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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

OSL Youth (The Next Gen)

What Can the Church Do for You???

Have you ever wondered, "If God knows my every thought and knows I love Him, why do have to go to church and be involved?"

I remember thinking the same thing when I was a teen. My mom would always come in my bedroom early every Sunday morning and wake me up with, "Time to get up and go to Church!" and "Today is a youth group event."

I would always respond with, "God knows I love Him, why do I need to go to Church?" and "I don't know anyone at youth group and I have other things to do."

It was always about me, and what I wanted to do (or NOT do). I didn't think the Church really did anything for me.

So the question is, "What can the Church do for us?"

God sent his one and only son Jesus for our salvation. Jesus made the greatest sacrifice anyone could ever make. He did not stay in bed on Sunday morning, or miss an opportunity to reach out to others about God's Love. He was always "up and at 'em." So should we.

Jesus is the Church's foundation and it's because of Him our sins are forgiven. That's what the church does for us. To understand it better, we need to be involved in the Church. As we become more involved in the Church, God's Love increases in our lives and we become more understanding of others and learn to deal with the stressors of life in a much more positive way.

Finally, the Church helps us become witnesses of Christ's Love to others!

You are the Next Generation of the Church. It's time to let the Church work for you! Get involved and find out how God's Love works and spreads!!

Horseback Riding Date Set for June 15

Are you up for some adventure??? Well, then "Cowboy or Cowgirl Up!"

OSL Youth will hit the trails on Friday, June 15 from 4-6pm at Kraus Farms.

Trail Rides are 1 hour in length with 10 riders at a time. If we have more than 10 riders we will spit up, and while one group is riding the other group will be brushing horses or doing something fun.

Trail Rides are $30/person and money is due by Friday, June 1 in order to hold our reservation. Please make checks to Kraus Farms or OSL Church.

Turn in money to Angie Buckman, Jan Proemsey, or the Church Office.

We will meet for some grub afterwards at Dickey's Bar BQ.

Volunteer Opportunity

All OSL Youth Grades 6-12 this is your opportunity to let God's Love shine!!

Volunteers are needed to help with Vacation Bible School July 16-20 from 8:45-11:45 am.

You can help with games, reading stories, and more!

Contact Jan Proemsey or Angie Buckman

Why Attend Youth Group Meetings and Events????

Soccer…..
Softball/Baseball……..
Gymnastics…….
Basketball…….
Vacation…….
Finals……..
I don't know anyone…….
I don't know when……
I don't know who……..

What's keeping you from coming to Youth Group Meetings and Events?

- So you have sports practice; well then come before or after practice if your schedule allows.
- So you don't know anyone; perfect reason to come!!! You'll make NEW friends!!!!
- So you don't know when and who will be leading it; look on the Youth Board by the steps down by the breezeway, look for dates and times in the church bulletin on Sunday mornings, or e-mail Angie at abuckman72@gmail.com, Jan at janproemsey@att.net, and Solveig at sbolstad_osl@hotmail.com.

Whatever it maybe, know that we want you to join us!!!

We always plan for Fun and Fellowship, and most of the time there is FOOD!

Here are the events planned so far for this summer:

- June 15: Horseback Riding
- July 15: Youth Group Meeting 2-4 pm in the Youth Room (basement of the parish house) Come for Fellowship and Fun!
- July 16-20: Vacation Bible School 8:45-11:45 am (need youth to help with games, stories, and more.)
- August 7: Pool Party 6-9pm Summer Chase Subdivision Pool
- August 19: Car Wash 12 noon-3pm @ OSL Church

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!!!

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Retreat Weekend Hosted @ OSL

A Teens Encounter Christ Retreat Weekend will be held June 2-4, 2012 @ OSL Church. TEC is a three-day Lutheran retreat for teens and young adults to grow, learn, and experience the love of God through new and personal encounters with Jesus Christ in a community of believers.

Youth (16 and older), as well as adults, are invited to participate. For more information and applications visit www.showmetec.com

99.1 JOY FM - What Are You Listening to???

What are you listening to? Do you listen to 99.1 JOY FM?

Whether you want to believe it or not, the music we listen to and the things we watch on TV or on the internet are affecting the way we act and the choices we make.

Take time and really listen to the lyrics of some of your favorite songs that are not Contemporary Christian. What are the lyrics promoting???

Take a moment to really pay attention to what you are watching or looking at on TV or the internet. What is being promoted ???

As a Christian teenager, you are faced with some very difficult choices, and many things influence those choices. How will you be influenced?? Where is God in all of this???

After listening to your favorite songs and their lyrics, try listening to some of the songs and lyrics on JOY FM.

Summer Concerts @ 6 Flags

Of course you know Six Flags has a concert series throughout the summer, but did you know they have Christian Concerts too??

There is…...

- JoyFest featuring the Newsboys on June 23.
- Praise –A-Palooza featuring MercyMe on July 14.
- Christian Family Day with Third Day on August 11.

We need to hear from you, if you would like to add these concerts to the list of OSL Youth (The Next Gen) Summer Happenings. E-mail Angie or Jan, if you are interested in going as OSL Youth Group.

SixFlags

8th Graders Confirmed!!!!

Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Congratulations! It's time to continue growing in faith and walking humbly with God!

For all of the OSL Confirmands, please know that you are always in our prayers and that we want you to join us for all of our OSL Youth Meetings and Events!

Prayerfully consider making time to be a leader in the OSL Youth Group so that others will follow.

Your witness does not have to stay within the church walls. Bring your friends and get them involved as well!

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2012

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2013 Youth Gathering (Information taken from www.reporter.lcms.org and www.lcmsgathering.com)

"Live Love(d)" is the theme for the next National LCMS Youth Gathering, set for July 1-5, 2013, in San Antonio.

This year's theme is based on 1 John 4:9

The theme Bible passage reads as follows: "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him" (NIV).

The National Youth Gathering (NYG, or Gathering) is an event held every three years for youth of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. The Gathering provides young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. This event, which is the single largest LCMS event, is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in St. Louis, Missouri.

The gathering is intended for high school youth ages 14-19.

To register for the 2013 National LCMS Youth Gathering, youth participants must have ONE of the following two eligibility minimum age requirements:

1. Those who are 14 years of age at the time of the Gathering;

   OR

2. Those entering their ninth grade year at the time of the Gathering.

Youth participants must also not have turned 21 by the time of the Gathering.

For more information go to: www.lcmsgathering.com

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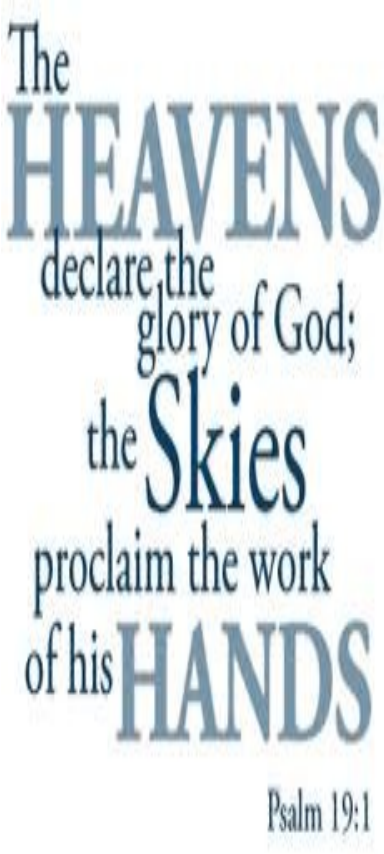

August - OSL Youth Staying Cool!!!!!

So, everyone knows August is like one of the hottest months in the summer, right?? At least in St. Louis it is!!!

To celebrate a new school year and to cool off the summer time blues, OSL Youth Grades 6-12 are invited to a Pool Party Tuesday, August 7, from 6-9pm @ Summer Chase Subdivision Pool!

OSL Youth Group is planning to sponsor a donation Car Wash on August 19, from 12noon-3pm either on the church parking lot. Plans are tentative upon Board of Elders approval. Pay attention to the Youth Board and Church Bulletin for more information.

All Youth are invited to attend and volunteer. Plan on coming to Church and Sunday School and staying to wash cars as people leave from church!!

Calling OSL Youth Techies

Do you have technology skills? OSL Youth needs a webpage to link up to the Church Website. This way everyone can be kept up to date with OSL Youth Meetings and Events!

If you are interested in helping out with the OSL Youth Webpage, let one of the Youth Board Adults know, so we can pick your brain for ideas!!