

Backpack Ministry / Yorkshire Elementary News

After the service today (**September 6**), we will have pre-made signs for pictures to be taken with you and/or your family for the staff project. So if you can't send a picture this week, we can take a picture of you with one of the pre-made signs today. If you can make a sign and get a picture of you holding it, please send it to Kelly Goodyear at krg26point2@gmail.com.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the back to school supplies for the students of Yorkshire Elementary School. Your generosity allowed us to purchase all of the needed supplies for 30 students, as well as a pencil box filled with supplies to use at home. As we all know this is an unusual year. Your kindness helped to take the burden off some of the families as well as the teachers. We thank you. We ask that you also keep the staff and students in your prayers during this difficult time.

Blessings,

Colleen, Kelley and Jeff

Winter Clothes Needed!

The Compassion Center is in need of winter clothing; especially: Men's Tops and Bottoms, Ladies Plus Clothing, Boys and Girls Clothes, and Gently Used Coats and Boots. Donations are accepted at the Center during working hours - Tuesday thru Friday, from 10am to 2pm. Let us know you're there and we'll open door #5 for you to bring in your donations.

Please don't leave donations in the church hallway (by the inside entrance door to the Center), as those bags or boxes may get mistaken for trash. Thank you.

Center Volunteers

Before the pandemic, each month the Center recorded about 16 different volunteers. We've lost all of those volunteers, except for 4. Since our reopening in June, a few new individuals have joined our volunteer staff. But we can always use anyone willing to step-in as needed. If you'd like to regularly volunteer or be a fill-in, please contact Kathy Mokris at jmokris@comcast.net. Thanks!

Attendance Survey

If you have not completed the survey you received via email or USPS, we would appreciate your feedback. There are only 10 short questions that will take less than two minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for participating.

Grief Ministry News

Grief ministry has been happening at St. John throughout the pandemic! If you are grieving or know someone who is, please share our information with them. There will be a "Loss of a Spouse" seminar on **September 14th** at 7 pm and on **September 15th** at 1:30 pm. The next new cycle of GriefShare begins on **September 21st** at 7 pm and **22nd** at 1:30 pm. We will hold in-person meetings in the Fellowship Hall and people can also participate in the sessions through ZOOM. Please contact Denise Wright for more information; Denisedsg@comcast.net

Thank You from Marie Gruendler

Marie is home now and would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards that she received while she was in the hospital.

Youth Event: Lake Williams Picnic on September 20

We will meet at 3:30 at the parking area and boat launch location. Youth, parents, and family members can all attend.

Activities will include eating, games, kayaking, hiking, and fishing. Bring individually wrapped snacks to share. Hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and bottled water will be provided.

There will be at least 4 kayaks for kids to take a spin. Bring your own fishing gear if you want to fish. The hike might involve getting wet, so keep that in mind.

Everyone should have a face mask available for times when social distancing is not possible.

Confirmation Next Sunday!

Because of COVID-19 we never officially confirmed 7 youth that went through 2 years of confirmation classes. Finally, next Sunday (**September 13th**), they will be confirmed at the 10:00am Service. The Confirmands are: Kaitlyn Boudah, Morgan Ellis, Grace Keough, Jaksyn and Kage Lange, Grace Masser and Jackson Shellenberger. Please keep them in your prayers as they confirm before the world their baptismal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.