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The Emanuel Witness

WHO IS GOD?

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10

Dear Members of Emanuel,

As I was making the pre-service announcements on a recent Sunday morning, I decided to put out an invitation for my upcoming Bible Study. That study is simply the title of this newsletter...**WHO IS GOD?** "We are going to understand who God really is," I said with excitement, hoping to arouse interest from those in the pews. I watched as one of our members had an animated and puzzled look on her face. She looked so disturbed I asked her right there in front of everyone, "What's wrong? Did I say something wrong?" And she replied, "We all know who God is!"

In one sense she was correct. We know our Savior Jesus and what He has done for us. We talk to others about the faith we have in God and why He is so important in our lives. We convey that it is the Christian God that is the correct One, as opposed to all other gods representing all other religions. We know how loving He is and how He has granted us forgiveness and that his mercies are new every morning. Yes, you know God. You have a relationship with Him!

At the same time, I think we need to be challenged. Just think how you feel after a Trinity Sunday when you get finished reciting the Athanasian Creed and you scratch your head over statements like this:

*Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.*

I am here to tell you this Creed matters because it was established to combat false ideas that are out there from people who claim to be Christian! It matters that we understand the implications! Why? The Scriptures speak of these sorts of things about God which means God believes it is important for you to contemplate them. And it's not necessarily because of what you might think! By diving into the Holy Trinity, the mystery of God will grow along with a better understanding of why this is the One True God! And there is more! You will understand the love and devotion our Lord has for you in a way you probably never contemplated before!

I have been working through the summer preparing a Power point presentation for our upcoming Monday Evening Bible Study and I am so excited to present it to you! I hope you will join us! We will have our first class on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Room. You will see your faith grow as you come to realize the depth of God's reason for Creation and His insistence in Redemption!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Stecker

Daily Lectionary Readings

September 1

1 Kings 18:1-19
Eph. 1:1-23

September 2

1 Kings 18:20-40
Eph. 2:1-22

September 3

1 Kings 19:1-21
Eph. 3:1-21

September 4

2 Kings 2:1-18
Eph. 4:1-24

September 5

2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7
Eph. 4:25-5:14

September 6

2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37
Eph. 5:15-33

September 7

2 Kings 4:38-5:8
Eph. 6:1-24

September 8

2 Kings 5:9-27
Phil. 1:1-20

September 9

2 Kings 6:1-23
Phil. 1:21-2:11

September 10

2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29
Phil. 2:12-30

September 11

2 Chron. 29:1-24
Phil. 3:1-21

September 12

2 Chron. 31:1-21
Phil. 4:1-23

September 13

2 Chron. 32:1-22
Col. 1:1-23

September 14

2 Chron. 33:1-25
Col. 1:24-2:7

September 15

2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33
Col. 2:8-23

September 16

2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25
Col. 3:1-25

September 17

2 Chron. 36:1-23
Col. 4:1-18

September 18

Neh. 1:1-2:10
1 Tim. 1:1-20

September 19

Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6
1 Tim. 2:1-15

September 20

Neh. 4:7-23
1 Tim. 3:1-16

September 21

Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16
1 Tim. 4:1-16

September 22

Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18
1 Tim. 5:1-16

September 23

Neh. 9:1-21
1 Tim. 5:17-6:2

September 24

Neh. 9:22-38
1 Tim. 6:3-21

September 25

Mal. 1:1-14
Matt. 3:1-17

September 26

Mal. 2:1-3:5
Matt. 4:1-11

September 27

Mal. 3:6-4:6
Matt. 4:12-25

September 28

Deut. 1:1-18
Matt. 5:1-20

September 29

Deut. 1:19-36
Matt. 5:21-48

September 30

Deut. 1:37-2:15
Matt. 6:1-15

October 1

Deut. 2:16-37
Matt. 6:16-34

October 2

Deut. 3:1-29
Matt. 7:1-12

October 3

Deut. 4:1-20
Matt. 7:13-29

October 4

Deut. 4:21-40
Matt. 8:1-17

October 5

Deut. 5:1-21
Matt. 8:18-34

October 6

Deut. 5:22-6:9
Matt. 9:1-17

October 7

Deut. 6:10-25
Matt. 9:18-38

October 8

Deut. 7:1-19
Matt. 10:1-23

October 9

Deut. 8:1-20
Matt. 10:24-42

October 10

Deut. 9:1-22
Matt. 11:1-19

October 11

Deut. 9:23-10:22
Matt. 11:20-30

October 12

Deut. 11:1-25
Matt. 12:1-21

October 13

Deut. 11:26-12:12
Matt. 12:22-37

October 14

Deut. 12:13-32
Matt. 12:38-50

October 15

Deut. 13:1-18
Matt. 13:1-23

October 16

Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15
Matt. 13:24-43

October 17

Deut. 15:19-16:22
Matt. 13:44-58

October 18

Deut. 17:1-20
Matt. 14:1-21

October 19

Deut. 18:1-22
Matt. 14:22-36

October 20

Deut. 19:1-20
Matt. 15:1-20

October 21

Deut. 20:1-20
Matt. 15:21-39

October 22

Deut. 21:1-23
Matt. 16:1-12

October 23

Deut. 24:10-25:10
Matt. 16:13-28

October 24

Deut. 25:17-26:19
Matt. 17:1-13

October 25

Deut. 27:1-26
Matt. 17:14-27

October 26

Deut. 28:1-22
Matt. 18:1-20

October 27

Deut. 29:1-29
Matt. 18:21-35

October 28

Deut. 30:1-20
Matt. 19:1-15

October 29

Deut. 31:1-29
Matt. 19:16-30

October 30

Deut. 31:30-32:27
Matt. 20:1-16

October 31

Deut. 32:28-52
Matt. 20:17-34



Please Pray for our
Shut In Members:

Grace Bates

Jane Brown

Geneva Brueck

Mary Ann Bulmahn

Marilyn Dunaway

Wilma Forks

Mary Ann Gallmeyer

Janice Gilreath

Barbara Krauter

LaVera Linker

Helen Miller

Tom Myers

Sally Neilson

Sandra Poling

Helen Purvis

Jim Purvis

Ed & Sally Schwehn

Barb Shriver

Elna Szink

Kenneth Werling

Jim & Anita Wise

Glen Witte



September 1

Mark 7:15

Inside Out

Rev. Thomas Eggold

God always works from the inside out, and no matter what depraved things you have seen, and no matter what despicable things you have done, and no matter how dirty your heart has been, your sins have been placed on Jesus. Today, because He took your sins upon Himself, you are a new creation in Christ Jesus.

September 8

Mark 7:37

Be Opened!

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Jesus wants to do for you what He did for that deaf mute man in the Decapolis that day. He wants to stick His Word into your ears, to cut through deafness, to open your ears, your minds, and your hearts. Thus He speaks His Ephphatha to you. Be opened.

September 15

Mark 9:14-29

Healing for Our Children

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

A seriously ill child demands the parents' full attention. Parents will do anything possible to help their child regain physical health. Our heavenly Father did everything possible to restore our spiritual health, even sacrificing His Son to win for us spiritual health and wholeness. As we use the tools that God has given us, we are able to restore and maintain spiritual health.

September 22

James 3:13-4:10

A Difficult Victory

Rev. William Mueller

The text is all about "Spiritual Warfare." But that often isn't a topic we feel comfortable discussing. Why is that? Might the difficulty lie in the fact that we might too readily be reminded of our sin? Our victory is through Jesus Christ. What makes it difficult?

September 29

Revelation 12:9

In Service of Go(o)d!

Rev. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Popular today among both young and old are action hero figures. These heroes in different ways act in service of good. God gives Christ followers the greatest action heroes—angels—who act in and on behalf of the greatest good: in service of good and in service of God!

SUNDAYS

7 a.m. – NBC-TV 21.2

(FiOS 4, Comcast 13, Mediacom 8)

8 a.m. – MyTV Channel 21.3

4 p.m. – Public Access

MONDAYS

10 a.m. Public Access

11:30 a.m. — WINM-TCT

October 6

Hebrews 2:11-12, 17-18

Jesus, Our Brother

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Jesus is our brother because He is fully human as well as being fully God. The Son of God became man in order that He might be our great high priest and the sacrifice atoning for our sins. As our brother, Jesus knows all about the temptations that we experience. As the Son of God, He can give us the help that we need.

October 13

Mark 10:21

Jesus Loved Him

Rev. Thomas Eggold

The Law of God is centered in a love that cannot bear to see us dying in our sin. The Law of God is given to show us how great our need truly is, to uncover our attempts to do it on our own, and to lead us to the one and only path to eternal life.

October 20

Mark 10:47

Beggar Faith

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Faith is a beggar before God. It offers nothing; it receives everything as a gift. When we look at Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, we see what faith in Christ looks like, and we take our place at His side, praying to Jesus for mercy.

October 27

John 8:31-36

Catastrophic Grace

Rev. Michael Zeigler, Guest Pastor

Psychologists speak of "self-authoring" - a way of controlling the narrative to become the person you want to be. But what if God is writing the story of your life? In other words, what if we're saved by grace?



East Zone Gathering October 12, 2024

*St. Peter's Lutheran Church
7710 E. State Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815*

Registration starts at 8:30 am - Cost: \$7
Brunch served at 11 am

In Gathering: Mites and Uruguay Mission
with Pastor Sharp and his family

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 Lutheran Women in Mission
PRAYER SERVICE 2024

*GOOD TIDINGS
OF
COMFORT AND JOY*

SAVE THE DATE! The theme for this year's Ladies Society Christmas party is "Tidings of Comfort and Joy". The date is **Tuesday, December 3** at 6:00 p.m. and it will be catered by Grant's Catering. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend as well as their mothers, daughters and friends. More information to follow in future News & Notes.

An Evening with Keith and Kristyn Getty: Live in Concert at Concordia Lutheran High School



7:00 PM on October 28 at Concordia Lutheran High School

Hymn-writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty, and special guests, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, are bringing their Fall Tour to Fort Wayne for one unique night. It will be a time to join our voices together in powerful hymns — new and old — and conclude with the memorable singing of *In Christ Alone*.

The concert is locally hosted by Concordia Lutheran High School, Foundations of Truth, Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School, and Worship Anew. All proceeds will be used to support the identification and the nurture of current and future leaders of congregational singing.

Tickets are now on sale at gettymusic.com/tour. Tickets range from \$20-\$45 with floor and bleacher seating available.

Join us because ***"Here in the love of Christ we stand."***

Breaking Bread Together

The Breaking Bread Together lunch bunch continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome your attendance and participation for food, conversation, and fellowship. Breaking bread in scripture first came up when God gave the law to Moses to break twelve loaves on the Sabbath. The tradition of breaking bread is featured in Christianity when Jesus dined with His disciples. Our next luncheon is Wednesday September 4th and we'd be glad to have you join us!

We Care Ministry

Our We Care volunteers assist with short term support for our church family in the form of errands, driving for appointments, short term assistance for grocery and yard work, or meals. If you have a need please call the church office and we will help with what we can!

September Health Focus

With the return to school, our children have had reminders for updates to immunizations but hey—you adults—have you checked on your own needs lately? It's always good to check out your individual needs and recommendations with your primary care physician (PCP). Recommendations include COVID 19, Influenza (flu), Pneumonia vaccine is recommended for those ages 19 to 64 with a weakened immune system and those older than 65 should discuss with their doctor. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) has recently become emphasized and recommended for adults over 60 yrs including those with lung and cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, kidney or liver disease or other underlying conditions. The shingles vaccine is recommended for those age 50 and older. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis is recommended every 10 years.

Stephen Ministry Team

Since 1975, this nonprofit educational organization has brought lay caring to thousands of congregations around the world, enabling care for millions of people. Here at Emanuel, Stephen Ministry was started in 1997. It is a focused, caring ministry to people experiencing challenges by providing a presence for sharing, caring, and prayer for facing life's challenges. It focuses on Christian Caregiving and providing pastoral care. The Stephen Minister goes through a strong training program that emphasized God as the ultimate Caregiver, while the Stephen Minister acts as a Care Giver to someone in need of support, the Care Receiver. Areas where support is provided include grief, loss of job, illness, financial insults, health situations that impact life on both short and long term basis, facing illness, life changes. If you have questions about anything related to Stephen ministry at Emanuel give a call to the church office and you will be connected to the team. Christ cares for people through people and we are here to

What a wonderful opportunity to incorporate the core principles of stewardship, time, talent, & treasure! It's time to clean out your closets, cupboards, attics & garages. Your unused items may be someone else's treasure!



The Emanuel Ladies' Society Fall Rummage Sale will be held on

Thursday, September 19th, 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

and Friday, September 20th, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (\$2 bag sale)

Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, September 15th, setting up and sorting starts at 1:00 p.m.

(NO Large appliances or furniture – including TV's)

No donations will be accepted after Tuesday, September 17th.

(Volunteers need to have time to price items and organize merchandise prior to the sale.)

Your helping hands would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed on Monday & Tuesday from 8am—7:30pm, and on Wednesday from 9-5.

Also Needed: 6 & 8 FOOT TABLES for our Rummage Sale to be delivered Sunday, September 15th for temporary use on the 19th and 20th of September.

Please make sure they are marked with your name and be assured they will be used inside.

THANK YOU!

This article is from the September 2024 issue of The Broadcaster:



Welcoming a new pastor to Worship Anew

*By Ashley Wiehe
Director of Communications*

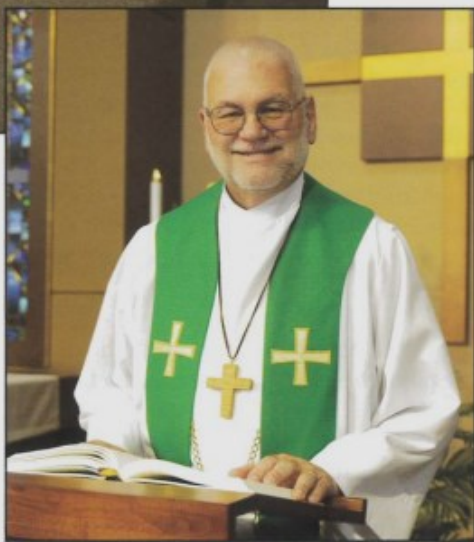
Worship Anew has started to record its 2025 programs and is excited to announce a new pastor for this season.

The Rev. Scott Zeckzer, senior pastor at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven, Ind., will be joining the program with his first program on April 27, 2025. Rev. Zeckzer will be replacing the Rev. Thomas Eggold, who will be stepping back from the program to focus on his home congregation. Rev. Eggold's last program will be on Easter, April 20, 2025.

"Worship Anew is blessed by our team of pastors who share with our viewers week in and week out, and we are very appreciative for the work of Pastor Eggold for the past six years and thank him for his ministry on Worship Anew and his continued ministry in the Church," said Matthew Leighty, executive director at Worship Anew. "Pastor Zeckzer is a wonderful addition to our lineup of pastors, and we believe that our viewers will enjoy his preaching style and his



The Rev. Scott Zecker (left) smiles for a photo with outgoing pastor, Rev. Thomas Eggold, in the Worship Anew studio.



warm personality as he shares the Gospel.”

Pastors, Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Rev. Shayne Jonker, Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III, Rev. William Mueller, and Rev. Paul Shoemaker will once again return to our weekly program and will continue to be joined by the Worship Anew Choir and other visiting choirs as well as host Eric Kaschinske.

Rev. Eggold has served with the program since 2018. He is the senior pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Ind., and will continue to serve in that role after his time at Worship Anew is completed.

“(Worship Anew) gives you a bigger appreciation for the Church, not just your congregation, but for the Christian church and how we’re all connected,” Rev. Eggold said.

Rev. Zecker joins the program in the footsteps of Rev. Shoemaker, who previously served as the senior pastor at his church in New Haven. He has grown in ministry with Rev. Shoemaker for years and now will continue to do the same through Worship Anew.

“I’m looking forward to sharing with the audience the Good News of God’s salvation, finding Christ Jesus, and just being part of a great history and tradition with Worship Anew,” Rev. Zecker said.

Rev. Zecker is a graduate of Concordia University-Ann Arbor and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He has more than 25 years in ministry and has served at Emanuel since 1996. He and his wife Deb have four children; Bethany, Caleb, Nathan, and Micah.

The start of the 2025 production season will be on Dec. 1, 2024 with the First Sunday in Advent.

Worship Anew is available to watch on local broadcasts throughout the United States as well as on the American Forces Network worldwide. Worship Anew is also available online through WorshipAnew.org and YouTube. The program is also streaming on AppleTV, Google, and ROKU. Learn more at WorshipAnew.org.

“I’m looking forward to sharing with the audience the Good News of God’s salvation, finding Christ Jesus, and just being part of a great history and tradition with Worship Anew.”

~ Rev. Scott Zecker

Our youth had a great time learning, growing, and playing on our **Higher Things** Conference trip July 14-20! Thanks so much to our congregation for their support and to **The Lutheran Foundation** for their generous grant to help make this trip happen!



Ellie

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? I liked the breakaways.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended? Why? My favorite was Pastor Goodman, "Self-Esteem Is Demonic". It opened my eyes to some problems I may need to fix. It also helped me understand others struggles.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will always remember the great memories made.

Lucas

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite part of the Higher Things conference was free time spent with friends.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended? Why? My favorite breakaway session was "Seraphim, Cherubim, Angels and Demons." I really like learning about angels. They are really interesting to me.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? The thing I will remember most is all of the church services that we had. I feel like a new man I also learned a lot from them too.

Leah

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? Learning more about God.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended? Why? "Wet & Miserable" with Deac. Emma Heinz. I learned more about God and I learned that even though we are still sinners God forgives us.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? The bad housekeeping.

Maddie

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? I liked Freebie and getting "beaten up" by Toxic Meltdown.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended? Why? "Hurt (or what I wish I knew to tell Ashley)" with Pastor Goodman. It was about suicide and how sin destroys everything.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? Playing all the games during free time and getting to spend time with my friends.

Connor

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite part of the Higher Things conference was free time-specifically playing Knockerball.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended? Why? The best breakaway season was "Self-Esteem Is Demonic" . I liked it because I learned a lot and Pastor Goodman was really engaging.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? One thing I'll never forget is the church services. They were different that anything that I have done because there were so many people all worshipping together.

Norah

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? I enjoyed many parts of Higher Things including worship, growing my faith, making new friendships, and meeting Australians!

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? My favorite breakaway session was called "Wet and Miserable". It opened my eyes about suffering and why we suffer and also how to work through it.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember the Australians we met and trying their Vegemite, the many things we learned from the breakaways, and all the games that we played during our free time such as volleyball, pickleball, knocker ball, phase ten, and human whack-a-mole.

Frederick

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? I appreciated the unapologetically Lutheran culture I was a part of. There were 4 confessional, traditional services each day.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? The best breakaway section I went to was "Beyond the Bubble". I enjoyed the topics, and learned new things. I also like how it was kind of a choose your own adventure, so that we had some choice in what we learned.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? It was overall just a good trip, full of things to do, and Lutheran theology that was directed to this day and age.

Finn

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? I loved playing Knockerball and Toxic Meltdown. I also loved seeing the animals at the petting zoo.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? I enjoyed Pastor Goodman's breakaway, "Hurt (or what I wish I knew to tell Ashley)," the most. He talked about platitudes and connected it to the Bible. It was really well done.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember when the shower was stuck on all night. There was so much steam pouring out of the bathroom.

Evy

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite part was playing volleyball at night and meeting new people.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? The best breakaway I attended was Pastor Goodman's first one ("Self-Esteem Is Demonic"). His breakaway was about self-esteem and I appreciated that it was something that everyone can relate to. I learned how to handle having self esteem and when people have too much and too little self esteem.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember all of the breakaway sessions & the people I met.

Emma

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite were the services.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? "Self-Esteem Is Demonic" was my favorite. It brought up very good points that I had not thought about before. The speaker talked fast, in an engaging way that made it easy to listen to.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember the memories that I made at Silver Dollar City.

Fear the
House of Vir!



Cillian

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite part of Higher Things was the Australians (Shoutout Hayley and Rose), all the singing (even though my voice was TOAST at the end of the conference), and Compline.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? My favorite breakaway session was "Be a Man," which connected to me, connected to the conference theme, and was an easy to follow but also good session. Pastor Hull was funny and entertaining and took it exactly where I thought he would.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember the funny times in the king hall (freshmen) dorms.

Julia

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference was playing volleyball with Ellie and Evy! We had lots of fun trying new games, like Knockerball and Human Whack-a-Mole.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? My favorite breakaway was Pastor Hoovers. It was called "Beyond the Bubble", and focused on the transition from attending a church with your parents because they go there to deciding what church you want to attend yourself. I liked that it was targeted to our age group (teens; specifically young adults moving away for college). It gave me resources to find a new LCMS church and a list of things I should look for when visiting a church. I took away so much practical and useful information.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I loved creating connections through my faith with new people. I especially enjoyed talking with our Australian friends, Hailey and Rose, and asking them about how life is different in their hometowns. We had fun comparing and contrasting the way they practice Lutheranism in Australia to the way we practice here. It was interesting to invite them to try American foods and customs. It was fun to try some Australian snacks too!

Paul

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? I really enjoyed Evening Prayer.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? "Be a Man," because it was really important during the growing stage of my life. I really appreciated the amount of people that were there as well.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will always remember the breakaway sessions that focused on specific parts of theology.

Brody

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? The breakaways because it's an opportunity to go to different subjects and learn about them.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? My favorite breakaway session was "Seraphim, Cherubim, Angels and Demons" with Pastor Hall. I liked it because it taught about all of the different angels that I didn't know existed. He also gave a description of what angels looked like.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember the people at the conference, it was a nice and cooperative community.



Fearless chaperones at Silver Dollar City Amusement Park.

Will

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? Play Archery Tag with my friends.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? Pastor Goodman's breakaway, "Hurt (or what I wish I knew to tell Ashley)," He talked about platitudes. Also he spoke on depression.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember the time I spent with my friends and the memories that I made with them.

Caroline

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite part of Higher Things was singing hymns all together and attending breakout sessions.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? My favorite breakout session was Pastor Hoover's session, which talked about continuing in worship and faith after high school. I liked it because it gave a clear guide on what to look for in a Lutheran Church. It was also very entertaining!!

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember worshiping with 700 (probably more!) Lutherans and playing games like volleyball or pickle ball with my friends.



Brooklyn

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite part was the community of fellow Christians my age & the balance between church & fun activities.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? My favorite breakaway session was "Self-Esteem is Demonic". It was about the lies that the world spreads about self-esteem. I liked that it addressed both sides of self-esteem and their specific issues.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember playing games at evening free time and meeting new people from different places.

Augie

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? The worship environment of 700+ people in a single space is memorable. Hearing all those voices sing and proclaim God's Word gives me a special feeling of comfort & joy.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? Vicar Ben's "Jesus: In Full Color" was all about how Jesus is depicted in art throughout the world, and Christian art in general. Within different cultures and regions lies a different depiction of what Jesus looks like, but the message is still the same. To appeal to the idea that "Jesus died for YOU!", many cultures make Jesus look like someone from that part of the world. For example, Jesus was most likely a middle eastern man, not a white guy like the Germans depict him. We saw things like Chinese Jesus, Black Jesus, Ethiopian Jesus, and the list could continue. While Jesus looked different in all of these, we as viewers could still tell what was going on or what story it was telling from the Bible. Vicar Ben also showed us the difference between good & bad Christian art. Good art is clear and proclaims the Gospel of Jesus, while bad art can be blasphemous, mocking, and unclear. The art could have a good message, but if the average viewer cannot understand, it is considered "bad" art. This breakaway section interested me because I find iconography and Christian art fascinating.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? Apart from Worship & Breakaway sessions, there were many options to choose from for free time to bond with others. For 2 of the nights I chose KnockerBall. KnockerBall is a game where players run around in inflatable zorb balls and attempt to knock each other over, and knock over the king to win. It was very enjoyable running at full speeds to smaller individuals and sending them flying. Since they were in an inflatable ball, they were completely fine and it was all in good fun.

Beata

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite part was watching the talent show, there was some great acts, and going to the breakaways.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? I really enjoyed "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" with Pastor Mohr. It was about the distinctions of God-given vocations and excuses people sometimes use to separate themselves from a neighbor. It helped me recognize all the excuses that I and others use to distance ourselves, and it in recognizing that I feel that I am closer to being able to be a good neighbor to everyone.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember all of the fun card games and going to Silver Dollar City.

Jude

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? Going to the different breakaways and looking at different aspects of my faith.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? My favorite session was with Pastor Goodman and his session called "Hurt (or what I wish I knew to tell Ashley)". He talked about people who are hurt and cut themselves and are suicidal and how they are right in a sense that this sin that they experience needs to be paid with blood, but they didn't know or realize that Jesus already shed his blood for that. It is definitely something I can take along with me if I continue the path of being a counselor.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? The one thing I will remember is all the awesome service I was able to partake in.

Taylor

What was your favorite part about the Higher Things Youth Conference? My favorite thing was getting to go to hear the whole building sing and harmonize together during church.

What was the best breakaway session that you attended?

Why? The best one I attended was with Pastor Zeckzer. It was about how being Holy and becoming Holy. I learned that God sends people in our life in order to get answered he sometimes can't answer.

What is one thing you will remember from this trip? I will remember making friends, that I got stuck with a random roommate, and getting knocked out in Knockerball.

Check out Emanuel's LYFE and EJY Facebook page for more pictures from recent events!

We've been busy over the summer!

September Birthdays

*Christ be my
Leader by night
as by day; safe
through the
darkness, for He
is the way.
Gladly I follow,
my future His
care, darkness is
daylight when
Jesus is there.*

*Christ be my
Teacher in age as
in youth, drifting
or doubting, for
He is the truth.
Grant me to trust
Him; though
shifting as sand,
doubt cannot
daunt me; in
Jesus I stand.*

*Christ be my
Savior in calm as
in strife; death
cannot hold me,
for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor
doubting nor sin
and its stain can
touch my
salvation: with
Jesus I reign.*

CLS Chapel Hymn
of the Month

LSB 861

1
Steven David
Jane Ahlersmeyer
Lauren Richeson

2
Cody Shipp
Brandon Gardner
Evelyn Benjamin
Alexis Parker
Maya Guenin

3
Ezra Miller

4
Carol Herman
Rick Dommer
Logan Krinn
Anthony Keen

5
Doris Bell
Jean Grasmick
Lillian Herman
Connie Knight

6
Nancy Jones
Marla Melin
Adeline Hoepfner

7
Shannon Bremer
Nicholas Graham

8
Victor Echartea

9
Sara Kidd
Haley Guy

10
Henry Waidelich

11
Robert Schumm
Stephen Snodgrass
Zachary VanSpankeren
Callan Gerken
Maverick Reasonover

12
Scott Feasby
Deborah Zeckzer
Kaylie Wills

13
Gary Lambert
Alexa Walter
Kate Huston
Derek Carey

14
Arnold Danner
Tonya Fisher

15
Matthew Grover
Alicia Tyk
Talan Turner

16
Anita Wise
Richard Hartman
Lea Ann Werling
Kaitlin McMichael
Kate Hellinger
Miriam Shipp

17
Beth Ann Gremaux
Daniel Krinn
Megan Kilgore
Anela Crowl
Ryan Osborn
Stephen Sims

18
T. Beach Harmon

19
Fred Drayer
Jonathan Shoemaker

20
Carolyn Burris

21
Mary Jane Kline
Michelle Van Arsdall
Autumn Cobb
Mason Pankop
Troy Guenin

22
Jennifer Anderson
Winfield Freeman
Levi Hileman
Sarah Hoepfner
Aadyn Wilson

23
Neal Wissman
Audrey Bradtmueller
Mckenzie Werling

24
Karen Dailey
Autumn Knittle
Kiana Lehman

25
Kayleen Huffman
Sarah Franz
Clifford Edmondson
April McGuire
Chad Fox
Alexis Schmidtke
Ivy San Inocencio

26
Joshua Pankop

27
Mary Ann Gallmeyer
David Bulmahn
Erika Shipp
Noah Snyder
Aaliyah Hammad

28
Gary Friend
Karen Bohde
Nicole Walter
Makenna Dommer

29
Pat Scheiman
Evan Cheviron

30
Cheryl Knoblauch
Carlie Mutzfeld
Makenna Jackson
Calvin Cheviron



October Birthdays

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, for You are Lord of lords alone; defend Your holy Church that we may sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

CLS Chapel Hymn of the Month

LSB 655

1
Keith Weber
Samuel Bender
Kyle Metzger
Craig Rorick
Abigail Metz
Lauren Krinn

2
Hannah Becker
Daniel Hunt

3
Rita Wissman
Eddie San Inocencio
Chandler Zimmerman

4
Geneva Brueck
Christel Eichinger
Amanda Reed
Alyssa McMichael
Carson Dager

5
Cindy Moore
Jennifer Metzger
Kara Gotschall
Luca San Inocencio

6
Lynne Eifert
Carol Bristow
Charles Fisher

7
Dennis Herman
Penny Meyer
Katherine Chin
Chase Reinhard
Robert Byrd
Landon Wells
Declan Loshe
Lydia Vetter

8
Patricia Zeedyk
David Doster
Jennebelle Gillespie
Elizabeth Parker
Hunter Alberding

9
Heidi Sims
Paige Stutzman
Payton Campbell
Jace Willger

10
Keta Bender

11
Larry Lahrman
Rochelle Shoemaker

12
Warren Perkins
Ethan Hirschy
Bethany Bremer
Nathan Zeckzer
Niccolo Gardner

13
Carl Zuercher
Thomas Kneller
Vickie Doenges
Deborah Wilson
Collin Kline
Aaliyah Richardson

14
Nicholas Viggiano
Kyle Rodriguez
Emily Johnson
Sawyer Snyder

15
Tina Woods
Jack Cain
Thomas Werling
Landon Keeney
Sofia Viggiano

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17
William Huffman

18
Barbara Mason
Vivien Gillespie
Stacie Osborn
Connor Fox
Erica Miller
Carter Hohenbrink

19
Laura Hargens
Jill Cain
Ryan Abbott
Audrey Huston

20
Edward Schwehn
Michael McGuire
Melissa Schwehn
Ryan Girardot

21
Leroy Lepper
Jasper Walchle

22
Marilyn Bradtmueller
Brian Gremaux
Landon Schneider
Roslyn Essex

23
Martha Heckler
Dawn Stephenson
Randy Wilson
Alyssa Anderson
Noelle Price

24
Melanie Smith
Angela Reed
Alexander Reilly
Abbigale Dubbelde
Gracelyn Cheviron

25
Janet McEvoy
Scott Fisher
Anthony Moore
Peyton Sweet
Blake Bontrager
Luke Melcher

26
Kaycie Reed
Steven Schlund

27
Elna Szink
Charlotte Sarrazine
Andrew Barry
Dale Berning
Amanda Sorg
John Colter
Phoenix Wilson

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Paul Sims
Jared Dunfee

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Amanda Melcher
Jaxon Colter

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Abby Dunn
Amy Reimund

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Jennifer Renninger


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- **PHOTO BOOTH**
- **MUSIC**
- **BEER**
- **YARD GAMES**
- **CAKE WALK**
- **STEIN HOLDING COMPETITION**

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