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## 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering



# In Christ Alone

## LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

July 16-20, 2016

New Orleans, Louisiana

The theme of the 2016 National Youth Gathering, held in New Orleans, LA, will be: *In Christ Alone*. The Gathering is an LCMS youth event with over 25,000 high school youth in attendance from all across the country.

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## Who's doing what? Part two

Continuing on from last month, with a review of what groups and boards at church do what, I continue to get two mixed up with great regularity. I will mention them first.

The Board of Education works with educational programs of the church like Sunday School, Midweek, and Adult Bible classes. It sounds easy, but it is so not easy. Time is spent recruiting, thanking, and supporting others who work in this area at Faith.

The Board of Early Education oversees and directs the Pre-school and Day Care at faith. They deal with funding, personnel issues, policies, and also take a long range view to increase the programs and develop them into the future.

The Board of Missions and Evangelism does formal Gospel outreach beyond

the bounds of the congregation. They sponsor Compassion Sunday, coordinate the mission trips to Hong Kong, and spearhead the ice water distribution for the bikers.

The Elders help with church services, both regular and special by helping distribute communion, reading lessons, and being present to help. They also work with the pastors to keep things headed the right directions.

In addition to meeting as boards, for the past months, each board has been able to send members to talk with the other boards at council meetings, which are held monthly. These meetings help to keep the other boards abreast of what is going on with others, and serves as catalyst for ideas and concerns that might not otherwise rise.

I encourage you to pray for the members of these boards, and ask you too to do one thing if you are planning to use the church facilities for a group or personal event. Please stop in the office to get and then sign a Christian Family Life Center (gym) Use Agreement. This greatly helps communication on expectations and dates. There is no rental fee but contributions to offset use are welcome.

So, for now, that's all I know about that I didn't use to know about. I hope this helps you all too. And rest assured, there will be no test.

--Pastor Dan



## “Child and Beast Live in Christ’s Peace”

The summer began with two very intense and tragic national stories involving young children and wild animals. First, the young boy who fell into the gorilla enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo, made us all a little more aware of how quickly children can become misplaced and how a good situation can become frantically desperate. Fortunately, the child lived in this instance, and unfortunately the 400-pound beloved Silverback Gorilla died. We can all picture in our minds the helplessness we’d feel if it was our child who was in the clutches of life threatening danger. The second instance of children and wild animals was one that ended in deep tragedy with a little boy being snatched from his parents by an alligator while at a resort in Orlando. The 2 year-old drown after being dragged by the gator into the water, and understandably, the family was stricken with unimaginable grief at the death of their toddler.

Both of these stories demonstrate the stark contrast of Isaiah’s passage in Isaiah 11, *“The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child will put his hand into the viper’s nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.”* Not only do we wrestle with lack of peace between individuals and different people groups, but if that wasn’t bad enough, peace is even absent in creation and the animal kingdom also because of the fatal curse of sin. It doesn’t take long to see that something in creation is amiss. Yet Isaiah paints this beautiful picture of what happens when the Prince of Peace comes to extend His

rule. In Isaiah 9, we get the prophecy of One who is coming who will be *Wonderful, Mighty, Everlasting, and The Prince of Peace*. Jesus the Christ is our *Prince of Peace* and the peace needed for all of creation. He is the catalyst for God’s plan to bring ultimate peace to you and to restore creation in perfect peace back to the original design of Eden.

How have you seen the brokenness of creation around you? Floods, fires, tornadoes....? These all testify that there is a longing for restoration and peace. Sure, it is good to be in the cathedral of creation and to worship God there, but that’s not where we fully know God. That’s not the primary place where God’s people worship Him. Creation can betray our knowledge of God because it *is* broken. You’re on the golf course, or on the river, and you look up into the sky and feel a love from God because His creation is so peaceful, but the next day this same creation causes a tornado to devastate your house and everything you own, and suddenly you begin to doubt and question God, when hours before this very same creation was what seemed to confirm God’s love for you. Do you see the false thinking that we can trust creation to know the salvation and love of God? The only true peace and affirmation we have is that of Jesus’ shedding of His blood on the cross, marking the way for peace in this world. We worship God for this life giving peace on Sundays in the Divine Service. If we’ve been missing you; PLEASE, PLEASE come back to the Lord’s house I beg you! Because it is the only place where you will truly know peace in this world. First, we have peace with God because of Jesus’ death for us, and secondly, even at Je-

sus’ death you recall creation reacting. In Matthew 27 and Luke 23 we are told at Jesus’ crucifixion there was darkness over the whole land, and that the earth shook and rocks split. The one who commanded control over the wind and the waves with his voice, surely had his voice silenced in death, and yet even creation couldn’t keep silent about the devastating news of Jesus’ death. Our hope, our only hope, even in the wake of deeply disturbing events around us, is that Jesus is going to fully and finally usher in His reign and rule of peace. Death, the Devil, and sin will be kicked out of creation in the New Heavens and the New Earth forever. It’s a now promise, but not fully yet one. We faithfully await that day and the unfolding of God’s full and complete plan of restoration when Christ returns in glory.

May you rest in the peace of God which passes all understanding, may you be a beacon of Christ’s peace to the world around you, and may you faithfully await that day when peace prevails and when even child and animal will dwell together in peace. The Lord be with you!

In Christ’s Peace,

*Pastor Joshua Baumann*

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## MAYBE THE RAIN

*“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it without  
watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower  
and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out  
from my mouth; it will accomplish what  
I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*  
*Isaiah 55:10 & 11*

My newsletter article is due. It's also raining today. Since I always struggle for a topic, I've decided to let the rain influence me. While the rain forced my husband to postpone his golf game, the land and the crops are desperately in need of moisture. The rain is a precious gift from our Heavenly Father.

The desert longs for rain and the plants raise  
their hands to the sky.

The deer looks for a stream in a place that  
has long been dry.

But ev'ry river bed that was empty can be filled again,  
The Lord who brought the drought can let the  
floods pour down again.

Apparently, the rain has influenced the creativity of many songwriters over the years. Just thinking back to my high school and college years, I came up with “Fire and Rain” by James Taylor and Carole King, “Rainy Days and Mondays” by the Carpenters, as well as “You and Me and Rain On the Roof” and “The Rain, the Park and Other Things.” Most everyone remembers “Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head” from the movie “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” and the scene of the late actor Gene Kelly splashing in water puddles and twirling an umbrella while getting soaked to the skin in “Singing in the Rain” has become an iconic dance sequence. There are also two of my personal favorites, “September in the Rain,” and Brook Benton’s recording of “Rainy Night in Georgia.” Lately, we’ve been inundated with “Purple Rain.”

The shadow of death spreads throughout  
the whole valley below.

Just let the Lord of life grow an oasis in your soul.  
Ev'ry thirsty heart, ev'ry spirit that is withered and dry  
Can only be revived when it drinks from the river of life.

The rain and the snow are fairly common occurrences to us. They come down from heaven, and their purpose is fulfilled on earth. There is potential in those dry, dusty fields. There is potential in the dirt for beauty and glory – think of those endless fields of golden wheat or the colorful heads of sunflowers. There is potential for feeding and helping mankind; all it needs is the rain to transform it into life. Man himself is as dust; it's the stuff of which Adam was formed. Man, like the dust, has the potential for beauty and glory, despite his sinful nature. God's Word also came from heaven, and has the power to transform a man's life; even one who has been classified as worthless. God's Word will cause the life of one who is parched and fruitless to one that is lush, verdant and prosperous. God sent His Word to reveal Himself, to bring us faith and eternal life, and to free us from sin's dominion. As Christians, we participate in God's work by God's Word proclaimed. The Word accomplishes God's purpose – repentance, faith and salvation.

Maybe the rain will bring you to life again.

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Karen Lindbloom



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## Preschool News

Well, summer is here! Although we do not have any classes in the summer months, preschool is still working to prepare for next fall! We go through the inventory and order new materials for the next class coming in September.

**We still have openings for both the two and three day classes.** Please spread the word that we have spots available for little ones. Registration forms may be picked up at the church or printed from the website for the church.

The staff will remain the same as past years - Donna Gohl, Anita Marso, Dusti Palecek, and Beth Hand.

Blessings to you this summer!

Jan Larson, Director

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## Daycare News

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Faith Lutheran Daycare! In June, we learned about God's creation. We learned specifically what he created on each of the seven days. Next, we talked about Adam, Eve, and the sneaky snake. Finally, we learned about Jonah and about sea creatures. June gave us wonderful weather! The kids were able to spend a lot of time outside!

Our Bible stories in July are; A New Home, The Visitors, A Bride for Isaac, and Isaac's Blessing. In August we are learning about Jacob's dream, Jacob and Esau, Joseph's colorful robe, and Pharaoh's dreams. Our crafts each week are based off our bible stories or our letter of the week. The kids are learning to recognize, trace, and write a new letter each week.

We plan to get outside even more this summer to enjoy those hot summer days participating in water play! We are looking for donations of

any water play items, sunscreen, bug spray, tape, chalk, and construction paper!

Please continue to keep the daycare in your prayers as we strive to provide the best childcare possible.

*Katie Barrer*

Faith Lutheran Daycare, Director  
(605) 224-4748

## Diaper Derby

The **Diaper Derby** has concluded and the Faith Life Team thanks everyone who contributed. The *Birth Right of Pierre, Pierre Area Referral Services (PARS), and Missouri Shores* are all very appreciative of these donations. Our **goal** this year was 3500 diapers and 3500 wipes. We gathered together as a congregation **4176 wipes and 2293 diapers!**

**Deuteronomy 15:11** reminds us: *There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.* God's blessings on you all! Velda Bartel



## VBS Thank You

**Many, many thanks** go out to all who made our Vacation Bible School possible. We especially thank the Board of Education. Without your help and those who brought their children, VBS wouldn't have been possible. A BIG thanks, as well, to *Russell Baumann, Emilie Bienz, and Clinton Bienz* for sharing their gifts and being with us!

**Adult Teachers and Helpers** Tony Neyhart, Brian Poelstra, Shannon Zeeb, Annette Hill, Carolyn Ryckman, Rachel Aamold for helping with the schedule, Norma Schilling, Dorothy Fawcett

**Youth Helpers** Stashia Liegl, Kassie Tronvold, Hannah Schochenmaier, Maria Noyes, Ellie Noyes, Jaden Nickerson, Deni Zeeb. Gracie Zeeb, Brilie Schultz

**Meals for VBS workers** Board of Education, Board of Parish Fellowship, Board of Elders, and the Board of Missions. So helpful and the meals were terrific!!!

**Youth Team Meals** Kathleen and Barry Monfore, Anita and Troy Spitzer, Randy and Jodi Hartmann, Mary Hiller, Dawn Koch, Pastor and Margaret Baumann, Pat and Veryl Huisman

**Crafts** Paula Tronvold, Dorothy Fawcett

**Story-Telling** LeRoy Kropuenske

**Snack Time & Donations** Leslie Hicks, Liz Chrisp, and Rachel Aamold and the host of congregation members who signed up to bring donations for our snack time!

And if there is anyone who helped but was missed, we thank you! Everyone's time and service is a way in which we discover God's great love & see Christ in us. Thanks!!

## Men's Fellowship

**Our Men's Fellowship group will take the next two months off and will resume meetings again the second Monday in September, the 12th at 7:00 pm. We will be playing Dartball. Please bring a snack to share.**

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## Little Dresses for Africa

Alleluia! 327 dresses will be sent to Little Dresses for Africa.

The LWML thanks everyone who has contributed pillowcases, bias tape, elastic, ribbon, decorative trim, buttons, thread or cash. The LWML appreciates your donations, time, talents and support.

It is not too early to start thinking about next year. The LWML will again need new or gently used pillowcases, decorative trim and ribbon in at least one and one half yard lengths. To be cost effective, elastic and bias tape is purchased in bulk. Cash donations help purchase bulk items and ship the dresses. For your convenience a plastic bin has been placed in the west coat closet for contributions. Thank you again for sending hope and changing the world, one little dress at a time.

Alleluia!

Little Dresses for Africa is a mission outreach for our Faith Lutheran LWML. During February and March volunteers met Monday evenings and one afternoon a week to cut pillowcases and assemble kits to be sewn into dresses.

Many people, near and far, have supported this project. The gently used pillowcases came from throughout the state and as far away



as Arizona. They were donated by church members and also by friends and relatives. After helping assemble kits every week, Marilyn Penrod stitched over 70 kits. In addition to the over 20 volunteer workers and countless sewers for our kits, Carol Harrmann and Jeri Erbe independently collected pillowcases and sewed dresses. Working throughout the year they created 128 dresses as their personal mission and support for Little Dresses. This year a total of 327 dresses were completed and sent to girls giving them hope and touching their lives. The do-at-home kits are available for anyone to sew and add their own creative designs. New dresses are displayed on the Narthex wall about every 2 weeks from February through April.

Little Dresses for Africa is a Christian organization reaching over 47 African countries, 31 other countries and even the Appalachians and South Dakota in the USA. Mission teams from the United States personally deliver a majority of the dresses to churches, orphanages and schools giving hope in the name of Jesus.

## Country Fair

Country Fair will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> this year. The Country Fair committee is looking for some new helpers to chair some of the various booths. If interested, please contact Kristy Deal at 280-7004.

All help would be much appreciated!

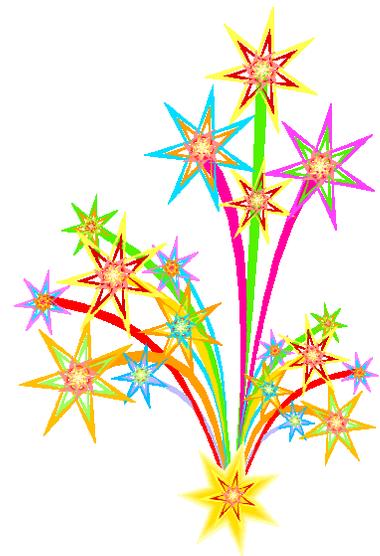
## LWML August Fun Night

LWML August fun night is Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Christian Life Center. It is open to all congregation members.

Our guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Denette Eisnach-Becker. Her family adopted sons Frank and Vic through the Greenhouse Organization in Uganda. She will be speaking on her experience with this Non-profit organization. Her family will be sharing some of their music with us as well.

We will be taking a free will donation with all proceeds going to the Greenhouse Organization.

A dessert bar will follow the presentation. Come and join us!



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## Dakotamart

Once again we have received another check from Dakotamart. The checks are usually \$500.00 to \$600.00. These checks are determined by the amounts of the Dakotamart receipts placed in the green Dakotamart boxes at church.

We thank Dakotamart for this generosity that is shared by our Pre-school and Daycare Center.

So save those Dakotamart receipts and bring them to church.

Many thanks go to Freda Peters and Betty Leidholt who champion this project for us.

## Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare.

The children are having a great time at the daycare and learning a new Bible story every week. July Bible stories are; Jonah, Elijah and the Ravens, Daniel in the Lion's Den, and Samson. We are singing, doing crafts, and felt board stories to go along with our weekly Bible stories.

Summer is finally here and we are ready to start our outside activities. We have started our water play and taking children to the City Pool. If anyone would like to donate sunscreen or bug spray we would be grateful as we do go through an abundance of these two items. We also have been busy driving the 5 year olds and older to their Summer Recreation Activities.

Your friend in Christ,  
Katie Barrer, FLDC Director

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Elena Nicole Thompson

### Weddings

Justin O'Daniel & Michelle Kopecky

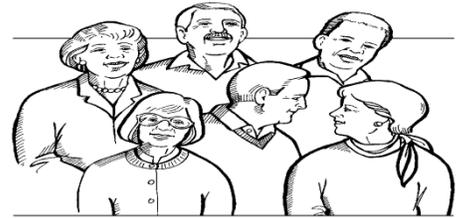
Neil Nemecek & Kelsey Adney

### Funerals

Gertrude J. Adams



## Forever Young



### Seniors' Gathering

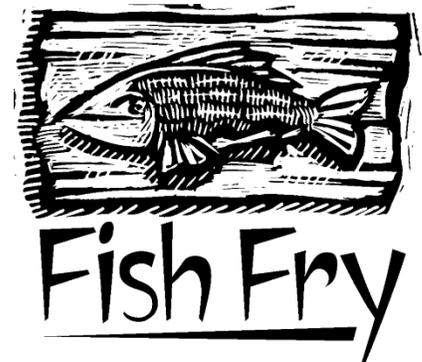
**Who are we?** We are a group of busy "Seniors" mostly retired who gather once a month for a fine meal and great conversation!

**Qualifications?** Laugh, chat and enjoy the company of others.

### July and August Events!

**July 21** (that's the third Thursday) at high noon, its our 4th of July party. Hot dogs with the fixin's and ice cream and the toppings provided. Bring a dish to share.

**August 18** (that's the third Thursday) at 5:30. It's the annual Forever Young Fish Fry. Join Cordell Costar and his highly skilled cooking staff for a great evening of food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share.



**Acolyte Schedule July/August 2016****July 3**

Early: Ladd Kramme, Lane Kramme  
Late: Jordan Thompson, Brant Malfero

**July 10**

Early: Maria Noyes, Adam Forman  
Late: Adam Schochenmaier, Natalie Fawcett

**July 17**

Early: Ethan Hill, Nate Hill  
Late: Kenzie Trujillo, Trevor Hayes

**July 24**

Early: Samantha Axtell, Andrew Axdahl  
Late: Tucker Berens, Trevor Penrod

**July 31**

Early: Hannah Lingle, Adam Forman  
Late: Kamden Carter, Kaycee Carter

**August 7**

Early: Jonathan Geuther, Cassandra Ryckman  
Late: Melissa Hedglin, Jesse Jares

**August 14**

Early: Savannah Loesch, Wyatt Loesch  
Late: Kassie Tronvold, Kailee Schultz

**August 21**

Early: Rebecca Norris, Kenzie Trujillo  
Late: Britney Hicks, Bailey Siebrasse

**August 28**

Early: Cassie Axtell, Dillon Axtell  
Late: Chloe Kaiser, Carson Tschetter

**J.Y.M. Sky Zone Trip!** J.Y.M. (along with any families), will be taking a trip to Sky Zone in Sioux Falls on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. *Sky Zone* is an indoor trampoline park in Sioux Falls. We will meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. and return in the afternoon/evening. Cost for the trip will be the cost of food and snacks for the day. Please consider coming by signing up on the back table in the Narthex.

**THANK YOU to everyone that supported our efforts to attend the National Youth Gathering!** What an amazing life-building opportunity this will be for our youth!

**N.Y.G. Commissioning July 10th!** Pastor Barbey and Pastor Baumann will commission our 23 youth and 6 other adult chaperones that are going to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering. There will be commissioning at the 11 o'clock service for the group. Please join us in praying for this exciting faith building opportunity.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Midweek Parent's Meeting for Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>!!!** There will be a parent's meeting **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** for parents of Midweek students in grades 2-8. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend. The parent's meeting is 6:30 p.m. at Faith in the church sanctuary. Youth are not required to attend, just one of their parents or legal guardians. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, see rooms, pay for materials, and cover expectations for the year.

**RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>!** Join us at Faith Lutheran on this special Sunday as we celebrate the start of Sunday School, watch the special moment when 2<sup>nd</sup> graders receive their new Bibles, enjoy a taco fiesta meal at noon provided by our board of Parish Fellowship, and have opportunities for the kids including games and a bounce house in the Christian Family Life Center courtesy of the Board of Education. We look forward to seeing you there among us!



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