

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Saturday, August 4, 2018 in the year of our Lord  
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# Opportunities to Equip and be Equipped

“St. Paul . . . sent by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead.” (Galatians 1:1)

*“A Christ-centered, Gospel-based church equipping you for service.”*

The youth will be doing a different kind of Bible Study this summer. They will be meeting at the Cinemark Theaters at 9:30 every Tuesday to watch the Summer Movies Clubhouse Film. Afterwards they will be discussing the movie's theme and how they pertain to us and our faith. The cost of each movie is \$1.00. The movies for the summer are Ferdinand, Paddington 2, Captain Underpants and the Emoji Movie.

The Women's Summer Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 8 at 11:30 at Bob Evans. Please sign up in the Narthex.

LifeTree Small Group for the Summer will meet at The Christian Center behind Zion Lutheran Church, 930 Main St. from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If life seems challenging, come join the conversation on Monday, August 13—Can God Love a Mess Like Me? We will hear the story of the life experiences of William Paul Young, the author of the book, The Shack. Lifetree Small Group is a casual and welcoming “conversation café” where great discussion is served up with light refreshments every month. You are welcome just as you are. Your thoughts are welcome. Your doubts are welcome. Come and see! Sponsored by FLAME—Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission. For more information call 419-433-4955.

The August meeting of Women, Word, and Wine will meet on Monday, August 20th at 7:00 at Nancy Glass's house, 2007 Westwind Drive, Sandusky. We will finish the book A BIGGER TABLE by John Pavlovitz—Chapters 15-18. If anyone has any ideas for our next book, please let us know as we will begin something new in September. Hope to see you all in August!

In order to conserve the use of paper not every announcement of what is going on in the community will be put into the bulletin. Please check the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall for other announcements.

Monday, August 20th will be the Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission's Second Annual Giving Garden Sweetcorn Potluck. We will meet at 5:30 and start serving at 6:00. Let's Celebrate the success of the Giving Garden. Zion, Huron will serve as host. There will be plenty of sweetcorn & hot dogs. Drinks and place settings will be provided. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship as we thank God for the bounty of FLAME's Giving Garden. Everyone is welcome! This is one way we can thank the folks who have labored in the garden working to feed the hungry in our communities. Please sign up in the Narthex.

The annual LWR assembly and packing day will be September 8th at 9:00 in the room off the gym. Everyone is welcome. Donations are still being accepted for needed items. There is a great need for school kits and personal care kits this year.

Watch school supplies for:

- Notebooks (wide or college ruled 70 sheets no loose paper)
- Blunt end scissors
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Ball point pens (no gel ink)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Ruler with centimeters and inches
- #2 pencils with erasers

Also needed are:

- Light of medium weight bath towels (approximately 52 x 27 inches—dark color)
- Bath size bars of soap
- Nail clippers
- Toothbrushes
- Combs

Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to this worthwhile project. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Karol Griffiths

St. Paul will be accepting donations for Orphan Nutrition Sponsorship starting this weekend. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church, marked as a donation for this program and placed in the offering. Please give generously. \$89 will give one year's nutritional support for one orphan. The last day to make a donation will be August 19th. More information is located on the back ledge.

We are ready to start using our new key card system. If you need a key please fill out the form that is on the back ledge. There will not be a charge for the first card but a fee will be charged for lost or replacement cards. Once your card has been set up in the office Elaine will contact you to make arrangements for you to pick up your card and show you how to use it. We would like to get this taken care of as soon as possible. Thank you

Please check out the back ledge for more information about the trip in September to Maine, for Bible studies, the bishop's statement on family separation, key card request forms or any other information of interest.

The Youth Beach Party at Cedar Point Beach will be on Thursday, August 16th from 7:00-9:00 pm. The information in the Sword was incorrect.

If you have someone you want us to pray for during the worship please let the office know.

## FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUTH GATHERING

God is an interesting topic. What does it mean to be closer to him? Well, the way I see it there are several different paths to life. The difference between them are all the outlooks on life, positive, negative, neutral and much more. Being closer to God puts you more on the positive outlook of life. And seeing Lutherans from New York to Hawaii gathering together in one big city to worship the same God is truly a powerful experience and for sure put me on the the best path to life. The God path to life.

-Jack

The Youth Gathering was absolutely remarkable! The mere numbers of young people is amazing! It gives me hope for the future in that so many young Lutherans want to strengthen their faith. There was a gentleman on the bus with us at one point who was with the security detail at the NRG center. He made the comment, if every denomination held an event like this for youth many of our worldly woes would disappear! I have to agree. If there are 21,000 denominations and each one held an event for 15,000 youth that would reach 315 million kids on fire for the Lord! WOW! The music, speakers, and activities were great! The heat was awful!

-Allison

## This week in advance

### Sunday, August 5

8:00 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:00 A.M. Alternative Church

### Monday, August 6

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym  
7:00 P.M. Parish ministry meeting St. John Masters and Sylvania

### Tuesday, August 7

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym  
9:30 A.M. Cinemark Bible Study  
1:00 P.M. Text study at Mr. Smith's  
6:30 P.M. Team Meetings  
Masters and Sylvania

### Wednesday, August 8

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym  
11:30 A.M. Women's Luncheon at Bob Evans  
Masters and Sylvania

### Thursday, August 9

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym  
10:00 A.M. Bulletin Announcements Due  
6:00 P.M. Joy Time

### Friday, August 10

8:30 A.M. BoB in gym  
6:30 P.M. AA/Al-anon

### Saturday, August 11

9:00 A.M. Boy Scouts in Gym  
6:00 P.M. Worship with Holy Communion

### Sunday, August 12

8:00 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:00 A.M. Alternative Church  
3:00 P.M. Confirmation