



St. Andrew LYFSW

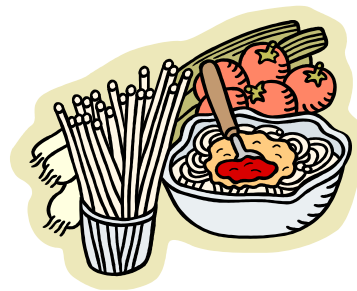
Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show Tickets on Sale August 21

Ticket sales for the Spaghetti dinner/Talent Show will officially begin on Sunday, August 21 following the afternoon youth activity.

We will ask each family to sell a set number of tickets, in addition to having the youth set up a ticket table following each of the services. A sign up sheet will be placed on the youth bulletin board for times available to sell tickets. Those youth interested in attending the youth gath-

ering need to make sure they volunteer often as hours worked for this fundraiser will qualify for fund-raising activity.

The Spaghetti Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 18 following the late service. The talent will begin after the meal has been served. We are asking that the youth attend the 8 a.m. service together, and then attend Sunday School. They will then help with prepara-



tions during the 10:45 service, so we will be ready when the service is over. The salad will be served cafeteria style, and then the youth will serve the plates and dessert.

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Deadline to Express Interest in Attending ELCA Gathering Sept. 4

Those youth interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in 2012, need to turn in letter of interest forms by September 4.

The 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held July 18-22 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Gatherings are held every three years,

usually in different locations throughout the country. However, the organizers of the event decided to hold the event in New Orleans again because of the appreciation and need of the city.

Any teenager entering ninth through twelfth grades or just having graduated high school

at the time of the Gathering, is eligible to attend as part of a congregation group. Attendees need to be members of ELCA congregations or their guests.

Pastor Rust will be leading the group to New Orleans. He along with the Youth Committee, congregation and council of

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Youth Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

August 21: Youth Service Project: Prepare care packages for shut-ins

September 4: Deadline to declare interest in attending ELCA Youth Gathering in 2012.

September 18: Spaghetti/Talent Show

September 25: Required informational meeting for those interested in attending Gathering

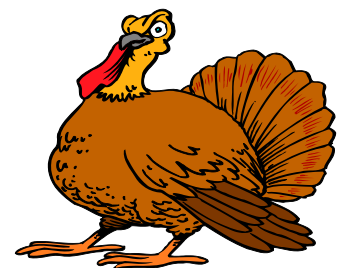
October 2: Deadline to commit to attend Gathering 2012

October 2: Crop Walk

October 23: Fall Festival

November 19: Cook down pumpkins and make soup and/or pie for SOD and Thanksgiving meal.

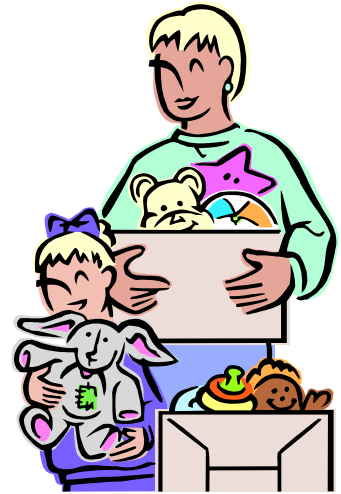
November 20: Youth Family Thanksgiving Meal



Youth Volunteers Needed For Crop Walk Activities

Many volunteers are needed to help make the New Bern Crop Walk a success. Your help is vital also to it's success in several areas. St. Andrew has always played a vital role in the New Bern area Crop Walk, an annual event to raise money to provide food for those who are hungry in our area,. On October 2, hundreds will take to the streets of downtown New Bern to walk either a 5 or 10K to support those battling with hunger.

St. Andrew's own John Riley is on the community planning committee and is asking for youth involvement to help several areas run smoothly. The first area where help is needed is in placing the sign for the event in Union Point Park. This project would be a minimal time commitment, but would be either the day of or a few days before the event. Another area in which help is needed would be in ordering and distributing the event t-shirts to area churches and participants. This would need involvement both before and on the day of the event. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated to make these projects run smoothly and efficiently.



Shut-Ins to Benefit From August Activity

Making care packages for church shut-ins will be the youth group activity for August.

The event will take place on Sunday, August 21 at 3 p.m. in Weeks Fellowship Hall.

The packages will include such items as candy, trail mix, dried fruit, snack crackers, fresh fruit, devotional books, personal care items such as lotions, and especially crafts and cards made by the youth.

Please bring with you any items you would like to include in the packages. Most items will be provided, but if there is something you would like to contribute, please bring it.

Approximately 10 packages will be made and distributed.

This is a great opportunity for us to show that we care and are thinking of those members that can no longer get out as much as they would like.

Finally, your help could also be used as the St. Andrew Youth Crop Walk Team Captain. This person would be in charge of keeping track of the youth team and who has collection folders, who all the members of the team are, collecting their packets and counting and turning in the money on the day of the event. John Riley, will be available to help and train the person who accepts this position. This is a great volunteer opportunity both for our church and the community.

To volunteer for any of these activities please contact John Riley.



Youth Walkers Needed for Crop Walk October 2

The Crop Walk is organized by many community volunteers, but the most important volunteers for the Crop Walk, are the walkers, who show their support for stopping hunger and raise the money that goes to our area food banks.

Your help is vitally important

in this role. This year we will have a youth team from St. Andrew walking. Many of you already walk, this year sign up to be part of the youth team. Help us to be the largest team from St. Andrew and also the group raising the most money to fight area hunger.

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St. Andrew are committed to supporting those attending the National Youth Gathering. There will also be a strong commitment from the youth and their families to make this trip happen.

The trip will be costly, but we hope to be able to raise enough funds through activities and fundraisers to cover the majority of the expenses. Youth attending will be required to participate in fundraisers. Time spent working as well as funds raised will determine the amounts youth raise.

Parents will be expected to pay the initial reg-

istration fee of \$150 in October. The total registration fee is \$315 per person. This amount does not include food, travel or lodging expenses.

On September 25, there will be a required meeting for those interested in attending where youth and their parents will receive more information about the event, potential costs and fundraising options.

Youth and their families will then have until October 2 do decide if they are attending and make the registration deposit.

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We are also hoping to offer a raffle at the event, something we have never done before. Please consider what you could donate to the raffle, whether it be a new item, a gift certificate, or a service. We would greatly appreciate your donations. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Kathleen Forbes at 675-1885.

A talent sign-up sheet will also be placed on the youth bulletin board. At this time, we only need to know if you plan to perform. Closer to the date, we will need to know how you plan to entertain the crowd. All talents are acceptable as long as they are in good Christian taste. Be creative, get your friends together, and prepare to entertain us!



STRIKE!! A Win for Youth Group Bowling Day

Five St. Andrew Youth, one guest and two adults participated in the July youth group activity at the bowling alley.

The group at the church where they enjoyed a short devotion reminding them to let Jesus be their Team Captain, and how he knows what is best for us. They then loaded up into cars and headed to Strike Zone where they enjoyed three hours of bowling and laser tag. There was much cheering when one of us managed to get a strike, thank goodness for bumpers! Everyone enjoyed snacks, and was surprised to find that it was quickly 6 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who participated on making it a fun event. We hope to see you all this month, to help make care packages for the shut-ins of St. Andrew.

Congratulations Graduates!

Caitlyn Blakelock will be attending Appalachian State University. She received a \$500 scholarship

Sarah Pierce will be joining the Army

Matt Schadewald will be attending Craven Community College and plans to join the Coast Guard

Congratulations on a GREAT summer swim season to St. Andrew's swimmers

Alayna Forbes, YMCA

Kayleigh Forbes, YMCA

Bryce Franko, EGCC

Jonathan Riley, Courts Plus

Andrew Rust, EGCC

Daniel Rust, EGCC

Hope Rust, EGCC



**Good Luck to All
St. Andrew Youth
for a Successful
School Year!**