

Getting to know - “the Answer” Youth & Family Ministry at Hope

“Ready for the Big-Easy”

Our group’s preparations for the National Youth Gathering (NYG) in New Orleans continue to move forward. Our team is very excited about all that God will have to teach us and show us during this interactive week of faith formation, service, cross-cultural education, and Christian fellowship with more than 37,000 other Lutherans from all over the United States.

This past weekend our group was able to participate in a Synod-wide Pre-Gathering BASH

in Sacramento. Our youth were together with more than 100 kids from all over our Synod who are also preparing for the NYG. We were able to share stories, meet each other, worship together, pray together, celebrate the Lord’s Supper and get information to prepare for our time in New Orleans.

Our group has a few new fundraisers coming up this month (Bake Sale - June 7 and Tri-Tip Sale - June 21). In addition to your financial support we would also greatly appreciate your prayers for all our youth as they prepare for the NYG and for the leaders who will go with them.



May 16th—Sierra Pacific Synod Pre-Gathering Bash in Sacramento (*Hope Youth in White*)

“Youth Website isn’t Just Kid-Stuff”

Do you have a computer that you use to visit sites on the internet or check your email? Are you interested in the future of our church? Does it bother you that many young people grow up in the church, but do not maintain strong ties to their local congregation following high school and into young adulthood? If you answered “yes” to some or all of these questions, then I strongly encourage you to visit our church’s youth website—www.hlcyouthfresno.org

This website is easy to navigate and is maintained on a regular (often daily) basis by our youth staff. The site includes pictures, a youth calendar, information about upcoming events and the like. The website is also **a place for conversations about faith and life.**

We are the body of Christ and we all know that each of us brings unique gifts, talents and abilities. There are things that our youth have not yet experienced in life and there is much that they have yet to learn. Will you share what

you’ve experienced? There is passion and honesty within our youth that is inspiring, thought-provoking and encouraging. Would it benefit your faith to hear what they have to say?

You might not want to walk up to a group of teenagers during Sunday morning coffee hour and tell them how often you pray for their future, but you might be willing to visit the youth website, read the conversation and add your own input and perspective. I recognize that technology can be frightening and change can be scary. I’m certain, however, that when adults take steps to enter into the world of youth culture in ways that are engaging, in order to embrace young people, God’s kingdom will be built, faith encouraged and lives changed.

On Friday, May 22, our site will feature a new Blog entry designed to engage youth and adults. Read the post, click on comments, read those, leave your own, then check back later to see how others respond to you. This is crazy enough that it just might work; will you give it a try?




June 2009

**Hope
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Extending hope in Jesus!

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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7 NYG - Bake Sale "the Life" - Youth Group	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 "the Life" - Youth Group	15	16	17	18 	19 Wild Water Adventures All Youth	20
21 NYG - Tri-Tip Sale Father's Day Bless Your Dad	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 NYG Team Meeting "the Life" - Youth Group	29	30	For more information on any scheduled event you can check the online calendar at www.hlcyouthfresno.org			

Regular Schedule
Sunday School 10:00am
the Life 6:00-8:00pm
Primetime- Not during Summer
the Way ~ 4th-6th grade
the Truth ~ 7th-8th grade
the Life ~ 9th-12th grade

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Wild Water Adventures Way, Truth & Life Fri. June 19, 10AM-6PM

This is going to be a great day just to hang out with friends and have a good time. If you want to go, talk to Adam or Alison and get a registration form (also available online). Turn in your form and your money by Sunday, June 7 so you won't miss out. We will need parents to chaperone and/or drive, so please let us know if you can help out. More questions? Call Adam @ 288-1444 or Alison @ 313-1142. Younger kids are welcome if accompanied by a parent/guardian.

National Youth Gathering Fundraisers

Bake Sale - June 7

- Stop by our table between services and buy some tasty treats to take home.

Tri-Tip Sale - June 21

- Make sure you stop by and place your order for a delicious tri-tip. Orders will be ready Sunday, June 21; perfect for any Father's Day celebration.

"Light House" Quilt Drawing

- Purchase a ticket for this beautiful quilt donated by Dwayne Schramm. Drawing on 6/21.



A tradition for participants who attend a National Youth Gathering is to bring a "memento" to give away to new people we meet from other places. The idea is that the item would have some relevance to where we're from. Our group would like to give away "In-N-Out Burger" Hats. We'll label them from our church and then give them away. The problem is that we need a lot of hats and we can't purchase boxes of them or get them donated. So if you could ask for "a hat or two" when you eat there and then drop them off at the church, we would appreciate it. We have more than 800, but our goal is 2,000 hats! Will you help us? This will be fun!!