

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

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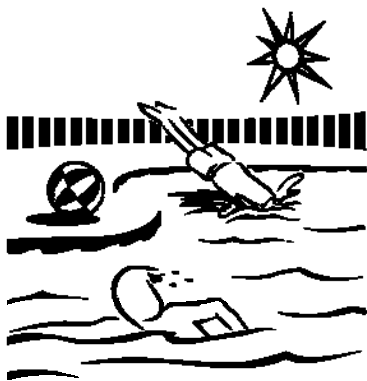


2014 July/August Newsletter

LYF Rushmore Water Slides Trip

*Rapid City, SD
July 9, 2014*

*We will leave
Faith by 8:00
a.m. and return
that evening.*



St. Louis Men's Trip and Cultural Heritage Tour

THIS SUMMER!! July 18th through the 25th. Pastor Baumann and Royce Loesch are teaming up to provide any male of Faith Lutheran, who is high school age or older, the unique opportunity to

- go to a St. Louis Cardinals Baseball game,
- visit the Seminary in St. Louis where both Pastor's at Faith went to Seminary,
- see historic sites connected to our Lutheran Church and heritage in Perry County, MO, along with other historic sites,

- attend worship at one of our congregations in Concordia, MO, and overall grow in our knowledge and understanding of how our church got to be where it is today though God's guiding hand.

The approximate cost is going to be about \$325 person for the entire trip based on 8 people attending (noting that whatever we don't use will be refunded). Room is limited to 6 other males plus pastor Baumann and Royce. We will take a church van and will have the entire schedule of our trip

mapped out for you to preview beforehand. If interested please sign up on the back table in the Narthex as soon as you know you are able to commit to going. It will be well worth the cost, which includes gas, lodging, a baseball game ticket, and admission prices.

Please call Pastor Baumann at the church office at (605) 224-2216 with other questions. Thanks!



Circuit Bible Camp

Who: This event is open to any youth who will be heading into 5th grade and also to any youth who are going into 9th grade.

What: 3 nights of camping at the Oahe downstream and 4 days of recreational activities including; swimming, camping, camp fires, cooking meals, a day on the water, Bible Studies, games, hiking, disc golfing, perhaps geocaching and more!

When: The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: Monday July 14th—17th under the theme: "*Who do you say that I am?*"

Where: Oahe Downstream Campsites, the Missouri River, and the greater Pierre area for recreational activities

How Much? Registration costs, which includes: meals, campsite stay, and other activities will be \$90 for the week to cover expenses. Faith is of-

fering \$30 scholarships to any participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs. Please pre-register for this event. Registration sheets can be found in the church office along with a medical release form to be completed and returned.



Restoration & Renewal

A Message from Pastor Urbach

Greetings in the Risen Lord. I am always amazed at the beauty of God's creation and also amazed by how small the world is. It's dawning on me that this is probably my last Senior Pastor Newsletter letter to you. At 40 years and 11 Newsletter letters a year I have written you well over 400 times. Lots of thoughts are flying through my mind.

Thoughts of enormous thankfulness –

- Thankful to God that I have been called to be a pastor and especially to have been a pastor in South Dakota. While Nebraska will always be my home state, South Dakota is my home. "O give me a home where the buffalo roam" and I'll show you a messy house. While that is a cute song, buffalo really do roam here. Where else but in South Dakota do we "Dance with Wolves"?
- Thankful to you, what a marvelous joy to have served at Faith. I just don't see that many pastors get such an opportunity to serve such a uniquely gifted, loving people.

Thoughts of struggle – it has been a huge struggle to plow through this. The moist eyes, the hard swallow moments, the sad feelings of not leading Faith. The months have made it better and now I can talk about it without tears and then more and more moments of knowing it will be good. I will thrive in retirement and the parish will move on to yet another new plateau of good ministry.

I have enjoyed being a modest sized fish in a modest sized town. I have

gotten to know hundreds and hundreds of people throughout this fine state.

South Dakota is a small world.

I've traveled overseas and throughout the nation and I continue to meet people who know people. Yes, as the song goes, "it's a small world after all." It's a joy to go anywhere in our community and know people. Sometimes I kid people that there are enough people from our church at a business, event, etc., to have a service and take an offering.

My grandkids sometimes ask me if I know everyone in town. I say, "no" and two steps later I'm talking to more people and the kids smile.

What are you going to do Pastor?

Well, I can't fully answer that. Unless I was out of town, I've walked across Grand Avenue every day, for nearly 40 years. I know I will get back to Meals on Wheels, do more in our Kiwanis Club, play more pickleball, and see more of the grandkids. I have yet to see one of their church Christmas programs. I hope to travel a bit and perhaps there will be community projects to help with.

Jonathan and family are moving back to the Twin Cities,

I'm happy for them but I will miss that shorter trip to Bismarck that has brought them to Pierre more often and made for some fun quick trips to North Dakota. So Pierre is smack dab in the middle for Jonathan's and Jennifer's families. Pierre will always be

home for them.

On a personal note, I am also returning Andrea's vault to be buried in Pierre where I have purchased lots. She has a lot of family buried in the country church cemetery at Oakes, North Dakota. She spent the first 18 years of her life across from Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Oakes, North Dakota. It seemed right at the time and we had discussed it. But Pierre is home and my children will be visiting. It will be a much shorter journey and one can honor more moments than just Memorial Day weekend. I have also cleaned her parents headstone and her brother Bill and his wife Gloria's stone. I have decided it should be a law of nature that birds should not sit on headstones. There will still be a trip there from time to time. I think Andrea would have liked that.

My final two "major" Sundays will be:

- August 24 – my farewell sermon as Senior Pastor.
- August 31 – one final opportunity to officiate at a service of Holy Communion and speak the words of the greatest pastoral joy – The Benediction!

But a bit of a pause for me as I wrote "major" Sundays. I have felt every Sunday was major at Faith and prepared accordingly. I sought always in preaching to give it my best shot as well as I heard you sing, with your best shot, the hymns, and songs, and Liturgy.

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Usher's Orientation Meeting

On Sunday, July 13 there will be an Usher's Orientation Meeting at 10:00. Yes, coffee will be on. The meeting is for two purposes:

- To enlist new ushers. All confirmed members can be an usher. So if you would like to know what ushers do, come and join us.
- To have our regular ushers present from all of the 8:20 & 11:00 teams to review any suggestions you might have to assist our usher teams.

Building News

Debt Retirement! By the grace of God and the continued generosity of the people of God we were able as June 1st approached to:

Pay our regular June monthly payment of \$5,395.00 to the South Dakota District.

In addition, we were able to send two advance principal payments saving \$4,696.28 in interest.

What does this mean? (A great Lutheran question.)

o We have now saved \$457,072.88 in interest on our original loan of \$1,000,000.

- o Our principal loan balance is now reduced to \$678,521.62.
- o All of this has been done in just 4 years.

We have made 110 advance payments.

We will continue to take advantage of our lower interest of 4.125 and pay back our loan as quickly as possible.



Pastor Urbach continued

Okay, so sometimes our singing may not have been terrific (although many, many times I have said to you, "You are in good voice today") and perhaps my sermon was not as sharp as I wished, but for you and me it was always a joy to worship, to preach, to sing, and to honor our Loving and Living God in His Holy House.

I believe in God the Father Almighty! As I drove home Memorial Day from North Dakota, I noticed how green everything had become, I saw the calves and ponies running in their goofy trot. Sometimes I thought they would fall over. I stopped at two gas stations, I greeted strangers and they greeted me. I left my credit card at the Olive Garden and it was there when I called, glad I gave a good tip. I went to an ice cream store

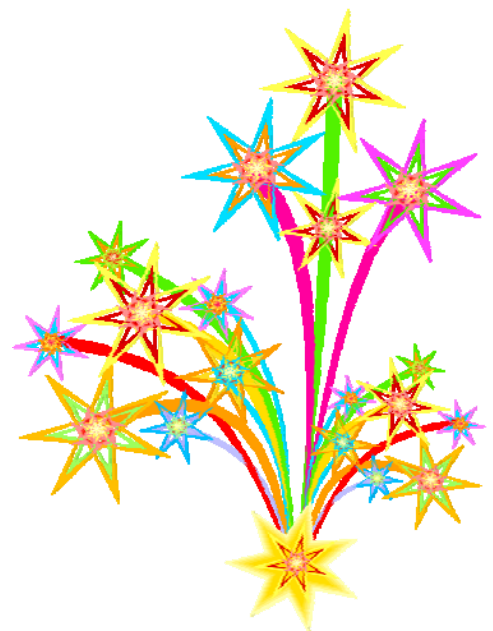
called Orange Leaf – fun, fun. As I drove my new "used" car with all its gadgets I think, "My goodness there are some really smart people" etc., etc., etc. Here is the point, there are some people that think this all evolved. You know what I see is a remarkable creation skillfully and wondrously created. You are fearfully and wonderfully made – each and every one of you.

O my goodness, have I been blest to have been a part of your community, a part of your families and a Pastor at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, UAC, in Pierre, South Dakota.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Yes, the eyes are moist again. Tears, God's good gift in sorrow and enormous joy. The Lord be with you!

In His very large hearted love,

Pastor Brad Urbach



“Taken into the Moment”

*“Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the
perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in
air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was
still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave?”*

You know these words to one of the most familiar and most popular of American tunes. It's our National Anthem—*The Star Spangled Banner!* I don't know what happens to you when you sing this song, or hear it performed, but it seems to draw me directly into that moment of glory, when our flag, Old Glory, proudly flew. I can see it in my mind. In fact, during one of the NBA Finals games between the Heat and the San Antonio Spurs, I couldn't help but blast the T.V. volume and sing this song at the top of my lungs in front of John and Eliza—my two little ones—and of course along with the 13 year old young lady who was singing it before the game. Chances are good you are going to sing this song at some point throughout the summer, maybe not at the top of your lungs in your best falsetto voice, but you will sing it, and it will conjure up some images and feelings for you.

I wasn't there when Christ died and rose again, but every time I pray the Lord's Prayer, confess my faith in the 3 ecumenical Creeds, or receive Jesus' body and blood in the Lord's Supper, I am taken into that moment. It all leads me to Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. God's unending love is made manifest through Jesus' sacrifice. I can never get over that... The cross and empty tomb is our beacon of glory. What a marvelous thing for you and for me! I don't have to fear life nor death, angels nor demons, nor anything else in this world! Christ

loves us eternally! And so we sing our song of victory over, and over, and over again. As Lutherans we have the remarkable benefit of the assurance of our salvation in *Christ Alone*. “*It is by grace we have been saved through faith and this not of ourselves it is the gift of God...*” So this summer, find yourself in worship over, and over, and over again. It's where we sing our songs of glory. It's where God dispenses to you His remarkable gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation won and secured *for you on Calvary's cross and through the empty tomb*. It's where we *lift high the cross, and experience the love of Christ proclaimed*.

Have a Christ-filled summer, and a blessed 4th of July celebration.

With Joy in Je-
sus,

Pastor Joshua Baumann

Pastor Baumann

And did you know that there are more verses than this one to our famous National Anthem?



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PARS Thank You

THANK YOU!!!!

I would like to express my gratitude for your donation and participation in the 2014 Feinsein Challenge.

With your donation we were able to submit \$44,504.30 for the 17th Annual Feinsein \$1 Million Dollar Giveaway Challenge to Fight Hunger.

We received—

- \$33,144.74 in cash and checks
- 11,162.56 pounds of donated food
- \$200.00 in pledges to be donated by December 2014

The money will help sustain our Food Pantry through the summer months and it also helped us finance the end of the 2013-2014 school year for the BackPack Program.

Our numbers for the use of the Food Pantry continue to be high. January through April 2014 we have issued 721 vouchers, which fed 1,946 people of 796 of those being children.

Thank You

To all of our Faith Lutheran family and friends. Thank you so very much for all the thoughts, prayers and wonderful out-pouring of love during the passing of our father, grandfather and great grandfather Dick Huber. His faith was most important to him and he was proud to be a member for over 60 years! He would be humbled by all the sentiments. Thank you so much!

Huber, Bolte, Archambeau, and Stoesser families

We distributed 10,776 BackPack's to children in Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2013-2014 School Year at all Pierre Public Schools, St. Joe's and Stanley County.

If you or your organization would like me to come and speak on all the wonderful things that Pierre Area Referral is doing for our communities please feel free to call me at 224-8731 to set up a time. I love talking about PARS and all that we do to help those in need.

Thank you again for your support to stop hunger in our community.

Truly,

Laura White

Executive Director



Voters' Assembly

The congregation will have a Voters' Assembly on Sunday, July 20 at 9:45 a.m. for the express purpose of –

1. Creating a Board of Youth Ministry,
2. Approving a gift of \$500 to the Wittenberg project to be a Reformation 500 Club partner in the very exciting project in Wittenberg

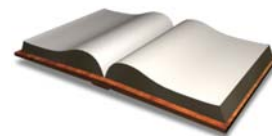
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Gifting Books & Memorial Books

We strive to remember! Where were memorial gifts spent? Who provided funding for new parament sets? Who provided for the Processional cross and Processional torches? This is one of the reasons we keep memory books. You will find two sets of books in our memorial stand.

- There is a set that lists memorials in memory of loved ones. Those volumes are in Alphabetical order.
- There is a set that lists gifts such as paraments, etc., and those who gifted the projects. Our most recent effort, of course, is the new electronic sign on Euclid Avenue.

The books were displayed on a table in the Narthex for the month of June.



Faith Ev. Lutheran Church Daktronics Sign

Dedication—the Day of Pentecost—June 8, 2014

Sign Funding Based on an article in the December newsletter five families started a generous fund to provide for this sign.

It all started with a generous gift from Helen Kiepke in loving memory of Anne Marshall. Ann had been a long time friend of Helen and frankly in the final months of Anne's life Helen provided great care for Anne.

Then others joined in—

- Jay & Cindy Fredrich and daughters Elizabeth, Melanie, and Emily.
- Larry & Judy Coyle,
- Darrel & Darlene Reinke,
- Pastor Urbach in thanksgiving for the God blessed opportunity to serve Christ's wondrous people at Faith.

Then many others have joined in this effort. As of 6/9/2014, they are: Dan & Jolynn Haberling, Paul Lepisto & Donna Leslie, Vern & Janice Dockter, Ruth Leidholt (in memory of Reuben Leidholt), Bruce McIntire, Bob & Doreen Miller, Kristy Deal, Ryan & Carla Lantz, Marrill & Sandy Bales, Vern & Gloria Bump, Jerry & Lois Erbe, Harlan & Verna Fransen, Nathan & Joyce Solem, Vic & Carol Fosheim, Bev Parrott, Linda Pease, Lyle & Elaine Wagner, Roy & Char Hiller, LeRoy & Carolyn Kropuenske, Marvin & Mary Buxcel, Gary & Grace Schmitgen, Brad & Laurie Schultz, Darline Fuoss, Janice Deal, Shirley Keller (in memory of PeeWee Keller), Cody & Jody Williams, Jeanette Tschetter, Scott & Jean Collison, Mary Hiller, Velda Rediger, James Beckwith, Paul Nelson, Marlys Fred-

erick, John & Carlene Barber, Eldon & Betty Lindquist, Troy & Anita Spitzer, Dale & Donna Gohl, Dale & Myrna Hartmann, Mal & Bernadine Hinckley, Eugene & Eleanor Kreitman, Joyce Nielsen, Bob & Carla Schmidt, Jennifer & Billy Kelly, Brian & Rebecca Poelstra, Don & Judy Dale, Bill & Tonya Dunn, Rene & Dorothy Liegl, and Jeri Erbe, Lari & Linda Ott, Donna Park, Marcia Johnson, Red & Bea Westall, Jane Braley, Randy & Jeanne Mertz, Ron & Kathy Olson (in memory of Kathy's father Cliff Konrad), Paul & Lurene Denke, Curt & Roxy Everson, Carol Harrmann, Bernice Huber (in memory of Leo Gabriel, Marion Kopplin, Andrea Urbach, Agnes Sturm, June Schroer, Marie McIntire, Alice Wixon, and Dick Huber), Steve & Sheila Ingram, Jerry & Corinne Wulf, Norma Schilling, Mendel & Darla Miller & Ryann Barry, Arlene Barker, Royce & Jeanine Loesch and Leonard & Carolyn Spomer.

We have met our goal and all bills are covered.

Did we miss anyone?

Additional Thank Yous

We thank the business of Todd's Electric—primarily

- o Laura Archambeau
- o Shawn Williams and
- o Ryan Bear

for constant acts of kindness and generosity.

- o We thank Shawn Williams and Brandon Butler of Todd's Electric for their efforts getting the sign all wired. The challenge was wiring so

that the Daktronics portion of the sign is always on while the lighted "Faith Ev. Lutheran" panels are just lit at night. Deep grounds were also put in place.

- o We thank Clark Bonn and Kolby Brooks of Comm Tech for the technical assistance in getting the wireless equipment set and making the connection with our computers so we can create messages on the sign. What a joy to have messages in color, to have multiple messages and to do it all from the inside.

- o We thank Dennis Ryckman of Factor 360 for giving us several hours of time working with Daktronics tech support to get our computers set up and ready to go.

- o Thank you to Steve Malsam Rysdon of M & R Signs for making and coordinating all the arrangements for our new sign with Daktronics of Brookings and Esco Mfg. of Watertown.

- o Thank you to our Board of Parish Fellowship for planning and serving our Noon Meal.

- o Thank you to our Board of Missions for our afternoon Reception.

Thank you!

Gifts will continue to be received and they will be entered in our gift books which you will find in the Narthex. Normally they are by the "Walk to Emmaus" painting in the Narthex. A large thank you also goes to Char Russell for entering all the names in the gift and memorial books.



A LIVING SANCTUARY

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.” Romans 12:1

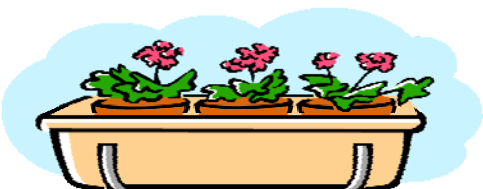
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Some of you may be familiar with a Facebook page called “Prairie Sanctuaries.” It is a compilation of country churches photographed in and around South Dakota by Christian Begeman. At least once a week, he posts a new photo he’s taken while traveling on the back roads of the state. Most are in color, a few are black and white, but they are always exquisite. The little country churches always stand in complete contrast to the expanse of

Our Colorful Campus

The neat, colorful row of red petunias on Euclid Avenue and the six planters by our major entrances are gifts from Gail Ferris.

Thanks Gail for your generosity and your talent in creating beautiful planters.



surrounding countryside and the vast, open skies.

It is you, Lord, who came to save
The heart and soul of every man.
It is you, Lord, who knows my weakness,

Who gives me strength with thine
own hand.

Begeman’s most recent post was of a white clapboard church alongside the Big Sioux River. It was sunrise, and the valley was wrapped in fog. Many of the shots reveal spires and steeples rising high above the plains. Another image is the tiny Chapel of the Holy Spirit, built of quarried rock in 1922. It was shot at sunset in rural Corson County. Other photos have been taken beneath the gleam of Northern Lights, or against the night sky with the Milky Way as a graceful backdrop. The photographer often captures the little churches illuminated under the retreating clouds that fol-

low a thunderstorm. The beautiful and captivating scenes are endless. Regardless of the scenery or the architectural style illustrated in the photographs, the Prairie Sanctuaries always paint a picture of serenity and refuge.

Lead me on, Lord, from temptation,
Purify me from within.
Fill my heart with your holy spirit,
Take away all my sin.

A sanctuary is a holy temple, a house of worship, dedicated for the purpose of meeting God. It is also a quiet place, set apart, that provides protection, peace and tranquility. We are to be living sanctuaries, committed to being more like Jesus. By praying daily, being grateful for all we have, asking forgiveness of our sins and seeking restoration, God is building our character that allows us to endure the trials and tribulations that are part of our lives. Our service is to present our bodies as living sacrifices, knowing that while being tempted and tested by Satan, we will hold true to the Word.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Karen Lindbloom

Official Acts

Baptisms

Dane Knox Regennitter

Funerals

Lisa Renee Hiller

Clara Hirsch

New Members

Gary & Bridget Ambur

Marc & Amy Macy

Restoration & Renewal

Acolyte Schedule July/August 2014**July 6**

Early: Madison Siebrasse, Bailey Siebrasse
Late: Austin Mammenga, Emily Overturf

July 13

Early: Abby Keith, Kaileigh Beug
Late: Chase Bolte, Matt Pease

July 20

Early: Daniel Voita, Nate Hill
Late: Kenzie Trujillo, Brooke Kampfe

July 27

Early: Cassandra Axtell, Dillon Axtell
Late: Damon Hofteizer, Lucas Schochenmaier

August 3

Early: Chelsey Meier, Brooke Miller
Late: Drayton Thomas, Mikayla Thomas

August 10

Early: Julia Jares, Jacob Fuerst
Late: Martee Larson, Emily Overturf

August 17

Early: Haven K.A., Burkelee K.A.
Late: Brevin Kaiser, Chloe Kaiser

August 24

Early: Cassandra Ryckman, Samuel Ryckman
Late: Jessica Weber, Emily Weber

August 31

Early: Joe King, Wyatt Loesch
Late: Hanna Dunn, Hallie Dunn

Junior Youth Ministry (J.Y.M.)

Who: All youth 6th — 8th grade

What: A time of fellowship and fun activity for 6th to 8th graders.

When: Once a month to once every other month. Times are generally listed in the church bulleting or on the youth bulletin board in the Narthex.

Where: Lariat Lanes Bowling Alley, PAYSA Skating Rink, Faith Lutheran Gym, the Black Hills, outdoors, indoors, and anywhere where we can gather for a time of fun connection and time in God's word.

How Much? Low cost typically. Some events we have charged \$5 for, but when possible we try to do things that are free or very easy on the family budget.

Youth Dates to Keep In Mind:

July 9th L.Y.F. Rushmore Water Slides Trip in Rapid City Leave Faith by 8:30 a.m.

July 14th – 17th 5th – 9th grade Circuit Bible Camp In Pierre

July 18th – 25th Men's St. Louis Trip and Heritage Tour (open to high school youth)

August 14th – 18th L.Y.F. Twin Cities and Concordia Trip

August 28th L.W.M.L. Puppet Show at the State Fair

L.Y.F. Rushmore Water Slides Trip. Our high school youth are invited to come along on another summer outing as we make our way to Rushmore Water Slides for a day of fun and sun activity in Rapid City. A sign up is located on the back table in the Narthex for all who would like to attend. Costs for this trip will be your own food for lunch, supper, and snacks and extra spending cash for the day. Fuel and admission will be covered. Hope that you will be able to join in this wonderful time of fellowship with us. Please see Pastor Baumann with any questions. Any other another adult who would like to come is welcome to do so and join pastor for the day on Wednesday, July 9th. Please talk to him if interested (605) 224-2216.

Thursday, August 28th the L.W.M.L. ladies group at church is helping with a puppet theater at the State Fair in Huron. Pastor Baumann is attending and invites anyone who would like to come along and participate with him and the other L.W.M.L. ladies in greeting fairgoers who come to the puppet show, handing out flyers/goodies, and just being a smiling face and welcoming presence to the kids and their parents who come to see the puppets. We don't have to do anything with the puppets, but just be a welcoming presence. Admission will be paid for and there will be opportunities to have breaks to walk around the fairgrounds. Please see Pastor Baumann if interested. The times we are leaving and returning to Pierre that day has yet to be decided.

National Youth Gathering

Who: high school aged youth through 18 years of age

What: Every 3 years, a different host city holds the L.C.M.S. National Youth Gathering to bring high school youth together from all across the country under one theme and Bible verse.

When: July of 2016

Where: New Orleans, LA

How Much? Money secured through personal costs and fundraising efforts but in the neighborhood of \$500 out of pocket.



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