

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Sr. LYFR June 2009 Newsletter

Devotional Reflection: Graduation is exciting and satisfying for many high school seniors. It's a great milestone for the students and their families. It's also encouraging to students who have a year or more left of high school. When they see the seniors completing high school, they know that they are getting closer to a tangible, realistic goal.

When the graduation ceremony and all the graduation parties are over, what's next? The answer is as varied and unique as the seniors who are graduating. Some will be moving on to college, others will be starting full time jobs and others will be starting the next chapter of their lives in the military. One thing is clear, although high school is completed and finished for these seniors; they will continue to learn and grow. Let me say that one more time, they will **continue to learn and grow.**

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith,** just as you were taught, **abounding in thanksgiving,**" Colossians 2:6-7.

I think the best word to remember here is "abounding." We've talked quite a bit of "abounding" in our faith this year in youth group. God's Word reminds us there is no such thing as getting to a place in our Christian walk that we cease to grow closer to God or cease to grow in our understanding of being a Christ-follower.

Graduation for our seniors is another milestone in their education; it's not the completion of their education. As Christians we don't view our journey in faith as something we complete in this life, it's constantly growing

As we celebrate with all our high school students and their great accomplishment of completing another year of their education, we also celebrate our growth in our faith journey. We are rooted in Christ, and we can be thankful every day for the opportunity to forgive as we've been forgiven. We celebrate the life in Christ, knowing that although we can't be perfect, we're given a fresh start every day by God's grace, Amen!

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!!!



Upcoming Events for Sr. LYFR

June

SLYFR Mtgs - Dates: 7th, 14th 6pm-8pm

Car Wash Fundraiser

Date: June 6th, \Time: 9-1 (Auto Zone, 2800 Hampton Hwy by Bethel Manor)

Consignment Sale

Date: June 19th/20th

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hampton

Additional info forthcoming. Fundraiser will support circuit events such as National Youth Gathering

Circuit Nags Head Retreat



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Date: 26-28 June

Location: Grace Lutheran Church by the Sea, Nags Head, NC

Theme: Ephesians 4: 4-6

Cost: TBD

July

SLYFR Mtgs - 19th, 26th 6pm-8pm

Indoor Kart Racing



Date: Jul 11th, Meet at church at 10am, karting at 11, back by 2.

Location: Portsmouth

Cost: est \$20

Car Wash Fundraiser

Date: July 25th \Time: 9-1 (Auto Zone 2800 Hampton Hwy by Bethel Manor)

August

SLYFR Mtgs – 2nd, 16th, 23rd

Soup Kitchen/Pantry Helper

Date: TBD (but it will be mid week, possibly 2 different dates, event to be combined w/
Jr LYFR)

Car Wash Fundraiser

Date: August 1st \Time: 9-1 (Auto Zone, 2800 Hampton Hwy by Bethel Manor)

VBS

Dates: August 3-7 / Time – evenings

Prayer: Almighty God, we praise You for this time of joy in the lives of the seniors and their families. Continue to be with us and remind us of Your Love especially during these good times, so when life gets hard we remember that Your Spirit and Your grace is with us at all times and through all the days of our lives, in Jesus' Name, Amen!