

Youth Newsletter

February 2007

Alphas, Omegas Prepare for 30 Hour Famine

For the fourth year in a row, the junior and senior high youth of Bethlehem will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

Beginning on Friday, February 23, the youth will join thousands of youth groups in more than 21 countries—over 1 million youth worldwide—and go without food for 30 hours, to experience the hunger that far too many children around the world face every day.

Each day, nearly 29,000 children die from hunger and other mostly preventable causes. Each night, nearly a billion people, mostly women and children, go to bed hungry. And, all over the world, 1.1 billion people live on less than \$1 a day.

The youth of Bethlehem have decided to make a difference in the lives of needy children all over the world, and to be a part of the solution.

Youth will be seeking donors and sponsors in the congregation and our local community. It takes only \$30 per month—just \$1 a day—to feed and care for a child through World Vision, even in the most remote of locations.

World Vision is a non-profit Christian relief organization that is dedicated to meeting the needs of children, families, and communities all over the world. For more than 50 years, World Vision has been providing food, clean water, medical treatment, and much more for needy children and families all over the world. Each year, more than 80 million people in almost 100 countries receive the hope of a brighter future through thousands of World Vision projects worldwide.

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YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

ALL CLUBS

- February 4 Regular Meeting, 12:15pm-2:00pm
Souper Bowl Sunday – youth are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for Bethlehem's Food Pantry
- February 11 Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
- February 18 Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
- February 23-24 Alphas/Omegas World Vision 30-Hour Famine, time & details TBA
- February 25 Pioneer Clubs Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
No Regular Meeting for Alphas/Omegas
- March 4 Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
- March 11 Spring Activity, time & details TBA
No Regular Meeting

For more information about your club's schedule, including any special events planned for your individual club, please contact your club's leaders.

Special Thanks

to all who supported the Alpha and Omega Youth during their Fundraising Luncheon on Sunday, January 21.

Over \$700 was made to support the groups' annual Ski Retreat and their ongoing mission projects and activities.

Thank You!

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The youth will be challenged personally and physically over the 30 hours. During the famine, the youth will also participate in a number of activities, projects, and Bible studies. In the end, the youth will gain a greater sense of compassion for a world in need, and learn to see others through the eyes of Christ.

Last year, thanks to the overwhelming support of the congregation and community, Bethlehem's youth collected pledges of \$1,732.25—thanks to matching Federal grants, enough to feed 9 needy children for over a year.

So, this year, when a junior or senior high youth asks you to sponsor them for the World Vision 30 Hour Famine, please consider helping to fight hunger all over the world and to spread the love of Christ to a world in need. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

Youth to Donate to Food Pantry on “Souper Bowl” Sunday

On Sunday, February 4, the youth of Bethlehem Christian Church are asked to bring in non-perishable food items for Bethlehem's Food Pantry to celebrate “Souper Bowl” Sunday.

The winter months are a special time of need, and many people look to Bethlehem's Food Pantry to help them get through difficult times.

Several years ago, the Youth Groups at Bethlehem decided to set aside their own special day—“Souper Bowl” Sunday—to give the children an opportunity to help the needy in our community by donating non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry.

Last year, the youth donated over 100 different food items to the Food Pantry. Let's make this year an even bigger success! Please don't forget to bring your food items to the Regular Meeting right after church on Sunday, February 4! And don't forget, anyone can donate to Bethlehem's Food Pantry at any time, simply by bringing non-perishable food items to church.



Pioneer Clubs News & Notes





This past month, the Scooters have been working on their God Gave Us Parents unit. The children made refrigerator magnets to remind them that families work together on chores, and wrote thank you cards to their parents for all the things they teach them.



The Voyagers have been studying their Loving God unit, and have been learning that God is their Heavenly Father and that salvation is through Jesus. They have also been working on their Artist and Trees activity awards. To earn their Artist badge, the club created artwork each week using different media, such as paints and chalk, and also created a mural. For their Trees badge, the children studied the different things that grow on trees, learned that trees are God's creation, and made artwork using the various parts of a tree.



The Pathfinders have been working on their Knowing God unit. This unit consists of four interrelated topics—Knowing God through Nature, Knowing God through His Word, Knowing God through Jesus, and Knowing God as His Child. The club recently completed their Creative Messages, Tumbling, and Courtesy activity awards.

**Sunday, February 4 is
Souper Bowl Sunday!**

Special regular meeting time

12:15pm-2:00pm
(following morning worship)

LUNCH PROVIDED

**Please bring a non-perishable food item
to help restock Bethlehem's food pantry
for the needy in our community**