

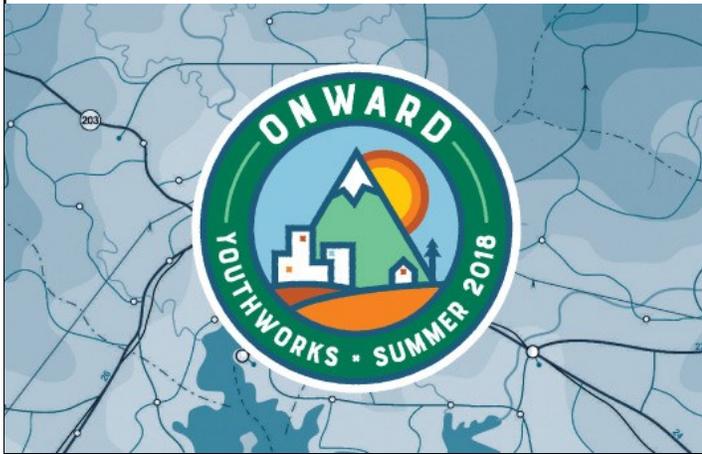
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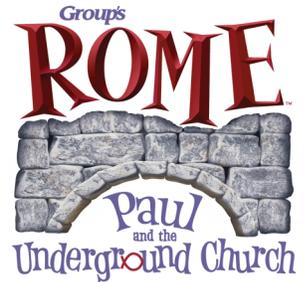


JULY 2018 NEWS

Last month, 21 middle school students and three adult leaders took part in a week-long mission trip to Duluth, Minnesota. These participants were challenged to learn, grow, and move their faith "onward" as they served the residents of Duluth and each other. Groups served meals at a local shelter, helped homeowners with gardening and lawn care, cleaned up Duluth's parks, visited residents of nursing homes, volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club, and hosted a community cookout. The group also served at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Thank you for all of your prayers and support. We look forward to sharing our stories with you!



Sharon Lutheran Church ROME VBS 2018



From June 4th-7th, over 100 students participated in Vacation Bible School at Sharon Lutheran Church! We played games, had snacks, made crafts to take home, sang songs together, visited a marketplace, met new friends, and had lots of fun!

Most importantly, we met with Paul in prison, heard stories about Jesus, experienced the underground church circa 60 A.D., and grew in our understanding of our God who loves us, forgives us, saves us, changes us, and invites us to share God's great love with those around us.

A special thank you to the Board of Education, the pastors and staff of Sharon Lutheran church, and all of our volunteers who made this week possible - we couldn't have done it without you!

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas!



The Gathering trip has returned and has many stories to share! Stop by the Narthex later this month to see pictures from wonderful Texas adventures. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Blast Off for Books

Over 100 books were donated to the Blast Off for Books literacy campaign as part of the ELCA Youth Gathering. Thank you for helping us collect books for Houston!