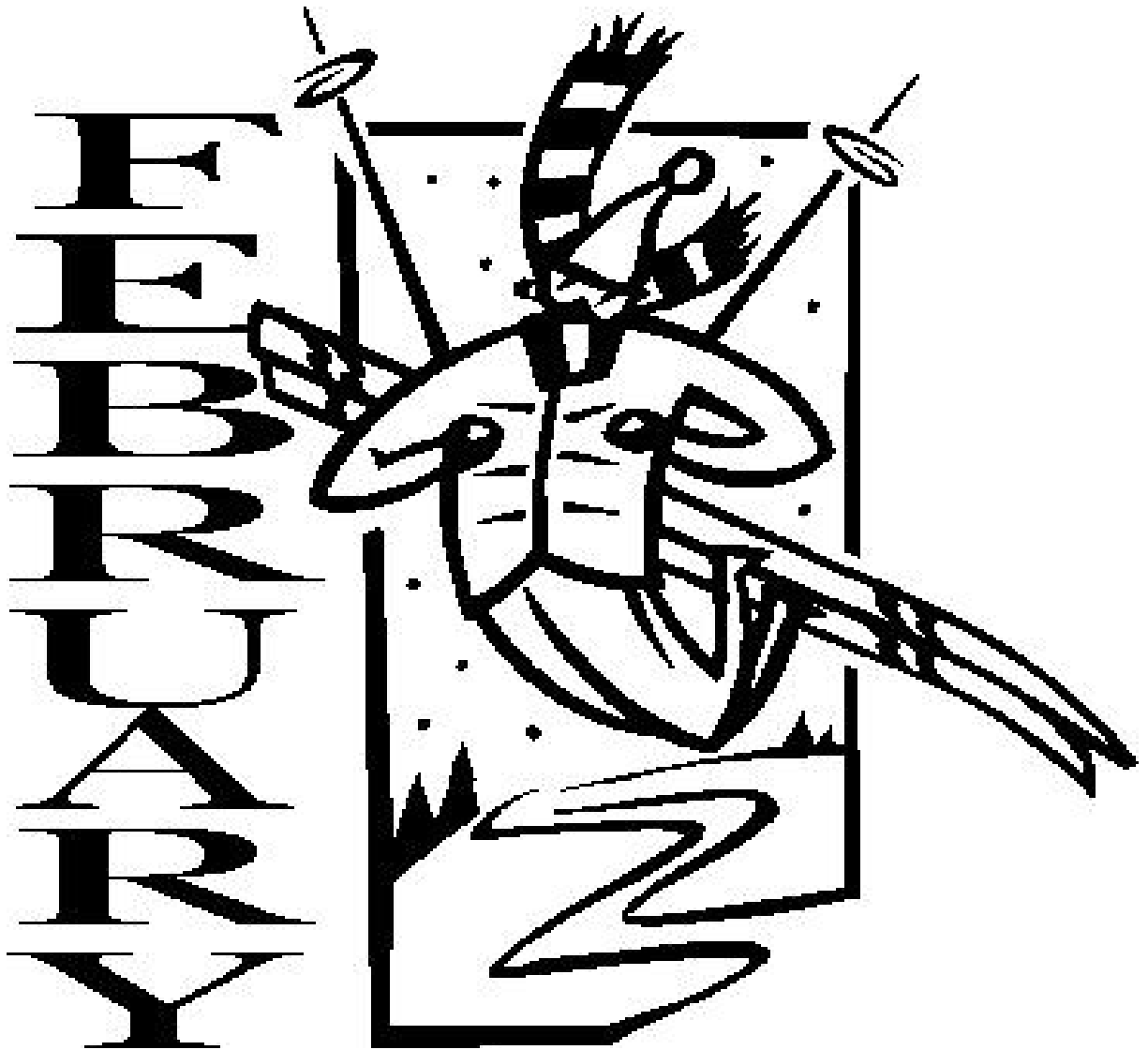


# North Shore Church News

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February 2018

## ***“A Few Thoughts On.....”***

### ***Prayer***

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#### **Sunday Morning**

8:00 Worship—Chapel

10:00 Worship—Sanctuary

10:15 Sunday School

11:00 Coffee & Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

Martin Luther is quoted as having said that, “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” I think most all of us likely agree on the fact that prayer is essential to our lives. We see prayer played out throughout Scripture, we join together in prayer multiple times when we gather for worship each week, and many of us have routines of prayer at meals, bedtimes, and other occasions in our homes. We know that prayer is important – we know that we should pray – we know that God wants us to pray. But, if we’re really honest about it, I think it gets pretty ‘fuzzy’ after that.

What is the purpose of prayer? Does prayer actually change the ‘heart’ or ‘mind’ of God? Does the quantity of people praying for me in a time of need make a difference? What should I pray for? What shouldn’t I pray for? How often should I pray? How should I pray? Is there a right way? Is there a wrong way? I could on and on with the questions we face in the face of that somewhat ethereal notion of prayer. We know it matters, but after that, we’re just not very sure.

And, if we’re honest about it, some of these questions don’t have the clear, succinct, 10-word answers that we’d love to find. Some of these questions wind up in the realm of the Divine Mystery that we cannot ‘solve’ (at least in this life). At the same time, however, there are stories, passages, and traditions of our faith that speak to some of these questions (even if they don’t answer them), and some time spent on the questions might just give us a little more understanding of what this whole prayer thing is about. So – that’s exactly what we are going to do.

Over the course of Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 18, and concluding on Sunday, March 18, we will tackle some of these great questions of prayer. We will have some worship

## ***Prayer, continued...***

inserts about prayer along the way. We will incorporate classic prayers of some of the pivotal theologians and ancestors of our faith into our worship. We even hope to bring in a labyrinth for an experience of a different form of prayer after worship. And, each week, we will take on one of these major questions that we so often face in our relationship with God in prayer.

I make no promises that we will reach Holy Week with a five-point treatise on the essence of prayer. In fact, I can assure you we won't! In truth, we may have even more questions at the end of this than we have today. What I can assure you, however, is that in prayerfully and thoughtfully exploring these questions, regardless of what 'answers' we will find, God will work within us and help us to truly understand why this prayer thing is so important after all.

Your Pastor and Friend, ***Marty***

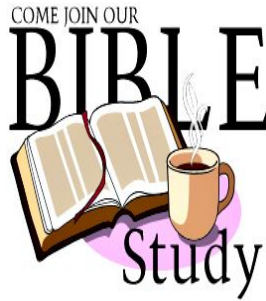


### **Ash Wednesday**

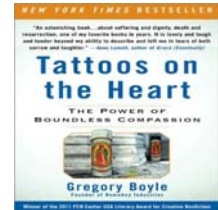
Mark your calendar for our annual Ash Wednesday service. February 14, at 7:00pm, we will gather to set the stage for the Lenten season and begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the remembrance and celebration of Easter. This is a meaningful service that helps to set our hearts on the spirit of Lent – please join us.

## EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Thursday Morning Bible Discussion:** Join us in Friendship Lounge on **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00** as we continue our discussion of the Gospel of John. Drop in if you want to see and hear what we are up to.



The **Tuesday Morning Book Group** meets in Friendship Lounge on Tuesdays from 10-11 am. During February we will continue discussing Gregory Boyle's *Tattoos on the Heart*.



*If you have any questions or thoughts about Bible studies and book groups, please contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith at 414-588-8693 or [juliesmith@northshorecongl.org](mailto:juliesmith@northshorecongl.org).*

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### Wednesday Evening Lenten Soup and Table Talk

On Wednesday evenings, beginning **February 21**, come from 6 to 7 pm for our 5 week **Soup and Table Talk**. Enjoy delicious simple suppers prepared for you by the Soupers and conversation centering each week on one of the Final Words of Jesus (includes a brief video presentation).



## FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



### Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

On **February 4**, be part of our mission and outreach to Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. Come to the church kitchen right after the 10 am service and help make 75 bag lunches. Wondering about other ways you can help? We are happy to have people volunteer to make cookies to include in each bag, or donate items such as carrots, bread, pretzels, peanut butter or jelly (we currently have donations of bottled water and fruit). We are also building a team of volunteers who can take turns delivering the bag lunches on Monday morning by 11:00 or earlier. Contact Jane Ford (janer1975@hotmail.com) or Mary Kramer (mewkramer@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

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### Agape Table

On Tuesday evening, **February 13**, Rev. Julie and Rev. Rob Fredrickson will meet with our **Milwaukee Area College Students** for a pancake dinner (celebrating "Fat Tuesday"). On Friday, **February 23**, we head out to the **University of Wisconsin, Madison campus** to share dinner and conversation with our college students there. Ask Rev. Julie about this when you see her.



## AGAPE TABLE

# LOAVES AND FISHES

February 20, 2018

## CASSEROLES

## DESSERTS

Bartlett	Callaway
Cook	Lemorande
Gaenslen	Lennie
Papineau	Levatich
Ritke	Loder
Swenson	Reimer
Navarro	Wauck
_____	Weber
_____	Zganjar
_____	Dottie Schimpf
_____	Zimmer
_____	Holmes



MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON  
BREAD ALONE BUT ON  
EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM  
THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.  
DEUTERONOMY 8:3

## DRIVERS

Osborne	Croysdale	Holmes
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## SERVERS

Schuyler	Croysdale
Schuyler	Osborne
Schuyler	Smith, J.
Schuyler	Smith, T.

## SAVE THE DATE...

Watch the **Milwaukee Admirals** take on the Stockton Heat on **February 11, 2018** at 5:00 pm with your church family and friends. Cost: \$18.00 a ticket. Where: UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena, 400 W. Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee. Interested: Contact Sharon Hall at [disneyfamily01@gmail.com](mailto:disneyfamily01@gmail.com) or 262-236-9847 soon!



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## Looking Ahead

- Thursday, **March 15:** College of Wooster Scot Symphonic Band concert and visit
- Sunday, **March 25:** Palm Sunday worship followed by Eggstravaganza brunch and fellowship
- Thursday, **March 29:** Maundy Thursday worship and dinner at 6pm
- Friday, **March 30:** Good Friday worship at 2pm
- Sunday, **April 1:** Easter worship at 9 and 11 am





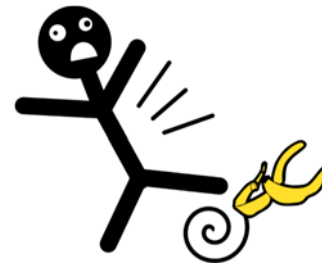
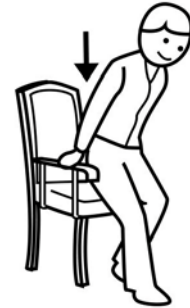
## HEALTH COMMITTEE

### Healthy Movement Ideas

Come and speak with a certified Physical Therapist, John Hendrickson, who will be here in the Fellowship Hall on **February 18** from 11:15 -noon.

Learn good practices for yourself or a loved one, including topics such as:

- ❖ Getting up from the floor or ground?
- ❖ Best way to go up and down stairs with and without railing?
- ❖ Is there a right way to fall?
- ❖ Can one break their hip without trauma from a fall?
- ❖ Best way to get in and out of bed?
- ❖ Most common accidents in the home?
- ❖ What is the best way for an older person to get ready for hip or knee surgery?
- ❖ Are there exercises to prevent or improve leg cramps?
- ❖ Should people who have balance issues do any gentle movements before standing to walk?



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**Chair Yoga** is a gentle form of Yoga adapted to do while sitting on a chair or standing with a chair as support. Chair Yoga offers improvement for mobility and flexibility, overall health and relaxation. Dress comfortably, we provide chairs and a relaxing environment. Sessions offered on **Thursdays from 11:15-12:15** in Friendship Lounge. \$10 per session to drop in or sign up for the next 6-week **session that starts February 15** (\$54 for 6 week session). The instructor is Erica Boos. Please contact Rev. Julie to sign up, or if you have any questions.





## COLLEGE OF WOOSTER VISIT

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting the **College of Wooster Scot Symphonic Band** for a meal, concert, and overnight on Thursday, **March 15**.



The College of Wooster has a long history of spring tours in which their band, bagpipers and Scottish dancers perform, each night, at a different church. On March 15, that concert will be here at North Shore Church.

The Fellowship Committee will be arranging the meal for the students. Connie Mullins will be working with the College on local publicity. Rev. Marty (who is an alum of this band), will be coordinating with the college. Lorna Hilyard (also a Wooster alum) will be coordinating housing. ***This is where our members come in!***

We will need 30-40 households willing to pick up the students at the end of the concert, give them a place to sleep for the night, and then drive them back to the church to catch the bus after feeding them breakfast in the morning. Bedding can be as simple as air mattresses on the floor or blankets on the couch. With nearly 90 students to house, we need as many to help as possible. Sign-up sheets are available in the Sunday order of worship, and Lorna will be at a table with additional sign-up sheets and information on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lorna or to Rev. Marty.



## 2018 NSCC NOMINATIONS

This is the annual period in which we seek to nominate a few of our members to positions as Officers, Boards, and Committees for the coming year. Your Nominating Committee will be very active during February and March.



Our Church Council will be scheduling two important meetings of our membership:

- ❖ April 8, we will have a brief meeting to simply distribute the Draft Slate of our nominees as a “progress report” for your review.
- ❖ May 6, we will have our full Annual Meeting, which will include distribution of a Final Slate of nominees to be elected by our members.

Every active member should consider attending these two meetings.

You may recall the annual calendar was changed slightly by our members at our last Annual Meeting, to include:

The period of service remains unchanged, as a multiple of 12 months, but begins on June 1 (instead of the previous July 1), to allow the newly-formed groups an earlier start in planning the activities that begin in the Fall.

The two mandatory Congregational Meetings must therefore occur somewhat earlier in the calendar year.

The group soliciting nominations includes:

- Dave Boerke, elected, (414) 351-3272, [David.Boerke@Boerke.com](mailto:David.Boerke@Boerke.com)
- Walt Hadcock, elected, (262) 241-3763, [Rhykenology@wi.rr.com](mailto:Rhykenology@wi.rr.com)
- George Holmes, Member at Large, chosen by Church Council, (414) 351-2663, [GHolmes910@Yahoo.com](mailto:GHolmes910@Yahoo.com)

as well as two folks who will assist us on a short-term “ad hoc” basis:

- Amy Gallinger, (847) 528-5923, [Strubs77@Yahoo.com](mailto:Strubs77@Yahoo.com)
- Larry Molinari, (262) 242-1251, [LMM@Perlick.com](mailto:LMM@Perlick.com)

Please give careful consideration to your level of participation in the activities of our membership — after all, we are a “congregational” church to be led by our members! Contact any of us with your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas.

## LYDIA

**Lydia Circle** will be meeting Monday, **February 26**, in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. We will be assembling bags of personal care items for women in local shelters.

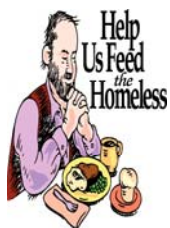
At our last meeting, it was decided to purchase \$200 worth of items--so far we'll have toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, washcloths and body wash. Feel free to bring any travel size items you may have accumulated in your travels. Bring a friend--many hands make light work!



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## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

### LUNCH MAKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH



#### Isaiah 58:12

*12 Those from among you  
Shall build the old waste places;  
You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,  
The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.*



Repairers of the Breach is a homeless outreach, and provides daytime refuge and resources for homeless adults.

#### REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH MISSION

*To bring forth homeless people to act collectively to change the present conditions under which they live, through advocacy/education and direct action.*

#### REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH VISION

*Each individual will have adequate food, a home, health care, a support system, literacy and an empowered voice.*



On the **first Sunday of the month**, a group of volunteers from our congregation prepares 75 brown bag lunches that are then delivered on Monday morning to Repairers of the Breach. This is a wonderful way to include the family in an important ministry. We appreciate volunteers to help put the lunches together. Donations are always welcome. Items such as carrots, bread, pretzels, peanut butter, jelly and homemade cookies are always a treat.

Jane Ford ([janer1975@hotmail.com](mailto:janer1975@hotmail.com)) and Mary Kramer ([mewkramer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mewkramer@sbcglobal.net)) coordinate our monthly lunch making ministry and are always in need of volunteers to assist in the packing of the bags and delivery of them to the organization. As you can imagine, this is a very important ministry which really makes a very big difference to the recipients of your time.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Our daytime sanctuary is an empowering place where homeless and at-risk men and women create community and a sense of "ownership" in their center. They work together to find solutions to homelessness using our "constellation" of free resources—all in a nurturing and non-judgmental context emphasizing "homeless helping homeless."



Due to the frigid temperatures, the Center has been open every night since Christmas. Please consider donating the following as we are in immediate need of:

- **BLANKETS**
- **PILLOWS \*NEW\***
- **LARGE CANS OF SOUP (BEEF OR CHICKEN)**

Thank you for caring for our members during this brutal winter season.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Sunday School News!



#### February Lessons at a Glance:

- ❖ February 4 "Jesus Calls Disciples" (Mark 1: 16-20; John 1: 35-51)
- ❖ February 11 "Jesus Performs His First Miracle" (John 2: 1-12)
- ❖ February 18 "Nicodemus Visits Jesus at Night" (John 3: 1-21)
- ❖ February 25 "Jesus is Rejected" (Luke 4: 16-30)

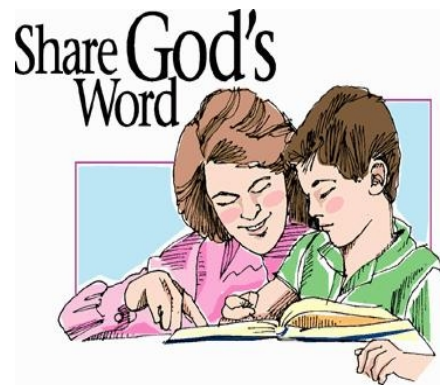
Sunday, **February 11, Children's Choir** sings during 10:00am worship.

We continue to sponsor two children at Happy Life Children's Home in Kenya Africa, through the offering collected in Sunday school each week. Remember each cent collected adds up and is used to help in big ways!



We are in need of volunteers to acolyte and carry God's light into the sanctuary each week. Please contact Leslie Krueger if your child is interested in helping with this special responsibility!

Consider developing a deeper relationship with your children and their church school education. Please sign up to be a helper or 2nd adult in one of the classrooms this month. Responsibilities as a second adult include sitting back and enjoying the awe and wonder that only children have as they learn about our faith. Contact Leslie Krueger to sign up or to find out more.





Chapel Sunday: **February 18** at 10:00 with Rev. Julie! All Sunday School children grades k3 - 7 please meet upstairs in the Chapel!

NSCC will be hosting a **LOCK IN** for kids in grades 3-5. Drop off is Friday evening, **February 2, at 6:30pm** and pick up is Saturday morning, February 3 at 9:30am. We will enjoy pizza Friday evening and breakfast Saturday morning. We will play games and watch a movie. Bring a friend! Please RSVP to Leslie or Julie for this event. We are looking for one additional adult chaperone for this event and asking children to leave all electronics at home.



In place of our regularly scheduled **KidsConnect** - we will have all ages "connecting" during the **Admirals game** at the Panther Arena. The game starts at 5:00 pm. Cost \$18.00. Tickets are on sale in the Friendship Lounge, or by contacting Sharon Hall, ASAP, at 248-872-2449 or [disneyfamily01@gmail.com](mailto:disneyfamily01@gmail.com)

**Questions?**  
**Contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith today!**  
 414-352-6123 or 414-588-8693  
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 Or  
**Or Leslie Krueger**  
[lrcook@uwm.edu](mailto:lrcook@uwm.edu)



**Crib n Crawler** will be staffed during worship on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15.



## HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

### Confirmation Class Update

In February the Confirmation class will begin the month talking with the Council and Board chairs, learning about some of the ways of leadership at North Shore Congregational Church. February 11, meet with the students during coffee hour and enjoy their fresh baked coffee cake. Late February and early March the students will explore different forms of prayer. On February 26 the class will take a “field trip” to the Islamic Center late afternoon. Rev. Marty and Rev. Julie are always grateful for the way so many of these things are assisted by our mentors, Molly Allen, Laura Lennie, and Jeff Leypolt.

### Sunday school for grades 6 and 7.

We are grateful for the ongoing volunteer leadership of Linda Emery who teaches this class most Sundays! Please contact Rev. Julie to volunteer for some occasional Sundays. Lesson, supplies, YouTube clips, games and talking points are provided!

### YouthConnect@Church! February YouthConnect goes on an Escape Room adventure!

On Sunday afternoon, **February 18**, we will meet at Escape MKE (near Mayfair Mall). Please contact Julie ASAP if you and friends wish to come so I can make reservations. This is for grades 6 – 12 (I always need another adult to help!) Exact timing (sometime between 4 and 6 pm) will be determined when reservations are made. There is a shared fee of \$15 per person.



*Parents/Youth: Let us know if there is a special event, games, musical, play etc that you are involved in so the church can cheer you on! Message Rev Julie with dates and events*



## WISCONSIN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The WCA Youth and Camp Committee is proud to host...

☺ **World Vision's 30 Hour Famine**

☺ **When:** Friday, **March 2**; 7:00 pm - Saturday, **March 3**; 3:00 pm

☺ **Where:** First Congregational Church in **Wauwatosa**.

☺ **Who:** Youth participants **grades 3-12**; College/**Young Adults** willing to counsel

☺ **What:** An over-night event filled with thought-provoking discussions, games, inspirational videos, and service events — and mash them all up into an unforgettable day-and-a-half of fasting from technology (and/or food) while raising funds for the hungry.

Fasting is optional! (Elementary age youth fast **ONLY** from technology)  
There will be meals and light snacks provided for all that choose to fast from technology only

What's different about this year's 30 Hour Famine is that fund-raising is required. In order to attend the event, each participant must raise a minimum of \$40. Please raise as much money as you can, as the collected donations will be used to provide food and supplies to countries all around the world dealing with famine, drought, and war. Fund-raising can be done by collecting checks, or through online donations. Use this URL to join the online donation team <https://youth.worldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=19678>



Please **RSVP** by Monday, **February 29** by email, or by replying to the Facebook event (by joining the group WCA Youth). Fund-raising can be done any time between now and the event, but we'd like to have the RSVP as soon as possible

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