



The Eagle June 2019



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*May we continue to be used by
God and share the Gospel with
A Heart for Hamilton County
and the World!!*



The Promise of Restoration!

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit that God specifically told them not to eat, sin and death entered the world. Every person born is born in sin, is spiritually dead and will experience physical death. This is all the result of sin. Many people today have questions like, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” The first issue with this question is that none of us are good. There are some, in our eyes, that are better than others, but in God’s eyes we are all sinners. Sin has corrupted us and no matter how hard we try to be good and do what is right, we are constantly doing what is wrong.

The second issue has to do with “bad things”. Regardless of whether one is “good” or “bad” in our eyes, bad things happen to the “good” and the “bad”. The reason bad things happen is because sin affected everything and no one is immune from bad things happening to them. Violence, abuse, earthquakes, flooding, tornados, fires, diseases, tragedy, death, strained relationships, you name it, are all because of sin. Nothing in all of God’s creation goes unscathed.

This is clearly seen in Romans 8:22, “For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.” All of creation, including ourselves, are waiting for the restoration of all things. “For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. (Rom. 8:19)” and “And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for the adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. (Rom. 8:23)” There is a promise of complete restoration of all things when Jesus returns and the new heaven and new earth is created.

Until then, we are here on earth. The first part of the restoration process has taken place. All who believe in Jesus as their Savior have been made spiritually alive, but we are still dealing with the physical elements of life. Yes, there will be challenges and struggles, but we are promised that Jesus is with us every step of the way. We are also here to walk alongside of others pointing them to Jesus so that they also may understand and know who He is and what He has done for them.

May God give us the desire and passion to seek Him daily as we continue to share the message of our risen Savior with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!



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Upcoming June Events

2nd—7:15a—Men's Club

1:30p—Nursing Home
Devotions

3rd—6:30p—Preschool Board

9th—11:15a Bd of Ed & Youth
Bd of Trustees

10th—6:30p— Bd of Elders

14th—1:00p - Glory Gamester
5:30p—Bd of Finance



Anniversaries

1st	Josh & Sarah Bauman	17 yrs
	Gary & Tommy Deutsch	45 yrs
5th	Jerome & Alice Pietzsch	48 yrs
6th	Ryan & Missy Marwitz	10 yrs
13th	Kyle & Shawna McKandless	21 yrs
14th	Chad & Sheila Ondrusek	16 yrs
20th	Doyle & Ima Roberts	55 yrs
21st	Clint & Claudia Skocpol	28 yrs
24th	Sonny & Melissa De La Garza	13 yrs
26th	Nick & Michelle Cantara	9 yrs
	Travis & Linda Moore	55 yrs
27th	Gary & Dixie Gromatzky	55 yrs
28th	Dayle & Gayla Squyres	45 yrs
	David & Kim Tyson	34 yrs

Birthdays

1st	Alex Reich
3rd	Casey Finstad
4th	Suzanne Jarvis, John Tyson
6th	Lynn Muxworthy
8th	Mike Armstrong, Jon English, Gary Gromatzky
9th	Betty Tischler
10th	Shawna McKandless
11th	Jane Dodson, Billy Geter, Jr
12th	Piper Hanson, Artie Peters, Martin Seider
13th	Kristi Wagner
16th	Lillye Sanders
18th	Brayden Armstrong
19th	Larry Stamberger
21st	Ryan Polster
23rd	Sarah Zschiesche
24th	Andrea Newby
25th	Colton De La Garza, Savannah Johnson, Fer- nanda Olalde
26th	Trevor Sellers, Isaac Wenzel
27th	Sheila Ondrusek
28th	Easton Marwitz
29th	James Tischler
30th	Gary Deutsch



Baptisms

1st	Howard Cox
2nd	Caleb Niemann
4th	Jessica Brown, Caden Hopper, Haley Hopper, Abby LeGrande, Cooper LeGrande, Ethan LeGrande Scott Williams
10th	Shawna McKandless
13th	Neet Bushee, Derrel Hungerford, Amber Tyson
14th	Emilie Reeves
15th	Donna Abdou
16th	Betty Tischler
20th	Lynn Muxworthy, Pierce Parks
21st	CeCe Jenson
22nd	Clayton De La Garza
23rd	Jerome Pietzsch,
24th	Charla Rudd
25th	Fernanda Olalde
26th	Barry Finstad, Lillye Sanders
27th	Bobby Moore
28th	Dennis Schoen
30th	Johnny Clark





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Devote yourselves to
PRAYER
being watchful and thankful.
Col. 4:2
MiniTools.com

**Opening/Breakfast
Choir Practice
Sundays 8:30am**

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

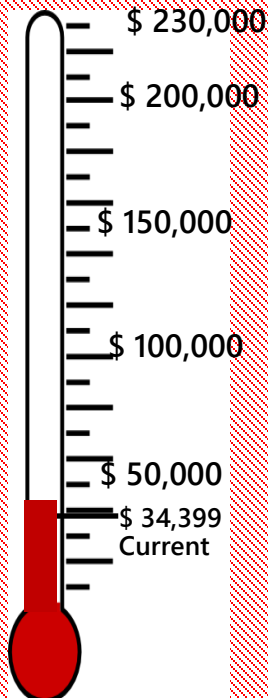
**Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am**

**Wednesdays
Senior Youth
5:30 PM**

**Men's Bible Study
Thursdays 6:30am**



BUILDING FUND



✘ Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Nick Cantara, Josh Chorenziak, Lauren Jeffers, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Richard Sepolio, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Brennan Stroud, Keith Garrett White, Scott Williams

✘ Our Homebound & Nursing Facilities:

Focused Care: Kendra Code, Jean Ranney, Lillye Sanders, Pat Bottlinger, Larry Stamberger, Maxine Wenzel **Hamilton Health Care:** Mildred Kautzsch, Melinda Rogers, Leamon & Lydia Wagner, Leona Fulton **The Meadows, Gatesville:** Faye Senger **Homebound:** Louis & Frances Donahoo, Albert & Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Ruth Reneau, Frances Schrank

✘ Harry Asquith—health issues with his liver.

✘ **Ricky Brown** - dealing with neck, breathing & other health issues

✘ **Sydnee Crouch** - (daughter of Danny and Elissa Crouch) at home doing rehab

✘ **Frances Donahoo** - dealing with heart & other health issues

✘ **Louis Donahoo** - dealing with heart & other health issues

✘ **Gary Gromatzky** - dealing with nerve damage in his back

✘ **Ben Helmcamp** - recovering from pneumonia at home, doing rehab

✘ **Norma Marwitz** - dealing with cancer, awaiting test results

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

✘ **Emilie Reeves** - recovering at home from a stroke

✘ **Katherine Renken** - recovering at home from foot surgery

✘ **Bert Schrank** - hospitalized with stroke like symptoms

✘ **Amanda**—(33 year old daughter of Richard Witt, Farm Bureau auditor) Stage 4 Cancer

✘ **Mary Alsup**—(St. Paul's, The Grove) - cancer treatments

✘ **Oralia Alverado**—(Angie Tawater's mother)—Various health issues

✘ **Noland Arbaugh** - family friend of Darryl & Mischelle Beach, praying for complete healing of his paralysis

✘ **Molly Beach** - niece of Darryl & Michelle Beach suffering from an auto-immune disease & other health issues

✘ **Bobby Cathey**—(Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues

✘ **Savanna Lynn Caylor** - (Sandy Olsen's Great Granddaughter) dealing with residual issues from Guillan Barre Syndrom.

✘ **Layla Evetts** - 6yr old diagnosed with an DIPG tumor. Radiation complete

✘ **Paul & Edith Gates** - (Clark Pumphries' Grandparents) dealing with various health issues

✘ **Fred Gromatzky**—(Gary Gromatzky's brother) Awaiting test results

✘ **Danny Horton** - (Jimmie Horton's brother) dealing with various health issues

✘ **Carolyn May** - friend of Pat Crouch recovering from massive stroke

✘ **Henrietta Medina** - liver count went up. Changing medication

✘ **Jean Schwartz**—(Chrissy Kensing's grandmother) - placed on hospice

✘ **Clay Young**—issues with Crohn's

✘ Praise and Thanksgiving:

✘ **For those who grieve:**

✘ **Special Prayers:** Rain; Teachers & Students; President & Government Officials (local, state & federal)

Please contact the church office with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones.



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Finance Update

St. John Lutheran
Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group
 April of Fiscal Year 2019

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	46,406.67	44,818.00	173,888.68	172,455.42
Total Income	46,406.67	44,818.00	173,888.68	172,455.42
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	570.00	525.00	3,055.00	2,683.66
10-Board of Elders	14,961.00	12,503.04	59,677.00	51,937.53
12-Board of Education	946.00	459.62	3,234.00	1,969.25
13-Board of Trustees	7,865.00	8,340.37	31,835.00	26,200.97
14-Board of Finance	3,406.00	7,378.78	15,055.00	14,385.82
16-Preschool Board	9,764.00	13,353.40	39,906.00	44,399.92
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	225.00	0.00	512.28
Total Expense	37,512.00	42,785.21	152,762.00	142,329.43
Income Less Expense	8,894.67	2,032.79	21,126.68	30,125.99



Given in Memory of :

Paul Zimmerman

Building Fund: Lynn & Neil Muxworthy

General Fund: Jerry & Kay Zschiesche
 Maxine Wenzel, Karen & Robert Grisham,
 Brenda & Tommy Faubion

Ruth Young

General Fund: Jerry & Kay Zschiesche



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Sunday morning services can be heard on



Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am

Next time you shop at Amazon, try smile.amazon.com. You'll get the same great benefits you get with Amazon, with an added twist. When you go to check out, just pick St. John Lutheran Church as your charity and Amazon will make a small contribution to our church at no added cost to you. St John has already received over \$50.00 from purchases made. It's a simple and easy way to give to your church. Try it! It will make you



MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. Join us *Sunday, June 2nd at 7:15 am* for the Men's Club meeting and to help make sausage and pancakes for breakfast.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays @ 6:30 am
with breakfast



A new non-profit organization that has been formed with the goal of providing safe, comfortable and reliable transportation for Cancer patients and their

caregivers to and from Houston. Tentative schedule is 10:30 am Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday outbound to Houston from Hamilton and Monday, Wednesday and Friday inbound from Houston arriving at 4:50 pm. Pick-up and drop-off location has not been determined at this point. If anyone in our congregation would like to volunteer on these days and times, we could possibly be the pick-up and drop-off location. If you are interested in St. John being a part of this and possibly overseeing this, please contact the church office and let us know. For further information you can go to www.drivinghopetexas.org.

Remember this summer when you are having fun in the sun...the work of the Church still goes on. The heart on our website, www.stjohnhamilton.org allows you to set up recurring tithes and one time tithes for your convenience. Have a great and safe summer!



Mission Grant Story

Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips - \$60,000

What do Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Guatemala, India, and Tanzania have in common? Visits from Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries. Over the past 27 years they have been visited, encouraged, and equipped by MOST missionary teams. More than 5300 short term missionaries have used their gifts in ministry to the people of the world, enabling the sharing of the Gospel to almost 50 countries, thus impacting more than 200,000 lives for Christ.

Due to rising travel costs it has become more and more difficult for individuals, let alone families to participate in MOST ministries. This grant will help more families to participate in short term missionary trips by providing scholarships which cover half of a trip's cost. By asking the families to obtain the rest of the funds they learn how to reach out to the church, community and family members for financial assistance and engage these supporters in the mission experience. Everyone feels a part of the mission.

While in the field the missionary families are involved in the lives of others physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The mission trip has opened the eyes of these families to how the world lives and given them an opportunity to create personal relationships.

Families will provide the future leaders of our church. Exposing high school and college student to mission work can inspire them to direct their careers, their ministries, and even extracurricular life toward mission work.

MOST's mission teams have provided medical care; built churches/schools; taught women marketable skills; provided for youth outreach in sports, music, and English language camps; training for educators and professionals in palliative care. While helping with physical needs, the teams also share the Gospel and become the face of Jesus in the field.

Upon returning the families share their experiences with their churches creating an opportunity for LWML members to show the impact an LWML grant can have on everyone involved.

MOST's mission is to "impact the world for Jesus Christ, through short term missions, by Empowering the Found in Reaching the Lost." We pray this grant will help reach the lost and bring them to Jesus.





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Thank you

The Ruth Guild would like to thank each of you for helping to make our 2018-2019 year a big success. Your support helped with each of our mission projects. During the past year coats and sweaters were given to homeless, gifts sent to our brave military, poinsettias and Easter lilies brought to brighten our sanctuary, Lent meal provided, help given for funeral meals, and donations to help our Church Plant. There was even a trip just for fun.

Ruth Guild would still like to invite you to come and be a part of this missionary group. We meet every fourth Sunday immediately after church. Please come join the group. More can be achieved with your help and your presence.

The St John Men's Club would like to thank our members and the community of Hamilton for making their chicken and sausage barbecue a HUGE success. A Big Thank you to Misti and Ryan Polster, Angie Tawater and all the youth who helped in the tent on the square. Also a Big Thank you to all the members who physically helped with the work of cooking the meat. 400 chickens and 600 pounds of sausage were cooked.

LIFETOUCH will be retaking directory photos on Tuesday, August 20 from 2pm-9pm. Anyone wishing to retake their photo can do so at that time. You will again receive a free 8X10 picture. Online registration will begin the first week of July. If your address or phone number have changed since the directory came out, please contact the church office so we can update that info. Thank You.

HOLY LAND TOUR – Visiting the Biblical sites in Israel & Jordan (November 12-23, 2019)

GERMANY TOUR – Visiting the Oberammergau Passion Play & Luther sites (June 28 – July 8, 2020)

Contact Rev Darold Reiner -- retired LCMS Pastor & LWML Int'l Counselor: 406-890-1149 or imhis38@gmail.com



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Music Notes by:
Gary Gromatzky

Be Still, My Soul

**Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly
Friend**

**Through thorny ways leads to a joyful
end.**

**Be still, my soul! Thy God doth under-
take**

To guide the future as He has the past.

**Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing
shake;**

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

**Be still, my soul! The waves and winds
still know**

**His voice who ruled them while He dwelt
below.**

**Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening
on**

**When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are
gone,**

**Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys re-
stored.**

**Be still, my soul! When change and tears
are past,**

All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Katharina Amalia Von Schlegel (1697-?)

Translated by

Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897)

Be Still, My Soul

[1752]

About a hundred years after the time of Martin Luther (1483-1546), Europe was in sad shape. The continent was racked by the Thirty Years' War, which pitted Catholics against Protestants. The Lutheran church had lapsed into formalism and dead orthodoxy. People had stopped going to church.

Then God raised up what is known as the Pietist movement, a movement that was characterized by music, personal holiness, and missionary zeal. In the midst of this time of turmoil and discouragement, Katharina von Schlegel noticed the verse in Psalm 46 that says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

As God spoke to her, she wrote this great hymn. Whatever your circumstances, whatever your problems, you can find comfort in these great words.

Little is known about Katharina von Schlegel, the German author of this poem. Her words, joined with the haunting strains of "Finlandia" by Sibelius, have made this a classic hymn. It was widely sung during World War II when it comforted an entire nation. Virgil J. Bachman of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Port Huron, Michigan, is a good example. Writing in his church newsletter, he said:

"I had probably sung 'Be Still, My Soul' many times before, but it was not until I sang it in a small stucco church in a tiny village in France during World War II that [it] became part of my life.

"The war in Europe was going badly. The news from the front was disheartening. We had suffered reverses. We were edgy, confused, and discouraged. It was at this crucial time that some Chaplain arranged a service in this quaint church somewhere in France. It seemed the roof of that little village church actually opened up as we weary dirty, GIs blended our voices under the leadership of that Chaplain and the church's old pump organ

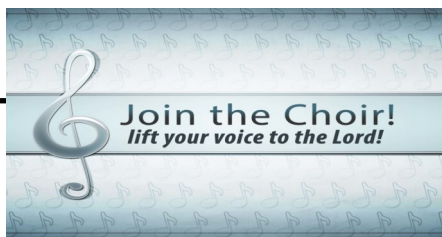
"Halfway through the service it happened. Softly the organ began and we sang, 'Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side.' How badly it was needed. It was as though the Lord was speaking to me in a very personal way. 'Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain'—the cross of war with its hardships, misery, separation and pain.

"As we began the second stanza, 'Be still my soul, Thy God doth undertake to guide the future as he hath the past,' God seemed to whisper, 'Don't give up, I'm still in command, yes, even here. I'll guide the future as I have the past.'

"The thoughts of dead and missing friends came as through a choked-up throat I sang, 'Be still my soul, though dearest friends depart....' Soothing, personal assurance [came] at that moment and in that spot. With renewed spirit I was able to sing the final stanza, 'Be still my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.'

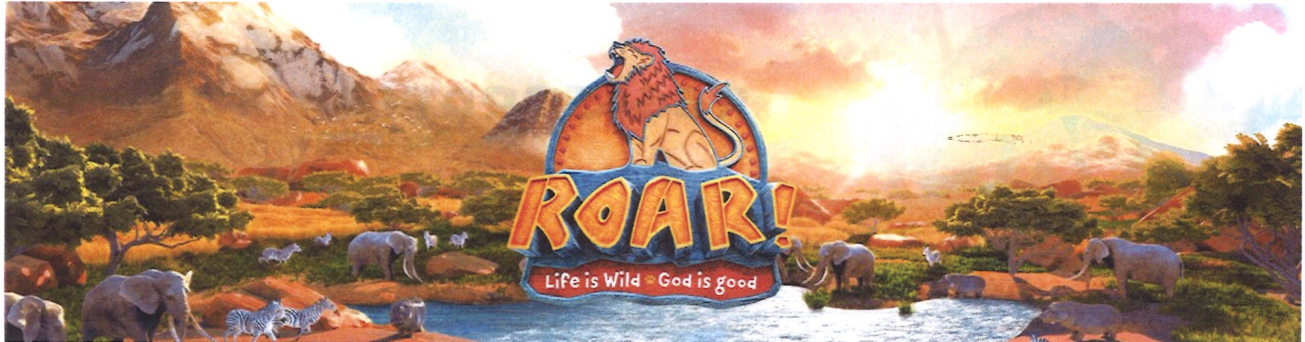
"Peace! Either here or in eternity.

"As we left that little church, the peace I felt among the horrors of war was nothing but a gift of the Holy Spirit. God did spare me and allow me to return to my loved ones and His service and still preserves me."





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St. John Lutheran 2019 VBS June 17-21 8:15-11:30

Transforming Experiences: Welcome to Roar VBS. This African adventure will engage the whole herd. At Roar, kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life..

Children ages 3 (potty trained) through going into the 5th grade will learn one important Bible Point each day. It will be reinforced through Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, and hands-on explorations.

You can preregister by going to our website, www.stjohnshamilton.org, and clicking the "VBS" tab or the "Roar VBS" slide. Preregister by Tuesday, June 11, 2019 if possible. You can still come if you do not preregister, but it makes drop off the first day faster if you have preregistered. We pray that God blesses our week together.

Roar T-shirts, Music CD and Caps are available for purchase:

T-shirts child sizes \$6.00; adult sizes \$7.00

Music CD \$6.00 _____

Caps \$7.00 _____

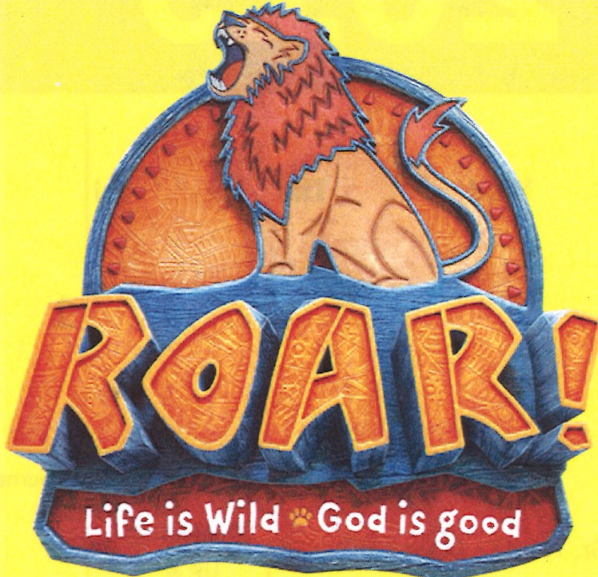
Any question or concerns call 254.386.3158



Roar into the FUN at VBS

St. John Youth Activities

Vacation Bible School



June 17-21 Kids 8:15-11:30
Helpers 7:45-12:15

VBS IMORTANT DATES

SIGN UP TO HELP ASAP

Text Elaine 254-404-5351 or
Text McKinley 254-784-9840

June 7 VBS
SET UP and
Paint Day
(Wear old
clothes & plan
to help deco-
rate FLC)



VBS DAILY June 17-21

Swim Party June 21 6:00-8:00

Helpers Retreat: June 26-27

Sign up on Youth Board in FLC



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God is our REFUGE and STRENGTH, a very present
help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Registration- Pd, TX Event- Pd

Airplane Tickets- Pd, Hotel Deposit- Pd

Still owe hotel and food costs.

May need 1 more June Fundraiser. We will see
after Mens BBQ sales.

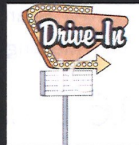


Bring Dinner &
snack money

Thursday, June 6
Drive-In at Gatesville

Junior High Youth

Saturday June 22 Games at
6:00 in the FLC.



SENIOR BIBLE STUDIES

June 5th at 7:00 at the City Airport (text for a ride)

June 19 at the Polster's House

SENIOR YOUTH: PRE-NYG EVENT Saturday, June 15 at 7:00 in the FLC

FINAL NYG PRE-EVENT SR YOUTH 7:00 at FLC ON MONDAY JULY 8TH MUST ATTEND

National Youth Gathering July 10-15 in Minnesota

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- Fun week with Friends
- Great Music
- Grow Closer to God
- Mission Event
- Worship with 30,000
- Mega Games

Don't miss out on this fabulous experience! Registration forms are **due October 7**. We must plan for airfare, hotel, food, transportation, t-shirts as soon as possible. Pay \$100 with registration in October and \$100 in the spring. We hope to fundraise the rest of the trip. We will be having a youth Bible Study/Team Building each month to lead up to the event. This is the biggest and best youth event you can be a part of. Invite a friend to join us with the fundraising and trip. You will be so glad you made God a priority for this week!

Sept 16
Brief Informational Meeting Sept 9 after church
Sept 9

Approved Fundraisers

Month	Fundraiser	Parent Coordinator
August	Garage Sale/Snowcones	Polsters/Hoppers
September 16	Freezer Pleaser Sale	Ondrusek/_____
October/November	Basket Raffle	_____/_____
May	Chicken BBQ (FRI/Sat)	_____/_____
April	Plant Sale	_____/_____

We have to raise over \$1,000 per child for the National Youth Gathering. Your significant participation in at least 3 fundraisers is really important to our success.



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HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY



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«First Names» «Last Names»

«Address»

«City, State Zip (5-digit)»