



Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church Kindergarten and Preschool

"a lighthouse to our community and the world"

Confirmation Retreat

The Jr High DYG (District Youth Gathering) will be at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Educational Center. This center has it all: worship space, activity space, great hiking and camp activities, and sleeping accommodations.

The theme for this year's Jr. High Gathering is "Follow" based on three lessons from the books of Daniel and Esther. Three speakers will walk us through three narratives, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from Daniel 3, Daniel and the Lion's Den from Daniel 6, and Esther's story from Esther 1-8. All three narratives will center on the verse Daniel 3:29b "There is no other god who is able to rescue in this way."

Our Jr. High kids are being led in so many different directions in this day and age, by peers, our culture, even family, they are being told to "follow" so many different things, people and beliefs. This year our three speakers will help our kids discern who they are following, and who they are allowing themselves to be led by, and will learn why they should be following the One True God rather than things that don't last. Friends are welcome to attend!

Here are the awesome speakers for the weekend:

Dominic Rivkin

Pastor Dominic Rivkin serves as the Executive Director of LINC Los Angeles, a mission organization dedicated to empowering local leaders to start new ministries that impact communities for the Gospel.

Shelli Haynes

Shelli Haynes has been a DCE in Southern CA for 21 years. Currently she is serving children and high school students at Red Hill Lutheran in Tustin. She is a graduate from Concordia Irvine and has a MA from Concordia Seward, NE.

Kyle Blake

Pastor Kyle Blake serves as the pastor at The Gathering Lutheran Church in Long Beach. He has been in the ministry for 17 years. Once at a youth event, Pastor Kyle chewed a wad of gum that was comprised of ABC (already been chewed) gum from about 50 kids.

(See back for more information)

Summary:

When: **March 16-18, 2018**

Cost: \$140 until 2/24/18, \$100 Early bird registration until 2/2/18. It includes transportation, your meals at the camp, lodging, activities, and materials. A limited number of scholarships are available for those in need – please see Rachelle for an application form.

We will meet at the church at **4pm** on Friday March 16th. Please bring money for dinner on the way up.

We will return to the church at approximately **12:30pm** on Sunday March 18th.

What to bring:

- Water bottle
- Sleeping bag or bedding, towel, washcloth, pillow
- Clothes for 2 days: socks, underwear, modest pajamas, jacket or sweatshirt (for evenings or in case of rain), shorts or long pants, t-shirt, and shoes.
- Flashlight, Sunscreen, Chapstick
- Bible and pen
- Money for Dinner on the way to camp
- You may also bring a friend!
- Do NOT bring: game-boys, CD-players, IPODS, MP3 players, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons, shaving cream, knives
- Open heart – to hear God's word and have FUN!

Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing all of you there!

God bless,

Pastor Augie

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