

# Summer 2017- by Kristi Duensing, Youth Director



Hello! I'm sure the parents and members of Peace Lutheran are very proud of our graduates in May. I sure am! They have many things to look forward to as they continue their education or start working at a brand new job. So many times though, people ask the students "what are you majoring in?", or "do you know what classes you'll be taking?", or "will you be able to live out your dream job?". Questions like these makes students feel loved that people really care about them, but it sometimes makes them feel like they are supposed to have it all figured out. Well, I remember after High School being very timid and often wondering, "Why did I decide to pursue this option?" We know that Jesus is right beside us, and we don't have to figure it all at by ourselves, because He

knows best! Whether we are a college student, new job applicant, or a well-seasoned worker, we all can take time to listen to His still small voice, and see how blessed we are!

Now that Sunday School is over, have you looked at the new You Version Bible App? It's easy to download, and there you have it, a version and image every day. It keeps me thinking, and trying to memorize the verse of the day. There's also a "Read Scripture App" which has a year-long Bible reading plan and supplements the reading with creative videos that explain every book of the Bible.

Youth activities for the Summer: Royal Family Kids Camp is June 14th. Our High Schoolers will be again traveling to Covenant Cedars Camp, near Hordville, to help with the hot dog roast, and play crazy games with the kids. **NEEDED:** Drivers to transport many of us to camp (you can stay and see what it's all about!). Also, we ask for your prayers as these children are just waiting to be loved and cherished. If you plan to go, be sure to let Kristi know, as you will need to fill out a confidentiality form, in order to protect the children. **NO** pictures are allowed and **NO** short shorts, finger-tip length only. **NO** skimpy clothes. Be sure to wear tennis shoes, bring sun screen, be prepared to get wet, smothered in whip cream or possibly be as silly as you've ever been, just so we can give these kids a fun time. We plan to leave Deshler at 1:30 p.m. Bob will need some help putting up the maze, and the kids just love it!

In July, ten of us will be going to Omaha for our High School Youth Mission trip. Why do we go on mission trips? The last words Jesus left us with were to go and make disciples. Now some people read that and think He was trying to get us to go somewhere, but that isn't the point. The point was actually the disciple-making part. In other words, He was saying to us that wherever we are, we are to be about making disciples, introducing people to Jesus, and helping them learn to follow Him. So, mission trips aren't just something we do to get out of town, it's also about a way of living like Jesus. Please remember to pray for us, as we strive to do God's will in people's lives, who are in need of our help. We look forward to telling you about our experiences in church in July. Thanks for all your support through our Lenten soup suppers, and bird bath games. All proceeds will go towards our trip.

Blessing on the rest of your summer! Be safe driving and remember to watch for all the little kids around town, as sometimes we can't see them darting in and out of places.

*Your sister in Christ,*

*Kristi Duensing, Youth Director*