

# The Mini Matt

'09-'10 Youth Council

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## TIME TO ADD SOME S.A.L.T. TO OUR LIVES!

After a very interesting process of nailing down a mission trip for this summer (you may remember we initially planned for Reading, PA?), we finally have a trip lined up! Yay!

The High School Youth are going to be partaking in L.O.M.C.'s (Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center) "S.A.L.T. on the Road" program to Chicago, June 20-25th. S.A.L.T. stands for "Servant and Leadership Training."

During this week, our youth will be immersed in different ministry settings such as:

- Feeding the homeless
- Habitat for Humanity
- Prison Ministry
- Working in schools

All of these will be centered around Bible Study, worship, and fellowship.

We have never done this program before, so we are very excited to try something new! The other great part about this, is that we are also working through LSSI (Lutheran Social

Services of Illinois) which our congregation supports and Pastor Bob serves on their board.

I feel very good about this decision for many reasons, and I thank the congregation for supporting us for this trip. I think it will be a wonderful hands-on experience for our youth-that they will get to make a difference right in our own state.

Please stay tuned for more information on this trip, and again, thank you for supporting us spiritually and financially to help make this experience a reality for these kids!

# SALT

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

*Revelation 21:5*

## EASTER BASKET RAFFLE: THE SEQUEL!

Last year's Easter Basket Raffle was such a HUGE success and so much fun, that we are going to do it once again this year!

Yes, beginning on March 21, the High School youth are taking submissions for our Easter Basket Raffle.

How does this work? Well, find a basket (any kind of basket will do) and pick a theme for your basket. It doesn't have to be Easter related-any kind of theme will do! A few examples from last year were:

- "Backyard Barbeque"
- "Spa Day"
- "Kid Theme"
- "Going Green"

All baskets must be submitted by March 21st. Baskets will then be displayed in the Narthex up until Easter Sunday for people to bid on. Tickets will be sold for the raffle starting March

21st up until the raffle which will be held during the Easter Breakfast.

Tickets will be 1 dollar per ticket, or 6 tickets for 5 dollars.

Last year we had an amazing turn-out for basket entries, and I hope we can do the same this year!

All proceeds will go toward our mission trip to Chicago this summer, so have fun, get creative, and support a great cause!

*Thank You,  
The High School Youth*



# LET'S MAKE YOUTH SUNDAYS GREAT IN 2010!



Just a reminder that every first Sunday of the month is YOUTH SUNDAY. Everyone should hopefully know what team they are assigned to do their Youth Sunday duties.

If you cannot make it to your scheduled YS, please let Pastor Julia know so she can get someone to substi-

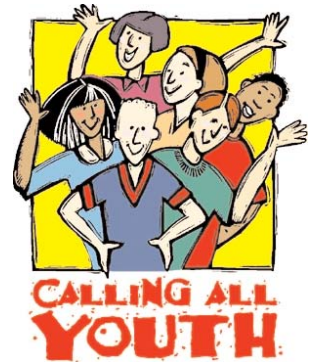
tute for you (especially if you are lectoring).

In all actuality, it would be great if EVERY youth showed up for Youth Sundays even if you are not scheduled for the particular Sunday.

Having you visible in church on Sundays is not only important for you and your faith life, but for the rest of the congregation (especially the younger kids) to see that you are an

integral part of our church family.

Please take special notice of the team assignments in the Insight each month!



## SERMON NOTES REMINDER:



Just a quick reminder for all Confirmation students that YES, you should be doing sermon notes every Sunday.

The sermon notes will be in the white 'Sermon Note Bucket' right inside the sanctuary on the back table.

After you are finished, please deposit them either

on PJ's desk or give them to her at Confirmation time.

Some Sundays there may not be any sheets left. Please let PJ know this, and she will refill the bucket with more sheets.

Thanks!

## JAM and BLING March Schedule:



**JAM**

- 3rd CrossTraining/HC
- 10th Service/Fun
- 17th CrossTraining/HC
- 24th *No CrossTraining*
- 31st *No CrossTraining*

**SENIOR HIGH:**

- 3rd Youth Council
- 5th Cinco de March Dinner/Lock-in
- 7th Youth Sunday
- 10th Service/Fun with Millie
- 14th Group Building with Millie

- 17th Reel to Real with David
- 19-21st Construction Zone in Chicago
- 24th *No CrossTraining*
- 28th Life Skills
- 31st *No CrossTraining*