

JULY 2024

# ZION YOUTH NEWS

## Youth Embark on Inspiring Journey to National Youth Gathering

We are thrilled to announce that a group of our dedicated youth members will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 16-20. This biennial event is a unique opportunity for young people from across the country to come together in faith, fellowship, and service.

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is a transformative event that brings together thousands of Lutheran youth to experience the power of collective worship, engaging workshops, and meaningful community service. The theme for this year is "Created to Be," focusing on helping young people understand their identity in Christ and their calling to serve the world.

During the ELCA National Youth Gathering, our youth will start and end each day with powerful worship services featuring inspiring messages from dynamic speakers, uplifting music, and communal prayer. They will participate in workshops covering social justice, faith in action, and personal growth, designed to deepen their faith and equip them for community impact. A highlight will be a day dedicated to service, where they will join others in various projects throughout New Orleans, learning the importance of giving back. Additionally, they will have ample opportunities to connect with peers from across the nation, forging lasting friendships, and they will explore the rich culture and history of New Orleans, enjoying its vibrant music, delicious food, and unique atmosphere.

As our youth prepare for this exciting journey, we ask our congregation to support them with your prayers. Please pray for their safe travels, open hearts, and minds ready to embrace all that God has in store for them. Pray that they return inspired and empowered to live out their faith in new and profound ways.

We look forward to hearing about their adventures and the ways this gathering will shape their spiritual journey. Thank you for your continued support and faith in our young people.

## High School Youth Group Meeting

We will have the first official High School Youth Group Meeting July 24 at 6pm. We will meet in the Youth Room. Join us for fellowship, worship, and devotion. We will also plan for what Youth Group all entails for the future!

**"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."**

*1 Timothy 4:12*

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## Cookout with Kristin

Thank you to everyone that came out to meet me! It was great to hear all the ideas for the Youth of the church and meet everyone. I cannot wait to continue to grow our program!



## Youth Room Painting Days

Join us for a some fun as we jazz up the youth room on July 11-10am-4pm and July 12-10am-?. Bring your painting A-game and let's sprinkle some magic to turn this space into a hangout hotspot!



## Youth Group Logo Design Contest

We need a logo for our Zion Youth Group! We're looking for submissions of potential logos. Please email your ideas to Kristin by August 1.

## ZION goes to the Ballpark

Bring the family to the ballpark on July 21 as the Green Bay Packers take on the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders. Game starts at 1:05. Tickets are \$13. Buy your tickets with the QR code.



## Save the Date

Christian singer and songwriter Matthew West is putting on a concert in Wausau on Sun., August 25 at 7 PM. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

## Coffee at County Park

We still have several weeks of the summer available for families to host coffee at the county park service. All you have to do is pick up coffee and donuts at Kwik Trip and set up the table at the service. Sign up with the QR code for your week!



## July At a Glance

July 11&12- Paint Youth Room

July 16-20 Nat. Youth Gathering

July 21- Green Bay Packers Game

July 24- HS Youth Group Meeting

Aug 1- Deadline for Logo Submissions



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