

The Youth Slate



I recently read a story about two soldiers serving America in World War I by author Gary Thomas. The story spoke of how a brief friendship turned into a very deep friendship. As the two soldiers were fighting, they were under attack in a foxhole. These men were together fighting valiantly for the freedoms we greatly enjoy. Finally the order was given for the unit to retreat from the German forces and fall back to the trench behind them. When the unit reached the trench, the man realized that his friend was not with him. He was ordered by his commanding officer to remain in the trench—an order he refused to follow. He ran out dodging bullets and found his friend who had been hit by gunfire in the battle. When he spoke to him his friend simply said, “I knew you’d come.” When he returned with the body of his fallen comrade in arms his commanding officer asked him, “Was it worth it?” To which he quickly responded, “YES, SIR!”

This story reveals the value of friendship, but many of us are not sure if we have someone who would come back for us. In this world friends will come and go, but you have a one who is more than just this kind of friend! You have a God who would even die in your place. You have a God who will always come back for you! You have a God who is coming to take you to be with Him in heaven!

This month we continue to give thanks for the blessings of freedom, the brave men and women who have so valiantly fought for those freedoms, and our God who gives every good gift!

Pastor Steve



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Middle School: Through the summer Rich is leading a bible study that will help you understand what it means to be a Lutheran. **This bible study is open to anyone (even adults) who want to know a little more about what it means to be Lutheran!**

High School: High School Youth Group meets on Sundays, 4:30pm, at Starbucks (53rd & Elmore). Our Bible Study from the Book of Revelation is nearly over. Join us as we finish up the book and begin choosing our next bible study!

National Youth Gathering: Please pray for your friends who are attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. May they be touched by the Spirit that their faith may be strengthened and fortified against the attacks that the evil one brings upon us all. The participants will be commissioned for the National Youth Gathering on July 10th and 11th. We will leave on July 16th and return July 22nd with many stories to share. *Many thanks to the Family of Risen Christ who have graciously supported our youth on this venture!*

