



FROM THE

YOUTH LEADER

WEEKLY EVENTS FOR YOUTH

Sunday School and Youth Fellowship (YF) will resume September 12th

WEDNESDAY — Eric's Day Off

FCA and JAM will resume in September Thursday, 6:30-7:30 PM—AltarNation Practice

“For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.”- Psalm 48:14 (NIV)

Dear friends,

Vacation Bible School (VBS) has to be one of my favorite ministries in the church. This year, we completed an Amazon Cruise VeBS (Very exciting Bible School) with the help of dozens of volunteers. It is incredible to witness the energy of over 50 children as they react to music, bible verses, science, stories, recreation, and snacks in the presence of loving adults. For many of the children, you get the feeling this is the first time they have ever experienced Christian community.

VBS is educational for the helpers as much or more as it is for the children. The process of teaching is

very reflective: you learn many new things trying to explain it to someone else. The children's enthusiasm also serves to encourage the adults to put the same energy into their own faith.

One of the biggest blessings for me was to see all of the teenagers get involved in volunteering at VBS. It seems like half of the helpers were high-schoolers! Woo-hoo! All of our puppeteers and recreation leaders, in fact, were teens from our church.

VBS shows us an important principle: True Christian community transcends all differences, including age, economics, and even denominations. Our friends from Markey Baptist Church had as much fun at our VBS as we usually do at theirs! And with one purpose in mind (and a lot of organizational help from my beautiful wife, Katja), we can accomplish anything.

Two verses stick out in my mind from this week. First, “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19) This is somewhat of a self-fulfilling prophecy. If you believe it, you will see God meeting your needs all the time.

The second verse is “The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” (I John 4:4). We explained to the children that when we say “God is in our hearts,” it really means he is everywhere inside us, just as blood flows from the heart to every other part of the body. Tapping that internal power allows us to overcome anything that Satan can throw at us. Like the first verse, believing this promise is the first step to experiencing it.

Love, Eric

“Get hooked on Jesus!”

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Sign up for Summer Camp!

It's never too late to sign up for summer camp. Camps are available for all ages throughout the month of August. See Eric Falker or Sue Seaford if you have any questions. Many scholarships are available, and walk-ins are welcome. Thanks to all those campers who have already attended this year!

Announcing:

The 2011 Mission Trip

Plans are underway to take a team of roughly 12 to 20 people to God's Country Cooperative Parish in the Upper Peninsula next summer. The dates are June 12th to 18th. If you are interested in joining this team, please speak to Eric or Pastor Tom.

FIELDS OF FAITH 2010

Wed., Sept. 22nd, 7 PM

“Fields of Faith” will return to Houghton Lake football field again this fall. This is a night of music and testimony, led by local high school students. The week leading up to FoF, HLUMC will be hosting a prayer labyrinth.

Youth Fellowship Recycles



newspapers, phonebooks, pop cans, ink and copier cartridges, laptops, and cell phones!

Sorry, we cannot accept magazines, office paper, or cardboard. Please use local recycling facilities for these items. If you have any questions, please speak to Eric. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

YF Calendar

August 1-7

“Take the Plunge” Middle School Camp at Lake Louise

in Boyne Falls, MI

August 16

Habitat “Championship” Softball Game

7 PM at Lyon Township Field

August 19

Benefit Concert

6:30 PM at HLUMC. The proceeds go to help needy families in our area.

August 22-27

Clergy Family Camp at Lake Louise

The Falkers will be in attendance.

September 12

“Rally Day” at HLUMC

The fall kickoff for our Sunday School and Youth Fellowship ministries.

YF will resume at 6PM.

September 19

Crop Walk