

July Youth News

Our Youth program at Augustana is based on *Living out the Scripture:*

Acts 2:42

At Hey:

We pray,
We fellowship,
We study and
We worship.

The ELCA National youth Gathering Update:

Four girls and Carole will be traveling to New Orleans July 22-July 30th. The cost per student is \$1000. Please help us by supporting the upcoming fundraisers.

While we are in New Orleans our group will be working on the levy system and learning about the wealth and poverty in New Orleans. The girls are: Alexa Olsen, Becca Heinecke, Libby De Jardin, Sophia Allen.

Thank you to all of you who have helped us with fundraising for our youth trips this summer.

Alexa Olsen and Libby DeJardin will be voting members at the LYO convention in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, following the youth gathering. Each Synod will have 9 youth reps. This is just like a churchwide assembly but for the youth of the ELCA.

Way to go Alexa and Libby !!!

Jesus, Jazz and Justice



July 22- July 30

Based on [Philippians 2:1-8](#), the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering will look and feel like a servant school. At the center of the [Gathering program](#) is a deepening of our awareness of God's call to servanthood, and a deepening of the basic Christian practices by which we live our baptismal calling to servanthood throughout life.

Programming for the Gathering will follow a gospel-centered [service learning model](#) that includes preparation, action, reflection, and celebration.

The Gathering and service opportunity: We're looking forward to gathering in New Orleans with over 37,000 young Lutheran youth and adults -- all children of God called to serve with compassion, energy, and excitement.

We will be leaving on July 22nd at 5:30 a.m. from Cumberland.

Mission Trip to West Virginia

The Augustana Mission Team of 13 members are headed to West Virginia this year along with Georgetown and Trinity Lutheran churches. The entire team will be 25 members. We will be leaving July 12th returning on July 19th. Our first stop will be in Cleveland, Ohio. We will be staying at Mary Jean

Jergenson's sister's Church. Once in Franklin, West Virginia, we will be helping with a Habitat Blitz, putting a floor in a house trailer, and painting a porch. We will be learning about the culture and spending time with people from Franklin West Virginia.

We will be packing the bus on July 11th at Augustana, and leaving at 5 am on July 12th.

Summer Stretch Updates

Dates are Set !!!! Mark Your Calendars

This is for Grades 5-8th grade (High School kids are helpers)

We have a great group of kids signed up so far.

Summer Stretch is a fun faith based Service program. We do Community service in the morning and in the after noon we fellowship together.

Cost will be \$90.00 per student (same as Last Year) Talk to Carole to see if you are still interested . Extra forms are on the board outside Carole's office.

Here are some of the **Service Projects** that we will be doing are: tying quilts, counting milk caps for Sunday school and for school , serving at Good Will, weeding gardens and making cards for the service personnel and maybe making faith chests.

The afternoon things are always a surprise to the kids involved soI can tell you that the last day we go to Valley fair with 3000 other kids that are part of Summer Stretch.

June 29th, July 13, July 20, July 27th, Aug 6th (Valley Fair)* Please note we do not meet on July 6th.

We will need AAA- Adults to help: Carole will be on Youth Trips July 12-30th
Please call Carole ASAP if you are able to help a day or 2 this summer.

Confirmation Class Update :

We finished up with all confirmation class in May.

Summer Reminders

8th Graders : Be thinking about your favorite song, your favorite Bible verse and your faith statement and a faith project. If you ,have questions about these things call Carole in August and she can help you with these things.

6th and 7th graders: See you in the fall. Have a great summer.

5th graders: We welcome you in the fall to join us .

If you still need sermon notes you can do them over the summer.



Augustana loves and cares for all youth and Families.

We understand that during these hard economic times that you may need a little help with funding youth activities. There are Scholarship funds available for all youth activities (HEY, YEH, or any summer programs) . Everyone needs a little help once in a while. please do not stop doing church activities because of money. (Please talk to Pastor Jennifer or Carole. We will hold these requests in strict confidence)

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