

Hello everyone,

I hope this email finds you well rested after the recent holiday festivities. What a great celebration we had for the birth of Jesus and gathering with our family. I think I gained about 5 pounds from all of the dessert from the past week. I look forward to the New Year and hope you all the best. Thank you all for coming out for lunch and a tour of the Ronald McDonald House. I really had a great time. Please reach out to me if you have any questions on the events below. We will not be meeting as a Youth Group until we return from our trip to Kansas.

Dec. 30 (Sunday) This Sunday there will only be one service at 10:00. There will be no Sunday morning session in the youth room. The service will be followed by a 5th Sunday Celebration Brunch at 11:00. We are looking for volunteers to help with serving during the brunch and helping with games for the younger kids. I already have some game ideas. We will also do a craft. The Radical Hospitality Committee has reached out to see if we could help. I understand that some people will be out of town for the holidays. Let me know if you can attend and join in fellowship.

Jan. 4-6 (Friday – Sunday) The One Event in Salina, KS. We will be leaving Friday night from the church at 6:15 pm. Please have dinner prior to leaving as we will not be stopping to eat on the way. I will have a van rented for us to travel in. We will travel to the hotel on Friday. The event starts Saturday morning. Saturday night we will stay at a local church. The church has no shower facilities as I have confirmed. Then on Sunday we will travel home after the morning activities. This is going to be a great experience. I am still looking for two adults one male and one female. If you know of anyone who would like to go please advise. The following link has more information about the event <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/theoneevent> You will also need to fill out the health form which is attached to this email. A payment of \$25 is required for each individual going. Our youth funds will cover the lodging, transportation, and registration to the event. We are really going to have a great time and make some great memories on this trip. I am so excited.

Jan. 12,19, or 26 TBD (On a Saturday) On one of these Saturday's we will have a Youth Group outing similar to when we went to Urban Air. There are two suggestions for the outing, either going Skating at Skate Daze or going to The MARK in Elkhorn for bowling and games. We will decide which Saturday and what venue in the future. Just pencil this in your calendar as a temporary place keeper for now.

Jan. 27 (Sunday) Our Sloppy Joe Lunch will be served following the 10:45 service. There will be a blood drive that day and this will be another fundraiser for our group. It would be neat to maybe come up with a short "skit" to present for our lunch guests. Think about that idea and let me know your thoughts.

May God's blessings be with you all. I hope to see you this Sunday at church if you are around. For those on the road I will be praying for you safe travels. Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace,

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