sup>th</sup> Youth Council         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Family Night            | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Easter Breakfast Help |