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COMMENTARY

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SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

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Sunday School — 9:00 a.m.

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Holy Communion — 10:15 a.m.

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A Report from The Gathering



On Sunday June 24th Alexandria Beaver, Gavin Goss, Lauryn Goss, Alexandra Hockenberry and their youth group leaders Bryon Beaver and Leslie Feehrer set out for Houston, Texas and the ELCA National

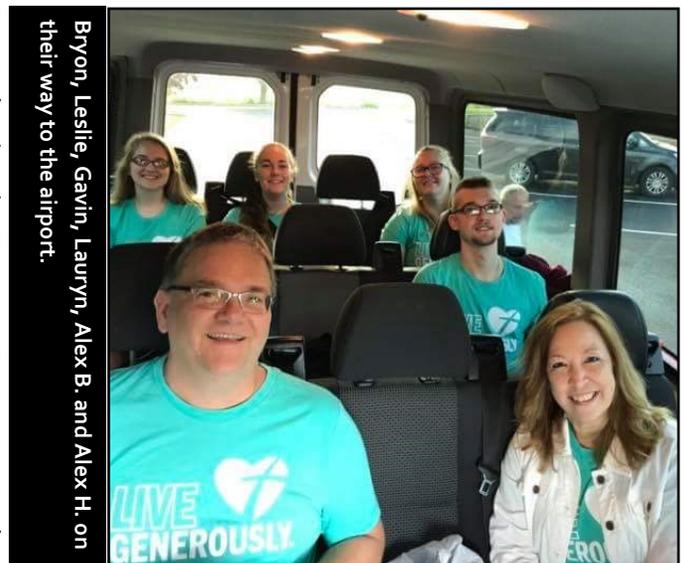
Youth Gathering.

The first three days we spent touring the Houston area and spent some time on the Gulf Coast. On Monday we went to the city of Galveston, Texas to experience the historic downtown district. Tuesday morning we drove into Houston and arrived at the Johnson Space Center NASA. We spent the entire day at the NASA facility and

exploring the many different exhibits they had on display. We got a chance to see the actual Command Center where all the Apollo missions to space were orchestrated. The entrance to the visitor's center has a 747 jet with the Independence Space Shuttle attached. We had the opportunity to climb inside the jet and the Space Shuttle. There also was a full size Saturn V Rocket on display in an enclosed building. It is one of only three left and they actually built the building around the rocket to preserve the rocket from the elements. It was a very informative and enjoyable day for all.

Wednesday morning we packed our bags and headed to downtown Houston to check into our hotel for the Gathering. All groups from the Upper Susquehanna Synod stayed in the same hotel so we got to see some familiar faces in the hotel lobby and elevators. Wednesday evening we boarded the light rail system that took us to the NRG Center for the opening ceremony and it is also where all of the activities were based for the five day of the gathering.

Thursday was our Synod Day and that is when all of the groups from the Upper Susquehanna Synod gathered for worship and activities for all of us to get to know some of the other members from our Synod



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that made the trip to Houston. We had a chance to meet up with Jennifer Baker-Trinity in the afternoon and she spent time with us at the mass gathering in the NRG Stadium that evening.

Friday we had to be up extra early to get on the train by 7:00 to get to our Service Day. We had the opportunity to travel with groups from Washington and Illinois to a Community Center in a part of the city that is mostly immigrants and lower income families. We spent the morning having a field day with different children from the community ranging in ages from 5-8 years old. Some of us helped with games in the air conditioned gym while one other got stuck going outside in the Texas heat and humidity to play a golf game obstacle course. It was well worth the sweat that was put in just to see the smiles on the kids faces and to have one little boy ask if we could come back for every Field Day.



Saturday was our Interactive Learning Day. This is where the



kids get to experience different things going on in the ELCA Church as a whole. There are games for them to enjoy, booths set up with different organizations within the church, and activities for them to see what the church is doing around the World with the outreach. We even had a chance to meet up once again with Jennifer and have a session of music with Jen on the organ, Alex Hockenberry on the drums and Alex Beaver playing the flute, just like they used to here at Beaver.

Sunday morning we rose early once again and got ready to make our way to the NRG Center for the Sunday morning worship service. It truly is an awesome experience to be a part of 30,000 people worshipping together in one location. After worship we headed back to the hotel and packed up for the airport and our return trip home.

We would like to send a special “Thank You” to Gary Narehood for providing the transportation to and from Washington, D.C. We also would like to say “Thank You” to all of you who have supported the youth and their adult leaders in the trips to the National Youth Gatherings. This is the third one we have attended and we couldn’t have done it without the financial and moral support from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Plans are being made to have a gathering where the kids can show you how much they appreciate everything you have provided for them, so keep looking in the bulletin for a date and time for your “Appreciation Dinner”

Alex, Alex, Gavin, Lauryn, Leslie, and Bryon

Welcome Rev. Mkhabela!



On Sunday, July 21, we will welcome the Rev. Lanceot Themba Mkhabela as our preacher. He is an ELCA missionary who is sponsored by Messiah, Troxelville, and several other congregations in Texas and the Pacific Northwest.

Along with his wife, Rebecca Kewena, their son Thando, and daughter Tumisho, Themba lives and ministers on the island of Madagascar, off the East coast of Africa. He also has responsibility for coordinating ELCA ministry work in several West African countries, including Liberia, the Upper Susquehanna Synod's companion partner in Africa. Originally from South Africa, Themba came to the United States to work as a pastry chef before discerning a call to the ordained ministry. Themba went to seminary and served his internship here in America. Following his ordination, he served a parish in the Virgin Islands prior to making the transition to missionary work.

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All Saints & Academic Loan Applications



Applications are now available to request funding from the All Saints Endowment Fund. Academic Loan

applications are also available. Those applications can be found on the church bulletin board.

Deadline for both applications is **August 10**. All Saints applications may be given to Howard Benner or to the church office. Academic Loans applications should be returned to the church office.

Holy Baptism to take place August 19

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be held Sunday, August 19. Please join us on that day as we celebrate with Rich Jr. and April Cory of Beavertown, as they have their daughter Ava baptized.



Please contact Pastor Matthew if you desire baptism for your child or for yourself.



Summer Pew Bulletin

During the summer months we have been using a Setting from With One Voice. During this time, a Pew Bulletin will be used. The hymns and readings for the day can be found in the "Beaver Bulletin". Please leave the Pew Bulletin in your pew following worship.

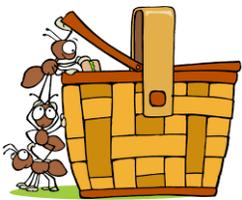


Ice Cream Social & Movie Night in September

The Fellowship Committee is planning a Movie Night and Ice Cream Social for Sunday, September 9, beginning at 5 p.m. The movie, "I Can Only Imagine," will begin at 5:45 in the fellowship hall. Please let us know if you can bring a freezer of ice cream to the Social. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.



CHURCH PICNIC!



Plans are in full swing for our annual church picnic by the Fellowship Committee. The date for the event is Sunday, August 19, following worship.

Hot dogs, barbecue and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Yard games will be available following the meal. Please let the committee know if you plan to join us and what you will be bringing. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex, or call the church office at 570-658-2001.

Altar Guild & Altar Flowers

We are in need of volunteers to help out with the Altar Guild. The month of February has no one scheduled to fix the altar and there are several months with just one person doing the work. If you are interested, please see Bryon Beaver.



There are four openings until the end of the year for altar flowers. September 2, October 21, November 11 and December 9 are available. Cost to purchase the flowers is \$35. If interested, contact the church office.

With Sympathy



We extend our deepest sympathy to two of our members who have lost loved ones over the past few months. Dale Haines' brother Richard

Haines, passed away May 27 while Joan Snook's daughter-in-law, Paula Snook, died June 7.

Our Heavenly Father is no stranger to sorrow. He sees and understands your pain. May you sense his loving hand and be comforted.

Please pray for the Haines and Snook families during this time of sorrow.

Office Closed



The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

Thank You!



Dear Friends at Beaver Lutheran:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for my birthday, I really enjoyed them. Thanks also for all the lovely cards, I really appreciate that so many people thought of me on my 100th birthday.

Arla Ritter

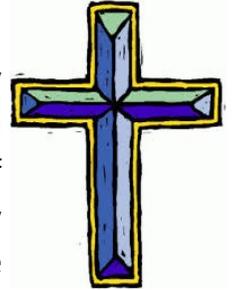
Thank You from Devan

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for being part of my life all these years. I have grown spiritually and in life because of all the support. I have many great memories from all the summer camps, suppers, and the mission trip that will stay with me forever. Thank you for the necklace that always reminds me to keep my faith and that no matter what "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Love,

Devan Leister



LET'S CELEBRATE!

Those celebrating birthdays in August & September are:

- Joseph Zerby, Aug. 6
- Ava Cory, Aug. 7
- Wyatt Erb, Aug. 8
- Corinne Beaver, Aug. 10
- Nathan Rigel, Aug. 11
- Laurabelle Zerby, Aug. 15
- Carole Bendick, Aug. 14
- Oliver Zerby, Aug. 17
- Makyah Narehood Allen, Aug. 2
- Susan Frey and Todd Gesselman, Aug. 22
- Taylor Shirey, Aug. 23
- Nicholas Stone, Chloe Boyer, Aug. 24
- Lynn Klinepeter, Aug. 26
- Tony Miller, Aug. 30
- Jason Klose, Sept. 1
- Adrienne Hetric, Sept. 3
- Matthew Keefer, Sept. 5
- Wayne McCardle, Sept. 6
- Jack Kaufman, Sept. 9



- Dale Haines, Sept. 10
- Beverly Frye and James Kuhns, Sept. 12.
- Gregory Norman, Sept. 13
- Linda Fisher, Sept. 15
- Jill Hawkins, Sept. 16
- Colin Erb and Penelope Plummer, Sept. 20
- Ariel Boyer, Sept. 21
- Jodi Norman, Sept. 22
- Linda Cole and Kathy Haines, Sept. 24
- Jeremy Wray, Sept. 26
- Derek Bishop, Sept. 29

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:

- †Paul & Suzie Kantz, Aug. 23
- †Brian & Kimberly Straub, Aug. 24
- †Andrew & Stephanie Plummer, Sept. 7
- †Ryan & Christine Bruner, Sept. 27

