

Youth Mission Trip

Saturday July 17, 2010 – 13 youth and 3 adults will be off to Cincinnati, OH where we will partner with local churches, service agencies, and homeowners to help bolster the efforts of the ongoing work in these communities. Work such as; helping people with projects in their home...assisting the elderly...tutoring struggling kids...conducting a backyard Bible club...serving at a food bank...staffing an activities camp for disabled children...sprucing up the grounds of a financially strapped social service agency...engaging children at a day camp...and improving the community in other important ways. We are all looking forward to this opportunity to serve others in Cincinnati. Here's what Jenifer Smith and Emily Morzewski are excited about.

Going on a mission trip will be a new experience for most of our group. When we are there, we will go to daily worksites throughout the city. One aspect that is exciting (for Emily and I at least) is that we will not know any of the people in the groups that we will work with. Nobody will know anybody else, so we will be able to make a ton of new friends! On one of the days, our group from Grace will have a free evening to do whatever we want. A couple of our options will be to go to a theme park or visit other attractions. As of right now, we haven't decided exactly what we will be doing with our free time. During the week, everybody will attend worship services and devotions. About 100 people total will be staying at the church in Cincinnati who volunteered to host. We are all very excited and are counting the days until we leave! ~ Jenifer Smith

The theme for the mission camp is Undeserved. It comes from the Bible story the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). In the story there are two sons, the older son stays at home and works for his father while the younger son takes his share and doesn't use it wisely. When the younger son returns to his father he doesn't expect any special treatment, but the father welcomes him with love that is undeserved. This Bible story is the statement that we are going to make while we are in Cincinnati. We are going to serve others and help people that we know nothing about. We are going to meet new people and make new friends. We are going to work with people across the country to spread God's love and His word. Most importantly we are going to see that we can make a difference in someone else's life and feel the impact that happens when we spread God's love. ~Emily Morzewski



Those of you in 5th-8th grades who are looking for some summer fun should try one of these fun groups starting up again soon.

The first Cooking Club meeting will be on Thursday, June 24th at 6:30 in the kitchen at Grace. Bring yourself, possibly a friend, and a tupperware container to take leftovers home in. The Humane Society group will have their first meeting to walk dogs at the South Wood County Humane Society on Friday, July 9th at 1:00. If you have any questions call Alyssa Lee 424-3490 or Brittney Kumm at (715) 459-8719. Hope to see you then!



Grace in Society Blog has now launched at www.glcwr.org (click on the "What's Happening") tab. This blog has been created to educate, inform and keep you up-to-date with the volunteering opportunities in the South Wood County area. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this blog, please contact Stacy at the Church Office.

Has your musical instrument been collecting dust?

Do you wish you had a band to play in, but don't have a lot of time to commit? Then "Have Mercy" might be just what you're looking for. "Have Mercy" is a new adult praise band being formed at Grace with the intent to commit to only four services a year, with rehearsals taking place once a month. We are looking for all instruments including voice. If you would like more information, please meet in the sanctuary on July 11th after worship. If you can not make the meeting but are interested in taking part, please contact Steve Martin at 423-7406.



Congratulations to our 2010 Graduates



First row - left to right:

Corey Holloway, Danielle Hess, Sarah DuPlissis, Hannah Sutherland, Alex Fox

Second row:

Matt Manley, Wesley Rogers, Casey Nelson, Chris Steiner, Steve Kubisiak



CONGRATULATIONS!

to Connie Eisch — who, at last month's Synod Assembly, was elected to be the Secretary for the Synod Council. We know she'll do an awesome job.