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Dear Discipleship Academy Parents,

It's time for the D.A. Students to "Take Over" the Wednesday night midweek Lent services again! This year, we will be using the Midweek Lent dinners and services to highlight and tell the stories that come from our "Pay It Forward" \$500 project, which was introduced in class last Fall. This project involves each small group getting \$100 to use in a creative way to "Pay It Forward."

Your student(s) are the core of this project. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be offering brief reflections in the service (mini-sermons), with the rest of the group serving as Greeters, Ushers, Sound Board operators, Worship Leaders, Presenters, Cooks, and even Singers (if there are any students who want to help the Pastor sing the "Holden Evening Prayer" service). We initiated this because we think it is so good for the students to feel valued and important, as well as have opportunities for leadership development. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders have already begun choosing their roles (Greeter, Usher, Sound Board, Worship Leader, Singer, Cook, Project Presenter)\* so if you want to know more, please contact their Small Group Leader.

Along with this letter, you should have also received the master list of students\*, which includes the weeks to which each group is assigned. If the date that your student has been assigned to is a conflict for your family schedule, please contact either one of us as soon as possible.

We also want to highly encourage you and your student(s) to attend the Ash Wednesday service (Wed, Feb 14th @ 6:30pm) & all five weeks of the Lent dinners & services, so the students aren't just there for their own week, but to support and learn from the other groups as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to use the contact info above to get ahold of us. We appreciate the ways you support your student's faith development, and we pray that this experience will be a positive one for all involved. We are excited to see what the students come up with!

Peace,

Marie Leafblad

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

\*A copy of this letter, plus description of roles & master list of students, is available at [stluke-slinger.org](http://stluke-slinger.org), under "Quick Links" & "D.A. Lent Project."