

St Andrew Youth Group News **Upcoming Youth Group Happenings**

- April 9th participation in church cleanup day, Lead—John & Karen -Kids need to bring work gloves. Sign up in Weeks Hall
 - May 6th -6:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show-Lead—Lorrie Hagy- Linda to check on dates for rehearsals/set up-Dates set by April meeting. Lorie will coordinate with Linda. Notice to be placed in Bulletin, youth to act as servers.
 - May 20th Retreat
 - June-Bowling, Lead—Lorrie,
- Please mark your calendars and bring a friend!
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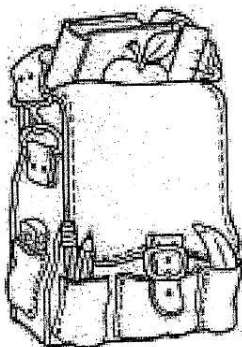
YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Since Pastor Rust's arrival at St. Andrew, he has arranged to include our youth in many outdoor activities. We have a baseball team made up of youth from St. Andrew and other churches.

We will always remember the wonderful experiences, laughs, and learning we enjoyed at Camp Agape in May of 2010. For three days, we enjoyed worship, hiking, Bible study, games, good Camp food, singing, volleyball, crafts, kick-ball, hide and seek, wading in mountain streams, and all of the other wonderful Lutheran Camp experiences.

In 2009, Pastor Ted took ten (10) youth to Washington, DC. The theme for the week long trip was "For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)
Some of the youth also went with their parents to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

In addition, the youth group led by Jeff Ogonowski and his team, meet at least once a month for fun activities such as, ice skating, swimming; roller skating or just playing games in Weeks Hall. In order to raise funds for their trips the youth will have a car wash, cake sale, Souper Sunday etc. When they raise funds a portion is always set aside for some outreach ministry group or organization. Currently the Youth Project is Micah's Backpack, which is described below.



Micah's Backpack:
Feeding Our Future

Micah's Backpack Healthy Meals for Healthy Families

Background

Many children struggle to eat healthy meals and snacks every day. Micah's Backpack, a free ministry of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in New Bern, NC helps children eat more healthy meals and snacks through their local elementary school. Micah's Backpack will address children's weekend hunger issues by providing meals to identified students who require the program's assistance. Each week, the participating students will receive a backpack filled with enough food for the weekend.

How Micah's Backpack Works

Each Friday afternoon elementary school children receive a backpack of individual sized healthy food and snacks. On Monday the child returns the empty backpack to their school coordinator to be restocked with food for the following Friday. Micah's Backpack may include the following items: cereal, breakfast bars, oatmeal, juice, tuna kits, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter crackers, soup, apple sauce, fruit cups, ravioli, vegetables, non-refrigerated milk, and other nutritious food.

Who Can Participate?

Beginning in March 2010, Micah's Backpack will work with families at Oaks Road elementary school. The school will identify low income families in need of assistance. Program participation will be kept as confidential as possible. A parent or guardian must return a signed permission form for their child to participate. This form is available from the school principal.

How the Program is Sustained

Micah's Backpack is a community service ministry coordinated and maintained by the Youth of St. Andrew Lutheran Church with support from the Youth Group Committee, individuals of the St. Andrew congregation and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Additional partners will be added in the near future. Children are our future. This ministry is a wonderful way for the youth of St. Andrew to nurture their spiritual growth while making a difference in the lives of children in our community.

How Can I help?

Micah's Backpack is in need of monetary and food item donations. A list of needed food items

in individual single serving sizes is available on the next page. Volunteers are also needed to deliver backpacks to the school on a weekly basis. Financial donations can be sent to St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Congregation members can also donate by designating your contribution to Micah's Backpack and placing in the offering during services.

**Needed Non-Perishable Food Items in Individual
(Single) Serving Sizes**

100 % Orange Juice/Fruit Juice
Oatmeal (Box with Individual Packages)
Tuna Kits
Macaroni and Cheese Singles
Peanut Butter Crackers
Chicken or Vegetable Soup (Single Servings)
Apple Sauce Cups
Fruit Cups
Spaghettios or Ravioli (Single Servings)
Individual Vegetable Cups
Goldfish (Single Servings)
Pudding/Jell-O Cups
Granola/Oatmeal bars

More Information

For more information on the Micah's Backpack program please contact:

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Sponsor A Micah's Child

The Saint Andrew Youth Group is currently providing nutritional weekend meals to children attending Trent Park and Oaks Road elementary schools through our Micah's Backpack ministry. The Youth Group is grateful for the support we've received from our congregation.

We understand it's more convenient for some to donate monetarily rather than purchasing food items and toting them to the church. We've considered your suggestions, so Micah's Backpack has now set up a sponsorship program.

There are currently 19 children receiving Backpack meals each weekend and there are more in need. There are approximately 40 weekends during the school year and the average cost of each pack is \$6.00. For your convenience we've listed several tax deductible donation options for sponsoring a Micah's child during the school year, but keep in mind we are grateful for any size donation. To make a donation; make check payable to St Andrew and note Micah's Backpack on the Memo line.

1 month = \$24.00

3 months = \$72.00

Half school year = \$120.00

Entire school year = \$240.00

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Again, thanks for your continued support,
Saint Andrew Youth Group

