

**Subject: Youth Group Update - Sat. Oct. 24 - Last Call**

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Hello!

It looks like our numbers are growing and we will have a nice turn-out for our first meeting on Saturday, Oct. 24th at 6:30 pm.

As mentioned previously, we will be ordering pizza and we will divide the cost among those who choose to join in. People have been asking if they can bring anything additional, and we've decided it might make things easier (and cheaper) if everyone brought their own drink. This way you are sure to have what you personally like and it will keep our costs down. Also, keep in mind that by the time the pizza arrives, the kids may be getting pretty hungry, so maybe it's a good idea not to come on totally empty stomachs!

So, here's your reminder list of what to bring:

1. 2-3 different colored skeins of embroidery floss
2. a writing notebook (1 per child)
3. pen/pencil (for each child)
4. drinks for your family
5. a friendly smile!

Also, please remember that this is not a drop off event, and everyone is responsible for their own child/ren. We also hope you will pitch in to make sure we leave the room in the same condition we found it in.

Looking forward to seeing everyone, renewing old friendships, and making new ones.

Barbara and Lisa

**Youth Group**                      **Saturday Oct. 24**  
**6:30 PM**                              **East Meadow, NY**

Date:                      October 24, 2009  
Time:                      6:30 PM  
Location:                The Calvary Lutheran Church  
                                 36 Taylor Street  
                                 East Meadow

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Dear Families,

Youth Group is ready to start up again! We've got some great things planned for your kids and hope that those of you with children who have participated in the past, will continue to do so, and will help to welcome new members to our group at our first meeting.

It will be held on Saturday, October 24th at 6:30 pm at The Calvary Lutheran Church, 36 Taylor St. in East Meadow. It is a really comfortable venue for both parents and children to mingle and share our common bond of adoption. Youth Group is for children ages 8 and up. Get-togethers will be scheduled approximately every other month. We will post the date and activity/location planned for the first 3 meetings and hope you can make it to those that appeal to you, and can mark your calendars accordingly.

The theme of **our 1st meeting, on Oct. 24th**, will be GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER. We'll have some structured\* activities planned so the kids can find out more about each other and help establish relationships. We ask that you bring the following to the meeting to help make this happen:

1. A couple of different color skeins of embroidery floss (thread) that we will

share in making friendship bracelets. (In my experience boys enjoy making these also. If you are the parent of a boy, and don't think so, perhaps you can offer an alternative item they can make that they can exchange in the spirit of friendship?)

2. A writing notebook (spiral, marble...whatever) and pen/pencil. ("They'll also have some unstructured time to socialize.")

To make things easy, we will order a pizza and share in the cost of the pies/water/soda. If anyone is so inclined to bring drinks/cups, please feel free to do so, and advise when you RSVP for the meeting.

Please remember THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT!!!! No one person is in charge, and all parents are responsible for the supervision of their own child/ren. Please also realize that we are all expected to help in whatever way possible, including cleaning up and leaving the Church in the same condition we found it in.

**Our 2nd meeting is planned for Saturday afternoon, Dec. 5th** from 1pm to 3pm at the [Town of Oyster Bay Indoor Ice Skating Rink](#). I have been there several times and have NEVER seen it crowded. (Can't promise it will stay this way, but it is an amazing new location...the rink is huge, and sometimes there are only 3 people on it!). This will be a pay as you go event. Admission/food will be your own responsibility on that day.

**Our 3rd meeting is scheduled for Sat. Feb. 6th** at 6:30 pm at the Calvery Lutheran Church in East Meadow. This meeting will celebrate the Chinese New Year. It will be a Dumpling Making Party, and we ask that your child/ren bring one friend from outside our adoption community. We want to share our adoptive community and it's culture with their friends More info will follow on this as we get closer.

For now, please advise if you will be attending the October 24th meeting. Email Barbara at [BanjoKisses@aol.com](mailto:BanjoKisses@aol.com) with your RSVP.

Link below is to a map of the location of the Church where the meeting will be held. Please note that the entrance is around the corner on North Pine Street. If you cannot park on the street, additional parking is available across North Pine St. in the office bldg parking lot.  
<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=East+Meadow&state=ny&address=36+Taylor+Ave>

Hope to see some old and new faces on October 24th!  
Any questions please contact me by email or call: 516-484-2526.

Barbara Fischthal & Lisa Burke

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