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8th-12th Grade Youth Group

Wednesday, August 24 at 6pm. Bring \$3 for pizza/pop/snacks. Play board games and help plan 8th-12th grade activities for the Fall!

Saturday, September 24th: Service Opportunity - 15th Annual Minnesota Beach Sweep! We'll head to a local beach to help clean it up. Meet at Elim at 12:30pm. We'll be back around 3:30pm. Sign up on the Youth & Family Board so we have enough drivers.

Also, head to The Loft on Sunday mornings from 9am-10am. The Choir Loft will be a meeting space for 8-12th graders during the Sunday School hour.

Angie Mahle Benefit Dinner

Angie's Angels of Elim Lutheran Church, a group of family and friends of Angie Mahle, will be hosting a pork loin dinner+ on Saturday, October 1st to benefit Angie and her family. The dinner will be held at Elim Lutheran Church from 4-7pm. Tickets are available in the church office: \$12/ adult and \$6/children (5-12 years old). Children 4 and under are free.

Angie and Jason Mahle, along with their children Brendan (3rd grade) and Emily (6th grade) are members at Elim. Angie has been battling metastatic breast cancer for quite some time, and has recently undergone surgery at the Mayo Clinic to remove a brain tumor. The goal of the dinner is to help the Mahle family in their time of need, easing the burden of their medical expenses, and also to lift them up spiritually, to know that their church family is there supporting them. Along with the dinner, there will be a silent auction, bake sale, and craft sale. That's the plus ... that everyone can become involved by purchasing a ticket, donating to the auction items, making a baked good, sharing a craft creation, or all the above! Along with this, supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have been applied for so each dollar donated will go further.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please talk to Deb Westerberg, and she will direct you to the proper person.

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Sunday School

Rally Sunday is September 11th!
Sunday School classes are at 9am for 3 year olds and up!
Either register early or day of.
Friends are welcomed and invited!

New This Year: THE LOFT -
Sunday Mornings for 8th-12th graders. Meet in the Choir Loft at 9am!

Middle School Youth Gathering

6th-9th Graders - it's time for the Middle School Gathering! Join up with your friends from Elim and head to Cragun's resort November 19-20 (Saturday - Sunday). The event includes a keynote speaker, band (comprised of synod youth musicians), large group assemblies, learning clusters (small group learning), family time (time to meet with your church group), hotel life (fun activities often including a dance, inflatable games, basketball, swimming pool, Wii, DDR and more), and worship.

This year's focus for the Middle School Gathering is on the Ten Commandments. The commandments are more than just guidelines, they are "Loving Rules" that teach us to love each other and to love God. They are rules on how to love, because as Christians, love rules our life - and fulfills the law.

The total event cost is \$70 (a portion of this will be able to be fundraised at the Fall Bazaar on October 29th. Sign up on the youth board to help at the bazaar.)

\$30 Deposit and Health/Release Form are due Sunday, October 9th. (Forms and Money turned in after October 9th will be subjected to a \$25 additional charge.)

9th-12th Grade Youth Gathering in New Orleans

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

There's an exciting opportunity coming up for the Summer of 2012 for Elim's 9th-12th Graders... the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

This is not just any ol' youth gathering though... this is traveling with 450 other youth and adult leaders from Northeastern Minnesota by coach bus for 11 days (July 13-23) to the Gulf Coast and serving the people in that community. The journey then continues when we joining up with 32,000 other ELCA youth in New Orleans to worship, learn, and play!

And it's not just about the 11 days we're gone.

It's about the BEFORE: It's about making a commitment this next year of gathering together as a church group to prepare and grow in our faith. It means bible study, fundraisers, talking, laughing, being challenged, and having a great time together. We'll meet monthly and attendance is expected at our gathering times. (We'll work to accommodate everyone's busy schedule.)

It's about the AFTER: It's about continuing to grow in faith & service when we return, that it's about the journey ahead. It's living out our Christian faith and the desire to continue growing in Christ.

You are all invited to think and pray about being a part of this journey!

You now know the who, the when and the where. Another big question is the cost. The cost of the trip will come in at \$1400. This price includes transportation, hotels, food, entertainment, and a cool t-shirt! Don't let the price scare you... if you're willing to put in the time to fundraise, you'll earn a big hunk of the cost. It'll be a lot of work, but it's totally worth it! Also, scholarships are available. Please talk to Deb if you need financial assistance.

Registration (deposit and forms) need to be in by Sunday, September 11. This trip will fill on the first day of registration so don't wait until after the deadline because there won't be any spots left. You're not going to want to miss this amazing experience!

Go to www.elimlc.com to find all the forms.

Wednesday Night Live Kick Off!

WNL will be back on Wednesday, September 28th! Families, individuals, young and old, anyone and everyone is invited!

Dinner is at 5:30pm (\$3/individual and \$10/family).

After dinner there are activities for the kids and, new this year, Giff Trethewey will be leading an adult Bible Study.

College Fair

High School Seniors and parents are invited to a Lutheran College Fair and Workshop. All families attending will receive four application fee waivers to the colleges represented. The event will be held on Thursday, October 6th in Duluth. Location and Time TBA.

What's Been Happening This Summer So Far!

Pandamania Vacation Bible School kicked off the summer at Elim. Over 100 kids participated in VBS! There was lots of singing, dancing, yummy snacks, crafts, and experiencing the Bible stories in awesome ways! This year's Mission Money went to Camp Noah, an organization through Lutheran Social Services that provides day camps to kids in areas that have been devastated by natural disasters. Over \$600 was collected! THANK YOU GOD!

The week of June 26th seventeen of Elim's youth attended Camp Vermilion! The week started out stormy but ended on a great note of sunny weather and time to swim in the lake. They spent time playing, swimming, singing songs around the campfire, and learning about the theme Road Trip.

The following week four of Elim's youth attending Mini-Week at Camp Vermilion, a 4 day/3 night camp experience for 2nd-4th graders.

On July 30th ten of Elim's older youth headed to Nashville, TN for a mission trip. It was an awesome week of serving, learning, worshiping, and growing in faith. Here's what Bill Trethewey had to say about the trip:

"I think the best thing down there was that the people so diverse and the people we stayed with really taught us a lot about life and each other. I think it made the Elim family really grow and see all the different gifts we all have and how to use them. I'd like to thank everyone that contributed to our trip. Thank you. Your brother in Christ, Bill"

It's been an exciting and busy summer of faith formation! Hear more stories during worship on Sunday, September 24th where Elim's youth will share what they did this summer at VBS, Camp, and Mission Trip!

Internet Safety Class

Cost: FREE
Date: Oct. 12
Time: Noon, 5pm, 6:30 p.m.
Location: First Lutheran Church,
1100 E. Superior St, Duluth

Rick Anderson of Internet Safety Consulting, LLC will be giving three presentations on the dangers of the Internet and how to have a positive online experience. If you are a youth who uses the Internet, an adult doing ANY work or volunteer with youth, or are a parent you'll want to check this out.

For more information, please check out www.flcduluth.org or call 218-728-3668.

Elim's Confirmation students and parents will be attending the 6:30pm class. There will also be a group going after the WNL dinner. Sign up on the Youth Board if you are interested in going.



**Sunday School
9am**

**Junior Choir
10am**

**Worship
10:15am**

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e-mail updates a couple times a
month on what's going on for Elim's
youth?**

**Request to be added to the mailing
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