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## YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sonia Donnelly, Director

Christmas has arrived in Trinidad, Tobago and Malawi! The Operation Christmas Child boxes that we packed as a Church have arrived to spread joy to children in those countries. Thank you to all who packed a box, donated items, or prayed for the students who received them.

**And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work. --2 Corinthians 9:8**

Speaking of good work, our annual Souper Bowl weekends are coming up in February! Between February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup>, you can bring in donations of non-perishable food and monetary donations to help local families while voting for your favorite teams. We will once again be working with First Lutheran Food Pantry to keep donations within our community. Give generously, give often and know that your donations for either team are going to a good cause! For non-football fans, Puppybowl will also be an option.

Join us for a new-to-the-congregation event: *ice skating*! While ice skating is not new, an outside Church event is not one that we often do. Join us **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**, from 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. at the Mountain View Ice Arena, 400 E. Hughitt St. for a fun free hour of skating. Skates are available for use at no charge, and we will be collecting donations for the Almost Home Animal Shelter.

Soon you will have an opportunity to sign up to help for our annual EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA event that will be held on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. This and VBS are our 2 largest family and youth outreach events for the Church each year. Last year this event brought in 350 people, many who were new to our Church. We see these families return for Wednesday youth programs, VBS and Sunday service as they feel comfortable here because of the warm welcome they received. A fun program, friendly faces, and delicious dinner are all important parts of the event. Sign-up sheets will be out in mid-February if you are able to help.

Speaking of VBS.....*shhhh*...close your eyes and listen to the rhythm of the Rainforest. We are launching a NEW registration process that we are so excited about! Help us test it out by registering with this QR code (camper and volunteer registrations can be found here). Our big VBS launch will be active in time for EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA where we invite the community to join us.



### FEBRUARY EVENT

**Ice Skating Party: Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m.**  
An event for the entire congregation!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Easter Eggstravaganza: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 7:00p.m.**

**VBS 2026: June 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m. - Noon**

*Rainforest* is the theme of this year's VBS. If you want to help, call or text me at 309-258-7342.