



We welcome back our High School Youth from the **LCMS National Youth Gathering** in Houston, TX. The next gathering will be held in New Orleans, LA in 2025. All our current Youth who are entering 7th-10th grade will be eligible to attend.

Join us on September 11 starting at 10 am to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Worship will include the blessing of the backpacks, so make sure to bring your kid's backpacks for this special day. We will also be recognizing our 2022-23 Children's Center Staff along with our Sunday School Teachers. Following worship, we will be hosting a picnic outside. We are looking for help to organize the picnic. Email us at office@gs4nj.org if you would like to help us organize.

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Verse of the Month

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10–11, ESV)

Ephesians 6:10-24

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.” (Ephesians 6:10–24, ESV)

1. You are only as strong as your _____

2. In the natural world we tend to turn to natural _____.

3. Our fascination with the supernatural is a reflection of our yearning for a _____.

4. There is a war that is bigger than the battle you face. And if you are going to win your battle you need to call upon the _____.

5. God _____, Satan _____. Satan calls what is _____ is _____. And what is _____ is _____.

6. The whole armor of God is _____.

7. The most overlooked aspect of the armor of God is _____.

Reflection

1. What is one take-a-way from this message that stood out for me?

2. What is one action I can take in response to this message?

3. Who will I share my learnings with?

4. Any additional thoughts?

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