

GOOD SHEPHERD
E.Y.C.

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Taco Sunday
- Texas City Mission Trip
- Happening
- Y.E.S.
- Wessendorff Registration

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July Lunch Meetings

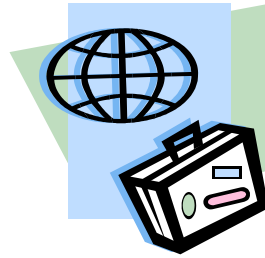
July already? Summer is a bit strange with all the kids going all over the world. We never know who is going to make it to church and who is out of town or out of the country.

The good thing is I am always happy to see all of you on Sunday Lunch Meetings. We can catch up on what and where you have been this summer!

Just remember to take God with you on your travels. Remember Him when you marvel over His creation. Pray for all of your E.Y.C. friends who are traveling.

When you are back, please try to attend Sunday Lunch Meetings because we miss you!

July Lunch Meetings



11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

July 12

July 26

No Lunch Meetings on

July 5 or

July 19

Question of the Month

What if I don't want to leave and go to heaven?

It's okay to not want to go to heaven right now. God has given you a place to enjoy right here and now—your home and your family and friends. But heaven will be a happy place, not a lonely or a sad place. Once you're in heaven you won't feel afraid of it—you will be glad that you are there.

Be sure of this thing! I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20

Volunteer for V.B.S.

Vacation Bible School is Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 3. Catherine Rinhart and her many adult volunteers need your help to make V.B.S. a great experience for the little kids in Friendswood.

You can let me know by email or just show up on Monday at 8:45 a.m. I can

assure you that you will have fun in whatever capacity that you are assigned.

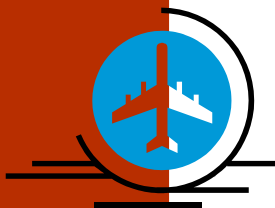
You may help with snacks in the kitchen, you might lead a small group, you might help with the craft area, you might be assigned to games, you might read a story, or you might help with music. Please help!



Pray for overcast and cool work days!

Did you get your new EYC T-Shirt? In the Youth Center for you to pick up now!

We are so proud of all our kids who are doing good work for the Lord this summer!



Mission Trip Helps Those at Home

This year we made the hard decision to help those close to home for our annual mission trip. We will be staying at Peace Lutheran Church in Texas City July 19-24.

People on the Boliver Peninsula experienced devastating damage to their property. Twenty-five from Good Shepherd will be riding the ferry every day over to Boliver to demolish, install sheet-rock, and paint homes that were damaged in Ike.

Please pray for the following:

Ashton Crues, Clayburn Bradshaw, Nancy Browning, Kevin Brantley, Zach Stilwell, Jacob Maddux, Sara Luke, JoAnn Hocking, Candace Weaver, Janice Warwick, Holly Warwick, Steve Warwick, Hannah Burns, Bobby McDonald, Deborah Parrack, Nina Lockridge, Emily Veach, Sarah Ansell, Katelyn Kenney, Victoria Vaughn, Meagan Stauss, Debi Stilwell, Conner Price, Grant Price, and Paige Abowd

We will meet on Sunday, July 19,

back parking lot to load up the vehicles. You will receive your mission t-shirt to wear to the 11:30 a.m. service. We will eat lunch before we leave at 2:30 p.m. to go to Texas City.

Only one tool bag, one medium suitcase, and one back pack will be allowed. Important things to bring: blow up mattress, medicine, mosquito spray, sun screen, swim suit, towels (2), camera, face mask. Don't bring lots of money, expensive jewelry, revealing clothes, drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, fireworks, weapons, or bad attitudes!

Free E.Y.C. T-Shirt Ready For You

Every E.Y.C. member and adult sponsor can pick up their free E.Y.C. t-shirt any Sunday. The shirts are located in the Youth Center in a box by the small refrigerator.

The t-shirts are sizes Small to XX Large. All you have to do is get your shirt out of the box and take it home.

Why do we have E.Y.C. t-shirts? I would like for you to

wear them on Taco Sunday's. We also wear them when we have an event that I need to keep track of you in a large crowd.

They are also great for spreading the gospel. Our shirts have a lot of scriptures on it this time. They are hard to read on purpose. That will give you an opportunity to tell someone about Jesus. Read the scripture

to them and ask them if they

Then all you have to do is speak from your heart and the Holy Spirit will take care of the rest. Try it and you will find it is easier than you think.

Hope you like the shirts and will wear them many times.

Pray For Those Who are Traveling

This year we have many of our kids past and present who are traveling all over the world. Some are going on study trips and some are going on mission trips.

Each and everyone will have an opportu-

nity to share their belief in God if not in words but surely in actions.

They need your prayers for safe travel. I hope that many of them will send cards or emails detailing their experiences so that I can post it on the Youth Bulletin Board.

- Shawn Smith—Rumania
- Claburn Bradshaw—Europe
- Victoria Vaughn—Australia
- Ashton Crues—Costa Rica
- Charles Ansell—Italy
- Emily Veach—Spain

Time To Register for Wessendorff Weekend

Wessendorff Hill Country weekend retreat is July 31—August 2. This year we are not going to wait to see if there is enough water at the Narrows. San Marcos tubing is out because the tube facility burned down a couple of months ago!

Therefore, we are going to go where we know the water is flowing—Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels! Remember that I am limited to 4

cooks, and musician. So don't delay in getting a registration form and paying your fee.

**All This
For Only
\$40
Per
Person?**

The cost per person which includes transportation, food, lodging, water park fee, and lots more is only \$40 per person. Friends are only invited if we have the space to accommodate them.

Adult sponsors get to go for free as long as they help transport kids to Well Springs between San Marcos and Blanco. Registration forms will be available Sunday, June 28th. I already have 19 on my list so get on

the list as soon as you can.

We will leave Good Shepherd on Friday, July 31, at 3:00 p.m. We will return on Sunday, August 2 between 4 and 5 p.m. for your parents to pick you up.

All adults must have a background check and must have completed Safeguarding God's Children class to attend an E.Y.C. function.

This is a fun weekend of worship, crafts, games, water park, good food, songs, our now famous "Tacky Dance", and more.



*Sign up now
For the August
Happening
& YES!*

Last Chance to Sign Up for YES & Hap.

What is stopping you from signing up for Youth Encounter Spirit (for 7th-9th grades) or Happening (10th-12th grades)? Is it the \$65 registration fee? E.Y.C. pays 100% of that fee for you. Is it because you are afraid to go to Camp Allen by yourself? Get someone to sign up with you! Is it because you are so busy? Plan ahead on your calendar! Is it because you don't really know

what it is? Ask the following kids about it:

Y.E.S.: Kevin Brantley, Natalie Brantley, Victoria Vaughn, Landon Vaughn, Katelyn Kenney, Deborah Parrack and many more.

Happening: Sarah Ansell, Sara Luke, Emily Veach, Lynz Costa-Adams, Manny Luke, Landon Vaughn and many more.

These weekend retreats are a blast and the kids have so much fun that they ask to go back and serve on teams. Even adults may attend these retreats and are put in an adult group which participates along with the kids.

It is a weekend where you will draw closer to God in the beautiful Camp Allen setting and make memories you will never forget!

Taco Sunday is on July 12th—Be There

Taco Sunday is a week early again because we are gone on our mission trip the third Sunday of July.

Therefore, I hope to see you at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 12th, in

It takes many hands to cook, assemble and sell tacos.

Scholarship money pays for:

- Mission Trip

- Ski Trip
- Diocesan Retreats
- Discount Monthly Events

I especially want to thank the adults who show up to cook and clean up the kitchen. Also, I have been blessed with the college kids home from college who come and pitch in

with the whole process. It is fun talking with them about their time away at school and what their plans are for the next school year.

The parish looks forward to our tacos and it is our way of thanking them for all their support during the year!

Everyone looks forward to our delicious tacos!





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Upper Room E.Y.C. News

E.Y.C. stands for Episcopal Youth Community. It includes everyone 11 years of age and up. We share our belief in Jesus Christ while having crazy fun activities. The program is led by the Youth Minister, Nancy Browning and is assisted by many adult volunteers. Friends from all faiths are always welcome. If you need additional information about any of the activities listed in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us.

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Lunch and Mentor List for July

Lunch should be delivered to the Youth Center by 11:30 a.m. Plan for 20-25. E.Y.C. furnishes drinks and paper goods. Suggested meals are:

- Casseroles
- Spaghetti
- Sloppy Joes
- Chili Pies
- Queso Dip & Chips
- Lasagna
- Sandwiches & Chips
- Soup & Crackers
- Taco Salad
- Pizza
- Taco Bell Tacos
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Lunch Hosts

July 5
No Lunch Meeting
July 12
Vaughn/Cruess
July 19
No Lunch Meeting
July 26
Ansell/Price

Jr. High Mentors

July 5
No Lunch Meeting
July 12
Brantley Family
July 19
No Lunch Meeting
July 26
Butterfield Family

*Thank God for the blessing
of volunteers!*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1 V.B.S.</i>	<i>2 V.B.S.</i>	<i>3 V.B.S.</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5 No Lunch Meeting</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 Adults @ Concession Stand</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1 Concession Stand</i>	<i>11 Adults @ Concession Stand</i>
<i>12 Tacos & Lunch Meeting</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19 Mission Lunch Mtg.</i>	<i>20 Mission Trip</i>	<i>21 Mission Trip & Conc. Std.</i>	<i>22 Mission Trip</i>	<i>23 Mission Trip</i>	<i>24 Mission Trip & Conc. Std.</i>	<i>25 Adults @ Concession Stand</i>
<i>2 Meeting</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31 Wess. Hill Coun. Trip</i>	

