

# Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · September 2012 Edition  
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## The Trinity Concert Series 2012/2013

presents

### Seraphic Fire

Sunday, September 16, 2012,  
4:00 p.m.

Seraphic Fire, Miami's twice GRAMMY nominated professional chamber choir, presents a musical tour through the ages with over 1000 years of a Capella choral music. The glories of the Spanish Renaissance meld with modern-day compositions to create a sensory concert experience that will delight all concertgoers. Free admission.



Seraphic Fire



A service of Farewell and Godspeed was held on July 29 for Trinity member Kelly Pensinger, pictured here with her husband Luke and daughters Ella and Sophia. Kelly, a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, is beginning her concurrency internship. She will serve Christ (Roth's) Lutheran Church in Spring Grove while taking additional coursework at the seminary.

#### OUR VISION

*"Disciples in the making, making disciples"*

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*"Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as daily witnesses of God's transforming love."*

## Staff Notes

### “Do You Need a Pastor?”

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

There I was, certifiably miserable, hooked up to IV's in a Florida hospital, a victim of diverticulitis. My planned vacation had tanked, and although my children were able to continue on a vacation with extended family, I was tethered in my own little space, in no condition for any “vacation,” with my husband Randy serving as point person for figuring out the many details of how and when we'd get back home after all this. If you asked the right (or wrong) question, I was apt to get a little weepy as I struggled with this new wrinkle in my life. I prayed a lot in that hospital bed, and got weepy then, too.

One afternoon, someone wearing a badge reading “Spiritual Care” entered the room and asked me, “Do you need a pastor?” Well, no, not exactly. At least I didn't need some unfamiliar pastor in a black shirt and clerical collar to come and visit me. Plus the very thought of taking communion—even the tiniest piece of bread or sip of wine—sounded unappetizing to my angry stomach. No, I didn't need a pastor.

I said, “Thank you, but no.” Then I added, “Actually, I'm a pastor.” Not that I was trying to say I could minister to myself. To be truthful, I simply was not much in the mood for conversation. Yet even more true was this reality: I **did** need a pastor. Just not the kind the hospital was offering.

I needed you, Trinity Lutheran Church. I needed your pastoral care, your ministry.

A few years ago, when our dear brother in Christ, the late Roger Smith, was facilitating new members classes at Trinity, he would routinely lob a question to me as I led my particular session. Roger would ask, “Nancy, what is this thing called ‘priesthood of all believers’? Are we really all priests? I thought only you and the other pastors on staff were priests.” The question wasn't intended to stump me, but, rather, intended to make these soon-to-be members think about **their** role in our faith community.

Roger and I both knew that Martin Luther articulated an important understanding about the

role of all members of the church. Luther called it the “priesthood of all believers.” You could update the language to the “ministry of all the baptized.” Same thing. Luther's point was that each of us, baptized into Jesus Christ, was now a priest in God's service. Oh, we still have the distinctions of holy orders, of clergy specifically ordained to preach and administer the sacraments. But Luther believed that each of us was an ambassador for Christ to one another in this place. So we are to be priests for one another by proclaiming this Good News about Jesus. We are to be priests for one another by praying to God for each other's well-being. We are to be priests for one another by speaking words of forgiveness.

Luther himself considered this one the greatest things about the Church: That in this faith community, the gospel message of love and life will always be near to us because we are everywhere surrounded by it. God's word is as close to us as our sister or brother who speaks it tenderly to us. (Paul Althaus, *The Theology of Martin Luther*, Fortress Press, 1966)

I did need a pastor, after all. I needed Trinity Lutheran Church. I needed this particular community of sisters and brothers to pray for me, speak good news to me, and love me. And that you did.

This is exactly what all of us need, and what all of us are called to do for one another.

## Artist of the Month

Becky Enney, a longtime member of Trinity is our artist for September. Becky has always had a passion for color and shape. Quilting became a natural fit when she was introduced to it at a Women of Trinity “Fun, Crafts and Fellowship” event about 25 years ago! She has taught quilting classes locally and has presented several ‘trunk shows’ to local quilt guilds. Much of her work is original, not working from a kit. “I like to have really busy designs with little space for the eye to rest!” Becky calls herself “The Pretty Good Quilter” and does not stress out over perfection. “This is a hobby, not brain surgery!”



### OMG...What is God Calling U 2 Do?

The 3G Symbols you have seen around the church remind us of our Stewardship Theme again this year – OUR

#### **3G NETWORK: GOD. GIFTS. GRATITUDE.**

It is time for us to examine our lives and to demonstrate the gratefulness we have for all the gifts God has given us. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider the gifts God has given you and respond with generous gratitude so that we can continue to be the passionate witness for the Gospel that we have always been.

Join us for Stewardship kick-off weekend, October 6 and 7, as we host our guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Marty Stevens, CFO and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Stewardship for Gettysburg Seminary.

### **Blood Bank News**

Calling all Blood Donors—regulars, sometime donors, and especially those who are just "thinking about it." September 23 is Trinity's final blood drive for this calendar year! When I checked with my Central PA Blood Bank representative, she reported that as of August 1, Trinity has credit for 121 units. Our quota for 2012 is 175 units and Jeanie's is at least 200!

Remember that you are allowed to donate every eight weeks, so you could donate at church on September 23, 7:45 – 11:00 a.m., and then another time at any of the local hospitals, CPBB Donor Centers, or Community Blood Drives after November 26 and before December 30. Call Jeanie Bentzel at 766-3526 to sign up for the September 23 Drive, or if you have questions.

Sign up on September 9 and 16 after every service in the Gathering Space for a time that fits your schedule. Just like a doctor's office, the early times are less crowded! Please don't wait until someone in your family needs a blood transfusion to donate. Ensure the blood supply will be here when it's needed by donating NOW!

### **Sunday Adult Learning Opportunities** (Begins September 9 at 9:30 a.m.)

- **Bible Study Class - Room 237**  
*Augsburg Bible Study*
- **More Than Parenting: Building Relationships - Room 227-229**  
Topics TBA
- **Rejoice! Class - Room 228-230**  
Discussion of various topics past and present and how they apply today.
- **Friends and Followers (of Jesus) new class - Room 234**  
A Biography of Jesus: presents the narrative of Jesus' life in a brief, chronological, and easy-to-understand format. You will meet Jesus through 32 selected key events in his life.

#### **Once a month opportunities - Room 126**

- **Pastor's Discussion**  
First Sunday of the month (beginning October 7); Open dialog with topics of interest and concern.
- **WOT Sarah Circle**  
Second Sunday of the month.
- **Book Discussion Group**  
Third Sunday of the month; selected books determined by the group and listed on Trinity's website and in the newsletter.
- **The Lutheran Adult Forum**  
Fourth Sunday of the month; discuss cover article from the monthly *Lutheran* magazine.

### **Caring for a Loved one with Alzheimer's** **Fifth Sunday Adult Class** **Sunday, September 30** **9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Room 126**

This video presentation offers insight, hope, and understanding for anyone who cares for a loved one with Alzheimer's. This disease without cure currently afflicts more than 30 million people and there are no treatments to halt its progression, making care giving both essential and difficult. Because the DVD is 50 minutes in length, it will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.

**Book Discussion Group**

The Book Discussion Group invites you the third Sunday of every month in Room 126 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The book for September 16 is:

- September 16: *The Bridge at Andau: The Compelling True Story of a Brave Embattled People* by James Michener

**September Birthdays**

**Our Homebound**

- September 4 **Peggy Everhard**  
801 N. Hanover St. - Rm. 211A  
Carlisle, PA 17013
- September 12 **Charles Frey**  
3308 James Buchanan Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
- September 12 **Marcia Swartz**  
10 House Avenue  
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- September 24 **Frank Gamber**  
5225 Wilson Lane  
Rm. 109 - Assisted Living  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- September 26 **Larry Stauffer, Sr.**  
1120 Primrose Avenue  
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- September 29 **Doris Pond**  
100 Mount Allen Drive - Rm. 406  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**Our Staff**

- September 25 **Judy Collins**

**Every Member Prayer List**

**SEPTEMBER 2-8:** Donald and Susan Hetrick; Jane Hess; Dick and Darlene Hess; Gloria Hertz; Paul Herold; Chuck and Martha Herold; Dottie Herold; Jim and Lillie Herbst. **SEPTEMBER 9-15:** Bill and Barbara Herb; Dirk, Mitch, Jacob, and Luke Henry; George Henriksen; Bill and Kitty Henne; Charline Henne; Jeanne Henderson; Dan, Barb, and Emily Henderson; David, Luann, Glenn, and Nichole Hendershot. **SEPTEMBER 16-22:** Max, Amy, Ellen, and George Hempt; Martha Hempt; Judith Hempt; Jean Hempt; Mark, Amy, Briana, and Kierra Heinly; Jonathan, Jennifer, Ellie, Cora, and Peter Heilman; Jason, Abbie, and Lilly Heikel; Christie Heike. **SEPTEMBER 23-29:** David, Maria, Jessica, and Stephanie Hegedus; Henry Heck; Megan Heberlig; Brian, Jill, and Paige Healey; Karl Hausker and Katie McGinty, and Alana, Tara, and Allie Hausker; Alan and Gloria Hassman; Dick Hassinger; John Hartmann; Christopher Hartmann. **SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6:** Dottie Hartlieb; Suzanne Harro; Carol Harris; David Harrington; Bob and Maryellen Harner, and Franz, Carolyn, and Kate Kindler; Will and Carole Harmon; Will Harmon III; Harold Harlan

**Thank you, Bread Sunday Bakers, "Buyers" and Givers**

God's love is without limit, without border, without exception, without condition. We thank you for responding with your gifts and your concern for others: Offerings received on Bread Sunday at Trinity in exchange for donated bread and in offering envelopes totaled nearly \$4,000 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Your gifts to the ELCA support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. Thank you all who gave so generously!

**Patricia Graybill**  
Missions Committee Chair



First row (l-r): Tim Koch (Director), Amy Koch, Alison Koch, Hailey Maser, Kierra Heinly, Peggy Bishop, Liam Bishop  
Second row (l-r): Nancy Martin, Leanne Maser, Amy Heinly, Margaret Parker  
Third row (l-r): Sara Eckard, Emily Eckard, Teresa Eckard, Briana Heinly, Mark Heinly

### Introducing the Family Bell Choir

Our newest ensemble – the Family Bell Choir – played for worship on August 5. We look forward to hearing them again soon!

### **“The Lutheran” Adult Forum Sunday, September 23, 2012**

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 124-126 for a discussion on **“Spiritual Nomads: A Blueprint for Young Adults in ELCA Congregations”** from pages 20-26 of the August 2012 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Statistics show that most traditional mainline congregations, such as Lutheran churches, aren’t meeting the needs of younger adults. This bodes poorly for a church whose membership is shrinking and aging. And it ought to serve as a wake-up call. The church is challenged to find ways to connect with a growing number of younger people who identify themselves as spiritual but not religious. If you do not have access to the articles, paper copies will be available about two weeks in advance of the session and may be picked up at the reception desk in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

### Concert Series – At a glance

#### 2012

**September 16 - 4:00 p.m.**

Seraphic Fire – choral ensemble from Miami, FL  
[www.seraphicfire.org](http://www.seraphicfire.org)

**November 11 - 4:00 p.m.**

Veterans Day Spectacular – Concert Choir, Children’s Choirs, Adult Hand Bell Choir, St. Paul’s Brass, Sweet Adelines, Keytson Capital Chorus, Cedar Cliff HS JROTC

**December 9 - 4:00 p.m.**

Christmas at Trinity – choirs, bells, FaithX and orchestra

**December 16 - 4:00 p.m.**

Susquehanna Chorale: A Candlelight Christmas  
[www.susquehannachorale.org](http://www.susquehannachorale.org)

#### 2013

**February 17 - 4:00 p.m.**

Silent Film – *Phantom of the Opera* - w/organ accompaniment; Tom Trenney, organist  
[www.concertorganists.com/artists/tom-trenney](http://www.concertorganists.com/artists/tom-trenney)

**March 17 - 4:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Vespers – Chancel Choir and orchestra

**May 4 - 7:30 p.m.**

Harrisburg Singers, Susan Solomon Beckley, Director  
[www.harrisburgsingers.org](http://www.harrisburgsingers.org)

**May 19 - 4:00 p.m.**

Ashu – classical saxophonist [www.ashuonline.com](http://www.ashuonline.com)

## Missions Corner

### Missions Opportunities

- ◇ **Day Trip to New Windsor, MD on Wednesday, September 12.** We have an opportunity to volunteer at the LW Warehouse in New Windsor, MD. We will leave Trinity's parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Lunch in the dining room is provided at no cost to all volunteers. Contact Judy Collins (737-9921 ext. 239) if you would like to join us.
- ◇ **Mission Trip – Summer 2013.** The Missions Committee is planning another trip to Cherryfield, Maine, June 15-22. Ken and Judy Collins will lead the adult (21 and older) team for a third time to the Maine Sea Coast Mission. If interested in participating in this work project, plan to attend the orientation meeting on Sunday, September 16, at 12:15 p.m. in the Library.

**Overlook Farm, Rutland, MA, is managed by Heifer International.** In April, Judy Collins attended a three-day Women's Lambing Retreat. She plans to return April 12-15, 2013. Judy has a power point presentation of her most recent trip and invites Trinity women to go with her next spring. Plan to attend an introductory meeting on Sunday, September 9, at 12:15 p.m. in the church Library.

### Prayer Concerns

- Pray for a good neighbor, a friend, a mentor.
- Pray to make a difference for the people in need, they are all around us.
- Pray for judgment to see the right, courage to choose the right, and willingness to follow the right.
- Pray to build on faith rather than on doubts.
- Pray to move forwards in the hope of what can be accomplished and not be held back by what we cannot do.
- Pray to see the possibilities in the new and not be paralyzed by the difficulties to be overcome.
- Pray to discover a sense of mission that our lives may be important.
- Pray to be purposeful rather than purposeless.
- Pray to measure values in terms of service to others rather than benefit to ourselves.

## Fall Senior Pastor Bible Study

The Senior Pastor Bible Study on Thursdays will begin on September 6 at both 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and at 7:00 p.m. in Room 237. There is no registration and participants can attend either class.

The topic this fall will be three of the lesser-studied letters of St. Paul – Galatians, Colossians, and Philippians. Of these three, only one has been studied in the last 15 years here at Trinity. We will examine these books in the order in which they were written by Paul and discover that they contain very different subject matter and reflect very different moods.

No prior experience with Bible Studies is necessary. Bring a Bible and a willingness to engage scripture.

*Pastor Ludwig*

## Trinity Seniors Luncheons Resume The Trinity Senior Luncheons will resume on Wednesday, September 19

Our schedule is as follows: **SAVE THE DATES**

- ⇒ Wednesday, September 19
- ⇒ October – A Retreat will be held in lieu of the luncheon
- ⇒ Wednesday, November 21
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 19
- ⇒ Wednesday, January 16
- ⇒ February – No Luncheon

Again this year our lunches will be provided by the Kitchen Crew and begin at noon with the program to follow.

All members of Trinity and guests are always welcome to attend.

Watch for the announcements of our programs in the "Trinity Today".

Look for the **yellow signup sheets at the information desk in the Gathering Space.**

Questions can be directed to George Wirt (432-1141).

*Letters to Trinity*

Dear Trinity,

Special thanks to Pastor Brock, Bishop Edmiston and Pastor Ludwig for the many visits, prayers and bringing communion.

I know my healing process was a success with all the prayers from the Intercessory Prayer group, 24 Hour Prayer group and the church at large.

Thanks also for the many cards, well wishes, telephone calls, visits and food.

I feel really blessed to be a member of this wonderful church community.

*Terri Denison*

Dear Trinity,

Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Brock and Pastor Ludwig for visiting me in the hospital during my recent stay.

Also heartfelt thanks to the Women of Trinity for the altar flowers and prayer shawl.

I feel blessed to be a part of such a caring church community. May the love of Jesus Christ be with all of you.

God's Peace.

*Sara Feichtel*

Trinity,

Dear Pastors Ludwig, Brock, Easton, Intercessory Prayer Group and members of Trinity.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your calls, visits during my recent surgery. Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl and flowers.

Your prayers and thoughtfulness were a great support during this period.

*Don Lowry*

Dear Trinity,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers during my recent hospital stay. A big thank you to Pastor Ludwig for his visit, to Pastor Brock for his phone call and to all who sent cards. It is such a blessing to belong to the Trinity Church family and I consider myself one of the blessed.

May the Lord be with all of you.

*Barbara McGovern*

Dear Trinity Staff and family,

Thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, cards and concerns extended to our family during the difficult time in the loss of my mother.

We appreciated all your support and comfort.

Sincerely,

*Ben, Lennie and Eric Nyman*

Dear Trinity Congregation and Pastoral Staff:

A huge thank you for all your care of me, food, cards and calls. Your kindness was most appreciated and comforting.

Thanks for attending Roger's Memorial Service. Our family saw the beauty and the sorrow in it.

Love to you all, in Jesus name,

*Roberta Smith*

Dear Trinity,

I would like to thank the pastors, members and friends of Trinity for their loving care while my sister was in the hospital and especially the day of her death. The visits, gifts, prayers and cards were greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

*Martin Tozer, Jr.*

Dear Trinity Friends,

Words alone can never express my thanks to everyone for all the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement I received on the recent passing of my brother Don. My thanks to everyone for being there for me once again.

Blessings to All,

*Charlotte Wirt*

*Parish Ministry*

Every 70 seconds

someone is diagnosed  
with Alzheimer's Disease.

By mid-century it will

be every 33 seconds.

## Social Ministry Corner

### Social Ministry Fair, September 15-16

The Social Ministry Fair has become an annual tradition and will take place this year on September 15-16 in the Gathering Space with tables arranged to give you more information about all of Trinity's outreach ministries. You'll see displays about each project, many with pictures showing Trinity members in action, and have the opportunity to talk with volunteers about ways you can get involved in one or more of the ministries. Your active participation to help others through Social Ministry is one of the ways that Trinity provides opportunities for each of us to live out our Christian discipleship. If you ask any of the involved volunteers you'll likely be told they receive as many blessings in serving others as their service provides to those in need.

After the late services on Sunday, September 16, you won't find the usual Garden of Eatin' table in the middle of the Gathering Space. Instead, as you visit the various tables to learn about ways you can get involved in serving the needy in our area, you'll be rewarded with snacks and beverages courtesy of the Social Ministry Committee.

Each month emphasis is placed on a different social ministry project supported by Trinity. The Social Ministry Committee attempts to keep the congregation informed about.....**and hopefully, involved in.....**our many outreach ministries to serve our neighbors in need through this regular column in the church newsletter and the attractive bulletin board in the first floor hallway just outside the library.

### **Eat at Isaac's and Support CACCC**

Come to Isaac's Restaurant in the West Shore Plaza, Lemoyne on Thursday, September 20 from 5-9 p.m. to enjoy a great meal and help raise funds for the scholarship program for CACCC (Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers). Scholarships help families beginning new employment afford quality daycare. Trinity, one of the founders of CACCC, has representatives on its board and provides on-going benevolent support.

An information sheet for your server will be available as a bulletin insert on Sunday, September 16, and additional copies will be available at the information desk. Isaac's will donate 25% of the proceeds from this event to the scholarship program. For questions or further information about this event, please contact Margy Fox (319-9886) or Judy Leslie (790-0292).

Thank you for your support!

## Ecumenical Food Pantry Continues Feeding the Hungry

The featured Social Ministry for September is the Ecumenical Food Pantry which operates from Messiah Lutheran Church on Forster Street in Harrisburg. In a typical month, the pantry responds in Christian love to provide food assistance for over 2,000 individuals. To receive food, a voucher must be obtained from a case manager, minister, etc. documenting the need. Occasionally a public school refers a family who is in need. A three day supply of food according to family size can be received once a month.

The Food Pantry evolved as a result of Agnes, the flood of 1972, when Messiah Church gave food to those in the neighborhood who were affected by the flood. Over the years many other area churches joined Messiah in helping to feed the hungry through what has become the Ecumenical Food Pantry. It is run exclusively by volunteers and funded by state grants and voluntary gifts of both food and money.

Volunteers from Trinity take a turn staffing the pantry on the first Friday of each month. Several serve as receptionists to greet visitors on the first floor of the building and maintain appropriate records. Some of our men help in the basement where the food is stored, bagged and distributed. The Food Pantry is supported by Trinity's Social Ministry operating budget, through special designated contributions and by the many boxes of food contributed each month by members and friends of the congregation. Non-perishable food items may be brought to the church at any time and placed in one of the food baskets in the Gathering Space.



## *Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study Discerning the Voice of God*

Have you ever wanted to talk with God on the telephone, or send Him a text and get an immediate reply or maybe just friend Him on Facebook? When you have an important decision to make, a personal problem, or are just lonely, you want to hear from God in an intimate, individual way.

This September, the Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study is doing a study entitled 'Discerning the Voice of God, How to Recognize When God Speaks' by Pricilla Shirer. This study is based on John 10.27 ("My sheep know My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.") and the belief that our loving God, who gave His Son for us so He could have a personal relationship with us, would certainly want to talk with us. The study provides participants with practical help in knowing what you hear is from God by studying the anticipation of God's voice, the Spirit of God's voice, the nature of God's voice and the purpose of God's voice. You will realize that no blessing surpasses a relationship with God in which you know when He is specifically talking to you.

The study starts on September 19 and runs for seven weeks. We begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 237. Women of all ages are invited. No pre-registration is required, but would be helpful so that we have enough study guides. Babysitting is available, but does require pre-registration. If you have any questions or need babysitting, please call Judy Trissler at 795-5919 or Bert Weaver at 697-3259.

### *Women of Trinity General Meetings*

Save the dates for the Women of Trinity General Meetings for 2012-2013 are scheduled as follows:

- ⇒ **Wednesday, September 12, 2012**  
– Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WELCA
- ⇒ **Saturday, December 1, 2012**  
– Tea for the Presidents
- ⇒ **Wednesday, May 8, 2013**  
– Installation of Incoming Officers

All three meetings will begin at 6 p.m. Further information will be provided as it becomes available. Mark your calendars now!



### *Women of Trinity News and Events*

#### *Women of Trinity Blessing Boxes*

The WOT Blessing Boxes 2011/2012 recipient was the YWCA Domestic Violence Program. For 2012/2013, the contributions will be split between the YWCA and Ngozi Eco Village. The Ngozi Village is a non-profit agency in Harrisburg led by Rafiqqa Muhammed. The organization works in conjunction with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Enrichment in Harrisburg and is hosting its first permaculture design course to encourage urban agriculture, with emphasis on teaching inner city youths how to grow their own food. It is hoped that the program will help to give these youth better direction in life and decrease crime. Please remember these two great causes as you add to our Blessing Box this year.

#### *Women of Trinity General Meeting*

The general meeting, scheduled for September 12, will begin at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share, and bring your friends! The meeting will be a celebration of the WELCA 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will honor our past presidents. We look forward to a great turnout!

*YG News*  
*The 2012 ELCA National*  
*Youth Gathering in New Orleans*

I will not say a lot because our YG kids can say it a lot better. The facts: Sixteen Senior High YG and three advisors attended. We joined more than 900 Lutherans from Central Pennsylvania and took part in an event with more than 33,000 youth and adults. It was big! We got to grow closer as a YG, to serve others and learn more about our faith. What more can you ask for? In other words, it rocked!!

*Peter A. Fox*  
*Youth Ministry Director*

Our first full day in Louisiana started with our service project bright and early in the morning! We went to the Superdome, had lunch and were off to 'Our School at Blair Grocery' farm to help weed and learn about how Katrina affected the ninth ward, the part of New Orleans that was hit the hardest. There we met Turner, the founder of Blair Grocery. He told us about the struggles of the poor and how they help the kids in trouble in awful situations. Everything that the school does helps and uses the kids that are in need, while paying them and pulling them out of trouble. In my opinion, Turner's such an amazing role model because of how he dropped everything to help these children in need; someone to look up to. The next morning we were up early again to do worship with our Lower Susquehanna Synod. At the dome every night, we listened to many different speakers, from a woman who used to be an alcoholic and is now a pastor, to a woman who was sexually abused by her ex-husband who is now, also, a pastor. The speakers were very interesting and made me change many of my opinions. I feel like I have changed some of my views of being a Lutheran and feel closer to God. When walking through the French Quarter, you see the homeless and hurting people asking for money and food. After leaving New Orleans, you can't help but miss the wonderful experiences you have made and never forget the life-long memories made with friends.

*Alexa Tamosaitis*  
*YG Sophomore/Incoming Junior*



I am a senior who was fortunate to make a second journey to New Orleans this summer. I previously went my freshman year and it has been such a blessing to return to this city of jazz and friendly people. I was ready to go, thinking I had it figured out. However, there is nothing that can quite explain what New Orleans has to offer. I still know there is more to the city than I have experienced. But having been there twice, I can tell you that it is a fantastic place to go to experience culture and great food (I still wasn't brave enough to try the alligator). We were able to see the sights of the city and experience a day of service, pulling weeds for an urban farm organization. Personally, I thought it was much more fun to dig around in the mud than paint a house like I did on the last trip. We were also able to experience amazing speakers and musicians at large group gatherings every night in the Superdome, or as they christened it, the Lutherdome. You could practically feel the energy of God's love coming from all 33,000 attendees. Oh, and we got to experience some pretty wicked thunderstorms, too. My watch stopped working just from walking around in them. I would like to thank the congregation and anyone involved for helping to make this experience possible for us 16 youth who went. It was truly an experience that we will never forget. I would also like to thank in advance and encourage others to help donate to the youth group so youth may attend the next gathering in 2015, which will take place in Detroit. Again, having been blessed to attend two events, I can tell you what a once in a lifetime experience the gatherings really are.

*Sara Eckard*  
*YG Senior/Recent Graduate*

The excitement, and realization that we may not have much of anything in common other than the fact that we were all there for the same reason; to do good in the name of our Savior, came off as such intense energy. As 33,000 people ran down the sidewalks on either side of the street leaving the Superdome in the pouring rain, we tried to get back to our hotels before we got completely drenched. We truly did look like a mob taking over New Orleans. It was amazing how thankful and happy the citizens were to have us there, but it was even more amazing to see how thankful and happy WE were to be there. Walking down the streets, as we passed groups who were from all over the U.S., we would all be giving high fives to each other. Any group we saw who was wearing their orange shirts, we'd say "Have fun today!" because we knew they were on their service day. There was kind of a bond that you can't experience anywhere else. The love that engulfed that city while we were there I pray continues to linger even as we've gone home. But I know that we've all taken some of that special love back with us too.

*Sarah Adams  
YG Sophomore/Incoming Junior*

Up so early, excited to fly on a plane but sad to be leaving my family and friends. It was a long ride but so much fun! The Superdome was amazing! I really felt God's spirit with me. After leaving the dome it started to storm and we could not go to community life. We had fun walking a mile from the dome to our hotel soaked to the max! The next day was our service day to help our friend Turner weed his garden. It was fun to be on a farm. He told us how he started 'Our School at Blair Grocery'. It was an amazing feeling to see someone touched by God's hand to go out into the world and make a change. After the service day it was back to the dome. The next day it rained but we got to go to the House of Blues to eat and at night to an Agape concert. The next day we went to the French Quarter. At dinner I got to try crawfish, duck and alligator! They were pretty weird to eat but were all so good. It was a lot of fun to see our friends from con camp! Our last night at the hotel was pretty sad. I'm sure no one in our YG wanted to leave. We went to the dome for the last time to say our goodbyes and to take communion with over 33,000 people. So it was goodbye to New Orleans. It was sad to leave a great experience but amazing that I got to be a part of it. I am so grateful that I got to go.

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