

# High School Youth News

September - October - November

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Good Shepherd Youth

## Devotional Thoughts

### A TIME TO MATURE

My favorite season is fall. I love the crisp weather that makes you want to put on a hoodie sweatshirt. I love the smell of the changing air. I love the sound of leaves crunching under foot and I am enthralled at the visions of multicolored trees. I just want to go on hayrides and apple picking 24/7! But as I reflect on this season it really is a season of maturity and eventually death. It is the harvest time for farmers and a time when we all seem to return to a solid structure with school, work, and play. We see maturity all around us in the fall. This reminds me of being a follower of Jesus. Too many people let their faith stay in that immature stage, preferring to take what they learned as youngsters and hoping that will sustain them until death. But its not enough! We have to keep learning, keep growing, keep changing or when the harvest time comes, we will either be dead (spiritually) or we will have missed out on the sweetness God intended for us in this life. When you feel the need to be nourished, God is right there waiting to give it to you. Turning back to him, realizing your weakness is the first sign of maturity.



## Fall Youth Ministry Schedule

**SEPT 6** REFUGE 6-8  
**SEPT 13** Church Picnic  
**SEPT 15** The Deepend 7-8:30  
**SEPT 19** Walk for Life  
**SEPT 20** Volleyball Fun Day  
**OCT 4** Life Chain 2:30-3:30  
**OCT 4** REFUGE 6-8  
**OCT 13** The Deepend 7-8:30  
**OCT 18** REFUGE 6-8  
**OCT 24** Fall Fun Night  
**NOV 1** REFUGE 6-8  
**NOV 6-8** CU Chicago Visit  
**NOV 10** The Deepend 7-8:30  
**NOV 15** REFUGE 6-8  
**NOV 24** Thanksgiving  
Dinner

## Fall Event Descriptions

### WALK FOR LIFE

Walk for life was organized as a way to promote knowledge, raise funds for pro-life organizations, and fight in small ways for the rights of the small. Mosaic Pregnancy Centers are a pro-life organization that seek to help, educate, and comfort pregnant women who are unsure about their choices or unable to find help. By participating in this walk you can raise money for these local centers, you can raise awareness that these pregnancy centers are out there, and you take a small step forward in defending the helpless. Please call Jaime to join a walking team or to get a packet to raise donations. Or check out the event on Facebook under the Good Shepherd HS Ministry page.

**Saturday, September 19**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

### VOLLEYBALL FUN DAY

The Lutheran Church in Ferrin IL invited a bunch of area Lutheran youth, during the Southern IL District Gathering in June, to come over to their place and play some Volleyball, eat some food and just hang out. This will be in place of Refuge that week. Please bring a snack to share, come kickback and play!

**Sunday, September 20**

**1:00 - 8:00 pm**

### NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2010



Alex and buddy Roger from Handicamp. We served for a week this summer at Camp Cilca as one-on-one buddies with people who had special needs. This amazing camp taught us more than we ever realized we'd be learning!

Mass gatherings in the Louisiana Superdome, rocking praise teams, late night games and dances, serving in the heart of New Orleans, playing in one of the largest game rooms you've ever seen: this is the national youth gathering. It only happens every 3 years and next summer is your chance to be part of this excitement. It's such an amazing thing to be surrounded by fellow Christians who believe and struggle through many of the same things you do. In order to attend we have to register in October. Registration forms found next to the youth board downstairs or in the church office need to be turned in at the end of September. Also the initial \$100 deposit is due. More questions? Call or email Jaime Brinkmann.

## **FALL FUN NIGHT: CORN, CIDER, MOVIE**

Time to get lost and then found again at The Great Godfrey

Corn Maze! Bring a flashlight (required) since part of our time there will be at dusk/dark. After we find our way out we will return to church for some hot chocolate, cider and pie and watch the movie, Hangman's Curse, followed by a discussion. This event is free! (Bring money if you want to spend for food or extra activities at Godfrey's Maze.) Bring a friend!

**Saturday, October 24**

**5:00 - 11:30pm**

## **CONCORDIA CHICAGO HOSTS "CAREERS FOR CHRIST"**

1) If you're considering a career in ministry or 2) You are considering attending the school, Concordia University Chicago is hosting a retreat weekend for sophomore, junior, and senior high school students about the following careers: DCE, Pastor, Lutheran Teacher, Deaconess, or Director of Music. We will travel as a group, meet other youth and college students, learn about careers, stay in the dorms, see Chicago, try out the cafeteria, and worship together. More questions about this information and fun filled weekend, ask Jaime or see the brochure on the youth board. Cost is \$60. Sign up by October 18.

**Friday, November 6 - Sunday, November 8**

## **THANKSGIVING DINNER YOUTH STYLE**

Thanksgiving is a great time to gather with family and friends and celebrate all that God has given to us in our lives. The youth of Good Shepherd are also a family and we'd like to celebrate all that God has blessed us with as a youth family! Please come to our Thanksgiving dinner for youth, by youth. Bring a dish, salad, or dessert to share with all of us. Please sign up your name and what you are bringing so that we can prepare seating and dinner. Family talents and games will be shared after dinner.

**Tuesday, November 24**

**6:30-9:00pm**