

# Getting to know - "the Answer" Youth & Family Ministry at Hope

## "Ready for the Big-Easy"

That's right, our group is headed for New Orleans (pronounced "Nawlins") for the 2009 National Youth Gathering of the ELCA! There are many people I could thank for all of their support and many ways which many of you have supported our group in raising the necessary funds, but I'd rather tell you how you can keep us in your prayers. Pray each day, pray by name, pray often. The following are the youth and leaders from our team here from Hope.

**Youth:** Samantha Contreras, Kelsey Dodd, Elizabeth & Robert Forbes, Hans Hildebrandt, Destiny & Kai Howard, Jennifer Little, Sara Martin, Jacqueline Orbe, Jacob Rangel, Stephanie Scheid, Kaila Staggs, Kyle Teague, Alyssa Walker, Andrew Wasemiller, Emma Wheeler, Brenna Woods, Garrett Wright and Taylor Wright.

**Leaders:** Arty Contreras, Jan Forbes, Adam Knudson, Alison Quinn and Laurie Staggs.

As you know, this team has put much time and effort into fundraising to cover the costs of this trip. Money, however, has only been part of the preparation. The team has spent time and energy learning, thinking, praying, talking and listening to stories from those who experienced the devastation of hurricane Katrina first-hand. We have thought about what it means to respond to suffering with compassionate justice as the

people of God. Join these youth as they experience what God has in store, by praying for us along the way. The following is a schedule of some of the specifics of our trip and we will plan to keep a blog post up-to-date on our website with pictures, comments and quotes of the days' events.

**Mon. July 20** - Flying from Fresno to Dallas to New Orleans, LA.

**Wed. July 22** - Opening Mass Gathering in Superdome - 7pm

**Thu. July 23** - Interaction Center: *Explore God's Word* - 930AM

- Evening program in Superdome - 7PM

**Fri. July 24** - *ServantLife: Live God's Word* (AM)

- Evening program in Superdome - 7PM

**Sat. July 25** - Learning Mall: *Contemplate God's Word* - 1100AM

- Evening program in Superdome - 7PM

**Sun. July 26** - Closing Eucharist - 930AM

- Flying home to Fresno (arrive 9PM)

With God's blessing, we will experience...



## SHALOM Camp @ Mt. Cross

The week of July 12, we will be sending a group of 17 Confirmation students to participate in Shalom camp, along with youth from numerous churches from around our synod. Pastor Al Schoonover and Adam Knudson will attend the camp as teachers and leaders.

This camp is an important part of our church's Confirmation curriculum and we are thrilled to have so many youth and families setting aside this week and making this opportunity a priority in their summer schedules. Please be in prayer for the following young people during the week of July 12-17 : *Emily Berner, Cara Burgan, Alyssa Dodd, Connor Dougherty, Ethan & Samuel Duggins, Katherine Forbes, Eric Hildebrandt, Sarah Kutzner, Christian Lusk, Daniel Martin, Hailey Millhollen, Jonathan Nakamura, Abby Schoonover, Jacob Wood, Tyler Woods, and Kara Wright.*

So you can pray daily for our young people, a week of SHALOM camp generally follows the following curriculum:

- Mon. **S- Sharing:** The good news of God frees us to share who we are with others.
- Tues. **H- Healing:** In Christ there is healing for all of our hurts and brokenness.
- Wed. **A- Affirmation:** We can build up the body of Christ by encouraging and affirming one another.
- Thur. **L- Love:** The center of the gospel is God's love for all people.
- Fri. **O- One-ness:** We can focus on our unity in Christ that brings us together despite all of our differences.
- Everyday **M- Mission:** Each day we will talk about ways to take what we've learned and spread the good news when we return to our homes.

May God's blessings rest on each young person. May this week at camp encourage each to grow in faith and in their relationship with their peers and with Christ.

# July 2009

## Hope Lutheran Church

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
For more information on any scheduled event you can check the online calendar at <a href="http://www.hlcyouthfresno.org">www.hlcyouthfresno.org</a>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 "the Life" - Youth Group	13 SHALOM CAMP @		15 MT. CROSS in Felton, California		17	18
19 1pm -NYG Final Meeting	20 2009 ELCA - National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana					25
26 NYG cont.	27	28	29	30	31	

<b>Regular Schedule</b>
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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## Moving on Up!



The school year is over and all youth should consider themselves "promoted." This means that young people are welcome to attend upcoming events according to their grade in school for the Fall '09 semester. Youth entering 9-12 grades are part of "the life." Youth entering 7-8 grades are part of "the truth." Youth entering 4-6 grades are part of "the way."

Hope will once again be partnering with Sunnyside Church to present an exciting, high energy VBS program for hundreds of children. We need your help. See the upcoming events section of our youth website or call Kristina Garabedian @ 439-4320 for more information.



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Tshirt - \$10

We're excited about all that God is doing in our youth ministry here at Hope. If you are too and you'd like a way to tell your friends about it, consider purchasing one of our new T-shirts. We will have them available in all sizes for just \$10. You don't have to be a kid, you don't even have to have a kid, you just need to be excited about our Youth program. Pick one up while supplies last!