

Corner of Faith & Family Monthly Newsletter



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February Spark The Storm

February 4th No SPARK , family service with Children's Sermon

Did you know that Jesus was a fisherman? One of the most exciting stories in the Bible takes place on a boat when a huge storm comes up. The skies get dark and the waves get big. Our children will learn that Jesus is always with us in life. There may be lots of storms and bumpy rides ,but Jesus is always there. Our children will learn about " the Storm through cooking, art, science and games.

A big thank you to Darin Gross, Gretchen Flanagan, Amy Smith, Karin Clark ,and Linda & Bill Hubler for teaching Spark this month. Thank you to Nikki Giangiancomo being our regular nursery attendant



Since 1990 , young people have been leading the charge and inspiring other to collect and help those in need in our local area. This is the largest youth lead collection each year. Please consider helping this worthy local cause. on Sunday February 4th at the 10 am service?



Family Faith Committee will meet after the 10 am service in the Parlor on 02/18

Mark your calendars and come join the fun and help support our youth!!!



We had a wonderful turn out on January 27th at our Church family BINGO event.



Please consider helping our children grow in their faith here at St. Peter's. We are in need of teachers for SPARK March –May Sign up is posted in the hallway above the busy bag area. Please see Jennifer Bodolus for any questions or concerns.



Family Activities

Get bundled up and go for a nature walk together

Enjoy a night of family games at home

Make and send valentines day card to neighbors who may not other wise receive one

Let your children say the dinner prayer

Read a story from the children's bible at bedtime

Watch a movie together

Come to Wednesday night Lenten service on 2/14/18

Make a birdhouse or birdfeeder for our feathered friends



Spending special time together is an important connection to have with children. It is one of the most encouraging things a parent can do for their children. There is a difference between having time together and a special scheduled time together.

Just a few minutes a day of uninterrupted time can create a connection they can count on and is special to them.

Believe it or not teenagers want to have a special time for just them . Where you can reconnect with them, talk about what is going on with them ,new interests their worries and concerns.

Take the phone off the hook or put the cell phone away & let the focus be on them.

Come up with a list of things to do together during this time, it can be as simple as coloring, doing a chore together, planning a trip, cooking dinner

25 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE

Thank you for helping with...

It makes mornings/dinner/outings easier when you.... thank you.

I really appreciate it when you...

Thank you for doing that... it means I/we can now...

We did it together!

Wow! You made a building/drawing/etc.

You did it on your own!

You did x and then y and worked it out.

You used lots of red paint/blocks/tape/etc.

You made it really big/small/colorful/complicated/etc.

That took you a long time, and you did it!

How did you do that?

You did x, what will you do now?

Can you tell me about it?

What is your favorite part?

How did you think of that?

I really enjoy doing this with you.

I love watching you create/help your sister/play soccer/ etc.

I'm so proud to be your mum, every day, no matter what.

Look how happy your friend is when you share/help/smile/etc.

You kept going, even when it was hard.

You look so pleased to have done that!

You made x feel so pleased when you did that.

It makes you feel good when you do x.

Say nothing - just smile.



Family Prayer

We lift our families before your
GOD,
 Give them peace in their hectic
 lives as well as ,protection
 wherever they may go.
 Allow each to be a blessing to
 others.
 Let them know you .and love
 you. Amen

