

YOUTH NEWS

JUNE, 2022

A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES AND CALVARY LUTHEAN CHURCH

COLLEGE MISSION TRIPS; THEY JUST ROCK!

There is something about College Mission Trips that make them very special. The first College Mission Trip kicked off in 2011 when Colin Barrier, Christian Harmon, Christian Poulos and Audrey Remkus (now Benson) traveled to Sautee, Georgia for four days of serving and what an amazing trip it was. Long days of hard work, God Time shared and a good night's sleep so that we could do it again the next day. Fantastic memories were created and are still talked about today, some of them with tears running down our cheeks from laughing so hard. There are unforgettable and great memories that will last a lifetime. That was the first College Mission Trip.



There have been a great number of those trips over the years and all of them have accomplished the goals set. When you sign up for a College Mission Trip, you understand that you are signing up to make a difference to someone somewhere. College folks are different from Middle and High School students in that they have grown, they have seen and they have experienced the im-



portance of being the hands, feet and face of Jesus. Once they commit to participate in the College Mission Trip, you know they will be there, packed and ready to go. They, on that first travel day, are always ready to go into the unknown; the unknown of what they will be doing work wise when we arrive at our destination. It doesn't matter, they are dedicated to serve others, to make a difference to someone and to have fun doing it.

Every trip has been different. The tasks have always been new and sometimes an adventure. We have cleaned, pruned, cut down trees, repaired a dock and decks, pressure washed, have torn down the old and built new, painted, run a wood chipper, moved rock and railroad ties, organized and scraped old paint and concrete. We have pretty much become doers of all except electricity. We don't do electricity.



One might say that what the College Ministry does on mission trips is a good thing, and it is. But there is more to it. You see, during the school year, these guys get together on Wednesday evenings for College Online. To help make this happen, we gather starting at 9:30pm. That's late for a normal gathering time but just right for college students. We share in a short devotional, check in to make sure all is well and talk about any concerns. (They even invite their friends and roommates to join in.) The most important thing is that we stay connected. We stay connected while traveling through the exams and projects that become Mountain Top Highs or even when those projects and exams might become a Valley Low. We stay connected as the church during a time that is historically seen as being a time of disconnect from the church. That disconnect is no longer an automatic! The College Ministry is here and is active! We celebrate that continued connection because they are the church.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT WAS A SUCCESS!



What a great time we had with 20 young people joining in on the second Parent's Night Out. We all had a ball; Games, God time, Pizza, popcorn and a movie. We are already looking forward to our next Parent's Night Out! In the meantime, our next big adventure will be VBS! Hope to see you then! Thank you to all of the Youth and Adults that helped make this event a huge success!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS GOING TO BE MONUMENTAL!

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS VBS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JULY 31- AUGUST 2 AT ST. JAMES!

WATCH FOR MORE INFO TO COME SOON!





We will be Honoring the
**GRADUATING HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5 AT
THE 8:30 WORSHIP
SERVICE!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**OWEN CONE
AISLIN COLLINS
JAKE JOHNSON
CECILIA MAXWELL
KADEN REYNOLDS
MICHAEL SEEBA
NICK TOST
SARA TRUFANT**

**We will also Confirm the Confirmation
Class on SUNDAY, June 5 at the 11:00
Worship Service.**

THEY ARE:

**JOCELYN BLISS
WILL KELLY**

Please congratulate all of these young people and help them celebrate their accomplishments by sending in a note or card which will be given to them on June 5.

Congratulations to you all!

SUMMER IS COMING!

WAHOO! SUMMER IS COMING AND THAT MEANS FRIENDS, BEACH TRIP, MISSION TRIP, LAUGHTER, HARD WORK, SERVING OTHERS, MAKING A DIFFERENCE, RELAXING AND GOD TIME ALL WRAPPED UP IN A YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER.

Pack your bag! **The Beach Retreat** starts on June 18 and will return on June 25. This is open to all youth.

The Youth Mission Trip to Seymore Tennessee kicks off on July 17 and goes through July 23. **A deposit of \$100.00 is due now to reserve your spot for the mission trip.**

All of the forms and information that you will need for both trips are located on both the Calvary Lutheran and St. James Lutheran Websites. Click on Youth or Youth and Family Ministries and then on Forms. There you will find the Annual Permission Slip, the Youth Ministry Covenant, Trip information and the Team Effort Release. Remember that the Youth Ministry Annual Permission Slip and the Team Effort Release Form both have to be notarized before you can participate in the experiences. The cost factors of the trips are included in the trip information.

YOUTH SERVANT DAYS are just around the corner

- **Garden Time is coming real soon.**
- **There are more deck and ramp projects in the works**

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”