

Youth Ministry

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What does *Jesus Justice Jazz* mean?

Why were these words -- Jesus Justice Jazz -- chosen as the theme for the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans? We believe in a God who continues to create a future for us. Without God's future, our present is simply a dead-end with no offer of hope. Throughout scripture you will find stories of God creating a future for God's people.

New Orleans has a rich past, but some wonder if it has a future, leaving many trapped in what seems to be a dead-end present. However, God's Spirit seems to be moving among the people of New Orleans (regardless of their faith traditions) and empowering them with hope for the

future. They are not dwelling on the past nor are they trapped in the present. They hear God's promise of a future and they are walking towards it with hands held and voices raised. We are being invited into this future -- now.

What about that Logo?

There is more to the Gathering logo than meets the eye! The chaotic, dark, swirling on the left of the Gathering logo reminds us of the darkness and confusion that we sometimes experience in the world. You can almost feel the powerful wind and destruction of a hurricane.

And in the midst of the chaos, confusion, and mess is the cross, drawing our

vision to the light and hope of Jesus. It is Jesus who draws us into a life of compassionate justice wherever we are and whom-ever we're with. It is Jesus who sets us free into the world **jazzed for justice**, for kindness, and for humble walking with God.

Jesus Justice Jazz stands bold and connected to what seems confusing and disconnected. Our faith and our baptismal call to be bold, compassionate witnesses in the world are always connected and relevant to whatever is swirling around us.

Next Getting Ready Meeting:
Wednesday, May 27
6:30 PM
at Olsburg

High School Seniors to Celebrate

As the 2009 school year comes to a close, we take time to surround our graduating high school seniors with well wishes and prayers as they negotiate the next stage of life. Some may stay close to home and others might go far away. Regardless, each

faces a new beginning. May you know that where ever you go, God goes with you. May you shine the light of Christ in the world with your amazing lives. We celebrate:
Blake Fronce (Olsburg)
Jacob Hagenmaier (Walsburg)

Field Glessner (Walsburg)
Becca Tittle (Walsburg)
May 10th—during worship Seniors and families will be recognized.
Baccalaureate Services:
Blue Valley: May 2, 7 PM
Riley Co.: May 13, 7 PM

Luther League Plant Sale



Saturday

May 9

9:00 AM—Noon

Get your hanging baskets, annuals and other green surprises at Olsburg Lutheran.

Don't forget to pick up your Mother's Day Gift!

All National Youth Gathering Participants are asked to serve at the sale and then stay for lunch and worship planning for Youth Sunday.

Contact Tom Nelson or Melissa Deetjen if you have questions.

*And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2: 2 & 4*

Youth Sunday—Pentecost!

Sunday,

May 31st

9:00 AM—Olsburg

11:00 AM—Walsburg

All youth will participate in both services.

A Special Offering will be collected that will benefit the youth and adults traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Youth Planning Meeting:

May 9th @ 1:00 PM following the plant sale. Bring money for lunch! Additional practices will be scheduled as needed.

Luther League Pool Party Invite a Friend to Gear Up for Summer Fun!



Sunday, May 24, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

2:00 PM - organized games with prizes

Cost: \$2 entrance fee

and any money for snacks (optional)
Bring your friends!

Confirmation

May Meeting

Location: Olsburg

Schedule for May:

May 6th: Resurrection

May 13th: Test and Party

In-Home Visits:

Gordy and Sonja will schedule a time to meet with your family in your home so we can get to know you better, talk about Confirmation and summer gathering events!

Camp Tohma Shinga:

June 14-19, 2009

Get ready for a great summer camp experience! There will be time with your pastors each day so help us get creative!

There is still time to sign up!



Confirmation Mission Trip

July 6-9, 2009

Four soon to be confirmed youth will take to the road with Pastor Gordy on a trip to help them use all the tools, leadership skills

and resources they have on a journey of discipleship. This is their final project before being confirmed in the Fall on Reformation Sunday. Please keep the

following youth in your prayers as they make preparations for their final mission:

Douglas Apley
Shane Adams
Makayla Vargo
Madison Vargo

Sunday School and Confirmation Leader Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, May 17

All worship services

All leaders of Sunday School, Confirmation and youth ministry will be recognized for their ongoing work throughout the year. Please plan to attend

so that the community can thank you for your service during the past academic year.



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Youth Ministry

Save the Date!

**VBS Leaders and Youth
Guides will be needed
on the following dates:**

Olsburg: June 22-26

Walsburg: July

**Training, commissioning
and celebration dates**

TBA!

Walsburg Summer Children's Church



June 7 is our launch date for Children's Church!

Sunday School will come to a close at the end of May, but there will still be a way for younger kids to interact in the ways of faith during our Sunday morning gatherings. Younger children, fourth grade and younger will be invited

to Children's Church during the readings and the sermon. They will engage in God's Story and find ways to respond to the story. Our curriculum will come from Godly Play which is born out of the Montessori Method. When we hear the Hymn of the Day, we will come back into the worship

space—as quiet as church mice so that we can participate in the rest of worship.

Leaders are needed to serve once a month during the three summer months. Curriculum will be provided and can be amended to meet your needs. Please contact Linda Toomire for more information.