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5th and 6th Grade Letter

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Happy New Year Everyone:

We are kicking off the new year with pizza and discussion. The youth will be helping to make their own pizzas. Each youth is invited to bring their own **toppings** (we will be providing the dough, sauce and cheese). We are providing water but if they would like to bring a beverage that would be fine. You are also welcome to bring a dessert to share (but not required).

This year our 5th and 6th graders have started a new program called The Greening Ministry. This ministry is coordinated by Mr. John Collesidis and the youth's input has been vital. They have already completed their first project on how to educate people on using our world's resources (particularly water bottles) in a responsible manner. They did a great job sharing the children's message on this subject.

This spring we are continuing this ministry and will be starting a new project. We are also very excited to be preparing for a play on March 25th. All children will have an opportunity to take part in the play and we will also be learning about the scripture the play is based on. We have listed the rehearsal dates on the schedule. We need to know if your youth will be able to take part in the play on March 25th. You can contact me in the office or email me at layministriescc@optonline.net.

If your youth is not able to be in the play, there will still be a lot for them to take part in. All youth in the 5th and 6th grade are welcome to attend this program* and if you have not yet registered the form is on our Youth Page on our website (www.mtsinaichurchli.org).

We also are celebrating a Worship Service on March 29th. On April 5th the entire Youth Group is invited to attend the Soup Supper and Maundy Thursday worship following. Of course all parents and other siblings are invited as well.

Please feel free to contact me in the office with any questions.

Blessings,

Mary Larson, Licensed Minister

*As you probably know, we have begun requiring criminal background checks for all volunteers working with children and youth therefore all families are asked to bring \$10 to cover the cost if you have not already done so. If you have submitted \$10 for your family for Sunday School or youth groups you do not need to pay the fee again. The fee is per family, per year.