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Affirming Faith

On April 22, our 8th grade students will affirm their baptism during a special worship service.

Please continue to pray for these students: Morgan Adams, Alaina Agnew, Elise Anderson, Hailey Anderson, Deleesi Bartling, Laney Beran, Evan Betancur, Lauren Blehm, Luke Bohrer, Annika Bostrom, Mason Brock, Madison Burback, Zoe Christensen, Kenny Costello, Easton DeBuse, Cassidy Eckhardt, Kalen Englert, Madysin Frost, Morgan Gatzemeyer, Bryson Haecker, Saije Haselhorst, Cooper Hausmann, Laci Havlat, Peri Heyen, Ariana Hoagland, Zoe Hoffmeyer, Ava Hunt, Blake Johnson, Jacob Kile, Kamryn King, Connor Knecht, Jordan Kramer, Cameron League, Austin Madsen, Ara Maxwell, Taylor McGill, Rutger McGroatry, Brayden McPhail, Camden Midgett, Raegan Mulliner, Thomas Neil, Ellie Neilan, Gavin Novotny, Kate Peterson, Presley Pritchett Peterson, Cael Ranz, Anna Reiling, Dominic Sander, Hunter Sands, Jacob Scharfen, Eden Schmit, Amelia Schwensen, Kamryn Snyder, Trey Stevens, Calli Thornton, Andrew Waltke, Delaney White.

Mountain Tops in Faith

WE HAVE A FASCINATION WITH MOUNTAINS. In part because we are people of the Great Plains, so many of us trek west to see and experience higher elevations. In this way we are very much like the people of the Bible. God regularly called people into the mountains. Even when they were not called there, when they were there God regularly showed up! The mountains were the place that God appeared, in some manner or form, and in a special way. Mountains have always drawn us to a “higher” and more spiritual experience.

We often describe the significant milestones in our lives as “mountain top experiences.” We do this because we feel that they are high points in our lives. The months of April and May are generally filled with many of these milestones. Graduations and weddings are just the start of the celebrations we know in these days. We know God wishes for us to see him on the mountain. Even more, God wishes for us to prepare ourselves to see him on the mountain. Mountain tops are not the place where we live, but rather our pilgrimages to them serve as the means by which we are inspired to live cultivating a sense of God’s presence among us, so that we might be ready to see God when the time is right.

How are you preparing for the mountain top experiences of this season? What celebrations are near and how can you prepare to bring your faith into them? As we worship in this special season we will focus on scenes where God showed up on the mountain tops. We will also see how he calls us to be instruments of his presence, as we celebrate with and for our friends and family members. We begin this new series with Easter Worship on April 1, looking at John 20:10-10. Join us!

April Weekend Worship Scriptures

VISIT sheridanlutheran.org/worship-schedule FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE WORSHIP SERIES

April 7 & 8
“The Great Commission”
Matthew 28:1-10

April 14 & 15
“God’s Presence”
Exodus 3:1-1

April 21 & 22
“Confirmation”
Luke 9:28-36

April 28 & 29
“Wedding Time”
John 2:1-12

Church family support and news

FIRST STEPS BAPTISM CLASS

The next First Steps Baptism Class is Sunday, April 29 at 11am in the church office Conference Room. This class is for those wanting to have their children baptized at Sheridan. You may schedule your child's baptism with the office prior to attending the class.

WEDDINGS

Interested in holding your wedding at Sheridan?
Visit sheridanlutheran.org/weddings. Contact s.powell@sheridanlutheran.org for scheduling or other questions.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Members of the visitation team make daily visits to Lincoln area hospitals to offer support, encouragement and prayer. Call the church at 402-423-4769 to schedule a visit. Please do not rely on the hospital to notify the church.

FOR THOSE GRIEVING OR PLANNING FUNERALS

Please contact Susie in the church office at 402-423-4769.

PASTORAL CARE

Contact the church office at 402-423-4769 during business hours: 8am - 5pm; Monday-Friday. In case of emergencies (death of a loved one or if immediate assistance is needed) after hours call 402-423-4769 and press option 4.

If you have a baptism, birth, wedding, sympathy or other milestone to share, please call the church office at 402-423-4769. We are happy to share your news with our church family in the monthly Scroll. Submissions are due by the 15th of the month.

Births

Kyla Marie Johnk daughter of Micaela & Jesse;
Beau Nathan Keller son of Danielle & Nathan;
Connor Lee Teubner son of Jessica & Steven.

Baptisms

Clara Elaine Chmelka daughter of Ross & Megan;
Lane Bryson John Colbert son of Lisa & Wes;
Henry William Gramann son of Henry & Korey;
Mack Nicholas Schuster son of Brett & Brittany;
River James Suing son of Chris & Maria;
Kinley Ann Wendt daughter of Joe & Kristin.

With Sympathy

Kenny Alby and **Sue T. Alby** on the death of mother/daughter Sue Alby;
Phil (Wendi) Ringsmuth family on the death of sister Joanne Bartek;
Family and friends of Jo Becker;
Family & friends of Cory Busboom;
Keith (Janice) Will on the death of brother-in-law Roger Dissmeyer;
Sue (Dave) Lutton on the death of brother Bob Duranski;
Vickie Britten on the death of father Delton Eisenhauer;
Doris Gutzmer on the death of brother Richard Hardy;
Jon (Jan) Huwe on the death of mother Barbara Huwe;
Annette Jobmann, Christopher (Trisha) Jobman, Nicole (Caleb) Buland families on the death of mother-in-law/

grandmother Bernice Jobman;
Family & friends of Al Kelle;
Steve & Chelsea Kuhn on the death of their unborn child;
Erick (Mary Kate) Martin family on the death of grandfather Douglas Martin;
Cindy McGroarty family on the death of mother/grandmother Pam Petersen;
Brent (Amy) Wagner on the death of grandfather Bob Wagner.

New Member Workshop

Sat., April 7; 9am-noon

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/new-member-classes

Join us for the New Member Workshop to learn about Sheridan's mission and teachings in a casual format. Child care will be provided with reservations. New members completing the workshop will be able to join in worship at 5:30pm or 11am that weekend.

Congregational Potluck

Sun., April 8; noon; Family Life Center

You are invited to welcome our new members from the January and April classes at a congregational potluck. Bring a main dish and side or dessert.

Adult YMCA Softball Church League

Season starts in May; Coed on Wednesdays; Men on Sundays

Info: Scott Muller; sm35821@gmail.com

Sign up for one of Sheridan's YMCA Adult Church League slow-pitch softball teams. Games are played at the Union College Fields near 56th and Calvert. Registration fee is \$35/player and teams will be created following sign up. Register at sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration by April 5.

Stewardship Update



The completed 2018 Sheridan Stewardship Tree.

We give God thanks for you and your commitment to the health of Sheridan Lutheran Church.

Have you ever gone back to an old neighborhood to see where you used to live? One thing that stands out is how the trees have grown. Trees can show us how much progress has been made.

This was our second year with our stewardship tree in the Worship Center. The tree begins bare and then as families make commitments of time, talent and treasure a leaf gets added with the names of the pledging family members. The tree serves as a visual reminder of both our growth and our unified commitment to ensure the health of Sheridan Lutheran Church.

This year we grew in our commitments! In 2017 we had 513 individuals, 257 households. This year we had a significant increase to 555 people, 279 households. Thanks to each of you who have pledged to support our collective ministry. God has blessed us to be a blessing and we are together making a difference in our world.

Join us for Worship

SATURDAY 5:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am; 9:45am; 11am	WEDNESDAY 6pm
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HOLY COMMUNION is served on Saturday evening and 8:30am each Sunday as well as at 9:45am and 11am on April 1, 8, 22. Learn more about worship online: sheridanlutheran.org/worship-schedule

NURSERY is available on Sundays from 9:30am – noon

MISS WORSHIP? SERMON & SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEOS can be watched on Sheridan's Vimeo channel at vimeo.com/sheridanluthlnk. You may also watch a condensed version of our weekend worship on local cable TV channel 1302 on Thurs. at 7:30pm; Fri. at 12:30pm and Sun. at 11:30am.

February 2018 Financials:

BUDGET	
General Fund	\$128,167
INCOME	
General Fund	\$164,048
Mission	\$4,718
Sunday School YTD	\$613
Readiness Fund YTD	\$47,049

February 2018 Attendance:

	WEEK	WKND	WKLY
February 3/4	410	762	1,172
February 10/11	389	832	1,221
February 17/18	929*	965	1,894
February 24/25	476	994	1,470
2018 average	880	1,439*	
2017 average	1,072	1,391	

*Includes Ash Wednesday

In-Kind Donations

DONATION BINS IN GREAT HALL

Hygiene Kits: Place in a one gallon re-sealable bag: two washcloths, two bars of soap, two toothbrushes, one full sized toothpaste, one full size deodorant & one wide tooth comb. **Haiti VBS Supplies:** Sharpie markers, paracord (*available at craft stores/ Amazon*), gallon size Ziploc bags.

CLINIC WITH A HEART

Personal care items: shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste & body soap.

BARNABAS COMMUNITY

Men or women's XL or larger sizes of clothing, especially pants.

Cash donations are always welcome and needed to meet immediate needs. *Please mark all financial contributions with ministry name.*

think about it.



SLC offers educational programs for children and adults. For a full listing of programs, visit us online at sheridanlutheran.org or call the church office.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Sundays; 9:45am; Conference Room
All are welcome. Julie Johnson facilitates the study.

Men's Cancer Support Group

Mon., April 9; 6:30pm; Conference Room
All men in a cancer journey are welcome. Paul Ahrendt facilitates the discussion.

Ancient Wisdom and Modern Understanding

Wed., April 4, 11, 18; 6:30-7:30pm; Room 413
Info: e.bostrom@sheridanlutheran.org
This class will explore the ancient wisdom of fasting, meditation, and honoring father and mother and how our modern understanding is rediscovering the goodness of this ancient wisdom. Invite a friend or family member to come.

Simple Fix: Family Meal Prep

Sat., April 14; 2:30pm; 70th & Pioneers HyVee
Cost: \$72/four meals, 4 servings each
Register: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration
Sign up now for Simple Fix™ to prepare a variety of delicious meals for the week or to keep in the freezer. Hy-Vee provides all the groceries, bowls and utensils, plus they chop the ingredients. You put the meals together in freezer bags to take them home with cooking instructions so

Don't Miss It: Men's BOLD Gathering



Lutheran Men in Mission's BOLD Gathering

SAT., APRIL 14; 11AM-2PM AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ELKHORN

WE HOPE YOU WILL BE A PART OF THIS DAY. MEET AT SHERIDAN AT 10AM TO RIDE THE SHERIDAN BUS UP TO OMAHA OR CARPOOL. COST IS \$10/PERSON.

The Lutheran Men in Mission's BOLD GATHERING is a day for men to come together to learn, to network, and be equipped to BOLDY live out their faith! All Sheridan men are invited to the regional Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering that will feature talented, faithful and passionate speakers. Themes of the day are reaching younger men, strategies to effectively take men deeper and why change with your men's ministry is hard. If you are unable to attend in Omaha, join the event live online.

The speakers include Jason Adams, Rob Nelson, Ed Nichols, Kyle Petersen and Jon Bustard. Exciting, new things are happening with Lutheran Men in Mission, the national men's ministry of the Lutheran Church. Sheridan's men's ministry is committed to growing both our congregational ministry for men and receiving the gifts of networking with men from other churches.

SIGN UP ONLINE: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration.
CONTACT PASTOR ERIC BOSTROM: e.bostrom@sheridanlutheran.org OR
WES OESTREICH AT oestreichwes@gmail.com

you can prepare and eat them at your convenience. Simple Fix™ provides you an easy way to prepare meals, in a social setting, allowing less time in the kitchen, less eating out and more time with your family or friends. All are welcome. Must register ahead of time as space is limited. *Hosted by Sheridan's Women's Ministry.*

One Year to Live Men's Retreat

Fri., April 20; 5:30pm-Sun., April 22; 3pm;
Carol Joy Holling; Cost: \$200 before April 1 or \$225 after April 1.
Info: Steve Brown at smb5657@gmail.com
One Year to Live is NOT your typical men's retreat! Men of all ages from throughout Nebraska are looking

for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ. Join us and be adventurous and courageous; genuine and spiritual. One Year to Live is a chance for men to seriously look at their lives, to make significant decisions and work with other men to hold each other accountable for those decisions made about their spiritual journey. It is an opportunity to explore the difference the Christian faith can make in the lives of men today, with families, at work, and in the Christian community. If you are eager for a spiritual connection with Christ and brothers in the church, this weekend is for you! Register at sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration today.

Volunteers Needed: Shipwrecked VBS



Volunteer at Vacation Bible School at Sheridan

JUNE 11-15; 9AM-NOON | SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: sheridanlutheran.org/vbs

Become a VBS crew leader, station/lesson leader and much more. Adults and children entering grade 6 or older who love the Lord, children and having fun, this is a week you won't want to miss! All volunteers are required to attend a training session and additional screening may be required for adult volunteers.

Training: Wed., May 30; 7pm OR Sun., June 3; 9:45am | Safeguarding: April 23 or June 4

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VBS, CONTACT JULIE HESTERMANN AT j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

Affirmation of Baptism

Stole Presentation: Wed., April 18; 6:30pm

Affirmation of Baptism: Sun., April 22; 3pm

As our 8th graders prepare for full membership in the church and more acceptance of the responsibility for their own faith formation, you are invited to these special Confirmation events. Come and support these young people as they affirm their faith.

All Stars Commitments

On Wed., April 25, the following 5th graders will have completed the All Stars prevention program and will make their commitments: Carson Agnew, Lillie Benes, Piper Beran, Olivia Blehm, Madysen Costello, Drake Deger, Lukas Haake, Tori Hill, Christa Hunt, Will Johnsen, Alex Kile, Ashton Meyer, Maya Phillips, Addyson Schlegelmilch, Garrett Walsh, Elliana Witt. The goal of All Stars is to prevent the onset of substance abuse, reduce violence and delinquency and prevent premature sexual activity. Please continue to pray for these young people as they grow in their faith and strive to keep their commitments.

Fifth Grade Bridge Event

Sat., April 28; 6:30-8pm; Cost: snack to share

Info: j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

All current 5th graders and their parents are invited to attend this fun event. We will celebrate the time these students have spent in elementary school and will help prepare them for their transition into middle school. There will be a special blessing, a time to talk about confirmation and youth group and games.

High School Youth Group & Events

High School Youth Group

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/high-school

- Wednesdays

Youth Group: 6:30pm in the Great Room

- Sundays

Youth Group: 11am in Room 646

Stay in the Know

Join the bi-weekly Youth Ministry and Children's Ministry email lists at sheridanlutheran.org/media-resources/publications.

Safeguarding Training

Mon., April 23; 6:30-8:30pm; Room 316

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/safeguarding

All adults wishing to help with VBS, children's or youth ministry are required to complete this training every three years. Next training is Mon., June 4 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Wednesday Education

The last day for Wednesday education for the 2017-2018 school year is April 25. Sunday education opportunities continue through May.

Youth Up, In, Out Camp

Mon.-Fri., June 11-15; noon - 4:30pm

Cost: \$50 | Register: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to this week of service learning. Participants will grow in their faith while serving our neighbors in Lincoln. Camp starts with lunch and a devotion before heading out for hands on service learning opportunities. Space is limited to 25; so register online today.

Register for Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School

June 11-15; 9am-noon

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/vbs

We'd love to have you join us for the best week of the summer! Register your child and sign up to volunteer online at the website above. This special, high energy week in the summer is specifically designed for children, age 4 – grade 6! Children will discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms as they explore Bible stories through crafts, storytelling, games, snacks and more.

VBS Supply Needs

Consider bringing one or more of these items for VBS this summer; pool noodles, plastic wading pools, beach balls, plastic laundry baskets, clean plastic gallon-size milk jugs.

Local Ministry Partner: Habitat for Humanity



Lincoln Habitat Faith Build 2018

Be a part of the Faith Build with Habitat for Humanity! Habitat for Humanity provides safe and affordable housing for those in the city of Lincoln and Lancaster County.

In addition to Sheridan Lutheran Church, this build is sponsored by Thrivent Financial, United Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Cornerstone Baptist Church and St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Stay tuned to the bulletin for the latest updates as they become available.

Get Involved

VOLUNTEER: lincolnhabitat.org/construction-homeownership/construction/faith-build-2018.html

The build will begin in June and work will continue through September. Volunteers are needed for construction, painting, making lunch for the work crew, attending the dedications, signing wood frames as a blessing, praying for the recipient family and volunteers and much more!

DONATE GOODS

Bring your useable furniture, fixtures, etc. to the Habitat ReStore truck April 28 parked at Lowes on Apples Way near Hwy. 2 between 9am-4pm.

Special Offering in April

- **Noisy Offering**

Benefit the ELCA Global Farm Challenge. This Challenge benefits initiatives that help alleviate hunger, promote education, and prevention against drought and natural disaster. Our 28 students who attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston will bring this offering with them. Learn more: elca.org/globalfarmchallenge

- **Children's Ministry Offering**

Supports the soon to be created, Sheridan Children's Garden. This garden will be located between doors #3 & #4 right outside the windows of the elementary classrooms.

To Fool The Rain

TO FOOL THE RAIN by Steven Werlin:

Books are available in OneSent for \$17.

Learn more about our Readiness Fund missions recipient, "Pathway to a Better Life"/Chemen Lavi Miyo (CLM)." CLM is an organization that through community mapping, identifies women in communities in Haiti, that are living in extreme poverty. Come to one or both evenings and learn how God is at work through this partnership:

- **ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS**

Wed., April 4; 6:30-7:30pm

This class will present the story of CLM, the women served and our

partnership with them. Sheridan members who have traveled to CLM will share their stories.

- **BOOK DISCUSSION**

Wed., April 18; 6:30-7:30pm

Come and discuss this autobiography and collection of stories from one of the caseworkers of CLM.

Learn more about Habitat Global Village/El Salvador

April 7 & 8; after worship in the Great Hall

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/global-village

Stop by the table in the Great Hall and learn more about the recent Habitat for Humanity Mission Team that traveled to El Salvador. If you have interest in serving on the next team to El Salvador in August 2018, talk to Jody Simeck or Koren Plummer.

Spring Outdoor Work Day

Sat., April 28; 9am-noon

Info: m.vollmer@sheridanlutheran.org

All hands are needed to help spring clean our great property. There will be jobs for all ages and abilities.

All jobs are outside, so dress appropriately for the weather. Don't forget your work gloves and we would appreciate any tools: rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows or other outdoor equipment. Contact Mark Vollmer with questions.

New Coffee at Sheridan

THRIVE Farmers Market Coffee is now available in OneSent and Connections Café. Through Lutheran World Relief, THRIVE partners directly with farmers and roasts their beans into delicious coffee. Farmers are paid a more than fair, stable and predictable price and receive additional profits after the coffee is sold. Check out our new coffee options, enjoy your coffee and know you are making a difference in the world!

New Opportunity: Buy a Bible

New Bibles needed in the Pew-your help is needed

SEE THE TABLE IN THE GREAT HALL STARTING APRIL 7.

Twenty years ago the decision was made to place Bibles in the pews. This was actually controversial at the time, as most Lutheran churches had hymnals and not Bibles. The decision was made to place an emphasis on God's Word and Bibles were then made available to purchase in honor or memory of someone. These Bibles remain in our pews today. Now, 20 years later, it is obvious that our Bibles are worn. Some have been replaced, although the new edition's page sequence is just a little bit off! We also have grown in our understanding of who needs to use a Bible and what types of Bibles should be made available.

Provide a Bible through Sheridan's "BUY A BIBLE" emphasis, as we replace all of our pew Bibles and offer age-appropriate Bibles for our children. Our goal is to raise funds to supply 500 NRSV Bibles, 185 Spark and 185 Frolic Bibles. These will make God's Word more readily available to all ages of worshipers. Spark Bibles are specifically designed for children grades three through six and Frolic Bibles are uniquely created for babies and toddlers.

Prayerfully consider purchasing a Bible in honor or memory of someone you love. Faceplates will be placed within the front cover of the Bible(s) you purchase. Our "old" Bibles will be moved to classrooms of the church, used and distributed at Barnabas Community and offered for anyone who is in need of a Bible at home.

COSTS

NRSV Bible is \$10, large print Bible is \$25, for a Spark Bible is \$15 and for a Frolic Bible is \$15. Visit the table in the Great Hall or you may also inquire in the church office or Welcome Center. What a joy it is to be a people of God's Word!

as two terminally ill strangers share adventures, joy and heartbreak. Bring your own comfy lawn chair and snacks to share if you wish. And stay for the discussion as we see how faith is cleverly woven into the film.

New Holy Yoga Session

Thurs., April 19; 6:30pm; Room 316

Register: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration

Join Yoga instructor, Maranda Hoefs and embrace the essential elements of yoga: breath work, meditation and physical postures. In all of these elements, Christ is the focus of our intention. New participants, please register prior to attending your first class. This six-week class is free. All levels of yoga experience are welcome, including beginners.

Tai Chi Class

Mondays & Wednesdays; beginning May 7; 6:30-7:30pm; limited to 15 students

Register: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration

Join this twice-weekly Tai Chi class with certified instructor, Kim Heitmann. Twice-weekly attendance for 12 weeks is highly desired for improved practice. Wear comfortable clothes to move easily, bring water and make sure your physician approves your attendance. Tai Chi is often referred to as moving meditation. The forms or moves are slow, soft and can be modified.

Bus Trip to the Loft

Sun., April 15; 12:30-5pm; the Loft Community Theatre in Manley

Cost: \$20/person by April 1.

Info: c.peterson@sheridanlutheran.org

Enjoy a 2pm matinee performance of the comedy, *The Odd Couple*. You may join us for lunch, at your own expense, at Lazlos at 11:15am. Drive yourself or carpool/load the bus at 12:30pm at the church.

OneSent Mission Market

Stop by the OneSent Market this spring for a unique shopping experience. In addition to Bibles, children's books and other books to enrich your spiritual walk, you can also see beautiful handcrafted items from around the globe that come from SERRV our Lutheran partner cooperative. We continue to offer the Thistle Farm all natural bath and body products as well.

Cards & Games

Sun., April 8; noon-3pm; Connections Café
Come to the congregational potluck and join us for cards until 3pm. All are welcome.

Second Quarter April Events

Sun., April 8; 11am; Family Life Center

Fri., April 27; 6:30pm; Tim Suhr's home

Info: cabreutzmann@gmail.com

Two events with other adults in their 20s & 30s. Find more information and RSVP via the Second Quarter at Sheridan Facebook group events at facebook.com/groups/secondquarter.

Movie Night

Fri., April 13; 7pm; Room 316

Join us for another movie night as we enjoy the modern classic *THE BUCKET LIST*. Featured on Easter Sunday, and starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, the movie explores issues of faith, love and the meaning of life

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For a complete staff and council listing, please visit our website at sheridanlutheran.org.

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sheridanlutheran.org/media-resources/sermon-podcasts

Publication Submissions

Bulletin submissions are due each Tuesday at 5pm. Please email submissions to Genny Straube at g.straube@sheridanlutheran.org.

May Scroll deadline is April 15 at 5pm. Please email submissions to Amy Wagner at a.wagner@sheridanlutheran.org.

God Sightings

We highlight a member of our Sheridan community who has made God's love and grace come clearly into sight. If you have a story of a God-sighting to suggest, please email info@sheridanlutheran.org.

The Lasting Effect of the ELCA Youth Gathering

by Ian Hartfield, Sheridan's Youth Ministry Coordinator



Pictured: Group at the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Sheridan has 28 young people and seven caring adult leaders preparing and raising money to participate with the 30,000 people heading to Houston this summer as a part of the ELCA Youth Gathering. Speakers and artists are being announced as we draw closer to the event.

Sheridan has a long history of participating in this denominational faith formation event and two of our young adults recently reflected on their varied experiences with the Gathering. While these young adults won't travel to Houston this summer, they have been involved with the youth ministry by helping to lead youth group each Wednesday night.

Alex Henning, a 2009 Gathering youth participant in New Orleans and 2015 adult participant in Detroit explains a service learning experience, "It was important for us to serve the community and I'm glad I was given this opportunity to make a positive difference and embody the light of Christ. But it was when the people we were serving started to join in the work when it became a truly sacred moment, rich in God's grace and love. We were able to love deeply, grow spiritually and share abundantly through this life changing experience."

Lauren Hestermann, 2009 & 2012 Gathering youth participant in New Orleans and 2015 adult participant in Detroit adds; "The place I felt closest to God was during the worship (Mass Gathering) each evening. It is an indescribable feeling to worship with so many youth and adult leaders who all have the same beliefs as you and more importantly, all there to give glory to God!"

You can read more about this event and what our group will experience on the Sheridan Blog. Please continue to keep our group in prayer as we prepare and journey to Houston this summer.



Example of mural art in Houston.