



Sunday Update

February 12, 2012

Drop in the Bucket: Our drop in the bucket project this month is St. Francis Food Pantry. Thank you for teaching your children to share with those in need.

Eau Claire Winter Sustainability Festival: Saturday, February 11, free children's activities 1-5:00 PM at Northstar Middle School. A wonderful variety of items available for auction and raffle. This a fundraiser for the Okora Sustainable Community Project. Today is the last day for the dinner and dance tickets following at 5:00 PM.

Heart to Heart: February 12 from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. Children in the choir are invited to sing for the not-so-out-and-about folks and persons in nursing home care.

Children's Choir: Children sing in worship today. No Rehearsal in the Gathering Place.

Coming Soon!

Games Night: Two of our families brought their boys to participate in games night last month. Did you know that the host, Chris McMahon has 2,200 board games some of them vintage collector items and that he and his boys go to board game conventions to play some of the new stuff? If there is something that you would like to try—I bet he has it. February 19, Games night in Ingram Hall from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a supper/snack.

Scouting Sunday: March 4, scouts will be recognized in our congregation. If your child (boy scout or girl scout) is active in scouting, we would like to have them wear their uniform and participate in the service as a greeter, serve communion, and participate in the curb usher corps. Please contact Heather Kouris at heather@kouris.info.

Feed My Starving Children: March 10, (deadline Mar 4) First Cong is going to Eagan to help with Feed My Starving Children. We have spaces for 15 and the lower age limit is third grade. This is a marvelous volunteer opportunity that is well organized, children are busy from the time they arrive until you leave. Leaving Eau Claire at 9:00 AM and volunteering from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Rotation Theme - Joseph and His Brothers shows us that each of us has received a gift from God that makes us special in God's sight—like the coat of many colors. Rather than to be the focus of our pride or accomplishments, we are asked to use our gift to make the world a better place.



Second Grade: Katie Griffith with Katie Lindquist in the Awesome Oasis. Children receive and overview of Joseph and his brothers using an animated film. They will remember the story when making a time line.

Third Grade: Paulette Sampson with Kristen Gundry, (Thou Art) Joseph was special to his father and was given a "one of a kind" gift—the coat. Students will wonder about what makes each one of us special and create a one-of-a-kind design.

Fourth and Fifth Grade: Katie MckY with Amy Seipel, (Amazing Acts), Joseph tells his story from his perspective. Students wonder about what it was like to have Joseph as a brother. Joseph has 2 dreams about his relationship to his brothers. Students will make dream catchers as they discuss the story.

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