

# The BEACON



Bi-weekly news of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

July 11, 2018

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*



## Comments from the Youth that attended the Gathering

I found the gathering fun and energetic. I also liked that we got to meet new people and talk with them. I also liked the speakers at the gathering; their stories were very impacting. I also liked that we helped Houston and got to raise money and help people in the city.

- Marc

My favorite part was dressing up in the robes and listening and dancing to the music. I loved meeting new people from other states- it was amazing! The food was also very good and I loved the pizza they had in Texas. My favorite night was the night Pastor Tuhina shared about how she became a Lutheran pastor. My favorite day was spent helping the community pick-up trash and bringing hope to the state.

- Taknowledge

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The youth gathering was a fun experience. I got to meet a lot of new people and I got to know the people from all the Winston-Salem Lutheran churches. We all learned new things - like to believe in ourselves and to not only think about ourselves but to think about others around us and how our choices affect others. Overall I'm gonna remember all the fun times we all had.

- Michael

It was surreal to see so many people all in one place. What was even more crazy to me was that all of the people were of the same faith as me. Worshipping with that many people in one place is a feeling absolutely unmatched. I fell in love with the feeling of community that I got while I was in Houston.

- Emily M.

The national youth gathering is a life changing experience that reminds you that you are not alone in your journey with Christ. I taught us that though you may struggle with things like depression or addiction, God's grace will always be enough. God's love and grace is all we need and is our constant guide in this crazy life. Through service and worship I saw God in the big and the small moments on my trip.

- Alex

The National Youth Gathering is truly an opportunity of a lifetime that has shown me just a small piece of how powerful God can be and how he works in our lives. Being able to hear stories about other people's faith journeys helped me to see more than ever that God's grace and love will carry us through our struggles. Every day we spent at the gathering was a new chance to worship, grow in faith, and strengthen relationships. I am so blessed to have been able to go to Houston with 30,000 other youth and experience God in new ways that have impacted my life forever.

- Meghan

The gathering was a life changing experience because I got to worship with 30,000 other Lutherans. It brought me closer to God and opened my eyes to new ideas.

- Mia

Going to the National Youth Gathering was an amazing experience. It's so cool meeting other Lutheran youth from all over the country. I got to meet some incredible people, and see some old friends as well. My favorite part of the Gathering was definitely the nightly worship services, where all 30,000 of us listened to incredible speakers and music.

- Julia

My gathering experience was just wonderful and that was because of all of the great learning experiences I had the opportunity to take part in. Learning about history in the park and learning more about Houston was great. Learning about the justice system from the speakers was very interesting and something that we need to change. And most of all learning about God made this trip incredible.

- Luke

Houston was an amazing opportunity to meet Lutherans throughout the United States. I got to meet new friends that I have stayed connected with through Snapchat. I also got to become more connected with my youth group. I enjoyed the trip and I learned so much.

- Mason

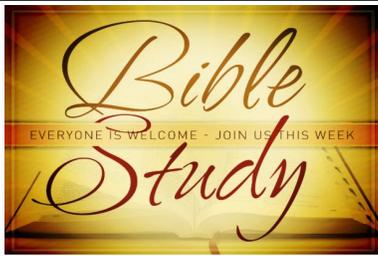
I loved the fact that Pastor Paul came to the Gathering. He was really funny and made the trip meaningful. The idea to blend congregations was awesome because it let me form lots of new friendships. The music was amazing and the flashmob spoke for itself. Martin, the bus driver, was really special and made our trip so much easier by freeing us from walking in the heat (plus he was super nice).

Abbey L

Houston was an great trip! It was so cool to come together with other Lutherans to serve and worship God. It was an amazing trip and I felt so connected to my Lutheran faith and I learned a lot. I can't wait to go again next time.

- Walker

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**G.I.F.T.:** meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M. We are studying the Reformation.

**Continue in My Word:** Welcome to the Monday Adult Weekly Bible Study, in the Youth Area from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. We are studying Acts. Bring your Bible.



The Efird L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Summer Quarter meeting on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, July 20. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, July 22. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to “put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met.”



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

**Save the Date:** Sunday, September 9, 2018

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA- one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Augsburg Social Ministry team has planned activities for September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to serve our community. Details of the service opportunities and sign up sheets will start in August.

More information will come. Please save time on your calendar for “God’s Work. Our Hands.”



**April showers bring May flowers, but we need volunteers to deliver altar flowers!**

For many years, our Women's Circles have graciously helped deliver our altar flowers to members of the congregation after the conclusion of our Sunday worship services. They will continue to provide this ministry, but it would be helpful to have some additional volunteers available to help deliver flowers when needed. This is a great opportunity to share the love of Augsburg

beyond the walls of our church building. Convenient boxes are available to use that have been designed to ease the transport of the flower arrangements in your vehicle. You can put the petal to the metal and not worry about blooms spilling all over your car. If you are interested in helping with flower delivery, please contact Martha Clark (336) 774-9975. Last but not least, if you can't reach Martha, please leave your name with Michaelene Wirth in the church office (336-722-8144). Thanks a bunch!

## READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

July 8	Ezek. 2:1-5	Psalm 123	2 Cor. 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 15	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Eph. 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 22	Jer. 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Eph. 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34. 53-56
July 29	2 Kings 4:42-44	Psalm 145:10-18	Eph. 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

# Upcoming Youth Events

A poster for a swimming party. The background is a pool with blue mosaic tiles and several colorful inflatable rings (pink, orange, green) floating in the water. A central yellow rectangular box contains the event details.

**JULY 14TH @ 3:00**

**MID SUMMER  
YOUTH  
SWIMMING  
PARTY**

**BROOKBERRY FARM POOL AREA  
PIZZA & DRINKS PROVIDED  
BRING A SNACK SO SHARE**

A poster for a confirmation camp. The background is a close-up of a campfire with bright orange and yellow flames. A single marshmallow is being roasted on a stick in the center of the fire.

**C O N F I R M A T I O N   C A M P**  
**J U L Y   1 5 - 2 1**



## Medical Loan Closet



There have been a number of inquiries in the past few weeks regarding the Medical Loan Closet. As many of you are aware, Augsburg has been blessed with a significant number of durable medical equipment type items (crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower benches) that we have loaned to people who are facing recovery from illness, accident or otherwise in need of such equipment on a short term basis. This began as a ministry of Conrad and Beryl Lipe who worked diligently to set up the closet and maintain the inventory and lending lists.

Through the recommendation of our Church Council, it is time for us to review the contents of our closet and evaluate the continued need for certain items as well as review the guidelines for usage and loan. As part of the Social Ministry team activities, a small group has been assembled to do this as *In the meantime, should you or a family member have need for any medical equipment, please contact Pastor Lori through the church office to arrange a time to pick up what you need.*

# JOY

JUST OLDER YOUTH INVITES ITS MEMBERS

ON A TOUR TO SEE THE BEN LONG FRESCOES LOCATED IN THE MOUNTAINS OF WEST JEFFERSON AND GLENDALE SPRINGS, NC. WE SHALL DRIVE THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL ROLLING HILLS VIA MOTORCOACH LEAVING DIRECTLY FROM CHURCH AND RETURNING TO CHURCH.

THE FRESCOES ARE ON PERMANENT DISPLAY AT THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION; CHURCHES OF ST. MARY'S AND HOLY TRINITY. INITIALLY HOME TO A SCHOOL ESTABLISHED IN 1896, ST. MARY'S BECAME A WORSHIP SITE IN 1903 WITH ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION IN 1905 HOLDING ITS FIRST SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE OF THAT YEAR. IN 1900 THE VISITING BISHOP CONSULTED ON CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER WORSHIP SPACE IN GLENDALE SPRINGS AND HOLY TRINITY EVOLVED. MUCH OF ITS WORK WAS DONE BY WOMEN .

DATE: September 5, 2018

DEPARTURE: 9AM RETURN: 7PM

TOTAL COST: \$25.00

Payable by cash or check to Augsburg Lutheran Church/Joy trip.

DEADLINE to reserve is Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

For further information contact Judy Mullane (cell- 201-410-6363) or Nell Rose (home- 336-768-0525)

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COMPLETE AND ENCLOSE WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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NAMES OF ATTENDEES

-----Best Contact Telephone #  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed (\$25.00 each)

## JULY MEMBERS PROVIDING SERVICE

	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
<b>COVER ARTIST</b>	Winnie McCleary	Joe Nicastro	Ronnie Comer	Grant Wollner
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	8:30 David Johnson TBD	Kate Safrif Mia Safrif	Julia Grossnickle TBD	Meghan Ballard TBD
	11:00 Kennedy Weber Jacque Weber	Ryan Hicks TBD	TBD TBD	Ethan Olsen TBD
<b>CRUCIFERS</b>	8:30 Caroline Bevis	Juliette Levine	TBD	TBD
	11:00 Travis Pipes	Jacob Andrews	Harrison Hickman	Stuart Martin
<b>OFFERING BEARER</b>	Luke Wollner	Fred Frazier	Zacarhy Olsen	Faith Cashion
<b>LAY READERS</b>	8:30 Mary Newman	Rob McQuat	Stephen Andrews	Barbara Merced
	11:00 Julie Hanes	Lara Carter	Colette Griffin	TBD
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	8:30 Joanna Britt	Dick DiBlasio	Dina Almerini	Jan Barbee
	Kent Reichert	Effie Sue Utt	Diane Evans	Angela Levine
	11:00 Linda Martin	Joel Myers	Beth Hickman	Edith Eubanks
	Phil Martin	Kathy Nelson	Martha Claire Henzler	Jim Eubanks
<b>OBLATION BEARERS</b>	8:30 Judy Mullane	DiBlasio Family	Reichert Family	Rachel Baynes
	11:00 TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	8:30 Jami Cuka	Julia Grossnickle	Doug Nelson	Julia Grossnickle
	11:00 Don Armitage	Emily Norris	Anna Rubino-Schneider	Barbara Gerhard
<b>NURSERY</b>	8:30 Mary Lou Loenard	Mary Lou Loenard	Patti Bissell	Natalie Brown
	11:00 Elisa Fernbach	Leigh Anna Voigt	Elizabeth Chéron	Elisa Fernbach
<b>USHERS</b>	8:30 Pat Holland	Pat Holland	Pat Holland	Pat Holland
	Damian Richardson	Damian Richardson	Damian Richardson	Damian Richardson
	11:00 Walter Barger	Walter Barger	Walter Barger	Walter Barger
	Don Eppert	Don Eppert	Don Eppert	Don Eppert
	Carrol Epting	Carrol Epting	Carrol Epting	Carrol Epting
	Kevin Lynch	Kevin Lynch	Kevin Lynch	Kevin Lynch
<b>VISITORS WELCOME TABLE &amp; GREETERS</b>	8:30 Mary Newman	Elisa Fernbach	Jane Maxey	Joyce Holton/Mary Newman
	11:00 Pat Epting	Elisa Barger	Ashlie Martin	Bobbie Galchutt
<b>SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP</b>	Oppel	Morrison	Dan Bradley	TBD

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Items for the next Beacon must be received  
by

**9:00 A.M.**

**Friday, July 20, 2018**