



LCMS HMONG YOUTH NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Youth Board

In the larger scheme of things, our New Year has just started. What are your goals for this year? Many people make resolutions to lose weight, be a better person or accomplish something new.

This leads to the question what are your goals concerning God? What have you set up with Him? Or did you forget Him?

Last conference we learned that we should daily immerse ourselves in God's Word. Consider this quiet time with God. With everything that happens daily in our lives it is so easy to get swept away and lose our footing. Try to

commit a couple minutes a day to God. Take time to read His Word . Take a moment to pray. If you already do these things, keep it up but do not stop there. Are there other challenges you can take on? If you have not done anything, think of small ways to start. Maybe it will be easier to start reading the Bible and praying with your Youth group. Then maybe try it by yourself.

With this New Year, we hope that you will find ways to continue to serve our Lord Jesus Christ until the day he returns!

God Bless!



Songs to Check Out!!!

Artist: Lecrae

Song:
Boasting



Artist: 10th Avenue North

Song:
Worn



Artist: Hawk Nelson

Song:
Words



Conference 2012



Leader/Follower

Everyone who is baptized has the power of the leader of the church and has the ability to be a leader in the Church and a light of the World

God can use YOU...You don't have to be perfect

3 Effective things Paul and Peter did

- *Love God*
- *Love others*
- *Teach them how to love and serve*

3 things to learn

How to communicate with:

- *God*
- *Others*
- *you*

Sacrifice and Serve

- *Sacrifice yourself for others and God*
- *Go out; give out your life for God*
- *In order to be first you must be last*

Youth Role in the Church

Youth Role

- *Church of today, not future*
- *As important as anybody*
- *Faith is an action*

Roles:

- *Set an example*
- *Everybody is important pieces in God Kingdom*
- *Love each other and serve the Lord*
- *Walk by the spirit and not the flesh*
- *Pursue what God want you to do*

We always don't want to sin, NOT what the bible teach

Impact on Youth

Use opportunity to share God's Love to others

Conference 2012 (Continued)

Temptation

How to Avoid and Overcome

Learn how to by having core value

What is Core Value?

- *10 Commandments*
- *Integrity/honesty*
- *Loyalty*
- *Duty*
- *Courage*
- *Noble*
- *Respect*
- *Selfness Service*
- *Commitment*

God Test and Satan Temps

- *God = Good*
- *Satan = Sin*

4 Stages

- *Creation – Made perfect*
- *Fall – Adam sin*
- *Redemption – God came looking for us*
- *Restoration – Made perfect again*

Confession of Faith

Love – to love someone is to be ferocious committed to the well-being of another no matter what the cost.

In order to confess

Step1) Confess things that you are aware of

Be aggressive on reading the bible: 20 min/day to read whole bible in 1 year

Be fervent in prayer

Step2) You must have a love for Jesus and others

Step3) You must have some attraction about you

Step4) You do not need to be a salesman

You do not need to know it all. You need to know Jesus

Step5) You need to be prepare to be rejected

Step6) You need to be prepare to listen and ask questions

So there you have it. Hope you absorb and use this knowledge to stay strong in faith and share the Gospel!!!

Peter Vue



Conference 2013: The Life of a Believer

With the coming of this next year, the Youth Board is already working hard on preparations for this year's conference. Here's a little information:

Date: August 8—10 2013

Location: Robbinsdale, MN

Theme: The Life of a Believer

Bible Verse: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith" Romans 1:16 – 17

Last year our goal was for you all to get to know each other and not be strangers. This year the youth board's goal is for us all to dig deeper into God's Word and apply His word to our lives.

This year all of our sessions will be based on Romans. Dear Youth members, we ask that you all read the book of Romans *before* coming to Conference to get the most out of conference this year.

Consider reading Romans as part of your alone time with God or even reading it during your Bible studies. Take notes and come with questions!

Here are some things to look forward to this year at Conference 2013:

- Picnic on August 8th
- Youth Led Praise and Worship
- Sports during the Picnic
- Meaningful and Related Activities
- Break-out Sessions
- Different structure in sessions: instead of different topics in our sessions this year, we will focus specifically on Romans
- and much much more!!!

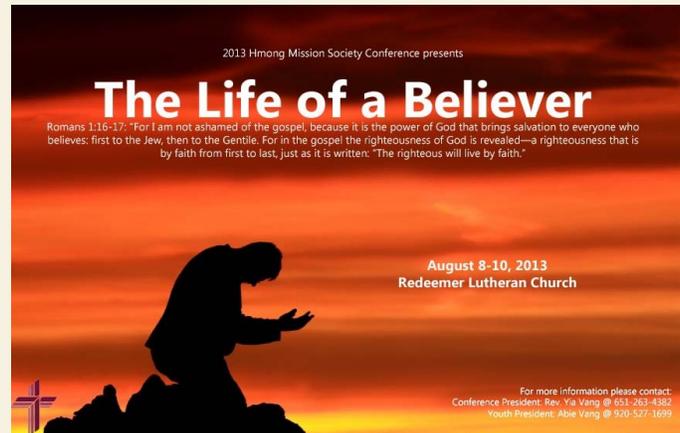
Included with this newsletter is a copy of the flyer and registration forms. If you are interested in attending, please register for Conference by filling out the forms, including your registration fee and send both to us by the deadline! These forms help us plan the activities, so you can help us prepare by letting us know how many people are attending! Last year was a record high for conference with an attendance of 220 people!!! Let's make it another great year!

Additionally, I'm sure you are all fundraising for Conference. When you do, please do not hesitate to ask other Youth groups to attend your events or assist in any of your events! We are all here to support each other! Post your fundraiser events on the Facebook LCMS Hmong Youth page so we can all see it!!!

Please also keep in mind that this year is Election Year for our Youth Board. The positions that are available to be elected are President and Treasurer/Secretary. If you are interested in serving, consider running this year!

In Christ,

Abie Vang



Encouraging Words

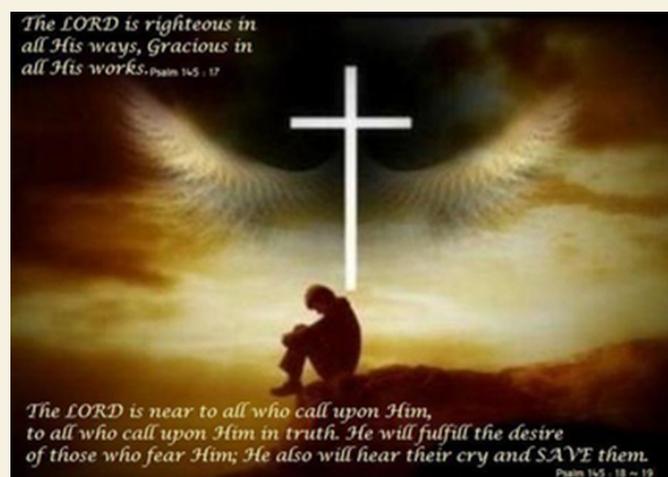
"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." –Isaiah 40:30-31 NIV

Growing up, I use to always think and feel that I was alone; I learned real fast at a young age that you will be doing things alone in life. Going to school, taking that school bus by yourself, making sure you find your classes by yourself, or even walking home. How about work, your first interviews, first day of work, dealing with people at work? As young Christians we discover about ourselves to be independent and hard workers, doing what we have to do to "survive." But brothers and sisters in Christ, when you become independent and rely on yourself to get things done, when others rely on you to get things done, when you take things in your control, that's when faith will run short. You get frustrated and tired, you get exhausted and tears just aren't enough to explain how you feel. God tells us that we will grow tired and we will fall but to not worry but have hope in him because he will restore us. Remember to pray when you feel you are at your lowest, when those times come and no one seems to care and when you take those steps of being unsure because when you let God take control, He will guide you through your darkest moments and he won't let you go.

There are a million things in life that will bring you down, and break your heart, but do remember that God tells us whatever we do to stay steady in Him and have hope. He will renew our strength to keep us going, so what I always tell myself, "Meet him half way", even though He is already meeting me 100% of the way. Have hope in God, Pray and let Him work as what He plans for you. Pray and remember that He always meets you 100% of the way.

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them." Psalms 145:18-19

Nina Vang



Spotlight on Romans

According to the Concordia Self-Study Bible

Romans was written by the apostle Paul and was written around 57 AD. Paul wrote this letter to the church in Rome. The major theme of Romans is the “the basic gospel, God’s plan of salvation and righteousness for all mankind”.

Paul’s purpose for writing this letter was to:

- prepare the way for his visit to Rome and his proposed mission to Spain
- Present the basic system of salvation to a church that never received the teaching of the apostle before
- Explain the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God’s overall plan of redemption

Luther states that Romans is “the chief part of the New Testament and is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes”.

You can find more information on Romans in your Concordia Self-Study Bible or by doing some research. We just wanted to give you all a little information on the book we will be studying this year at Conference. So get to it and start your Bible Studies!!!!

Fun Facts

To help us all get to know each other better even if we are all far away, we will be featuring different youth members in our newsletters. We wanted to give you an example of what to expect...so the Youth Board is going to start this...

Abie Vang	Nina Vang	PeterLee Vue	Kristine Her
<p>Position held: President Church: Hmong Evangelical Lutheran Outreach Favorite Bible verse: <i>He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2</i> Favorite Christian Song: Already There by Casting Crowns</p> 	<p>Position held: Vice President Church: Benediction Lutheran Church Favorite Bible verse: Luke 12:22-23 “Then Jesus said to his disciples, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothes.” Favorite Christian song: Not for a moment by Meredith Andrews</p> 	<p>Position held: Secretary and Treasurer Church: Hmong Hope Lutheran Church Favorite bible verse: Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Favorite Christian Song: 10,000 Reasons by Matt Redman.</p> 	<p>Position held: Secretary assistant Church: Hmong Hope Lutheran Bible Verse: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Favorite Christian song: One Thing Remains by Kristian Stanfil</p> 