

# CLIFFNOTES ~ APRIL 2008

## ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRY

### A note from Bo ...

Samwise Gamgee. Trusted and dear friend of Frodo Baggins. Not the bravest or the smartest fellow, but definitely loyal and good-hearted. He was the companion that you knew would always be in your corner.

As you LOTR buffs know, he would stay by Frodo's side through thick and thin until their task to destroy the evil ring was complete. Not an easy journey.

In the first movie, *The Fellowship Of The Ring*, we watch an interesting scene with Sam. As he and Frodo are traveling along, he just stops. This is the farthest he had ever been from his home. Each step from that point on would be a new experience.

You get this sense of the known and secure behind him and the unknown and mysterious in front. What would he decide. It was a decision of immense proportions. Finally, he takes that first step forward and the

journey begins.

An adventure filled with so many ups and downs it would fill a journal many times over. The things he would see and do. The heartache he would experience matched with the pain he would feel. The joy and the struggles, the victory and the loss. All his because he had the courage to make that first step forward.

I share that story with you because I believe it echoes where many of us are at in our faith life. We are stuck in the safe and secure. Missing out on so much because we don't have the trust, the faith, the courage to go forward when God calls us.

He has an "adventure" waiting for us with no guarantees except that he will be with us every step of the way. And yet, we can't and/or we won't step forward. We are content to stay in our little circle of familiarity while life in its fullness is just waiting right outside of our grasp. Waiting for us to take hold of it and never look back.

I made a decision a long time ago, my



friends, to keep moving forward every time I heard God's voice. Sometimes it has been tough. Sometimes I am slow to move. But never once has he let me down.

So what will you do with the time and gifts God has given you. Will you settle for the safe or will you move into what Mark Buchanan calls *The Holy Wild*? The choice is yours, but I hope you will join me in the adventure of a lifetime.

Peace,

Bo

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Sam: But I think, Mr. Frodo, I do understand. I know now. Folk in those stories had lots of chances of turning back, only they didn't. They kept going. Because they were holding on to something.

Frodo: What are we holding onto, Sam?

Sam: That there's some good in this world, Mr. Frodo... and it's worth fighting for.

## 7/8th Grade Road Rally

Friday night, April 18th, get ready to start your engines.

We are heading throughout the city looking for specific objects. Solve the riddles and grab the goods and you could well be on your way to some nice prizes.

Afterwards, it's dinner and some serious hang out time with you and your buddies.

Here is the 411:

- (1) You have to let me know by Wednesday, April 16th, that you are coming and if you are bringing any friends. The best way to do that is send me an email (bochapman@juno.com) or place a note in my mailbox. Absolutely no showing up at the last minute.
- (2) We are going to meet in the church's south parking lot at 6p.m. We will be back by 8:15.
- (3) Dinner will be provided at our mystery location.
- (4) Parents, we need more drivers so please email to let me know you can help and how many students you can carry.

For additional information, email me or call me at HIS Rock ~ 586/992-98169816.



## 7/8th Grade Bible Study

Mark your calendars for these two dates in April.

7th grade students ~ April 9th from 3:00—4:30 at HIS Rock

8th grade students ~ April 23rd from 3:00-4:30 at HIS Rock

As always, I will pick you guys up at the gym after school and walk you across. Have your parents pick you up by 4:30 or if they can't, let them know I will walk you back across the street to the church's extended care.

See you there!!!

**“For the word of God is living and active.” Hebrews 4:12(a)**

## Student Leadership Committee

Students, do you have a heart to serve others? Do you feel God has given you the gift to lead others? Do you have ideas? Are you willing to work hard to make those ideas a reality? Do you work well with others? Are you passionate about your faith? Can you see where I'm leading you?

Right now, we are blessed with three awesome high school students (Dan Lorenz, Anna Kasper, & Anthony Roethemeyer) who desire to see our student ministry grow both numerically and spiritually. They have a passion for their faith and a passion for others.

We also want others to join us. If you think this is where God might be leading you, give Bo a call at 586-992-9816 or send him an email at bochapman@juno.com so the two of you can talk more about where God can use you.

## “BATTLE OF THE BANDS” ~ Saturday, May 3rd

A night to rattle your ears and cause the ground to rumble.

We are asking bands that are interested to contact us here at HIS Rock for more information. Also, we will have all the details on the

website soon.

The whole night revolves around three things:

First, to have fun!!!

Second, to showcase some of the many talented artists in this area.

Thirdly, to support the mission

projects of the St. Peter Student Ministry.

So, how can you be involved?

Get the word out.

Check out the website for more information.

Come and be a part of evening.



## FA-HO-LO

Okay, I thought the same thing. What a unique name. Well, it stands for Faith-Hope-Love and it is the retreat center we are traveling to on the weekend of April 25-27th.

This retreat is designed for all of our students in high school. We will be joining up with Grace Lutheran Fellowship for this trip and I think it will be great weekend for us to get away, have fun, and grow in our faith.

The cost per person is \$68 and that covers two nights lodging, 4 meals, transportation, and a awesome time. Get your money into me by Sunday, April 20th, to reserve your spot.

More information coming your way ...

“Every time someone mentions a high school retreat, Bo keeps talking about playing flag football in the mud ... hmmm!!!”

## High School Wednesday Nights ~ 7:00 p.m.

If it was any more fun they would call it Christmas!

Actually, we do have a blast, but more than that it is our chance to come together and dive in to the word of God.

Everything kicks off at 7:00 p.m. with a time of fellowship. About 7:20 we move upstairs for bible study and small group time. Afterwards, some more opportunities to chill out, process the

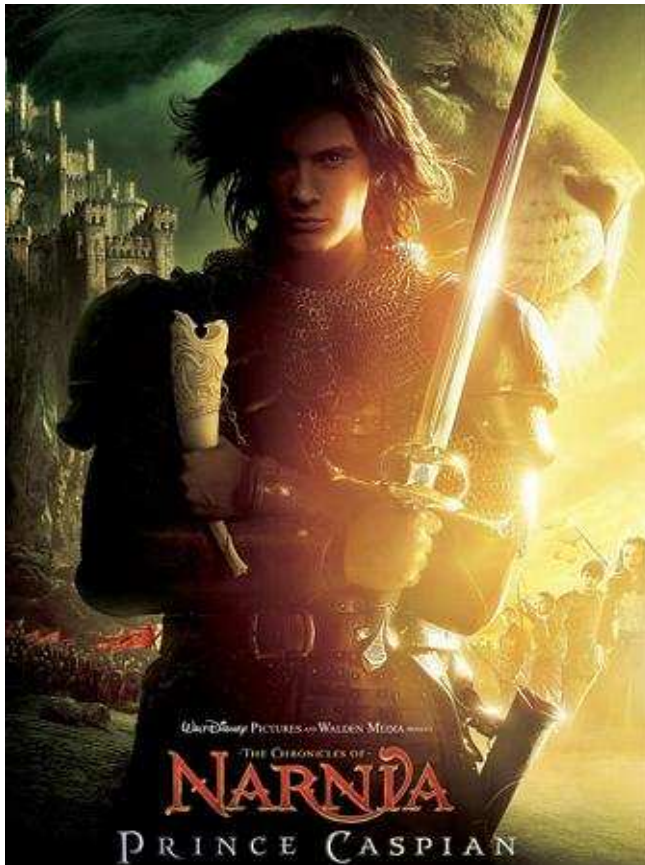
bible study, drink a Jones, shoot pool, or maybe even do homework.

Needless to say, we are done by 8:30 p.m. and will have the building open until 9:00 p.m.



Follow the Leader ~ "Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ" ~ 1 Corinthians 11:1

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Sunday, June 1st ~ Mark your calendar

We are going to be renting out an entire theater in Romeo to see Prince Caspian. It will be a exciting mid afternoon show for our congregation and our friends. Afterwards, it's back to HIS Rock for some pizza, pop, and fellowship. But why this movie? Good question.

- (1) It's is the second film in the Chronicles of Narnia series written by C.S.Lewis. These books have such powerful scriptural imagery and over tones that it encourages believers in a special way.
- (2) Being produced by Walt Disney, you can be assured that this is a high quality movie. Plus, they have tried to stay close to the books in many cases to give a fun, powerful, and clean story that is good for the whole family.
- (3) What a great way to invite a friend. Many of us long for ways to spend time with our neighbors and friends who maybe have shied away from the church. This is a perfect setting to do that.

So, keep your eyes and ears open for when we begin to sell advance tickets for the show. My hope is that we easily sell out all 230 seats