

# MTC STUDENT MINISTRIES

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## UPCOMING

### FEB 5 FUN + EDU SUPER BOWL PARTY

Watch the game! Eat good food! Don't like football? That's ok too. We'll have lots of coloring books, games, and other fun things to do while you hang out. Half-time devotional will be led by Jeremy Hanson.

## SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

### FEB 12 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9:45 AM

Why is this included on the Student Ministry calendar? Because if you are a confirmed member of Mount Calvary, you'll want to be here! As an important part of our church family, it's a good idea to stay informed about what's happening in YOUR congregation. Plus there will be breakfast. Yummy! Classes for PreK through Confirmation start at 10:00.

### FEB 19 EDU THE SEX SERIES 5:15 - 9:15 PM

Concordia Lutheran Church is hosting a special event called "Silver Ring Thing: New Standard" and MTC is invited! Students in MS+HS can expect a concert-like event with comedy skits, college-age speakers, and a fun environment as we hear about God's plan for marriage! **Parents strongly encouraged to attend** (there will be a parents-only sectional during the event). Bring money for souvenirs if you want. Sign up clipboard is on the DCE Office table.



## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- SUN 05** 9:45am Education Hour  
11:00am Student Ministry Leadership mtng {library}  
6:00-8:00pm SNL FUN + EDU {youth room}
- SUN 12** 9:30am Congregational breakfast  
10:00am Education hour begins—confirmed youth attend the Annual Congregational Meeting {gym}
- SUN 19** 9:45am Education Hour  
5:15-9:15pm Depart for SNL EDU {off-campus}
- SUN 26 HS SUMMER TRIP DEADLINE**  
9:45am Edu. Hour



Pictures of the Month  
**SNL SERVE + EDU**  
at Christian Assistance Ministry

## FROM THE DCE

### It's February. "Love is in the air," as one song suggests. So let's talk about sex.

*In last month's article, I gave an overview of my philosophy on discipleship and said we'd come back to it this month. Today we're going to look specifically at why each year in Student Ministry, we teach a few lessons on God's plan for human sexuality. And this year, we're VERY excited to have the opportunity to attend a mini-conference on this very topic at Concordia Lutheran Church!*

"Every good and perfect gift is from above..." (James 1:17)

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply'... God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:28, 31)

But then He was like "**Woah! Adam and Eve, what are you doing?**"

Nope. That's not how it happened. *God created sexuality & procreation.* He said that it was good. *That's* the perspective we teach here at Mount Calvary.

As a kid, birthdays were a big deal in my house. On your birthday, you got to choose where the family would go out to eat dinner. After dinner, you would come home, eat cake, and (everyone's favorite)... **open presents from mom & dad!** The anticipation of those presents was killer. Sometimes they would even be sitting on the table before dinner. You knew they would be good. But it wasn't time yet. The "Happy Birthday" song and the cake—even though it was delicious—would have seemed not-quite-right if the presents had been opened earlier in the day. The anticipation only heightened the joy of that post-dessert moment. As kids, even though we had to wait, we never doubted that the presents would be *good* because we knew the love of the gift-giver.

**Child of God, never doubt the love of the Gift-Giver.** His timing is perfect. When He says something is worth the wait, we can trust Him.

Anything that God values, His people should value. Do you agree? **In fact, God values your sexuality so much that He set a standard for it—marriage.** Sex is not bad or evil or dirty. It is a God-given gift with a "Do Not Open Until" tag.

Our culture is so inundated with opinions on sexuality. Seriously, advice runs everywhere on the spectrum from open hedonism ("do what pleases you") to alarmist asceticism ("pleasure is inherently sinful"). As Lutheran Christians, **we seek to do what pleases God and we acknowledge His authority in this and every area of our lives!** His gifts never disappoint.

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP: YOU HAVE OPTIONS!

**Deadline =  
February 26!**

*Due to sports, family vacations, or other extracurriculars, your summer schedule is tricky. That's why this summer, you have options. See if one of the following trips fits your family!*

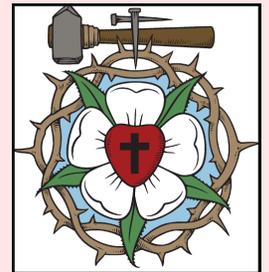
### Higher Things "Here I Stand" Conference

**When:** June 27-30

**Where:** Trinity University in San Antonio

**About:** This is a conference geared towards helping youth and young adults learn the doctrines of the Christian faith and grow in their own Lutheran identity. You'll learn, in much greater depth, about our faith (not just *what* we believe but *why* we believe it and why it's important).

**Total Cost:** \$385\*



### UnPlugged Mission Week (previously called "Love Does")

**When:** July 16-21

**Where:** Bethany Lutheran Church in Austin

**About:** This is a week-long trip of serving Jesus and His people right here in central Texas. You'll help to build houses for the homeless, feed the homeless, serve at local food banks and so much more. This trip is open to high school and college age youth.

**Total Cost:** \$140\*



*\* Is this how much these trips will cost my family? Absolutely not! A specific amount has been budgeted toward a summer trip. This amount will be evenly divided among those who wish to participate in a trip. And, as always, full and partial scholarships are available.*