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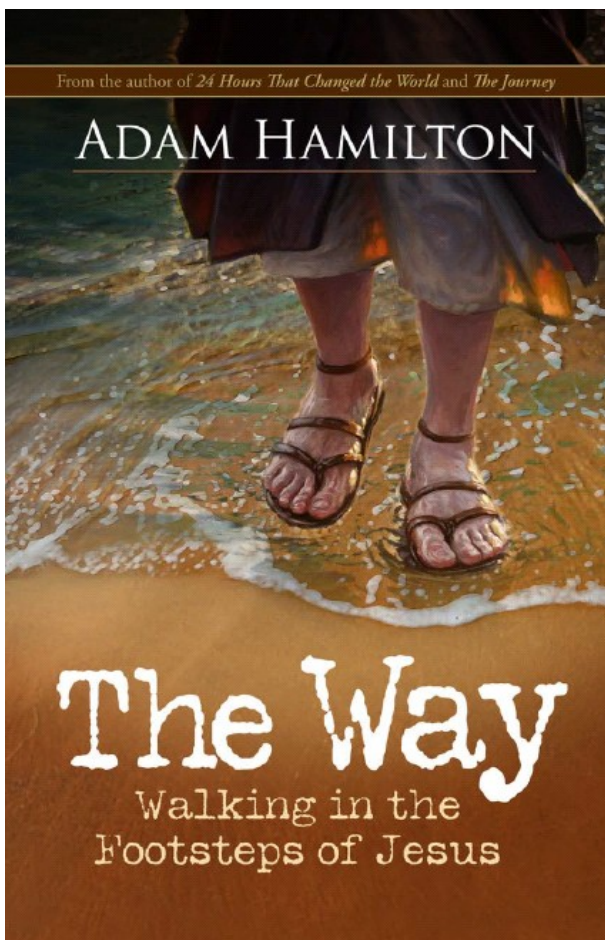
SEASON OF LENT HOME-BASED SMALL GROUPS

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To start Lent we will have a family friendly worship service on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at DaVinci Academy.



Notes from Pastor Paul



During Lent everyone at Chain of Lakes is encouraged to participate in a home-based, small group. We've just launched our publicity about this important new ministry. I've had some people ask me some questions about the group, so I decided to put together a Q & A about these small groups:

What is happening?

During Lent everyone at Chain of Lakes is encouraged to participate in a home-based small group. The groups will be viewing a video series called, "The Way, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus." Participants will be literally walking in the footsteps of Jesus as they explore significant moments in Jesus' ministry.

Why should I participate?

This is a terrific opportunity to get to know other people at Chain of Lakes in a comfortable setting. It's also an opportunity to learn about some important stories of Jesus. These groups will deepen relationships in our new community.

When will the small groups meet?

The dates and times of the small groups are on the front page of this newsletter.

What will happen in the small groups?

After getting settled, the group will watch a short video. After the video people will have an opportunity to discuss the video and the book that goes along with the video. The group will spend some time reading the Bible story on which the video is based.

Steering Committee Notes

At the January Steering Committee:

- Pastor Paul shared his infamous Tater-Tot hot dish and shared a devotion
- Made organizational decisions—one of them was to elect Melanie Vosdigh as the Clerk
- Reviewed the Christmas Eve service and the Annual Meeting
- Talked about how to improve the effectiveness of the Ministry Teams
- Decided to invite the staff, ministry team leaders and others to a meeting where events on the property for 2013 will be planned

Is there reading to go along with the video?

Everyone is encouraged to purchase a corresponding book, though having the book is not necessary to participate in the group.

I feel so intimidated by my lack of knowledge about God?

These groups are intended for people who know little about the faith. In fact the less you know, the more you will fit in.

How long will each session go?

Approximately 75 minutes

Can my kids come to the group?

On the first gathering each group will decide about having kids attend the group or providing child care.

How long will the groups go?

For six weeks. They will start the week of February 17th and end the week of March 24th

What happens if I miss a session?

If you can't come to a session, you can be in contact with the group leader about what happened. You could also attend another group on a different day that is meeting that week.

Are people outside the congregation able to participate?

By all means, yes! We're hoping that each group will have one person participate who isn't currently connected to our new faith community.

What else do I need to know?

That your presence in a group is valued. If you have a question about a group, contact one of the group leaders. They are Justin Leitch, Val Owens, Dave Nyberg, John Ivers, or me.

- Approved staff goals for 2013
- Decided to make a decision on Sundaes on Wednesday at the February meeting
- Reviewed the budgeting process—the budget will be approved at the February meeting
- Decided to take the leadership in developing home-based small groups during Lent

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is Thursday, February 21.

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Events on the Property

On January 22 leaders of Chain of Lakes had a fun and lively conversation about events we can do on the property in 2013. Every event made is meant to be a community event—meaning that the community is invited to participate and even help in the planning—if that is possible. The following is a tentative list of events:

February 23	Paint the Snow
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt
April	Community Gardens
May 10-12	FREE parking for Blaine garage sales
May 19	Game Day
June	Ice Cream Social
July	Picnic/BBQ
August 22	Anniversary Celebration
September	Star Gazing
October 4	Blessing of the Animals
Late October	Trick-or-Trunk Halloween
December 24	Christmas Eve Celebration



SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 3	The Widow's Gift
February 10	Computers in the Classroom – The Life of Jesus
February 17	We begin a five week series about the last week of Jesus' life. The children will be creating a "scrapbook" of the events
February 24	Palm Sunday
March 3	Maundy Thursday (Last Supper)
March 10	Good Friday
March 17	Easter Sunday
March 24	Review Week. In worship third graders will receive Bibles.

CLUB 20-40

Club 20-40 will worship at The Table at Christ Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. The Table's slogan is "An innovative environment for worship and discipleship designed for the Next Generation. We will meet at the church office at 5:15 for anyone who wants to carpool/caravan. After worship the group will meet at a nearby restaurant for fellowship. The lead pastor of The Table has been invited to join us. Club 20-40 is intended for people in that age range.

♪ Music Ministry ♪ by Kristel

During Pastor Paul's sermon series on the end of the world, he had described heaven as "a space of praise". What a beautiful picture in Revelation where creatures are forever praising God saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come." (Rev. 4:8) Every Sunday we are given the opportunity to sing praises in our own "space of praise". We may not be surrounded by the visual glory of heaven, but we are surrounded by the Love of Christ that pulls us together. Coming together weekly to worship through scripture, teaching, and song is a privilege and a beautiful time where we can raise our voices together. May we continue to raise our voices in song!



Meet us on the Chain of Lakes Property to have some fun designing art in the snow February 23 anytime between 1 & 3 pm

Painting the Snow

Chain of Lakes Valentine's Party

When: February 15th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Lino Lakes Senior Center, 1189 Main Street

Cost: \$5.00 per person

(kids 12 & under free)

Make a reservation by calling the office at (763)208-8049 or email info@colpres.org, or purchase tickets at worship.



Dinner, games and other activities!



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Chain of Lakes Church Purpose:

We are called to be an authentic, Christian community where:
Strangers become friends
Friends become disciples
Disciples impact the world.

Our Worship Location

Directions: Located at DaVinci Adademy Charter School
13001 Central in Blaine, at the intersection of Highway 65 and 131st Ave
(just north of Cub Foods)

Come Join Us! Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

