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# PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The office will be closed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.





# Sunday School Rally Day September 14

The new Sunday School year will begin on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Following Worship there will be a Covered Dish Meal during Fellowship Hour

September 7: Sunday School Teacher Installation During Worship

# HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN USE YOUR TALENTS AND WHEN THEY BEGIN:

- **Quilting Group:** September 3 at 9:30 AM in the Resource Room of the Luther House
- Adult Choir: September 8 at 10:00 AM in the Chapel in the Luther House
- **Bell Choir:** September 8 at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Bible Study:** September 11 at 3:30 PM (usually 1:30 PM) in the Luther House Library
- Women of the ELCA
- Join a Church Ministry
- Worship Helper
- Play an instrument or sing during worship
- Serve on Council
- Serve where you feel God is calling You!

Call Deb if you would like more information.

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**Blanket Sunday** 

Pick up a copy of the *USS ARK* from the table in the narthex containing a Summary of the year's Synod Assembly!

# **NEWS AND NOTES**

### **SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

- Kenneth Oberdorf, husband of Lois Oberdorf, who died July 22, 2014.
- Joseph O'Brien, brother of James O'Brien, who died July 30, 2014.

## **GIFT**

A gift was given by Mary Elizabeth Payne in memory of her mother, *Beatrice Yeager*, to our Restoration Project.

#### **NEW GLOBE**

Thank you to Art and Mary Sticklin for providing a new ruby colored globe for our Sanctuary Candle Lamp.

## **BOOK NOOK**

The Thomas Beaver Library Friends Book Nook is proceeding well, but more volunteers to staff it are needed.

The Book store open on Thursdays, from 11am – 4 pm. Call Randi at 570-437-9001, leave a message.

People can bring gently-used book donations to a drop off area inside the library.

## **BUDGET REQUESTS**

All 2015 Budget requests must be in to Bill Snover by September 30! Thank you!

# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Our Church Council's nominating committee has been prayerfully considering who among us might be called to lead our church through membership Church on Council. There may members of our congregation who would like to serve, and we ask that if you have an interest in serving and leading the people of Pine Street, you make the nominating committee aware of vour interest. If there is someone vou would like to nominate for consideration, please let us know that as well. If possible, please make sure that the person you are nominating is agreeable. We want to have this process finished by the end September. Committee members are Tom Herrington, Gerard Tromp, Nan Leighow, Art Sticklin, Sam Harrison and Bill Snover.

# Simply Giving—it works!

Simply Giving will free you from writing checks, hunting for envelopes, and allow you to be faithful in your stewardship, even when you are away.

Give it a try, it works. And, it allows you to make a commitment of support and to honor that commitment. See Bill Snover if you are interested.



# THIS MONTH'S LOVE Offering Envelope is

**BLANKET SUNDAY** 

With Blanket Sunday so early in October, September is **Blanket Sunday** month for the *Love* Offering envelopes.

For those of us who don't know how or have the time to make quilts, the next best thing is to give a donation to purchase quilts and blankets.

Our Synod is able to purchase blankets at a much better price than we can, thus making our dollars do a lot more. It also costs money to ship them. It costs approximately \$3 to send each quilt overseas.

So, as you can see, money given is an important way you can support this outreach ministry!

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Please use your special Love
Offering envelope in your
packet for your donations or
use a blue pew envelope and
mark it "Blankets".

Thank you!

#### WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so! *Check it out!* 



Send any feedback or suggestions to Deb at pinestch@ptd.net. Thanks!

### A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Written by S. William Snover, MD Financial Secretary

"The first step toward inner peace is to decide to give love, not receive it". -Bernie Siegel

This is not a scriptural passage, but it has a strong scriptural basis. When we spend our lives with an expectation of receiving things, we are frequently saddened, frustrated and disappointed. When we begin to practice generositygenerosity of our time, talent, our ability and our begin treasurewe to experience acceptance, peace and satisfaction. For most of us, generosity does not come naturally, it must be practiced consciously. At first we might feel anxious and ask "what if I can't afford what I am about to offer?" In the end, though, I am yet to find a person who, having generously given of time, talent and money, has not walked away feeling richer and more satisfied by the experience.

Practice generosity in all that you do. Find peace.

Lovingly, *Bill* 

# USS DAY AT KNOEBEL'S September 14, 2014:

The Upper Susquehanna Synod invites our congregation to gather for fellowship on Sunday, September 14, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for Upper Susquehanna Synod Day at Knoebel's Grove. Pavilion P-5 will be the meeting/gathering place for all who wish to meet during the afternoon, concluding with a vespers service at the pavilion.

## **THRIVENT CHOICE**

Now, with fall and harvest time drawing near, people start to reflect upon the things they are thankful for and how they can show their gratitude by supporting others.

One way Thrivent members who are eligible to participate in the Thrivent Choice® Program can do this is by directing Choice Dollars® to their churches. The Choice Dollars grant funds your church receives will help you continue to minister to others, strengthen communities and change lives.

People directing funds through the Thrivent Choice program are Jack Dyer, Denny DiOrio, Sue Neitz and Patricia Pittsnogle. We thank you for directing these funds to our church.

## VESPERS AT THE FAIR

To open the Bloomsburg Fair you are invited to a Vespers (evening worship) service on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Free State at 7:00 PM with a prelude at 6:30 "Raven Creek", a PM by bluegrass gospel duo. Ruthy Stock will be the keynote speaker. The evening will conclude with music from "The Refuge" (formerly Water's Edge). free-will offering will be received with those donations going to the Veterans of Orangeville Manor.

#### **HYMN SING**

There is a Hymn Sing the last Sunday of each month at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 305 Pine Street, Danville from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Terri Wydra
- 9 Larissa Bohner; Brenton Swartz
- 10 Ashley Pittsnogle
- 15 Saundra Lees
- 18 Mary Louise Kemp (87)
- 22 Shirley Hawley (89); Samantha Jordan
- 23 Kevin Romansik
- 26 –Joan Greely; Valerie Snyder
- 30 –James Hack

# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Nancy and Rae Leighow
- 16 Barbara and Paul Ezdebski, Jr.
- 28 Vicki and David Billman

# TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY Our Purpose Statement:

God's mission and our purpose for Pine Street Lutheran Church is to share our faith, hope and love through prayer discipleship, ministry and worship.

#### **Guiding principles:**

- 1. We pray daily for guidance and discernment of God's will for us.
- 2. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we study the Bible and proclaim the Good News in our church, community and world.
- 3. Trusting God, we serve all people following the example of Jesus.
- 4. We gather as one body in Christ to proclaim our faith, glorify God, and be filled with God's Holy Spirit.



WATCH OUT FOR SCHOOL BUSSES!



## Pine Street Prayer List September, 2014

#### **CONGREGATION MEMBERS:**

Pastor Keith; Eleanor Wray; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Carl Rice; Burrtell Metzger; Nikki Morgan; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin.

# FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Thomas Brady, Sr.; Jane Mary Mordan: Sheldon Fisher, Sr.; Katherine Appleman; John Stoker; Diann Jordan; Daymon David; Jim Pursel; Bill Beitz; Ralph Reedy; Sylvia Morgan; Bob Knight; Dave Billman; Gary Loss; Raymond Neitz; Neina Brady; Elroy Neitz; Margaret Tanner; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Timothy Newswanger; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborugh: Danny S. Fisher: Nancy Curry: Tracy Diltz; Kathryn DiOrio; Kathy Diehl; Ronald Fisher; Carla Wetzel; John Beyer; Mark Pontiac; Sandy Fausey; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Todd Livziey; Cindy Gearhart; Phyllis Young; Rod Vincent; Edward Reilly; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Bev Faux; Bonnie Reilly; Julia Kucher; Martha Knight; Joyce Dawson: Spencer Vincent: Keith Buchhalter: Audrey O'Brien, Autumn Kern, Barry Balonek; and Walt Rupert.

# HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Charles and Nancy McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelena and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Mildred and Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

#### **SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:**

Johnathan Babb: Nate Hughes: Nicole and Aleiandro Hernandez: Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Emmitt Thomas; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Halley Dillon; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Tim Moyer; Robert Carpenter: Trevor Stone: Charlie Reedy: Shawn Dyer: Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; B.J. Dellinger; Tim Mekosh; CPT Barry Troy; CPT Steven Black Barr; Tristan Winter.

Please use an orange pew card for Prayer requests & removals.

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

As situations change, prayer is most effective when requests are current and regularly updated. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would check over the prayer list, and if there is someone that you put on that list that is doing better and can be removed, please contact Deb at office. You can notify the church office by emailing Deb at pinestch@ptd.net or by calling from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Mon-Thur. at 275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List.

To activate the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are: 387-1795 or 441-5643.
No Emails please.

(To have someone's name included on the weekly Prayer List, please email or call Deb separately at the church office at 275-2110 or pinestch@ptd.net).

# **Addition to our Library:**

Son of God by Roma Downy and Mark Burnett. To borrow this book or any other book, CD or tape, please write your name and all information on the white tablet near the exit door that leads the elevator.

# ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Time is running out to sign up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Reserve your spot NOW to make your marriage a more romantic, intimate, joy-filled

relationship! Weekends run from 8 PM on Friday to Sunday around 4 PM, and you can sign up by filling out the form and paying a \$45 per couple registration fee. Toward the end of the weekend, you will then be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you choose toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. The September 12-14 Weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA (located in the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown) is just about to go on wait-list status, so act quickly if you wish to attend this Weekend. There are still openings for the **September** 26-28 Weekend at the Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA--a lovely, hotel-style retreat center perched on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, an hour north of DuBois. To sign up for a Weekend, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, fill out the form, and pay the registration fee with a credit card, or select the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at: fischamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

# **Newsletter Deadline**

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **SEPTEMBER 15 for the OCTOBER**, **2014 Newsletter**. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten or e-mailed articles are especially appreciated. It may be necessary to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.

# **Financial Status of the Restoration Project:**

(as of July 31, 2014)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643

Donations received in July \$ 361 from hoagie sales

753 from giving

\$1,114 total

Total on hand: \$ 6,340 Loan balance: \$33,135

# FOOD BANK NEEDS

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month from the list below or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

## Sep: Spaghetti & Sauce

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank, which is a non-profit volunteer organization, is open to anyone in need from 1-2 P.M. and 5:30-6:30 P.M. the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 500 Bloom Street in Danville, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Methodist Church in Riverside. Volunteers are always welcome.

#### THANK YOU

I am writing to say Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes while I was recovering. I appreciated the spiritual help to get well.

Thank you again so much! **Pat Yeager** 

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation to Jubilee Kitchen. This and the meal preparations (our turn is September 20-see Sue Baylor to help) you do help to keep the Kitchen running so we can share God's love with others.

Sincerely, **Linda Pritchard**Director

Jubilee Kitchen

#### Greetings:

Thank you very much for your recent donation of \$50.00 to Kathryn's Kloset. Thank you for your support. It has helped lighten the load for those in need.

Blessings, **Lisa Yeager** Kathryn's Kloset Coordinator

# Fellowship Menus

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 7: Meat Ball Sandwiches & Tossed Salad

Sept. 14: Covered Dish

Sept: 21: Barbeque, Rolls & Veggie Tray

Sept. 27: Not available

# Directions from Danville to Trinity Oak Grove:

Near Liberty Valley Golf Course on Rt. 642, turn right onto Klondike Rd. Just after going under the I-80 bridges, turn onto the first left. This is Oak Grove Rd. The Church and pavilion are at the crossroads 4-way stop.

### 2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle

Co-Treasurers:

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor
Darlis Dyer
Samuel Harrison
Thomas Herrington, Vice President
Nancy K. Leighow
William Snover, Secretary
Gerard Tromp, President
Ryan Versluis
Joanne Williams

# GOGGY,PC

(Combined Youth Group of Grace, Point Twp., Trinity, Oak Grove, Pine Street, and Christ Lutheran, Milton.)

GOGGY,PC will be starting soon. This Youth Group is for anyone 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 11 years old, and up. Any questions, please see Pastor Keith.

# **HOAGIES**

The next Hoagie making day will be September 4 with the deadline to order and pay by August 31.

The cost is \$4 for regular; \$5 for Tuna (90% of the proceeds goes to our Restoration Project and 10% goes to a charity or community project).

Thank you to all who purchase, take orders, and deliver hoagies!!!

## **SPONSORS**

- <u>Bulletin sponsors</u> are needed for October 19 & 26.
- Flower sponsors are filled until November.
- Communion Bread sponsors are needed for December.
- The Sanctuary Candle is full. Thank you sponsors!

Please sign up to sponsor these important items for our Sunday Worship services. Thank you!

- \$20.00 per week for Bulletins;
- \$36.00 per week for Flowers
- \$14.00 per month for the Sanctuary Candle.

Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can pay any time up to the date of your choice. Just use a blue pew envelope and mark what it is for and put it in the plate, you can mail it, drop it in the mail slot in the office door, or you can add it to your regular envelope and put it in the plate or mail—just be sure to write on what it is for on the envelope. Thank you!

## The Thank You Corner

◆ EVERYONE – who helped or donated to the Festival. We are happy to report that we had proceeds over \$2500. Half went to Many Hands Helping Others program at the Danville School District and half to our Restoration Fund.



# W/ELCA Calendar of Events

(Also printed in the W/ELCA program booklet on the table in the narthex.)

- September 2: Quarterly (SH) 1:30 PM
- September 13: Women's Retreat [Mt. Luther] \$18.50; registration deadline is September 5; 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Evergreen Ctr. At Cp. Mt. Luther. Registration forms may be found on Camp Mt. Luther's website at cml@campmountluther.org.
- **∨** October 5: Blanket Sunday
- October 12: Fall Cluster Gathering [Grace, Berwick] 2:00 PM
- October 18: Peace Pole Service [Synod Office]; Program: Women in Transition
- December 6: Quarterly [at Charlotte's Tea Room, 410 Sunbury Rd., Riverside] 2:00 PM; \$20 advance reservations by Nov. 23. House and restrooms are handicapped accessible; all are welcome-contact Sue Baylor or Mary Ann Landi for reservations.
- February 28, 2015: Day of Renewal [Messiah, South Williamsport]; Registration 9:30 AM
- April 18, 2015: Day of Learning [St. Stephen's, Licking Creek Valley]

# GLScrip Gift Card Order Deadline is SEPTEMBER 14

You can earn money for the church when you buy gas, school supplies, or any purchasing you need to do by purchasing gift cards.

Consider using gift cards when shopping for essentials and extras. Weis and Giant are now only available through GLScrip.

Mostly everyone dines out and buys gas—consider getting gift cards to use.

They work same as cash!!!

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG



# PARTNERSHIP OF SAINTS

These are activities sponsored by one or more of the four churches (Christ, Pine Street, Trinity Oak Grove and Grace Lutheran) under the pastoral care of Pastors Pat and Keith Pittsnogle.

All are welcome to attend any of these activities.

• October 5: 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals at Pine Street. Bring your favorite pet for a Special Blessing. Be sure to have them on a leash for their safety.

#### Dr. My Haley By *Mary Jane Snyder*

My was born in Charleston, Georgia to mother Julia Dickerson. She was raised by her grandmother who was a coal miner. She would dress as a man so she could get into the mine. She also worked for white people so she could see what they did because she wanted My to be educated. Her grandmother did herbs and the Dr. wanted to learn.

Mr. Fred was the mailman and one day he brought a dictionary to their house. Grandmother did not know how to read so she got a white child to help My memorize the dictionary.

Grandmother worked for Miss Mattie Moore. Her children moved her into a nursing home and Grandmother brought her home from the nursing home and took care of her until she passed on.

When Julia died at sixteen, her mother worked as a paralegal. She worked many places to buy gas so they could get around.

Grandmother always said Work Your Faith. My read about Malcolm X, thinking he was quite a man.

Then one day My's friend told her there was a man named Alex Haley going to speak at the school where My taught graduate students. She so wanted to hear him speak. He told them his cousin George was his last relative and told him to write his book. He went to Africa to find him. When My heard Alex, she made up her mind she wanted to work for him. She sent letter after letter trying to get an interview with him. She had met a teacher that took her to live with her and My considered her her Mom. She was more of a mother than her own. Her Mom finally invited a priest for dinner. He had gone to an interview and stopped in the middle of it and the lady said she knew Alex. What a surprise, so he told her how to get in touch with Alex.

My became depressed. She kept getting invitations for jobs, but she just wanted to work for Alex. Finally she got a job offer from Harvard. Oh, what was she going to do? She didn't want to turn it down, still hoping she would hear from Alex.

Finally after waiting many months she got an invitation from Alex. He was hiding out in Jamaica because he wasn't finishing his book for the publisher. After she got to see Alex, she helped him write the book. They flew to New York. She would go to market and get tuna, four pieces of bread and coffee for them to eat, they had so little money. After eighteen months the last paragraph was written.

She didn't say when they were married or much more of her life with Alex, but it must have been a good life. She would say, Oh Alex, and seemed very touched by his life.

She then wrote a book called "The Treason of Mary Louvestre". It's a story about Mary and Simeon and how he had the ship Merrimac refurbished. Mary was going to steal the plans for the ship and give them to the North. She then read some of the book to us.

I am now reading the book and find it very interesting, because I like stories about the South and how they lived and worked. This is also the time when Lincoln was President and was trying to have the slaves set free.



# Good Samaritan Mission Center 275-2500

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 AM-4:30 PM

#### **RIDES AVAILABLE**

Rides are available for people for urgent medical care.

Volunteer drivers are:

- ◆ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
- ♦ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
- ♦ Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)

Call any of the above numbers or call the church office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 275-2110.



#### CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Luther, of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, extension of the congregation's ministry in the unique setting provides. that the camp Children, youth and adults learn, worship, witness and serve within а Christ centered Lutheran tradition. All persons regardless of race, creed, color, or special needs are welcome to attend this camp of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Camp Mt. Luther is online at <a href="https://www.campmountluther.org">www.campmountluther.org</a>

# Available for Pick-up ...on the table in the narthex. The most recent copies of:

- Upper Susquehanna Synod Currents,
- Camp Mt. Luther Camel Tracks.
- <u>Christ in Our Home</u> Devotional Booklets small and large editions
- <u>Spark Family-Splash</u> in God's Word magazine
- <u>The Lutheran Magazine</u>—selected issues They are <u>free while supplies last</u> take one for your family.

If more copies of USS Ark, Currents or Camel Tracks are needed, please ask Deb.

# Extend a Helping Hand



# PITCH IN, STEP UP AND FIND OUT WHAT HAS TO BE DONE

We are one large family church family, that is. We have to work together as a family to make our home and Worship run smoothly.

You can attend Worship weekly;
Volunteer as a Worship server if you
don't already do so; Join a church
ministry; Visit Shut-ins; Attend Bible
Study; Be a Sunday School Teacher or
Helper, Help or donate to Fellowship
Hour; Help clean up after Fellowship;
catalog the Library; Join the Choirs;
Help with events and activities.
Thank you!

Just call Deb at the office and she will help you.

- ATTEND worship weekly. When you are attentive at worship your spiritual life is more fulfilled!
- Each person (if you don't already do so) should volunteer for <u>AT</u> <u>LEAST ONE</u> area as a worship server. Be a lector, usher, communion helper, greeter, flower care, altar care, assisting minister, etc.
- JOIN at least one of our church ministries (Administration, Caring, Finance, Worship & Music, Hospitality, etc.).
- VISIT shut-ins. This only requires
   the ability to listen and your
   responsiveness to needs
   expressed. Requires about 30-45
   minutes per visit. Can be done any
   day of the week.
- ATTEND Bible study
- Be a Sunday School TEACHER and/or HELPER. We should have two people and an alternate for each class. You do not need to be an expert on the Bible to teach Sunday school.

- HELP with fellowship hour or donate to it.
- OFFER to stay and help clean up after fellowship.
- HELP with funeral luncheons, festival, dinners, bazaars, etc.
- OFFER to train as back-up for our financial secretary.
- HELP with special cleaning or beautification projects. (we can identify or the person can choose their own)
- JOIN the choir. (if you like to sing!) or the Bell choir (even if you can't sing)
- CLEAN UP debris between and around the buildings weekly.
- CATALOG items in the library and keep it organized.
- RESEARCH past historical events in the church and record them in the church registry.

# PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED IUST PITCH IN!!

# **Simply Enjoy**

The lazy days of summer are almost over and the crisp fall air will be moving in. Take time to enjoy the little things in life: friendships, a blue sky, listening to the rain, watching a thunderstorm with its magnificent energy, spending the day watching your children or grandchildren learn something new or feeling the love of God in your heart when singing a beautiful hymn in church. These little things are passing us by with the busyness of life; I hope you are not missing out on them. Life is too short to think you have to have the best car, the biggest house, or the most money to make you happy. Things that can make us happy just need to be the simplest things in life and they are free.

So, enjoy the simple things that can bring you great happiness!



It's time to start thinking about next year for the

# 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering!

July 15-19 in Detroit, Michigan

Theme: Rise Up Together.

Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and
Definitely-Abled Youth Leadership
Event: July 12-15.