

FEBRUARY 2018 SUNLIGHT FAMILY JOURNAL

Kids Club News for February

Let's help Mosaik Kirche! What's that?

Trinity supports our missionaries, Stephen & Susan Beck, who planted a church in Frankfurt...which is called Mosaik Kirche. As the students know by now, they need a new building because their current one is being torn down for a new high-rise building to be put in its place. The one they are considering is what they call a "dream location" because it is close to many areas of transportation, which is very important in Frankfurt. They are largely a congregation of refugees, low-income immigrants, no-income students, and mid-income Germans, so they need outside help to get past the bank hurdle and have the owners accept their rental offer. Once this happens, they will have a building strategically located to reach Germans and immigrants alike. Our Kids Club children are working hard to bring in money to help support them. We've also received a generous offer of \$500 to match what they bring in. If you would like to help the Becks out, either give your money to Elizabeth van Bastelaar or mark it to project #55931—MosaikKirche. May God be glorified!



For your calendar

February 7th—5:30, Dinner (taco bar, fruit trays, corn, and an assortment of pies) & prize night
March 7th—5:30, Dinner (spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and cookies) & prize night
We'd love for all of the church to join us for dinner!

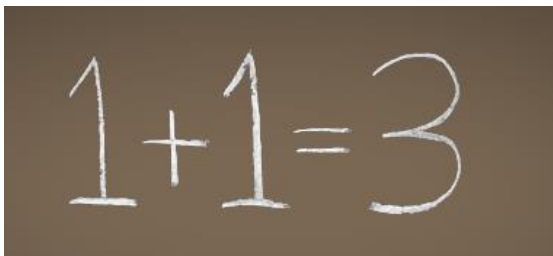
We had so much fun watching Little Red Riding Hood performed by the Popcorn Hat Players on January 27th!

YOUTH GROUP FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB 4 – BIG GAME PARTY – TRINITY – 6PM TO 10PM

FEBRUARY 16-18 – BREAKAWAY RETREAT

FEBRUARY 23-25 – MISSION CONFERENCE



MAKE A DISCIPLE OR NOT MAKE A DISCIPLE, THAT IS THE QUESTION!

As Christians we are tasked with the responsibility of making disciples of all nations. Now, often we take Matthew 28:18-20 to be useful for evangelism and missions. Those are good verses. But it is so much more. We are to make disciples. Command! How do we do it? By baptizing them and teaching them everything we have been taught. I don't know about you, but that is not a short process for anyone. So this making a disciple idea is said by Jesus with a longer process in mind. It is a process where we walk beside somebody and teach and instruct him regarding our faith. We encourage him and pray with him. We help him when he struggles. And the whole time we are teaching.

I have challenged our student leaders and our youth to take serious this command. You see in the text of Matthew 28 it does not give a starting age of when we are to disciple others. We are just commanded to go and do it. As we have studied the Christian life in youth group, I have challenged our youth to realize that making disciples is a valuable part of the Christian life. We all need to wrestle with the question, who are we discipling. Yes it can be that non-Christian that does not know Jesus. It can be that new Christian who is just learning about the faith. It is that child we work with in Kids Club, or VBS or see in church. Who are you discipling? It would be awesome if we all came beside someone and disciplined or mentored him or her in what it means to follow Jesus.

What is keeping you from doing this? There are lots of reasons. Some are: I don't have time, I am not smart enough, I am an introvert, I am still learning myself, worry about rejection or offending someone and the list can go on. Let us put aside the excuses and start now to pray and think about who we could disciple or mentor. That is where it starts, with prayer. Pray for your heart and for the person you want to disciple to desire that relationship with you. Then make contact. Start to talk to him or her. Ask questions aimed at getting to know the person you are reaching out to. When you get to a point of trust in your relationship then make a commitment to get together regularly. That is so important to meet regularly. It can be a phone call, in person, or through some social media platform. Make sure you are both committed to be open and honest and that the God's word and prayer are a regular part of the meeting.

Think about if we all took serious discipleship. If I disciple someone who discipless someone, who discipless someone, think about the multiplication. It is awesome to think about! Jesus spent his time with only twelve men and look at the impact of his ministry. That needs to be our model. So let us GO and make disciples together.



Birthdays!

CHILDREN

5—Ronan Hauck
5—Rowen Frable
17—Teagan Colt
21—Jacob Mwangangi
24—Daniel Wolcott

26—Naomi Lonie
27—Tabitha Lonie

YOUTH

8 — Daquan Reid
16 — Madison Marto
27 — Nathan Winters

COLLEGE STUDENTS

18 — Sarah McLaughlin
24 — Zach Fiol

